

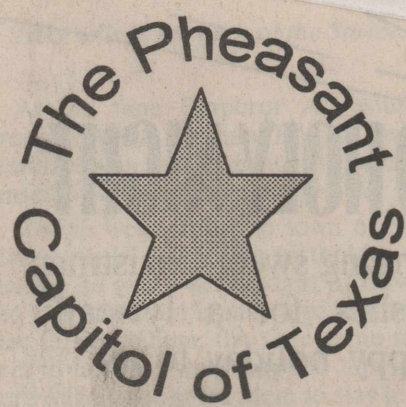
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**Local
News**

Stratford Star Holiday Hours

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Sherman County Tax Office Holiday Hours

The Sherman County Tax Office will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24, 1993 and New Years Eve, December 31, 1993. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lighting Contest Winners-Judged Saturday Dec. 18th

The following are the winners of the lighting contest for December 1993. The out of town judges were very impressed with the lighting in Stratford. According to Gina Sladek who met them, had dinner, and then drove them around town, said that it took about two hours. Here are the results of their labors:

Residential:

- 1st place Residential: Toby & Lesa Kautz
- 2nd place John & Andrea Bolf
- 3rd place Joe & Billy Zak

Religious:

- 1st place (resident) Leroy & Viola Kautz
- 2nd place (resident) B.A. & LeRayne Donelson
- 3rd place (resident) Glen Don & Layvonne Hughes

Commercial:

- 1st place The First State Bank
- 2nd place The Hummingbird
- 3rd place North Plains Savings & Loan

Honorable Mention: The Arthur Judd residence, The Dennis Phelps residence, and the Ranger Motel.

A big thank you to our out of town judges, to the Women's Division for sponsoring this annual event, to Gina who was their chauffeur, and to all of the great people who took the time to make this a beautiful Christmas in Stratford, in '93.



Hospital Report

Matthew Powers is in Northwest Texas Hospital.

Shop at Home

Varsity Basketball

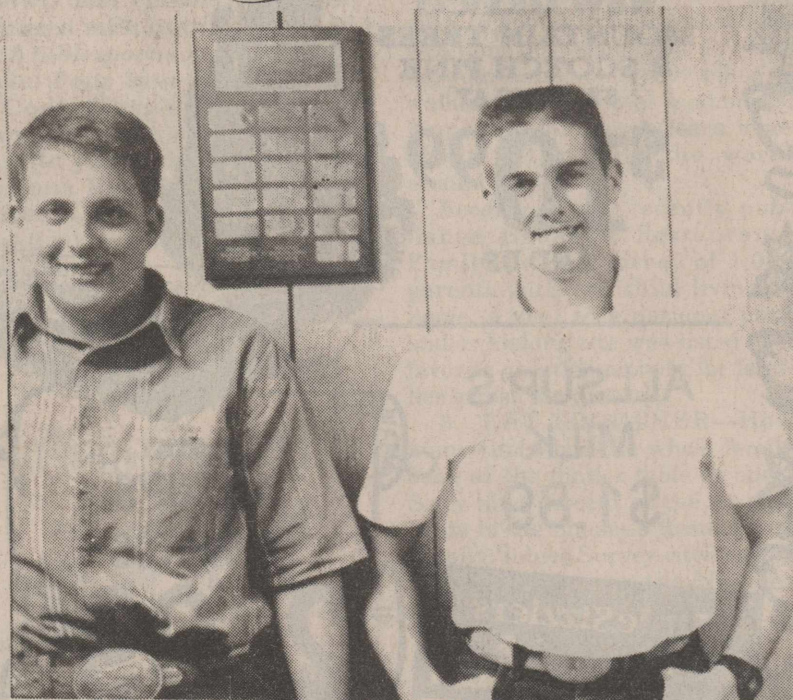
Stratford Tournament-Dec. 28-30.



Rex Sladek Completes Training

Rex Sladek of the Stratford EMS recently completed the Emergency Management Institute's Professional Development Series. While attending, classes through out the State, he has taken over 300 hrs in Emergency Management, sponsored by the Bureau of Emergency Management, A Division of the Dept of Public Safety. After completion of the courses, Rex completed the series by participating in 36 hours of emergency management training at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. With the awarding of the "Certificate of Achievement," the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Texas recognize this commitment to emergency management and the community of Stratford. Shown with Rex Sladek is right, Mayor Ken Forthman.

I HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Ryan Swain & Dean Hauser

Hauser & Swain Win Trip To Chicago

Dean Hauser and Ryan Swain were recent winners in the 4H Record Book State competition. They both got to attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago December 4 through the 9th.

Dean and Ryan's record books won in State competition and their trip was funded because they were national winners.

Dean received a \$1,500.00 scholarship.

Dean visited the Museum of Science and Industry. He toured the Whiting Oil Refinery, an oil refinery owned by Amoco. He went to the Hard Rock Cafe, Rock-and-Roll McDonald's, which was a fifties-style McDonald's, and Planet Hollywood, which is owned by Arnold Schwarzenager.

Dean says "My record book won state and went on to national competition. It was chosen as one of four national winners in the Energy Management Category. Amoco was the corporate sponsor for the Energy Management Sector. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip. Once a person has been he or she can't go back."

"We stayed at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. All of our meetings and banquets were held

in one of the meeting rooms."

The Texas delegation consisted of 52 students and nine adults chaperones. The ages varied from sophomores in high school to sophomores in college. We wore yellow roses to tell everybody we were from Texas. There were 2500 people from every state in the Union and Puerto Rico. As soon as we said something, people would say, "You're from Texas aren't you?"

"It was a very enjoyable experience. I would strongly recommend it to anyone. If you are interested, you must do a record book and it has to be a state winner. I will always remember the people I met and memories I made."

Dean is a 17 year old senior at Stratford High School and he is the son of Ray and Lynda Hauser of Stratford.

Ryan said "He took a tour of Chicago and saw the Science and Technology. He also got to go to the Sears Tower."

"This was a very educational trip, and I would advise anybody to go if they can."

Ryan is the 16 old son of Jack and Linda Swain. He is a sophomore at Stratford High School.



Photo By Gaynelle Riffe

Opening Day of Pheasant Season

Chamber hunters hosted by Andy Riffe and chief guides, Dudly Hill and Stan Macias and boys harvested 30 pheasants by 3:00 on opening day. There were 18 hunters and they were afraid to make one more pass through the field for fear of being over their limit. Hunters were from Amarillo, Marble Falls, Fredericksberg, Burnet, Archer City, Plano and Colleyville.

DAR Good Citizens Recently Named

The DAR Good Citizens for 1994 have been selected by their schools. These students represent the Molino de Viento Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The honorees are: Hollie Ann Husmann, Stratford; Jared Vorachard, Dumas; Justin Childers, Sunray; Debra Weatherford, Hartley; Elizabeth Ann Bleiker, Texline; Chrystal Whatley, Channing; and Bleu Schniederjan, Dalhart.

The DAR Good Citizens are chosen by their respective schools on the basis of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

Being a DAR Good Citizen is an honor that he recipients can include on resumes or applications to college or employers. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has approved this program and has placed it on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.

The DAR Good Citizens will be honored on Sunday, April 3, 1994 in the meeting room of the XIT Historical Museum. This will be a reception and a patriotic program.



Shown above are the Pheasants that were successfully brought down on Opening Day of Pheasant Season on Dec. 11th.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Ribbon Cutting At The Hummingbird

The Hummingbird was honored with a Ribbon Cutting Friday, December 17th. Shown above are members of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce welcoming Stephanie Helton and Linda Spurlock, owners of the Hummingbird as a new business on main street of Stratford. Shown above left to right is Arnita Lane, Kay Aston, Stephanie, Elaine Lundberg, Joan Palmer, Max Stephenson, Linda, Martha Mitts, Joyce Ann Lasley and Dicy Stephenson.

Dear Readers

Obits

Marty Robertson
Editor
I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and especially a safe one if you are going to be traveling. The Star office would like to thank everyone for their patronage during the past year, and look forward to serving you in the new year coming up.

Remember, we will be having a December 30th issue. Deadline will be Monday the 27th at 12 noon. The Star office will be closing at noon Thursday December 23 and will reopen Monday the 27th at 8 a.m.

As you can see the paper this week is full of Santa letters and Christmas ads from the businesses. We hope you take time to read the Star, it has a lot of informative and fun things to read this week.

I would like to personally thank Gaynelle Riffe for bringing in photos and articles from time to time. She has been a big help and we do appreciate it.

I would like to thank the Kindergarten class for the Grandmother tea they had last Wednesday morning. The entertainment was superb and refreshments delicious. I had the honor of being invited by my granddaughter Heather and as a special friend to Hanna Beery.

I must say this is the first year that I remember everything in Stratford, businesses and residences, that look so much like Christmas, really festive looking. Out-of-towners, as well as local citizens should be impressed by the beautiful lights, saying we are celebrating Christmas and want to wish everyone a safe and happy one.

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"Be Kind To Everyone"

Lois Mullins Fedric

Lois Mullins Fedric, 87 died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993, in Dumas.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brian Adams, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mrs. Fedric was a lifetime resident of Sherman County. She graduated in 1925 from Stratford High School and attended Clarendon College and Texas Tech University. She was a clerk at Taylor Mercantile and Lovelace Department Store in Stratford in the 1930's. She retired in 1964 as a postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service. She married Byron Fedric in 1961 in Stratford. He died in 1978. She also was preceded in death by a stepson, Claude Fedric, in 1977.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Bernice Stublefield of Stratford and Mattie Bell Jacobs of Felt, Okla.; a stepson, Gordon Fedric of Malvern, Arkansas; two nieces, Dale Mullins Veazey of Dallas and Selma Pendleton of Stratford; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the love and honor fund at First United Methodist Church.

HOT MOCHA EGGNOG PUNCH*

A dressed-up version of the holiday favorite, this steaming concoction is sure to warm you up on those frosty winter nights. Perfect for the group after caroling!

1 Quart Chocolate Milk
1 Quart Dairy Eggnog
1 Tablespoon Instant Coffee Granules
Reddi-wip Chocolate Topping
White Chocolate, shaved
In large saucepan, combine all ingredients except Reddi-wip and white chocolate. Heat thoroughly; do not boil. For each serving, fill cup two thirds

full with eggnog mixture, top with Reddi-wip Chocolate Topping. Garnish with white chocolate shavings and serve immediately. Serves 20.

*1/3 Cup Creme de Cacao and 1/3 Cup Light Rum are optional ingredients. If using, combine with other ingredients in saucepan.



All citrus fruits are a type of berry that scientists call a hesperidium.

Scot Activities

Scot activities will start to slow down for the rest of the month and year. Our regular activities will continue, but we know that Scotters will be busy with Christmas. Dorothy and I will finish out the year by making some long range planning for the coming year. We would appreciate any input that you may have in which direction or goals that you would like to see SHERMAN COUNTY TEXANS go or obtain in 1994.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Your Director
Jack Gore

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

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We wish you a Merry Christmas

May everything bright and beautiful be yours this season. Thanks, friends.

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by Timmie Brown

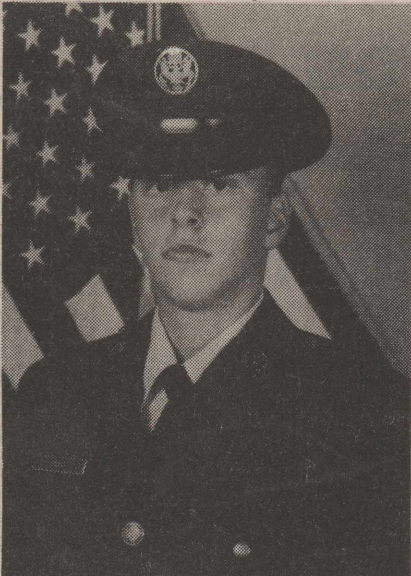
Hil! Everyone. Who of you recalls that some wise person once said something about what happens to "the best laid plans of mice and men?" Without warning, grim unexpected circumstance interrupts. Plans, timing, habitual responses are blown to bits! Turmoil reigns for even the one least responsible for meeting the crisis.

About 8:40 P.M. Tues, Dec 14, 1993. Matthew Powers, Texhoma, TX son of Lorelyn H. Powers, Stratford and G.W. Powers Texhoma was hit by a heavy transport vehicle while trying to get a ride to his work in Guymon, Ok. The accident occurred between Texhoma and Goodwell, Ok.

Matt was air-born from Guymon to Northwest Hospital, Amarillo, where he remains at this writing (Mon. Dec. 20 '93) His injuries are a badly broken right arm and head lacerations from which he is recuperating.

Matt is the grandson of H.L. Haile and the late Marijo Brown Haile; a great-grandson of Timmie Brown. Matt and wife Lorraine have a little daughter, Melody. Lorraine is in Amarillo with Matt at this writing.

After this terrible week of suspense and care, we know if your Christmas Greetings from us



Airman Skyler D. Reed graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on Oct. 19th 1993. After a 10 day leave with family and friends, Airman Reed left for Biloxi, Miss. where he is receiving supervised on the job training at Keesler Air Force Base. He is involved in specialized vehicle operations. Reed is the son of proud parents Craig & Tami Reed of Idabel, Ok. Maternal grandparents are Dick & Betty (Harlow) Ervin of Modesto, CA

Setting Goals for the New Year

By Lorie Vincent

Now is the time of year when we reflect on the past twelve months and look forward to the beginning of a new year. Yogi Berra once said "If you don't where you're going, you'll end up some place else." Start the new year with an up-to-date list of goals. Goals give you focus, purpose, and direction. Goals help you attain something you don't have or maintain something you don. First of all, list five personal and professional goals you would like to achieve in 1994. Second, who says you have to accomplish them all? You should plan a little more than you can actually do; practice aiming high because you'll probably accomplish more than if you lower your expectations. So aim high and use these eight ways to increase your chances of reaching your goals.

1. Put your goals in writing.
2. Take some action towards your goals each day or at least each week.
3. Share them with other people who will be supportive.
4. Read them and think about them regularly.
5. List weekly short-term goals to help you achieve your long-term objectives.
6. Review and revise your goals twice a year making sure still they reflect the original intent.
7. Let them inspire you, not haunt you.
8. Include both professional and personal goals to increase balance in your life.

There's an Indian parable that says "Is not better to aim for the moon and reach and eagle than to aim for an eagle and reach a rock?" WISHING YOU SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAYS!

are late or never written you will understand why. We (the writer et al) are so full of thankfulness and praise of our Heavenly Father for his watch care over Matt, Lorraine, Lorelyn and the rest of our family that it is hard to get our feet on the ground and meet the grind of earthly things. Amen.

Reading the Stratford Star of Dec. 15 was a pleasant pass time to mentioning the article about Kay Spurlock Hudson being chosen teacher of the week. We add that Kay's parents are the Alvin Spurlocks and she is a 4th generation Spurlock person. Congratulation Kay. We think the selection an admirable one!

We appreciate the call of inquiry concerning Matt Powers from Rev & Mrs. Lewis, Guymon, former pastor of First Baptist Church Stratford. They are very happy in their new work in Oklahoma. Saturday at Northwest Hospital we met former Stratfordite, Gene Sadler, Amarillo. He was making calls at Amarillo Hospitals serving as a retired deacon. This service especially calls on Veterans Hospital is Gene's hobby. He said Caroline and the Webbs are doing fine. He was not so well.

Alfa Folsom reports that Herb is doing well. Her problem is finding food recommended by doctors for Herb.

Dr. Genoa Goad pastor at Spur, TX. made a pop call on Timmie Brown, who was confined at home with a knee problem, after he conducted memorial services for Jewel Peterson. He reports that his women folk are well and happy. We are very appreciate of his call. The late Oleta Gilly French, whose burial services was conducted in Stratford Dec. 18 was the daughter of the late Zella Green Lee and grand-daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Marion Green. Oleta was a niece of Bill Green, Stratford.

The Sherman County Community is saddened by the death of Lois Mullins Fedric. Funeral service are scheduled for Tues. Dec. 21 at First Methodist Church.

This is not a very happy "Tidbit" for reader this time. BUT "Life is Real, life is earnest" wrote Poet Longfellow (Henry Wadsworth). Let us rejoice that God's plan for our eternal life was "made manifest" in the birth of the Christ Child 2000 years ago, the time we call Christmas. Amen.

This issue of Timmie's Tidbits brings "Wish of Happy New Year" to you since we don't plan-Notice plan- any further foolish writing until January 1994! Scatter pats & luv!



Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Santa arrived at Kerrick Community Center Friday night after he made a stop in Amarillo at Harrington Cancer Center that afternoon. He talked to all the children, passed out presents and treats for all.

A Reader's Theater was presented under the direction of Donna Avent. Characters were Jo June McDaniel, Mrs. Frame; Nita Taylor, Mrs. Vick; Brenda Taylor, Mrs. Sanford; Donna Gillenwaters, Miss Bradford; Barbara Schoonover, Mrs. Jones; Marylou McDaniel, Mrs. Freeman; Mark Rouse, Josiah. The play was "My Son Josiah" and took place in Kerrick Manor, and Old Ladies Home. Several Kerrick youngsters were in the play as carollers. About 60 were present.

Services were held Saturday in Hereford for Elroy Artho, brother-in-law of Ted Irlbeck. The Irlbecks went for the Rosary Friday and returned home Sunday. Others were Lester & Diane Irlbeck who flew in from Houston, Dennis & Jeanette Irlbeck, Amarillo and Jim & Belinda Roberts, Conlen.

Bevilyn Wright, daughter of George & Barbara Avent, had her Suburban bounced off a wash-board road last week as she was going to Raton from their Vermejo Park, N.M. home. Luckily, she wasn't hurt, but the vehicle wound up upside down!

Myron Leedy celebrated his 90th birthday Dec. 14 with a harem of women! Cheesecake was served to Franny Taylor, Jo June McDaniel, Pat Boren, Nita Taylor by Marylou McDaniel.

Marylou McDaniel took pictures of children and Santa at First State Bank Tuesday. (I think I've been a Santa helper since 1972, but not positive).

Bob & Mildred Robinson, Boise City visited with Franny & Brenda Taylor Saturday.

After the First Christian Church Cantata Sunday morning luncheon guests of Kayo & Jo June McDaniel were Penny & Linda Whitson, Clayton, John, Teri McDaniel and children, Stratford. Penny sang in the cantata, Jo June played bells. Assisting with bells was Brenda Taylor.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover were in Guymon Saturday to see Barbara's brother-in-law, John Hardesty, who had back surgery Thursday.

Hank & Mabel Rogers saw Pluma Lee Palmer and Frances Murdock Saturday in Dalhart, Monday they were in Amarillo to see Reba Holloway at the hospital. Dayle & Alvin Harris arrived

Sunday night from Edgemont, S.D. They will leave Christmas Day. Son Dean is transferring from Weatherford College to Chadron, Nebraska, College.

Tuesday night some friends gathered at Kerrick Community Center to say "Hello".

Pat Boren & Nita Taylor happened to be in Dalhart when Country's Reminiscence Hitch came through with their team of Belgian draft horses. The team was on the way from Maine to San Diego. They are big, big horses! This is the group that Kerrick invited to come by during the barbecue in September. They are running a little bit late!

Nu Beta Holds December Meeting

The December meeting for Nu Beta Sorority was held on December 2nd. The group enjoyed an informative program given by Karen Riffe on the plans and progress of the Imagination Station.

Following the program, several business items were discussed including international correspondence, dues, finances, and cookbook orders.

A silver spoon was presented to Haden Charles Long, born Nov. 7th parents Malcolm and Amy Long.

Committee reports included anecdotes from the November Bowling party and plans for the Christmas Party. Arrangements for the January Ski Trip were finalized and set for January 22nd and 23rd.

Hostesses for the evening were Judy and Gale.



This cast of "characters presented the play, "Josiah My Son" Friday at Kerrick Community Center. In the group are left, Nita Taylor, Marylou McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters, Mark Rouse, Barbara Schoonover, Brenda Taylor and Jo June McDaniel. Donna Avent was the director.

Hjelvik Birth Announced

Joshua and Dillynn Williams eagerly announce the birth of their new baby cousin, Miss Matisen Tate Hjelvik. The young lady was born December 14, 1993 at Stillwater Community Hospital in Columbus, Montana. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are Mikol and Rebecca Hjelvik.

Paternal Grandparents are John and Donna Hjelvik of Nye, Montana. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Linda Young of Stratford. Paternal great grandmother is Arla Mouett of Hisham, Montana and maternal great grandparents are Bud and Marie Young of Stratford.



Remember Those That are Less Fortunate at This Holiday Time!

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 921 Fulton
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Super Church 10:45 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for
 Morning Worship Service
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian
 Rev. David Harker
 5th & Main
 Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist
 Rev. Brian Adams
 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
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
 Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic
 Father Richard Schully
 6th & Wall
 No Saturday Mass
 Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
 Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am
 Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ
 David Stites
 N. 3rd & Chestnut
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Baby Shower Held Sunday

A Baby Shower was held Sunday in the home of Lesa Kautz in honor of Amanda Keener, daughter of Theresa and Floyd Keener. Pictured are left, Anna Mullican, Zola Mae Aduddell, Billie Knight, Theresa, Amanda and Sarah Keener, all of Stratford.



Open House At Post Office

An Open House was held at the Stratford Post Office, Thursday, December 16th. Shown above is Nancy Oakley, Renee and Mary Reese.



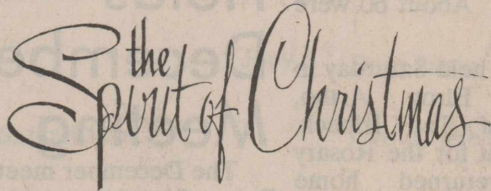
*Happy 40th Anniversary
Dad & Mom
Love, Kerry, Kelly, Joe Bill & Jen*

Annual Christmas Program To Be Held At FCC

The annual Christmas Program at First Christian Church will be on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 6:00 p.m. Barbara Haile is the director of the program. Marcelle Sutton is the pianist. Marihoward Engelbrecht is in charge of special music. There will be songs and recitations by the children, the Christmas story, a visit by Santa Claus, the Christmas tree and treats for everyone. Candles will be lit by Cara Lavake and Scott McAlister. Ted, Sheryl, Kayce and Roy Allen will light the Advent Wreath, including the Christ Candle. Prayers will be offered by Kyla Helmuth and Ashley Stoy. The Adult Choir will sing, "Children, Go Where I Send Thee." Toddlers will be Courtenay Sell and Dillynn Williams. Beginners will be Evan Haile, Shanara Ricks, Jordan Taylor and Chelsea West. Tami Davis and Carrie Newcomb will sing a duet. Primaries will be Aaron Harbour, Kayce Keith, Marcus Mcalister, Nicholas McDaniel, Matthews Ricks, Jaclynn Skaggs and Josh Williams. Middlers will be Michael McAlister, Scot Plunk, John Ricks and Erich Taylor. Seekers of God will be Danny Davis and Michael Herring. "Christmas Suite" will be rung by the Abbas.

Alleluias handbells, under the direction of Marihoward Engelbrecht. Mary and Joseph will be portrayed by Jamie Allen and Dean Hauser. A special thank you to Dee Dee Dewees, Barbara

Dewees, Lynda Hauser, Terrie McDaniel, Marietta Ricks and Crystal Herring for their assistance. The public is cordially invited to attend this Christmas Program, according to David Harker, minister of First Christian Church.



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Poinsettia The Perfect Christmas Gift

By Susie Spurlock

The poinsettia is one of the most popular gifts of the Yuletide season. Its show bracts or modified leaves give it a distinctive appearance which has become a traditional Christmas symbol. These plants are usually grown in 4-inch and 6 inch pots but trees and hanging baskets are also available. The poinsettia can provide long lasting beauty in the home or office if you follow some basics in selection and care.

When purchasing a poinsettia, examine the plant carefully. Avoid one which has dropped the yellow flowers at the end of each branch. Select plants which have only three to five fully open flowers in a tight cluster. Also, avoid plants which have brown or moldy bracts. Look for strong upright plants that are well rounded.

Once in its new environment a poinsettia can easily last for more than a month if given proper care:

*Remove or punch holes through any decorative foil or wrapping on the pot. Although it may be attractive, foil wrapping impedes drainage and holds water. They may cause the roots to rot and the plants to deteriorate quickly.

*Keep the plants out of hot or cold drafts. Excessively hot, dry air from heating ducts and appliances will reduce the quality of the plant.

*Poinsettias cannot tolerate cold or rapidly changing temperatures. Keep the plant where temperatures remain above 60 degrees, between 65 and 70 degrees is ideal.

*Place the plant in good light, but not direct sun.

*Poinsettias use moderate amounts of water and should be checked daily. Make sure the soil remains moist but be careful not to overwater. When adding water, allow some to run through the root mass and allow some to drain out of the pot.

To be sure you receive a quality poinsettia, ask for a Texas product. It's your assurance of locally-grown plant at its peak of freshness.

New Law Goes Into Effect Jan. 1, 1994

Austin - A new law that goes into effect Jan. 1, 1994, will eliminate the need for commercial vehicle operators to have their commercial vehicles undergo dual inspections. The new inspection program, to be overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety, will combine the U.S. Department of Transportation inspection with the State of Texas safety inspection.

Beginning January 1, inspections obtained at other than an official commercial Texas State Inspection Station will not be accepted.

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle except a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating of less than 48,000 pounds used on a public highway to transport passengers or property when: the vehicle or combination of vehicle has a gross weight, registered or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds; or the vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 people including the driver; or the vehicle is used to transport an amount of hazardous materials requiring placarding under the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Easy to prepare snacks such as Chex® brand Party Mix can be made in the microwave in ten minutes.

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The reunited Berlin has become the third largest city in Western Europe, with a population of 3,400,000 people, reports Arthur Frommer, world renowned travel writer.

TOPS NEWS

Tops 897 had a regular meeting on Thurs. December 9 at the County Barn. Six members were present. We discussed the contest we are having. Members were reminded to bring a "Christmasy" gift if they have a weight gain. We are to bring our "catch up" gifts by the December 23rd meeting, since that will be the last day of the contest. We also talked about our Christmas party to be held on Dec. 11.

We had our annual Christmas party on Dec. 11. We drove to Guymon to eat at LeAnne's cafe. Before the meal, members were awarded charms we had earned during the year. After the meal, we exchanged Christmas gifts and secret pals were revealed. When we returned to Stratford, we drove around town to see the beautiful decorations.

The meeting held on Dec. 16, was called to order by our leader, Myrtle Ellison. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Joyce Harper and Rose Wells won the fruit basket.

We would like to have anyone who is interested in losing weight to join us at our meetings. We meet at 8:00 on Thursday mornings at the County Barn. We all try to encourage you—we try to help you get over a problem. Remember, we've "been there". We know how hard it is to lose weight. We have interesting programs. We have contests, with prizes to give incentives to try a little harder.

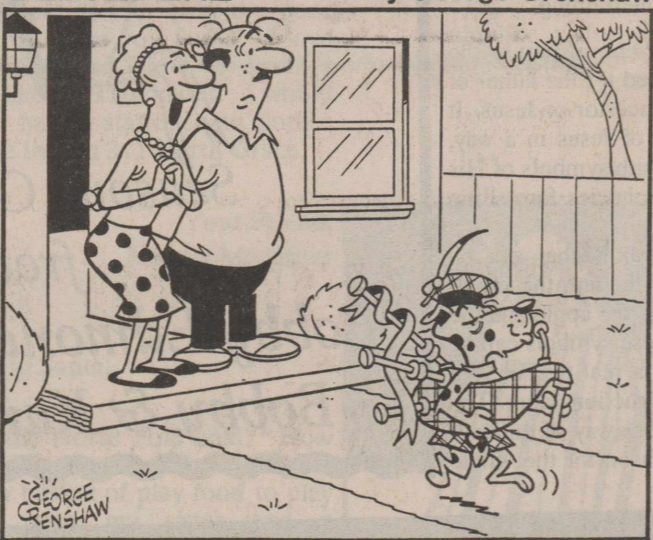
Contact anyone who belongs to Tops and we'll be glad to help you or, just COME! Tops members are Myrtle Ellison, Genevieve Wilson, Rose Wells, Geneva Bell, Joyce Harper, Pauline Martin—all of Stratford, and Berline Baker who comes over from Texhoma.



Don and Gaynelle Riffe welcomed Joe and Jean Everett to their home Dec. 16 as Crusader Class, First United Methodist, held their Christmas party. It was a covered dish supper with 30 attending. Lorraine Mehner furnished piano for carols. Shown above is left Don, Jean, Joe and Gaynelle.



BELVEDERE by George Greshaw



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I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day.
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"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."
I woke early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.



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State Cross Country Winners

Congratulations to Sara Ortega and Kelli Wight. All State in Cross Country.

Story of the little match-girl

BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

In the cold and gloom a poor little girl, bareheaded and barefoot, was walking through the streets. In an old apron she carried a number of matches and a bundle of them in her hand. No one had bought anything of her all day!

Her little hands were almost benumbed with the cold. Ah, a match might do her good, if she could only draw one from the bundle and rub it against the wall and warm her hands at it. She drew one out. R-r-atch! How it sputtered and burned! It was a warm, bright flame, like a little candle, when she held her hands over it. But the little flame went out... and she had only the remains of the burnt match in her hand.

A second was rubbed against the wall. It burned up, and when the light fell upon the wall it became transparent like a thin veil, and she could see through it into the room. On the table a snow-white cloth was spread; upon it stood a shining dinner service; the roast goose smoked gloriously, stuffed with apples and dried plums. Then the match went out and only the thick, cold wall was before her. She lit another match. Then she was sitting under a beautiful Christmas tree. Thousands of candles burned upon the green branches. The little girl stretched forth her hand toward them; then the match went out. The Christmas lights mounted higher. She saw them now as stars in the sky; one of them fell down, forming a long line of fire.

"Now someone is dying," thought the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only person who had loved her, and who was now dead, had told her that when a star fell down a soul mounted up to God.

She rubbed another match against the wall; it became bright again, and in the brightness the old grandmother stood clear and shining, mild and lovely.

She took the little girl in her arms, and both flew in brightness and joy above the earth, very, very high, and up there was neither cold, nor hunger, nor care — they were with God.



Advent is time of anticipation

In the Christian liturgy, Advent is the four-week period leading up to Christmas. It is a time of preparation and of waiting; as such, it can provide an opportunity for families to anticipate the coming of Christmas with special observances.

An Advent wreath is a beautiful reminder of the joy that is to come. It takes its origins from pagan times, when the sun-worshipping tribes of northern Europe would wind greens around a cartwheel and decorate it with lights to appease the sun god during dark winter days.



Grandmothers Tea Held At Mary Allen

The Kindergarten children all got to try their hand at trying to break the Pinata at the Grandmothers Tea held Wednesday, December 15th.



There was several grandmothers, great grandmothers and great great grandmothers that came for the Grandmothers tea given by the Kindergarten Class last Wednesday, December 15th, 1993. There were also special friends, and older friends that were invited by those whose grandmothers could not attend.

Today, Christians look upon the Advent wreath as a symbol of the light which is to come at Christmas time. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes God's unending eternity. The evergreen represents our immortality and God's unchanging nature. The four candles remind us of the hundreds of years mankind waited for the coming of Christ.

During the first and second weeks of Advent, violet candles are lit, symbolizing longing and expectation. A rose candle, symbolizing joy and hope because Christmas is near, is lit during the third week of Advent. A violet candle is lit during the final week of Advent to complete the cycle of anticipation.

On Christmas Eve, four white candles replace the rose and violet candles, as a sign of the coming of the light of the world, Jesus.

Another Advent custom that children enjoy is the Advent calendar.

This calendar features tiny little windows for each day of the Advent season. As the youngster opens each window, he or she finds a special message or picture inside. Not only does the calendar help youngsters to "count down" to the big day, it can also be instructive and entertaining.

Yet another Advent custom is the Jesse tree, so named for the father of King David, an ancestor of Jesus. It is the family tree of Jesus in a way, for it is adorned with symbols of His ancestors and prophecies foretelling His coming.

Among the symbols that can be used are tablets of the law, the key of David, Noah's ark, the apple and the Star of David. These symbols can be either attached to a real tree or to a tree made of construction paper. The Jesse tree is another way of enhancing the Advent season for the whole family.

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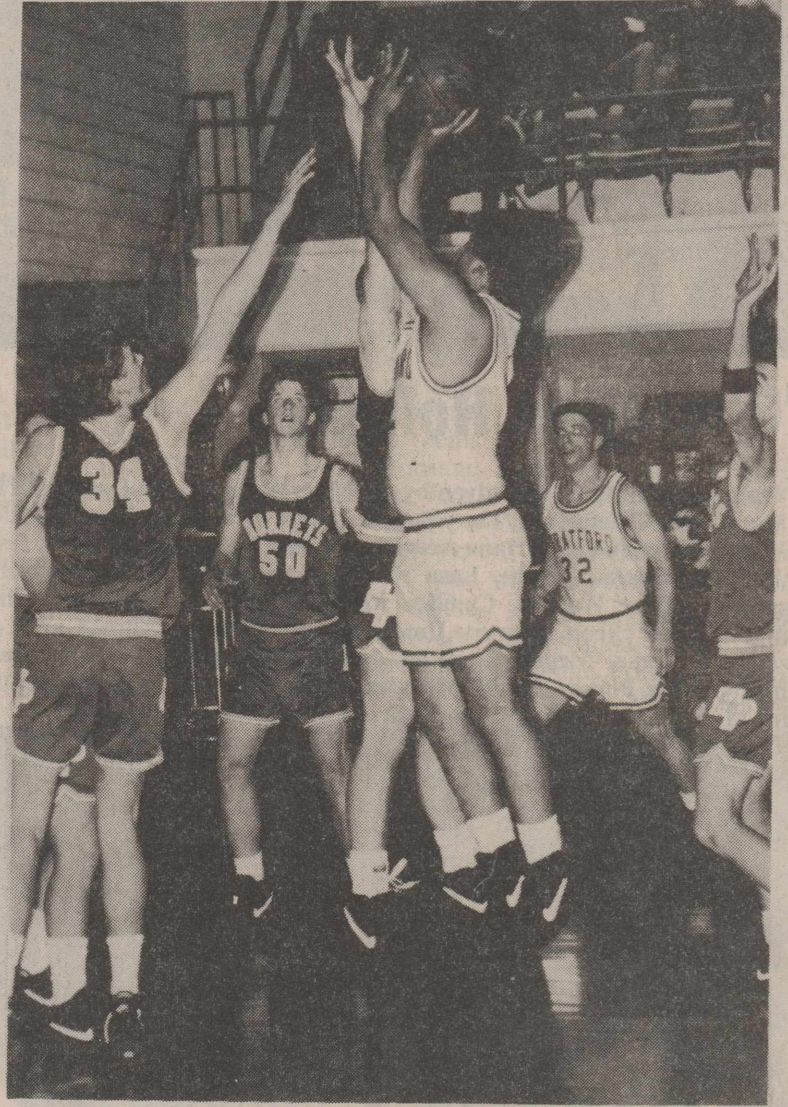
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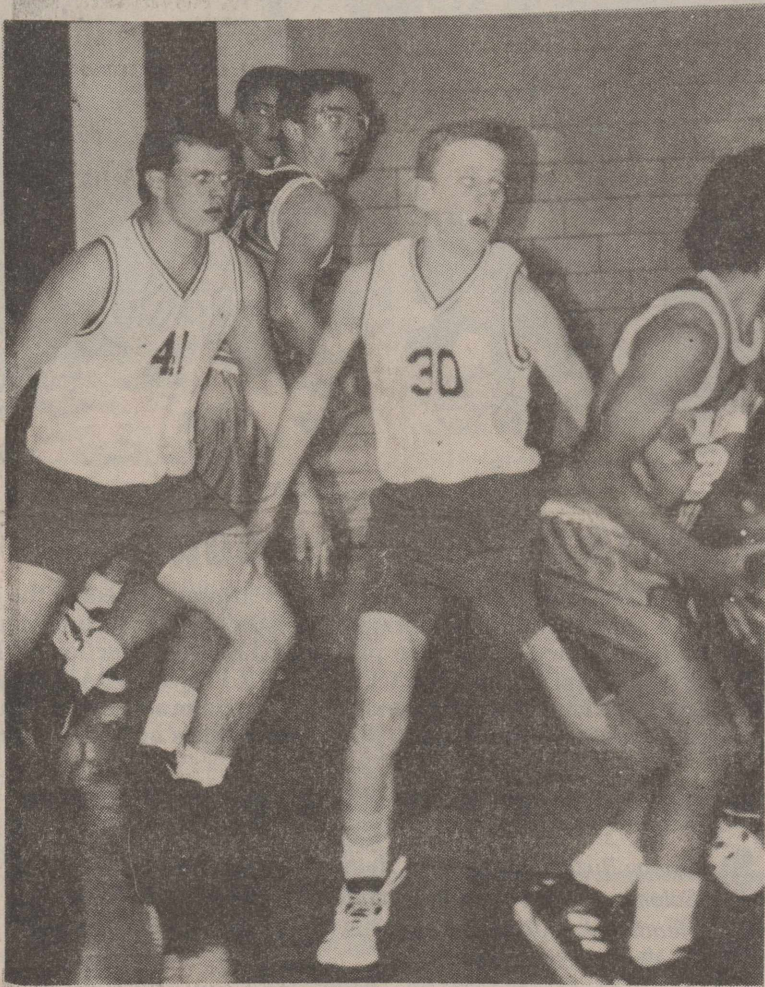
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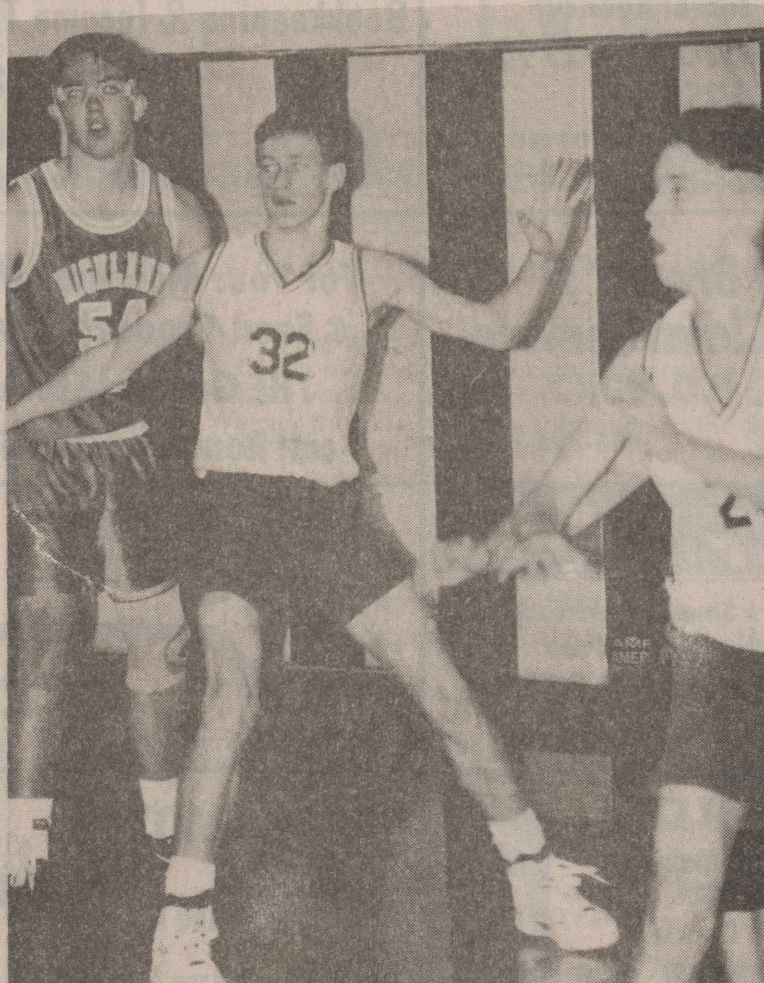
Kelli Wight and Elly Rhoades



Elly Rhoades & Courtney Dettle



Colby Wheeler & Heath Starnes



W.G. Lastey

The Stratford Elks edge past Highland Park in their first game of district play with a score of 54-52 on Friday night Dec. 17, 1993.

Adrian Aguilera and Clint Vincent led the Elks with 12 points each followed by Marcus Lavake with 11. Heath Starnes and Lawrence Aguilera each had 6 points. Colby Wheeler had 4 points and Chan Smith had 3 points.

Heath Starnes and Clint Vincent each had 3 assists. Adrian Aguilera had 4 steals followed by Clint Vincent and Lawrence Aguilera with 3.

The Stratford Elkettes came out on top over Highland Park with a score of 50-31.

Leading the Elkettes with 16 points was Lea Shuping. Kelli Wight had 9 points, Elly Rhoades had 8 followed by Cara Lavake with 7 points. Courtney Dettle scored 6 and Shannon Burkhalter and Sarah Ortega each had 2 points.

The Junior Varsity girls won against Highland Park with a score of 31-19. Leading the J.V. girls in scoring was Cheryl Beattie with 10 points followed by Anita Rapp and Lori Brooks both scoring 6 points each.

The Stratford Elks come out short against Dalhart on Saturday, Dec. 18th with a score of 60-50.

Colby Wheeler was high scorer for the Elks with 14 points followed by Marcus Lavake with 11 points. Adrian Aguilera, Clint Vincent and Lawrence Aguilera had 6 points each. Clint Vincent had 4 assists and 2 steals and Colby Wheeler had 3 steals. Shane Galla, Adrian Aguilera and Heath Starnes also had assists. Other player having steals were Shane Galla, Adrian Aguilera, Marcus Lavake and Heath Starnes.

The Stratford Elkettes lost to Dalhart with a score of 54-37.

Lea Shuping was high scorer with 12 points followed by Cara Lavake with 9 and Courtney Dettle with 7 points. Elly Rhoades scored 5 points and Kelli Wight had 4.

The Junior Varsity Girls defeated Dalhart with a score of 31-27. Anita Rapp, Cheryl Beattie and Chancey Rhoades had 8 points each followed by Lori Brooks with 5 and Autumn Woolsey with 2 points.

Stratford will hold their Stratford Tournament on Dec. 28-30.

Photos on this page by Becky Asher

Good Luck In The Stratford Tournament!!



The first photograph made in the United States was taken by Samuel F. B. Morse in 1839.



"Operation Holiday"

"Operation Holiday" was given by the Mary Allen Fourth Graders, Thursday, December 16th at 7 p.m. at the Mary Allen Cafetorium. The youngsters were directed by Marietta Ricks. Members of the 4th grade class are Valerie Valenzuela, Adriana Acevado, Donnie Upky, Asley Brown, Jessica Young, Josh Kautz, Adam Bell, Trisha Teig, Carlos Rivera, Lara Shafer, Lori Wilhelm, Matthew Houtwed, Isaac Kimbrough, Wesley Hunsaker, Skyler Walden, Candice Rodgers, Michael McAlister, Chris Harkins, Heather Asley, Isaac Chabolla, Javier Licon, Miqerva Jimenez, Carly Mathews, Angel Garza, Jaret Pemberton, Scot Plunk, Justin Starr, Scot Reese, Megan Campos, Adam Reed, Josh Houston, Wes Kimball, Steven Luther, Mandy Helmuth, Jesse Porras, Silvia Morales, Tracy Tobias, Craig Moore, Tony Ruiz, Jamie Luther, Nicholas Artho, Marca Ewers, Erich Taylor, Mireya Ortiz and Julie Valencia.



Santa Visits Kerrick

Santa talked to the children at Kerrick Friday Night and to the big "kids". too! He had treats and presents.



Family Night At Coldwater Manor

Family Night was held at Coldwater Manor Tuesday, December 14, 1993. Shown above are just a few of the many visitors that enjoyed the meal and a chance to visit loved ones at this holiday time.



Study Club Members Presents Books

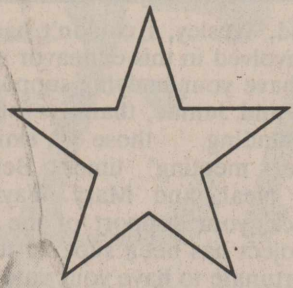
Prospectus Study Club Members D'Lynn Reed, Margaret Reed, and Oline Caraway presented the books that they had made to Lollipop Junction to start their "mini Library". Prospectus Study club Members made easy to read books and a magnetic board story. They also presented Lollipop Junction with The Napping House by Don and Audrey Wood. The "mini library" is a GFWC SOAR Project. SOAR stands for Stories Offer Adventure Read. Shown above from left is Taylor Pounds, Tammie Helmuth, Brian Houtwed, D'Lynn Reed, Brady Booth, Margaret Reed, Chandler Lutes, BreAnn Baca, Sheila Stites and Oline Caraway.



The Stratford Star office will close at noon Thursday, December 23 and will reopen for business on Monday, December 27th. There WILL be an issue on Thursday December 30, 1993. Deadline is Monday the 27th at noon for December 30th's issue.

Happy Birthday to Candie, Andy, Quintana, Joban, Mike, Solomon, Jere Don, Natividad, Ronnie, Toni, Brad, Weldon, Heather, J.J., Jennefer, Lori, Ian and Krista. Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas!

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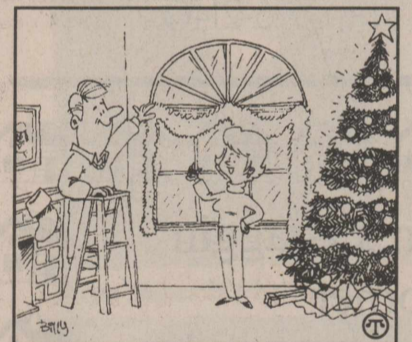
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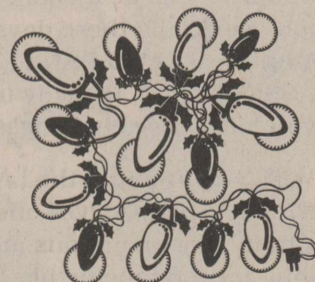
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Sherman County will accept sealed bids for 1,200 tons of #4 crushed rock until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 10, 1994, at which time bids will be opened, considered, and acted upon at the regular meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners Court. Bid specifications are available at the office of the County Judge. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W.C. Fesler,
County Judge

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of the honorable county court at law of Moore County, on the 23rd day of August 1993, by said County Court at Law, for the sum of eight thousand five hundred thirty four dollars and forty eight cents (\$8,534.48) and two thousand dollars (2,000), attorneys fees, 79902 has applied to the Railroad and costs of suit, under a judgement, in favor of Sunray Co-Op, in a certain cause in said court, No. #CL113-93, and styled Sunray Co-Op vs Mike Vasquez, and placed in my hands for service, I Jack Haile as sheriff of Sherman County, Texas, did on the 18th day of November 1993, Levy on certain real estate, situated in Sherman County, Texas described as follows, to wit: a parcel of land out of survey #115, Block 3-T, T.B.N.O. R.R..

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Criterion Energy, Limited, 1201 Prospect, El Paso, Texas 79902 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Brown Dolomite Formation, Blake Trust Estate -B-, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 30 miles southeast from Texhoma, Texas in the Texas Hugoton Field, in Sherman County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3138 to 3200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373).

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And in compliance with law, I give notice by publication, in the English language, once a week, for three consecutive weeks, immediately preceding the said day of sale, in the Stratford Star, a newspaper published in Sherman County.

Witness my hand, this 16th day of December 1993.

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Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

This time of the year is a special one for me. I love every hustling minute of it. This year I have had goose bumps with all of the activity going on in Stratford. The decorations-and by the way hunting a parking place. I have been in and out of the stores and without exception they have had lookers and buyers in. It really has been a good December.

The Chamber will have had, by the first of the week, 29 pheasant hunters. I have heard from two groups that came for the opening day. Both groups voiced, not only did they get their limit but they really appreciated the fine folks in Stratford and want to come back.

Once again a reminder of two things coming up: on the 13th of January, 1994 three men from Seaboard, from Guymon will be here to show a slide and to visit with us as to what effect Seaboard will have in this area. The meeting will be at the Library at 7 p.m. The Chamber is just tickled that they contacted us instead of the other way around. Also on the 14th we will be having ribbon cuttings for Lutes Classic, Duncan Body Shop, Robert's Service Center, The Stratford Star and perhaps one more. This past Friday we had a ribbon cutting for "The Hummingbird". We can be looking for a ribbon cutting for "De Beck" Soup and Salad place; as well as the new CPA office on Main. (There is definitely things going on in those places).

And we still need houses and apartments to rent. If you know of a house available please let me know here at the Chamber or Lorie Vincent at the SDCD. It is most gratifying to hear folks moving into this area to prefer Stratford in which to make their home. Can you help us?

1993 is soon coming to an end-but I see in the horizon much much more in 94! In closing I would like to thank all of the good people of this community for another good year and to wish each and all a Merry Merry Christmas and the more of everything in '94. And let us truly remember what Christmas is all about-the Birth of Lord Jesus Christ.

Beauty Q and A

Holiday Time-Saving Tips

(NAPS)—As you ring in the holidays, you may care to ring in a new look for yourself. Here are a few easy beauty tips to consider.

Q: I've tried every lip color on the market, but nothing seems right for me. Any suggestions?

A: For an instant beauty lift, nothing beats lip color. Try true red lipstick—it brightens teeth beautifully and is just right for the holiday spirit.

Q: The holiday season always seems so hectic, I have no time for beauty. Are there any short cuts that can help?

A: To keep your legs soft and smooth longer, try using Satinelle, the new hair removal system from Norelco. It removes even short hair for smooth, silky results that last for weeks.

Q: I've planned to wear a gorgeous, off-the-shoulder frock this holiday season, how do I make my shoulders look their best?

A: For silky shoulders and décolletage, exfoliate weekly and massage in lotion after bathing.

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

—William Arthur Ward

Library Notes

By Dorothy Haile

They saw The Elephant Women in the California Gold Rush is by JoAnn Levy. "The phrase 'seeing the elephant' symbolized for '49 gold rushers the exotic, the mythical, the one-in-a-lifetime adventure, unequalled anywhere else but in the journey to the promised land of fortune: California.

Fearless Funnymen, The History of the Rodeo Clown is an engaging reading...a must for rodeo historians and buffs.

The Life and Times of Charles Arthur Floyd, Pretty Boy is by Michael Walls. He is the author of Route 66, also. Pretty Boy left his mark on all who knew him.

The Roadrunner has captured the beauty of the sleek, mostly brown-and white bird with the long tail. This book offers not only the first book length photostudy of

roadrunners, but also an unprecedented perspective on our fascination with them.

Basic Printmaking Techniques covers these three areas: relief prints, monotypes, and silk screen prints. These can all be done with a minimal amount of training and equipment.

Moving and often humorous, the Legend of Bear Bryant, will stand as the definitive account of a unique, unforgettable individual. Author Mickey Herskowitz is the author and sports writer who knew Bryant as few writers did and he tells it like it was.

Three books about the Navajo for middle school readers are: Star Over Adobe, Boots in Adobe and Adobe Doorways.

The library will be closed on the 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Cards of Thanks

Thanks to Texhoma Ambulance and Guymon Hospital, First Baptist Church of Stratford, First United Methodist of Stratford, First State Bank of Stratford, Texhoma Bank for all who sent cards and prayers.

Matthew, Lorraine, Melody Powers
Lorley Powers and family
H.L. Haile & family
Timmie Brown & family

I want to thank my family for the surprise 80th birthday party they gave me. "A Hen Party" the girls said we would have. They fixed dinner, came after me, took me in the back door to a room full of friends.

I want to thank all of you for coming to my party, for the lovely cards and telephone calls. I didn't know an 80th birthday could be so much fun.

I love you all,
Alda Mitts

The Stratford Fire Department would like to thank Dick Chumley and Coronado Feedyard for the donating the half beef and Baskin Brown and Brown's Meat Locker for donating the processing of the half beef for our drawing. The proceeds of the half beef give-away will be used for the Stratford Fire Department Scholarship Fund. We also want to thank everyone who participated by buying a ticket from the Fire Department members.

Deepest appreciation to each of you for your calls, cards, flowers and prayers. A special thanks to Minister David Stites for being with us during my surgery. I am recovering at home in Stratford at 319 N. Chestnut. Drop by or call 396-2280. I will be here until January 5th.

Marilyn Albert

We want to thank everybody for the cards, visits, prayers etc.

Rex & Louise Hudson

Sincere thanks to each & everyone of you during this recent period of bereavement.

Merry Christmas
Mike Peterson



Letters To The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY FOR PUBLICATION: All letters will be accepted provided they are not anonymous and a bona fide address is given. We will not print letters in the Star anonymous anymore or name on file. Names will appear in paper. We will not print statements that are obscene or libelous per se. This paper assumes no responsibility for content and all views are strictly the views of the writer. Copies of letters which have been submitted to other newspapers will receive a low priority for publication. The newspaper reserves the right to edit letters with respect to length or potentially libelous material.

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to members of the Stratford Area Youth Agency, Inc. which governs Lollipop Junction. It is with great pride to say that the efforts put forth in this endeavor have addressed a critical need for families successfully.

Stratford is known for its reputation of capitalizing its resources of individuals' time, expertise, and financial support for improving the quality of life enjoyed by its residents. A big thank you to those individuals who served on the child care study group in 1991 who had a desire to see exactly what type of child care option would be best for the community. THANK YOU to all the individuals who have served or

Stabilization and Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation into a single Farm Service Agency (FSA). Conspicuously absent from the FSA is the Soil Conservation Service, which under the Espy proposal would remain a separate agency with a new name-the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Espy plan also would transfer the administration of conservation programs from ASCS to the new NRCS. This move has set off a major league turf war between the agencies and their constituencies.

SCS employees and conservation district board members have been lobbying hard for the secretary's proposal. They argue that SCS is a completely different animal than the other USDA agencies and that keeping it a separate agency will illustrate USDA's commitment to natural resource protection.

ASCS counters that this is merely a ploy by SCS to maintain more autonomy and justify more people and pickups. Many farmers are uncomfortable with the power the local SCS officials have over their farming practices and eligibility for farm program payments. They are reluctant to give SCS, what they perceive to be, greater influence.

As with most turf wars, this one has been ugly at times. SCS has been of using taxpayer supported staff, equipment and supplies to coordinate lobbying efforts in support of the secretary's plan. Such practice are expressly prohibited by law.

ASCS has been accused of being nothing more than a check dispensing agency that doesn't know the first thing about agriculture or conservation.

During committee consideration of HR 3171, amendments have been offered to include SCS as part of the Farm Service Agency or to do away with the FSA concept. Whatever the outcome, the issue has exposed and exacerbated a family feud within USDA between ASCS and SCS.

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees hope to complete consideration of HR 3171 by March, 1994. Until then, the future structure of the USDA remains in question.

Turf War Makes Future Of Reorganization Questionable

Editors Note: This article was taken out of the High Plains Journal by one of our readers. It was written by Seymour Kleirly and appeared in the December 13, 1993 issue.

Congress stands in recess, but the House Agriculture committee continues to press forward with consideration of the reorganization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-TX, chairman of the USDA oversight subcommittee, has scheduled hearings, in Washington and across the county, to allow everyone involved a say in the process.

The focus will be on HR 3171, a bill submitted by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy to reorganize the department. The bill was spawned as part of Vice President Al Gore's "Reinventing Government" initiative in September, but the issue of USDA reorganization has been around for years.

The Clinton Administration had hoped Congress would pass HR 3171 before they left town for the year, but those hopes were dashed when members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees expressed concern over the proposal.

The problem was the bill, in many people's eyes, is that it is not specific enough. It gives the secretary general authority to shift around a few agencies and realign a few assistant secretaries, but details about the practical effect of the reorganization have not been spelled out, and the Administration has been reluctant to provide these details on the record. Member of Congress realize they could be blamed, if the results of the reorganization are unpopular, so they are reluctant to rubber stamp the Administration's proposal.

Besides shuffling things around in Washington, the secretary also has said he will close or consolidate over 1,200 USDA Field offices. Most observers agree this is a responsible step to take, but when those offices are identified, politics will inevitably enter into the process.

Generating the most controversy, in the reorganization process, is the proposal to combine the Agricultural

are serving on the board of directors for Lollipop Junction. These individuals have a great deal of responsibility in governing the child care center and have diligently worked in order that the center is accountable to the community and government regulatory agencies. To the director and staff members of Lollipop Junction -- Trisha, Tammy, Sheila, Kay, Elisa, Amy and others who have given their expertise in child care to help Stratford's future develop emotionally, physically, socially, and intellectually. I also extend my sincere appreciation to you for your dedication to the purpose of Lollipop Junction.

Members of the Stratford community, hats off to you for your continual support of this community project by your willingness to share your time, donations, and attendance at fund raising endeavors. Gaynelle Riffe, I would like to thank you for being the "cheerleader". Your encouragement got me through some rough times.

At this time, I would like to thank some very special people who supported me in this endeavor. To my supervisor and pastor, thank you for challenging me on this project. To my

husband, Wesley, I couldn't have been involved in this endeavor if I didn't have your undying support. Walter and Jennie, thank you for understanding those extra, "another meeting" times. Betty Saenz, Neal, and Mary Wayne Spurlock, your support of me in this project has been super. I feel very fortunate to have your vote of confidence. I cannot forget to thank my co-worker, Jim Allison and secretarial staff support of Ellen Tillery, Jeanie Sikora, Carollee Waters, and Carl Dreiske for their interest and assistance of this project.

I know that the community will support Brian Adams, President of the Board and his fellow board members and other successors of the board in providing this service to the community. I ask the community to be watching and willing to help the board construct one of the "neatest playgrounds" in

Texas for Lollipop Junction kids to enjoy.

Thank you again, Stratford.

Susie Spurlock
County Extension Agent - HEc
Past President
Stratford Area Youth Care Agency, Inc.

Best Wishes
Best wishes to all for a happy and joyous Christmas!

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Dear Santa,



Dear Santa,
I would like a robocop and a huddles bok and al of the huddles boks and the move Jurasac Park.

Jared

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have a Dallas Cowboy posetr and a Dallas Cowboy jersey and a Dallas Cowboy football signed by Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith and Dallas Cowboy Jacket and Dallas Cowboy house shoes and a tv.

Tyler Jordan Haynes

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like It form the Pit, Tusk, of the x-men, Bishop, Wolverine 11 and 111, Apocaypse 2nd edition, Iceman, Omega Red, Cannonball of the Hero Gladiators. I want Fearless Gruntex, Swift Eywulf, Noble Bloodac, and Champion Loxer, and Bold Jasrax. Super Sixed Saber tooth. K'Nex, Big Frant, Skull Mountain Power Shooter TS-8, VoiceBot. Crash Dummies Crash Plane, Slick, Stretch Armstrong, Transformer Megatron, Tank, Starship Enterprise, Startrek Transporter, Gameboy with Jurassic Park for the Gameboy and Speedy Gonzales for Gameboy and Zelda for GameBoy and Kirby's Dreamland.

Your Friend,
Jordan Taylor

Dear Santa,

Would you get me please for Christmas, Jurassic Park Compound, X-Men Hall of Fame and a couple of Jurassic Park Dinosaurs and guys.

Am I on the good list or the bad list? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope you like the cookies we leave you.

Connor

Dear Santa,

Thank you the great gifts you gave me last year. I've really enjoyed them. This year I want C.L.A.W., transformer Megatron Tank & Ultra Cliff Hanger race car set. I also want an alarm clock and clothes.

Please don't forget the other boys and girls this Christmas. I've tried to be good for a 6 year old boy. Please bring Jennie something, too.

I Love You,
Walter Spurlock

Dear Santa,

I'm 3 years old and I want a Barbie car, a big Mermaid to take swimming, baby doll, robe and Cowboy Cheerleader dress. I've been fairly good this year. They keep me pretty busy at Lollipop Junction.

I'll leave you a snack Xmas Eve. Thank you and please remember the other boys and girls.

I Love You,
Jennie Spurlock

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a choo choo train. That's all you need to bring me this year. If you can bring all the other boys and girls of Stratford lots of toys. And Santa, please don't forget to bring my daddy something he has been a good Daddy.

Keira Marshall

Dear Santa,

I would like a Dallad Cowboy football suit and I will give you my Chrims list.

From Craig Reinirt

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a barbie Nitendo game and a game Prety Prety Prensus.

Love,
Stephanie Washburn

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a new firetruck plus a new Nintindo. For my brother Mathew a loder. For my other brother Nicholas a new nithcraller. I love you Santa. My mom wants a new cat. For my dad a new chair.

Your Friend,
Jordan Taylor

Dear Santa,

I hope you and all your reindeer are well.

This year I would like a new bike and a BB Gun. My little sister Katie wants a doll house, a Baby Check up and a Water Baby. Have a safe trip! We'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Derek

Your friend,
Kristen Houtwed

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie Van and Barbie bed for Ch.

Maika

Dear Santa,

I want a real sword, batman car, BB Gun, batman.

Mario O.

Dear Santa,

I want a disc and a planter for my tractor this Christmas.

Jose Morales

Dear Santa,

I would lik a new bike and a dog and a cat and a new tablet. And remember my brother and sister.

Love, Stephanie Campos

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll and some clothes for Christmas.

Love,
Jenny Rueda

Your Friend,
Marcus McAlister

Dear Santa,

Is the North Pole cold? How many reindeer are there? May I have a basket of play food to play house with my sister and a McDonald's French Fry Maker. Do the elves get tired when they make toys? Do you go all through the world? Do the elves have fun making toys? I like the chalkboard that you gave me alot. Thank you for bringing it to me. Does Mrs. Santa Claus make things for you? That nice suit you have, did she make that for you, too? Do you come down the chimney? I hope you have a nice Christmas. Remember Christmas is really about when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Love,
Ashley Duke

Dear Santa,

I would like spurs, pop gun, firetruck, and a train set.

Love,
Kody

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a some throwing starse. A Nintendo and a train. I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love your name Santa,
from Thomas

Dear Santa,

I want a baby swing and a pack of baby bottles for dolls. Play bicke and my little brother a ball spurs, a new cowboy hat. A doll that you can feed. A horse that makes horses sondes for me.

Your friend,
Kristen Houtwed

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good girl this year.

I would like to have a stuffed Baby Bop, four babies, Color Etch A Sketch, and a new winter coat.

Bring something for my brother Brandon too, please.

I will leave you some milk and cookies for a snack.

Love,
Nicole Davis

Dear Santa,

I hope you are very happy. I am. By the way, I want clothes. a hat and Royle Ruble Sega Jenases game and Mary Christmas.

A.J. Flores

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, pool tabel, and the techna drum.

Scott Zak

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Nintendo and a doll walks and talk.

Love,
Mimi

Dear Santa,

Pleas bring me the moovy Hucklebury Finn and a Nintendo and a sistir and a cat and big toy truck.

love,
Kayce



Dear Santa,

Please bring me a 5 speed ball and a football.

Dear Santa,

Love,
Davis

Please bring me a dog, bicycle, and a doll. My sister wants a bike, super Nintendo and a Dennis the Menas. It's funny. I want my nintendo fixed on Christmis.

Dear Santa,

Please bring my sister and I a bike.

Love,
Roann

Dear Santa,

Love,
Shelli

I want a TV, a super nintendo, a game for my super nintendo and a phone and all the Dallas Cowboys football stuff and you can get me everything else.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle and a Sagea Jenisas and one game.

from,
Eric York

Love,
Jason A

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a big toy truck, and a Sagea Jenisas and a greyhound.

Love you,
Jason Roberts

Dear Santa,

I want a Hollywood Hair Barbie. I am sad because you don't come to my house. Bring me a candy cane to eat.

I Love You,
Yahaira Palma

Heavenly days! It's Christmas again! Have a Celestial Holiday!



Warm Wishes

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



We're getting the holidays off to a roaring start by wishing you and yours the very best of the Yuletide season!

The Texas Maid



Happy gifting time is near! So-o-o — better be good for goodness sakes, when Santa Claus is here!

Browns Meat Locker

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas. We want a sague for Christmas. I wode like a game boy. I relly want a new car and a new dog. We want a new babby boy.

Chris Lopez

Dear Santa,

Mom and Lilly wants a new car. Kary want a ring and Odi want a black jacket. Rhainnon wants a babe man, house and car. Sinead wants the movie Adams family. I want Dad to have a Merry Christmas and a Game boy.

Dear Santa,

I want a gameboy and an Easy Bake Super treat center. I would like some pants and shirts. Could I have a remote control car that goes anywhere when I talk to it? I hope I get all the presents I want.

Robert Walton

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a TV and a \$100 and will you get me a VCR?

Terence Rodgers

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a Jurassic Park Comand Compound, Attack somc slimator, athanset afinethjck, street fighter II, Torbo, Cklihfanger, criss cross cmash set.

Dear Santa,

I hope you and your elfs have a Happy Christmas. I hope your elfs make a lot of toys for the children.

I want a computer, a doll house, a camera, a Christmas bear, and a play-doh jewel and gem maker.

I love you Santa,
Heather Robertson

Dear Santa,

I wund like tow pars of giisst geni and a srut.

Heather Upky

Love,
Dylan Everett

Dear Santa,

I would like a drum set. I would like a Sega. I would like to go to Six Flags. I would like to have street fighter two. I would like to have a game geene. I would like to have a Dallas Cowboy shirt.

Levi Houston

Dear Santa,

I would like a piano, I would like a TV. I want a trampoling, I want a Magig Poty baby. I want a new pair of skates, I want a McDonald cook set. I want a keybord set. I will leave your cakes & milk.

Your friend,
Tiffany Carter

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barney Sleeping bag, ice cram maker, blakha Getar, Boom Box, binoculars.

Your Friend,
Erica Garza

P.S. If you can, a little camcorder and phone. Thank you.

P.S. There will be cookies and milk.

Dear Santa Claus,

I wud lik a bucytffy tikos and parv klos and a par uv sus weth R & h dr sus and a fes tac and a pide desus and a woj and a BaB Spris.

From April



Dear Santa,

How are you and your elfs? I want a jewelry maker, a camera, a Little miss/executive set, a Christmas bear and a computer for my sister and me.

Merry Christmas,
Kayla Robertson

Your friend,
Juana Aguilar

Dear Santa,

I want a doll for Christmas. I want a bigger sister. I want to go to my grandpa's for Christmas. I want my own room. I want a brother. I want a baby sister. I want a new fish. I want a nicer cousin. I want a cat and a dog.

Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control car.

Levi Houston

Dear Santa,

I waent a nintendo, bicycle and a game. Any game you by. Please bring my brother a toy. Please bring a mom a china set. Please bring moy dad a tools set.

Love,
Brad

Dear Santa,

1 doll, 1 walkmen, 100 candy, 2 sets of makeup, 5 clothes, 5 or 4 stuff up animals, a really puppy or a cat, a new bible, 4 books.

From,
Robin Daniels and
if you have time a gameboy.

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm Caleb Brown. I would like some board games, skateboard, skates, airplane, boots, remote car, T.V., super nes, sleeping bag, water gun, and a clock. I will have cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa,

I would like a robot, shirt, a pare of pants. Boot polish, a pare of shoes and boots. I would like a beaded hat band and a cowboy hat. Thank you Santa Claus.

Jose Sandoval

Dear Santa,

I want a fishtank, dog, cat, erector set, think tiles from Discovery toys, gameboy tape, toys, crayons, and a Dallas Cowboy coat.

Love,
Brad

Dear Santa,

I do not want any toys or anything. I just want peace in the world. Everybody who is homeless could have a home and food and water.

Matthew Taliaferro

Dear Santa,

I want a gameboy and a computer 2,000. I'd like an erector set, think tiles from discovery toys, and clothes.

Dear Santa,

I want video games, a stereo, a bike with a stereo on it and a drink bottle on it. I want money to feed the poor. Money to go around the world.

Andrea Hendrick

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good girl, so please bring me a Bike, Free Willy Tape, Easy To Do and CD of Bodyguard. I will leave you some cookies.

Your friend,
Josh Kautz

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, bicycle, skates and a pair of shoes.

Love,
America Ortega
806 North Pearl

Dear Santa,

I want a computer and a walking Rudolph with a red nose. I want a Jurrassic Park game.

Dear Santa,

I want a moothpes and a real Dallas Cowboy hamt. I want a steaero and football.

Dalton Sladek

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas. I wan'ted a bike all my life. And I wan't a tv in my room with my sister Sarah. I want to give you a kiss on your chec and I wan't a agngal and I wish my sisters were nice to me all the time. That is all.

Love,
Deidre Lee Tarver

If you can't bring me the toys I want, just bring me anything.

Dear Santa,

I want to be rich. I want a Sege and I want a dog.

Joseph Garcia

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas. I wan'ted a bike all my life. And I wan't a tv in my room with my sister Sarah. I want to give you a kiss on your chec and I wan't a agngal and I wish my sisters were nice to me all the time. That is all.

Veronica Ortega

Merry Christmas

Safe Place Inc.

Would like to wish everyone in Sherman County a Safe & Peaceful Holiday Season

rejoice!

May you celebrate this special season in the true tradition of love.

THE General Store

Greetings of the Season

Let us reflect on the wonder of the season. Sherman County Sheriff's Department

Christmas Blessings

Best wishes for a great Yuletide season!

Duncan Chevrolet

Joyous Noel!

Yuletide greetings to everyone! May you enjoy all that this special season can bring!

Family & Friends

Merry Christmas

Chiming in with best wishes of the season to all our friends. We hope you have a happy Holiday and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

Moore Implement

merry Christmas

Sending warm wishes for a bright and beautiful Holiday Season.

Coldwater Manor

Glad Tidings

The Lord has come! We pray that peace may reign in all hearts as we celebrate this holiest of seasons.

Stratford Auto Electric

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Tell Mrs. Clause and the elves hello for me. I will leave chocolate chip cookies for you. I would like you to bring me a baby doll, ten speed, clothes for my barbies, roller blades and new house slippers. I hope you have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas,
Love, Kira Downs
age 8

Dear Santa,

I would like a barbie doll, walkie talkie, clip-on earring, ring, hairbow, purse, headband, doll cradle, cloths, playdo, cinderella game, mermaid game, checkers, gum, neckless, markers, paper, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, rulers, mapcolors, crayons, tape, calendar, candbar, and stuffed animals.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Aleacia Helton

To Santa,

I want a bike for X-mas.

Crystal Rueda

To Santa,

I want a bike for X-mas.

Steven Rueda

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl this year. I do not cry and I do not pout. Please bring me a stuffed Barney and a Barney Towel. Please bring something nice for my sisters, Sasha and Lynz and my Mom. They've been good too.

Love,
Merilee

Dear Santa,

My name is Darren Bumpas. I will be 4 years old on Christmas Day. I've tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me, Turtle power mask, shooter and bow and arrow. I will try to be better next year. Have a Merry Christmas.

Thank You,
Darren

Dear Santa,

My name is Erin Bumpas, I have really tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me, Barbies, any type will be good. I like to play Barbies. I would like a mairmaid doll, and the cat that has kittens. I will try really hard to be a good girl next year.

Thank you,
Erin

Dear Santa,

My name is Raniel Bumpas. I have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me, nurf rocket, Bow and arrow and Roller Blades. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Thank you,
Raniel

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I want a four-wheeler, a truck, a front loader, new bicycle with water bottle and a farm set.

I will leave cookies and milk for you! Please tell Rudolph and all the reindeers hi!

Love,
Scott Hudson

I would like a lite brite and a computer and a doll. I'm going to give you cookies to eat.

Love,
Kayla

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Casey Crabtree. I am 6 years old.

Please bring me a Daisy BB gun and BB's. I also like Sonic the Hedgehog and gameboy tapes.

I will leave you some of my Mom's delicious cookies and some carrots for Rudolph.

Love,
Casey

Dear Santa,

Power Rangers toys;

1. Tommey
2. Jason
3. Kimberly
4. Billy
5. Treni
6. Bobbo

7. King Spinx

8. Rita

9. X Titanun

10. X Megazord

11. X Dragonzord

12. X Simon the Sorcerer computer game. Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole? Do you know what I really want? If you don't the numbers are in a ring. By the way how does your sleigh go so fast?

Your friend,
Erich Taylor

P.S. If they have an X, I must really must have.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaclynn Skaggs. I am 7 years old and live at 319 S. Main in Stratford, Tx.

For Christmas I would like Roper boots and some pretty hair bows. My big sister Shawnda likes hair bows also. My baby brother L.J. is 4 months old could use some play toys. Don't forget my big brother Shannon in Amarillo. But mainly please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love you, Jaclynn

P.S. I will have cookies and milk out for you!

Dear Santa,

I want to go to the North Pole, I am very lonesome for you. I want to go to the North Pole with you one night. I want you to bring me a Magic Tea Party-cause I like Tea Parties. Be sure and bring everybody something. I been good.

I Love You,
Chelsie West

Dear Santa,

I wanta bow & arrow gun. If you can make me a little motorcycle I'll ride it. I love you Santa. I want you to bring me a new slide. I want you to come in the front door, because the pipe on the wood stove is too skinny and you would get ashes on your face. Santa, I want a operation game. I love Santa Berry much.

Jacob Edmond

My name is Kristen Crabtree. I have been good for a four year old.

Please bring me a Giggle and Go doll, Baby Check-up, and Mr. Bucket game. I like stickers too.

I am excited for Christmas and will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Kristen

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus and all your reindeer? This year for Christmas I want a Magic Tea Party, Baby Checkup and a Beauty and the Beast bicycle. Please bring my little sister, Shelby, a Newborn Baby Puffalump. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. I love You.

Allison Shae Duncan
age 4

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a sega genesis. I would also like to have a watch, a football game gear by segaa. A sega baseball game, a new john deere tractor. I have been a good boy. I will be a good boy and I will do what mom and dad say.

Trenton Boyd

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and a super Nintendo game. I don't want very much and to spend Chresmes with my dad.

Your friend,
Josh Williams

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy this year. It has been real hard.

I would like to have Home Alone 2 hand held game, Batmobile, Ninja turtles figures, Knockout game, Turbo Batplane, Mouse Trap Game.

Please bring my sister Nicole something she wants too. I will leave a snack of milk and cookies.

Love,
Brandon Davis

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll with a shtrolr, a big chok bord and a playing Santa and playing Mrs. Claus, a play doll and a computer.

Love,
Brittany Hudson

Dear Santa,

I wants a Sagea Genisuse and mortal combat and Pawr Radrs and all of them.

Love,
Aaron H.

Dear Santa,

My name is Shelli Smith. I am 8 years old. I am in the 2nd grade. Please bring by sister and I a bike. We will leave you coke and chex mix.

Your friend,
Shelli

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want for Christmas a collection of wild animals. Please bring my sister and brother something too. And don't forget my mom and dad.

Love,
Audrey Navarrete

Dear Santa,

My name is Emily. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Barney Doll, Baby-All-Gone, and some books to read.

I will leave you a snack.

Love,
Emily Shafer

Dear Santa,

My name is Lara and 9 years old. I would like two things for Christmas. I would like a piano please and a pair of skates too please. I just want one more thing Santa. I would like a dangly pair of earrings.

Thank you Santa.

Your friend,
Lara Shafer

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Doll and a stroller and a wach and most I want a desk and ring I want a new baby bottle for Christmas to because I like baby dolls.

Your friend,
Lynzee Beery

Dear Santa Clause,

Thanks for the presents you gave me last year. I will be at my Aunt Barrie's house. The address is 708 Mountain View, San Marcos, Texas 78066. We will leave you cookies and milk. I don't know what I want. Well you surprise me, too. Tell Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Cuped, Donder, Vixen, Blitser and all the rist I won't see them.

Your friend,
Carley Bryson

P.S. I want a rily hors. Leave it in the backyard.

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you. How are you feeling? I am fine. Please, will you bring me a lot, A LOT of toys to me. I want a nother Baby Alive with a big bucket of food. It is like grapes in a tall cup. I would also like a baby don't cry. I would also like a lot of cats.

from,
Lauren Walton

Dear Santa,

I would like a gameboy and a train. I would like a toy airplane and a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
Brian Booth

Dear Santa,

I would like my own house, a horse. I want walker talker, some close. A machin of my own. I want a lot of mony to. I want more barbes. More dolls to.

Valeria Zubia

Dear Santa,

I would like to another new bike and another new nentendo. Please, and a sorry game.

J.R. Tobias

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that walkes and a brabe house and a binke a bossy baby.

Veronica Maldonado

Dear Santa,

I would like all the legos, Sister disteper. I would more Perezents than everbody in our family.

Denton Crabtree

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll. New boots and clothes.

Aracely Perez

Dear Santa,

I want these things a bag of money, some toys, and a horse.

Your friend,
Carson Buckles

Dear Santa,

from,

I want Prins Jasmine. She is barbie sise. She is very pretty. I hope you bring me her. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
Amber Larance

Dear Santa,

My name is Alisha Sladek. I am 7 years old. This year for Christmas I would like you to bing me a few things for Christmas. I would like a real horse, no stick horses. I would so like a new pair of boots. The fuss and giggle triplet dolls, a pair of walkie talkies and some country music tapes, I would also like leather loafers. My brother Dalton has been bossy. He needs coal in his stocking again. He would like new basketball shoes, a Dallas Cowboy Uniform and a new football. Amy my older sister would like clothes, perfume, a watch, a TV and a leather jacket and loafers. If you have any room in your bag of goodies, please bring my friends Austin and Tanner Riffe some little kid toys. Oh yes do not forget Mom and Dad. Just bring them lots of money.

I'll live cookies and a Dr. Pepper for you.

Your friend,
Alisha Sladek

Dear Santa,

I would like a Beethoven movie and I would like a Gak splat writer and a Nancy Drew book and a trampelene and a super soaker 1,000 and I want a rock and roll guitar and an electronic keyboard and I would like to meet Troy Akmen. I would like a boom-box and a Sega Genissis.

Tiffany Duke

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To our good friends! We hope your Holidays are filled with love and joy.

Betty Brown's Medical Claims Service

Greetings

We wish you every joy and blessing of this happy Christmas Season!

Allen Insurance Agency



JOY

We hope this joyous time will bring to you all the goodness of Yuletide.

Bain Tire



Merry Christmas & God Bless You

The Happy Painter



SILENT NIGHT

Season's greetings and sincere good wishes for the best of holidays!

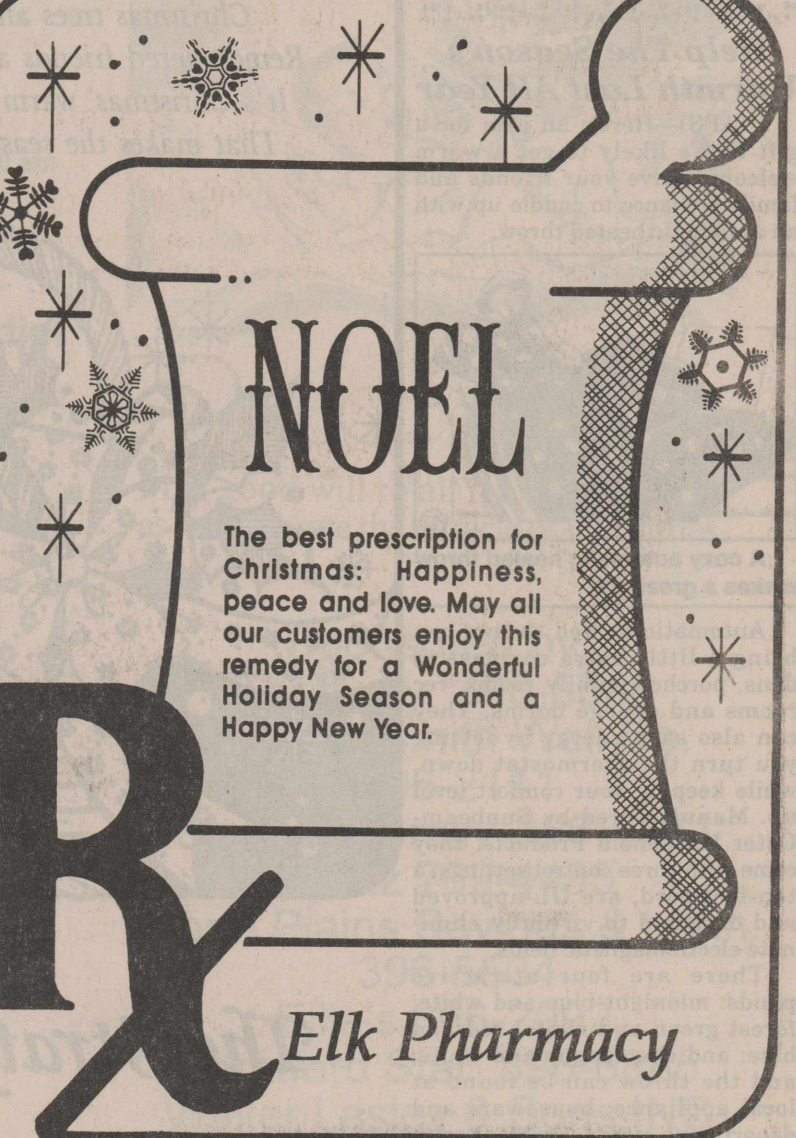
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NOEL

The best prescription for Christmas: Happiness, peace and love. May all our customers enjoy this remedy for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Elk Pharmacy



Dear Santa,
I want a my size Barbie. I have been a good girl. Bring something for Tommy.
Love Amber Keener

Dear Santa,
I would like a Batman with a parachute, BB gun, sword and a criss cross crash, motorcycle with phone and a tv for my room.
Seth Crowl

Dear Santa,
I would like a real Dalmation.
Chelsea Christian

Dear Santa,
I want a real Kitty, sword, and a Batman car.
Oscar Lopez



Dear Santa,
I want a TV, drum set, Dallas Cowboys poster, football signed by Troy Aikman. Bring Clothes for my sister.

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a poster of Heather and Christen and 2 dogs. Please bring me a picture of my cousin. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year.
Have a very Merry Christmas!
Ashley D.

Dear Santa,
I would like a cooputer. I like Rudolph. Santa, I like Rudolph.

Dear Santa,
I would like a gold fish in a bol please and I would oso like sum rerasers four scle please. That is all. And I would like you to telle all your randiers telle them to have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus and I want some books that I can read. OK. Santa Claus. I love you I've been a good girl.
Jayme Wilhelm

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus
I've trid to be good. Please bring me a baby check up. And I would like a computer. and my sister wons a baby check up to and she'd like a better move on frog! book.
Love, Mark Miller
Lindsay Stein

Dear Santa,
I would like a gold fish in a bol please and I would oso like sum rerasers four scle please. That is all. And I would like you to telle all your randiers telle them to have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I woud like a big Mod Siki and a big bow and iro.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please would you breing my a Tv vcr if you doo I will like you.
Tiffany

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus and I want some books that I can read. OK. Santa Claus. I love you I've been a good girl.
Jayme Wilhelm

Dear Santa,
I would like a nentndo please! I want a pla trtl!
Adam

Dear Santa,
I would like a Doll and a BrBe Dol.
Ashley B.

Dear Santa,
I wont a reraser. And I wont a pesl. And I wont a Bike and Mokcon. And A wockh.
Raniel

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a pikp.
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a Spider Web. I will leave some cookies and milk.
Your Friend,
Ho Ho Ho
Franky Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a stleae tec
From Nicholas

Dear Santa,
I would lik a remot cntrl cor.
Steven

Noel

Happy holiday wishes to all our wonderful customers. We have enjoyed serving you in the past and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Headquarters Restaurant
We will close Dec. 24th at 2:00 and re-open Jan. 4th

**The Great King is Born!
A Child is Born to Us!**

The prophet Isaiah announced the birth of a future king who will rule with justice.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. You have given them great joy, Lord: you have made them happy. They rejoice in what you have done, as people rejoice when they harvest grain or when they divide captured wealth. For you have broken the yoke that burdened them and the rod that beat their shoulder. You have defeated the nation that oppressed and exploited your people, just as you defeated the army of Midian long ago. The boots of the invading army and all their bloodstained clothing will be destroyed by fire. A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The LORD Almighty is determined to do all this.

Isaiah 9 2-7.



SILENT NIGHT

Sending warmest thoughts for the brightest of happy holidays to one and all!

Stratford Printing

Holiday Hints:
Help The Season's Warmth Last All Year
(NAPS)—Here's an idea for a gift that's likely to get a warm welcome: Give your friends and family a chance to cuddle up with an automatic heated throw.



A cozy automatic heated throw makes a great gift.

Automatic heated throws can bring a little extra coziness to dens, porches, family rooms, rec rooms and college dorms. They can also save energy by letting you turn the thermostat down, while keeping your comfort level up. Manufactured by Sunbeam-Oster Household Products, they come with three control settings, a ten-foot cord, are UL-approved and designed to virtually eliminate electromagnetic fields.

There are four attractive plaids: midnight blue and white; forest green and white; red and blue; and champagne and white; and the throw can be found at local appliance, houseware and department stores. For dealers in your area call 1-800-8-WARMTH.

GREETINGS

*Christmas trees and candles aglow
Remembered friends and crisp white snow
It's Christmas' warm and cheery touch
That makes the season mean so much!*

The Stratford Star

SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Joy rings out on Christmas morn... that glorious day when Christ was born!"

Stratford Grain

Christ the Lord is Born!

Luke tells of the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

At the time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire, when this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you; you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

Luke 2 1-20.

Baking Corner Tips To Help You

Delicious Pumpkin Bread

CALYPSO CHEESECAKE (Makes one 9-inch cheesecake)

- 1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 1/3 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle® Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons ReaLime® Lime Juice from Concentrate or ReaLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 3 tablespoons light rum, optional
- 1 (20-ounce) can juice-pack crushed pineapple, well drained, reserving 1/2 cup juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

Preheat oven to 300°. Combine crumbs, coconut, margarine and 1/4 cup sugar. Press firmly on bottom and up side of 9-inch springform pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs, 1/4 cup ReaLime® brand and 2 tablespoons rum if desired; mix well. Stir in 3/4 cup pineapple. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50 minutes or until set. Cool. Meanwhile, in small saucepan, mix remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and cornstarch. Gradually add reserved pineapple juice then remaining pineapple, remaining 2 tablespoons ReaLime® brand and remaining 1 tablespoon rum if desired. Over low heat, cook and stir until thickened. Cool. Spread over cheesecake. Chill. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

PUMPKIN BREAD Prep: 10 min. Bake: 60 min.

- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups COMSTOCK® Pure pumpkin (1-16 ounce can)
- 2/3 cup oil

Stir together flour, sugar, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking powder, salt and cloves in large mixing bowl. Lightly beat eggs. Beat in pumpkin and oil. Add to flour mixture, stirring just to combine. Spoon into two 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 3/4-inch loaf pans. Batter will be stiff. Bake at 350°F for 55 to 60 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pans. Cool completely and wrap. Freezes well.

Fruit and Nut Pumpkin Bread: Stir in 1 cup chopped pitted prunes and 1/2 cup chopped nuts.
Yield: Two loaves.

RUM BALLS

- 1 1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
- 1/4 cup BACARDI® Dark rum
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 cups ground walnuts
- confectioners sugar

In medium bowl, combine all ingredients except sugar. Shape into 1" balls. Roll in sugar. Store in tightly covered container. Serves 2 1/2 dozen.



Wishing You
All The Joys Of This
Holiday Season
And The Very Best
Of New Years.

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MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN
Families That Have Fun
Together, Stay Together

(NAPS)—In today's tough economic times, many families are scaling down their budgets and looking for ways to make their entertainment and food dollars stretch further than ever. However, pinching pennies doesn't mean families can't find fun activities to fill their time. A little creativity can go a long way toward inexpensive family fun.

1. PLAY TOGETHER—Try foregoing amusement parks, opting instead for a nearby playground. There's no admission cost and you'll probably find one close to home. A trip to the local zoo can be an inexpensive, fun and educational time for the whole family. Movies on videotape and a bowl of popcorn can turn a rainy day into a fun family gathering.

2. EXERCISE TOGETHER—Taking up a sport is an inexpensive way to invest in your family's health. Dig those old bicycles out from the garage and invest in a child safety seat that fits snugly on the back of an adult's bike.

Walking is also an excellent opportunity for parents and children to spend time together outside their busy schedules. Try taking your family on nature hikes or walking tours of local landmarks. Encourage children to learn more about nature and the world around them.

According to a recently published Shoney's Restaurants Family Values Survey of 1,000 parents with one child living at home, a visit to a national park and/or historic site was listed as a favorite vacation activity for families across the country.

3. EAT TOGETHER—How many times has the whole family been at the dinner table at once? Sixty-nine percent of the respondents in the Shoney's Restaurants Family Values Survey cited eating meals together as the Number



One activity that brings the family together.

There are plenty of ways to stretch a family's food dollar and still enjoy new and unique dining experiences. Whether eating in or dining out, today's families can find values to suit any budget.

Meals prepared at home can cut food costs in half but often become dull night after night. Live up your family's mealtime by preparing a picnic and going to the park or eating outside when the weather is nice.

When you go out to eat, look for restaurants that offer a variety of menu items and value for your dollar. Shoney's restaurants, for example, offer a family night special on Wednesdays, in some markets, where two children age 12 and under eat free with each adult meal purchase. They serve several hearty, homestyle dinners as well as all-you-care-to-eat specials, such as its Soup, Salad and Fruit Bar.

Another cost-cutting device is coupons. Take advantage of these money-savers by clipping them from the weekend circulars in your newspapers. You'll be amazed at the money you save.

The key to living well on a budget is finding fun, inexpensive ways to bring your family together. Whatever you and your family are doing to save money, make it enjoyable. You'll receive a lot more than just a little extra pocket change in return.

Holiday Hints

Santa's Little Helpers Deck The Halls

(NAPS)—This Christmas, set up Santa's workshop in your home and let your children make their own decorative cards and gift wrap. With the help of the craft specialists at Eberhard Faber®, they'll have hours of fun creating trimmings that family and friends will cherish for years.

Kids love to fingerprint, so your kids should love making "thumbprint" reindeer cards; you won't have to worry about the mess if you use Coloray® washable markers. Have your child color his thumb with a red marker

and then press down onto white paper folded like a card; repeat until there are several prints across the bottom of the card. Using a black marker, he can add the reindeer's heads, antlers, and legs, and finish by writing a special holiday greeting.

Kids can let their imaginations run wild as they transform paper bags into personalized holiday gift bags using stencils of Christmas trees and candy canes you've cut out for them. Have them color over the stencils to create flawless images. For bag handles, simply punch a hole in the center of each side of the bag and tie with ribbon.

Have a delightful holiday season that's filled with laughter and fond feelings for all.

Smith Agency

Merry Christmas
from
The Crossroads

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

Glad Tidings

Smooth riding down life's highway
Is what we wish our friends.
And a safe and sound holiday —
Stop in and see us again!

A & I Parts Center &
G & W Industrial

Project Christmas Card

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

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 Baskin & Betty Brown
 Opal Bryant
 Scott, Dana, Carson, Haley & Hunter Buckles
 Bob Burgess
 Oline Caraway
 Richard & Lugenia Carter
 Rex & Bernice Christian
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 Darrell & Mary Lou Cotney
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 Doris Dyess
 Oma Ellison
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 Butch, Nina, Sammy, Buffy & Kyle Ellison
 Ronnie & Marihoward Engelbrecht
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 Bill & Betty Fesler
 Joe & Leeana Flores
 J.W. Flores
 The Mike Flores family
 Ken & Linda Forthman
 June Frizzell
 The Jack Gilley Family
 Patti Jackson Green & Boys
 Don & Elaine Gurley
 Dorothy Haile
 Nettie Harding
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 Steve, Linda, Jennifer, Chris & Tyler Haynes
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