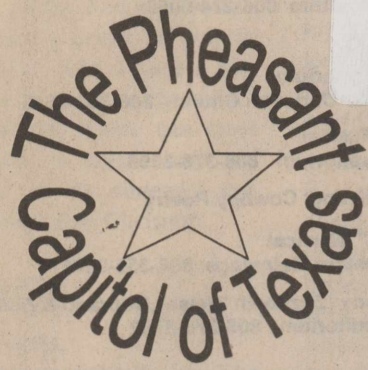


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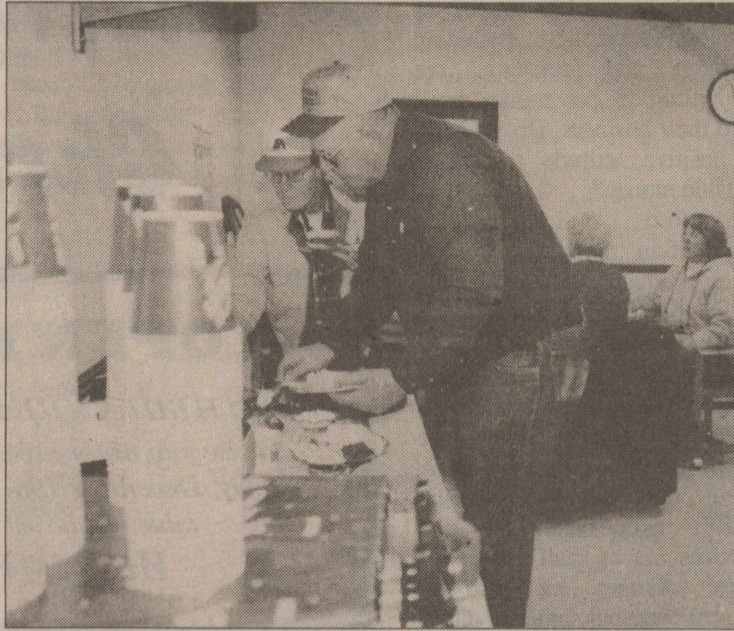
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Long Range Planning for Texas Libraries to be Held

Public libraries throughout the region are hosting long range planning meetings for the Texas Panhandle Library System (TPLS). Sherman County Public Library is a member of the TPLS which is part of the Texas Library System and one of ten regional systems that aid public library development. Library users and other residents are encouraged to come and share ideas on how this state and federally funded system can best help you through your public library.

The regional meeting will be held at the Killgore Memorial Library, 124 S. Bliss St., Dumas on Friday, December 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Amarillo Public Library 413 E. Friday, December 12, 2003. Shown above helping themselves to 4th on Thursday, January 15, 2004 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in public libraries is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Sandy Baskin at the Sherman County Library, 366-2200 or Mary Kay Wells, Texas Panhandle Library System, 806-378-4216.



Open Houses Held Friday

XIT Communications in Stratford held their Open House on Friday, December 12, 2003. Shown above helping themselves to the delicious food are C.W. McMillion and Robert Ragsdale.



First State Bank of Happy held their Open House on Friday, December 12, 2003. Shown above left is Betty Lou O'Brien being served by Jo Hinds.

Adult Community Christmas Cantata Dec. 17th

The Adult Community Christmas Cantata will be Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Come enjoy the bell choirs, traditional Christmas music and refreshments following the program.

First Christian Church Celebrates 100 Years of Service

The First Christian Church of Stratford plans to celebrate one hundred years of worship on January 4, 2004. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a celebratory service delivered by Rev. Joe Harker at 10:45 a.m. A catered lunch will follow the service with an Open House and music from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

FCC-Stratford was organized in 1903 by a dedicated group of Christian men and women. Through times of struggle and times of joy FCC has continued to serve the church family with love and dedication. Please join us in this celebratory service and hear our own Rev. Joe Harker bring a message of hope and joy for the future.



There will not be an issue of The Stratford Star next week, the week of December 25, 2003. Next issue to be printed is Thursday, January 1, 2004. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

Project Christmas Card

It's not too late to donate to Project Christmas Card! Because it slipped up on everyone (Christmas, that is), this year The Stratford Star and GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will put a New Year's Greeting in the Jan. 1 newspaper. So, you have until Monday, Dec. 29, noon, to make your donation to Sherman County Library Fund.

Your gift is used to buy those extra items that make the Library special. Leave your donation at The First State Bank. Do it today before you forget!

There will be no newspaper printed Dec. 25. Remember, this is a great way to send greetings to your local friends. Your name will be placed in the newspaper greeting card.



Sherman County Crimestoppers

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with a new felony crime. In the early morning hours of November 27, person or persons unknown broke into Stratford High School and did several thousands dollars worth of damage and stole multiple fire extinguishers. It is not known at this time the exact dollar amount of the damage incurred.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051.

Sherman County Crimestoppers

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with a new felony crime. In the early morning hours on the day before Thanksgiving a red 1997 Chevrolet pickup was vandalized at the crossroads of F.M. 807 and Hi Lonesome Rd. in Dallam Co., also known as Co. Rd. L in Sherman, Co. There was over \$9,000.00 in damage done to the vehicle.

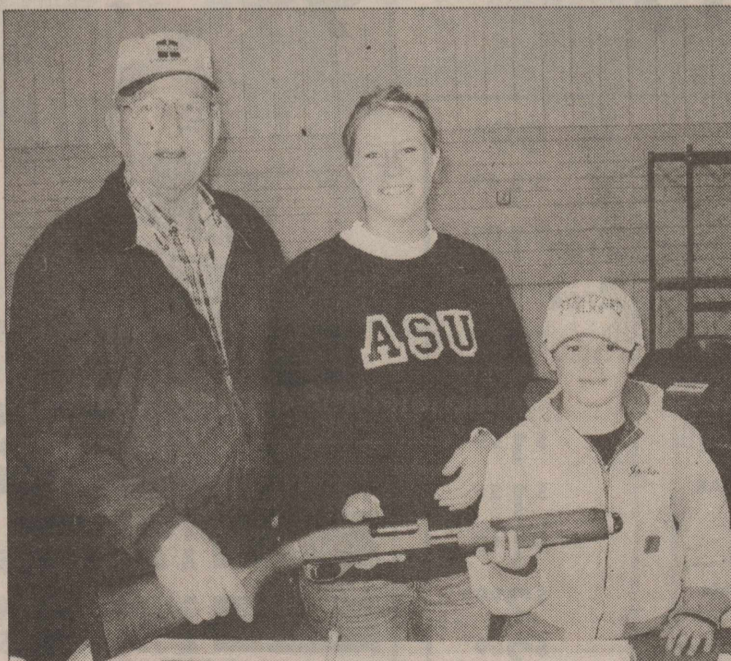
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Angel Tree Project

Stratford Angel Tree Project is helping again this year. If you are interested in adopting an angel from our tree, please come by First State Bank of Stratford located at 302 N. main. Our Christmas Party will be on Thursday evening, on December 18, 2003, at the First Assembly of God Church located at 921 N. Fulton. If you have any questions, you can contact Dianthe Downs at First State Bank at 396-5521.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.



Bell Wins Shotgun

E.R. Bell was the winner of the shotgun given away at The Lions Club Pheasant Hunters breakfast held on Saturday morning. Shown with E.R. are Lion's Club Queen Erin Ashley and Jordan Johnson.



Keely Chumley is shown above at her house on Sunday, December 7, 2003 on the Nu Beta Tour of homes that was held. Also on the tour of homes were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pemberton. If you didn't get a chance to go on the tour, you missed some beautifully decorated homes for Christmas.



The Sherman County Depot Museum was recently visited by a tour bus from Albuquerque, NM on Sunday, November 30th. Shown above are some of the folks that were on the tour. They enjoyed seeing the displays of Rick Reinart Christmas Villages. The Depot Museum held their annual Open House on Sunday, December 7, 2003.

Mungia Graduates

The families of Lori Mungia are proud to announce her completion of the Massage Therapy Program at The Academy of Professional Careers in Amarillo, TX. Lori, with a 4.0 GPA and after 300 hours of intense training, graduated on December 12, 2003. She is now a Licensed Massage Therapist. She also is certified in Equine Sports Massage. Lori is now planning on doing out call appointments in Stratford and surrounding areas.



Glenn Nusz kept busy with biscuit duty at the Lion's Club Pheasant Hunter's breakfast held on Saturday, December 13th - Opening Day of Pheasant Season!

Chamber News

Written by Patty Tims

Patty's Potpourri

Pheasant Hunt

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Pheasant Hunt opening weekend was successful for some and not so for others. Which is the case in any hunt, you never know what will happen. As one hunter stated, "That's why they call it hunting". The group we have returning every year, with John Gill as group leader had a productive hunt and would have had over their limit, if they had shot all the birds they saw. Their advice for a favorable hunt is to have patients and do a lot of walking. And, it helps to have an accurate aim.

This hunt would not have been possible if the land owners had not participated. The Chamber would like to thank those who leased land: Pat Johnson, Don Riffe, Jim Taliaferro, Max Stephenson, John Teig, B.A. Donelson/FSB, Dean Hauser/Coyle, J.D. Henley, Carl Archer, and Leon Graham. A special thank you to Doug May, who donated a section of corn stubble on Saturday, opening day. Also, Red-Man Young, who took a group of our hunters under his wing and invited them to hunt on his land, where they were able to get two birds. Its people like these, especially Doug and Red-Man, who make living in Stratford/Sherman County, worth it.

I would like to add a personal thanks to the Board members who assisted me with opening weekend: Eric Werner and Tim Hudson, who posted signs on leased land. Pat Hartman, for helping check hunters in Friday and furnishing refreshments. Terri Teig, for calling and waking me up for the Lions club breakfast and selling caps. Diantha Downs, for bringing me lunch Saturday afternoon. And a special thanks to Paula

Nusz, former Chamber Manager, for lending her support, expertise, and helping check in hunters Saturday morning. If I have left anyone out I apologize and let me know.

The Church of Christ
Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2003, I went to Goodwell, Ok, to attend a special get together at the Church of Christ student center, Sam Collins minister. Congregations from all over the Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas panhandles help support the Church of Christ student center. Stratford Church of Christ will be providing the noon meals on the 5th Friday of each month. I have stopped and eaten lunch on my way home a couple of times and the meals provided were delicious. An average of 200 students and instructors dine every Friday at the student center. For some of the students, this is the only cooked meal they receive during the week. This is one of the reasons I chose to attend school at OPSU. Like Stratford, it's a small town and people look after on another. We even saw familiar faces, Mr. and Mrs. Swisher, from the Stratford Church of Christ. For all of us poor students, I would like to say thank you to the Church of Christ for providing meals, we really appreciate it.

A Special Note

Gaynelle Riffe, who was our photographer for the Christmas Parade, brought some great pictures into the office this past week. If you would like to see them, stop by the office. Thank you Gaynelle for taking such wonderful photos and for your help with the parade.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I attended a Ports-to-Plains meeting in Denver this week and heard what other communities were doing along the corridor. Several comments were made in surprise that Stratford was not growing with a location on two major highways and two major rail lines. All I could say was I am surprised too. It has only been available about 60 years or more.

The things I see to improve services are of course to remove the bottleneck at the highway-railroad crossroads, but also an area for a larger truck stop and a RV Park. Stratford needs the infusion of outside money as the businesses here, including farming and ranching, are struggling to put money back into their business. Do we have a positive attitude to attract outside money?

Stratford could be a distribution point for rail to truck products. We may be too little too late as there are several along US 54 and US 287.

What you know is more comfortable even if it could be improved. Change results are unknown and are scary. I think about the change since the 1950's with businesses and services cut in half. Some of those changes we had no control over, but some we did.

We need some creative thinking and planning to take advantage of opportunities.

Gaynelle Riffe

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Dec. 18 Big Blue Bands Christmas Concert
Stratford Gym 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18-21 "Man of La Mancha" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstage 806-555-9991
- Dec. 19,20,21 "Christmas in Oz"
Tascoea High School Texas Dance Theatre
Center for Texas Culture 806-274-9050
- Dec. 19 Christmas Pageant
Amarillo Civic Auditorium
Paramount Terrace Christian Church 806-353-6615
- Jan. 6-7 "Seussical The Musical"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Jan. 8 LaRita Annual Meeting Cowboy Poetry
- Jan 15-25 "The Fantasticks" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstage 806-355-9991
- Jan. 24 Amarillo Symphony (Elizabeth Weise, Soprano & Violin)
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782

Obits

Juanita Jean Gross

Juanita Jean Gross, 67, died Sunday, December 7, 2003.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2003 in First Baptist church with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gross was born July 31, 1936 in Tom, Oklahoma. She was a Stratford resident since 1965. She married Alton Gross on November 26, 1955 in Dalhart. She worked with her husband at Gross Escort Service for 37 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Alta Scott and husband, Bob and Brenda Blaser and husband, Danny, all of Southlake; a son, Edwin Gross of Stratford; and four grandchildren, Stephen Scott, Tommy Scott, Ashley Blaser and Brett Blaser.

The family suggests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 403 Pear St., Dumas, TX. 79029

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last Saturday night Christmas Party was attended by several Scoters. Hot cider, coffee and finger foods were served. A reading by Oline Caraway, and Betty McMillion was enjoyed by all. Gift exchange was made and a fun time was had. Thanks to Rose Wells and Lynn Wells for making this possible.

Then this week Thursday, Dec. 18th the Bus will load up and go to Dalhart to eat Mexican food and then tour the town to check out the Christmas lights. Bus to leave Scot hall at 5:45 p.m. Few seats left if you want to go.

A date of January 5, 2004 has been to start playing bingo this time since the first Thursday of the month if a Holiday.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Santa is coming this Friday, Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m. to the Community Center. All children are invited to be on the program-adults, too!

Help is needed sacking the treats Santa ordered, 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

Kerrick Secret Pal Party was Dec. 11 at The Chicken House, hostesses were Donna Gillenwaters, Nita Taylor and Peggy Hawkins. Peggy was ill and couldn't be there. Also ill were Joyce Irlbeck, Marihoward Engelbrecht. Ciccy Harris was delayed by the weather in making it home from the motor escort service.

Pat Boren was on the way home from Pittsburgh, PA., where she had attended a The Irish Tenors concert.

After a great meal, Pals for the past year were revealed. Favors were glass angel bells. Present were Nadine Miller, who was a guest of Lynn Wells and Betty Fry of Texhoma, a guest of Jo June McDaniel.

Others present were Barbara Schoonover, Marylou McDaniel.

Ralph Hampton is home after a hospital stay.

Ralph James and Annette made a fast trip to Illinois on business and combined it with the pleasure of spending time with Laurie, Martin and Lexie Cisneros. They enjoyed the Christmas lights at Bellville.

Jo June McDaniel was happy to receive an e-mail from grandson Travis McDaniel. He is stationed in the Azores.

Pat Boren and Laura Baker of Dalhart attended The Three Tenors concert in Pittsburgh, PA.

Noah Schoonover celebrated his fourth birthday at Folsom, N.M. with his parents Mike & Shelby, grandparents Terry & Barbara, aunt Trisha and cousins Reed, Rett & Rese.

Virgie Mathews moved to Coldwater Manor Friday from Amarillo.

Editors Note

The following articles are written by Mrs. Jennifer Wells Honors English classes, hope you have been enjoying them.

Reason for the Season By Kyla Bell

When you think of Christmas do you think of Santa, reindeer, elves, and presents? Or do you think of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ. At 7 p.m., on Wednesday, December 10, 2003, the First Assembly of God Church in Stratford, TX. Invites all to celebrate the reason for the season at their Annual Christmas Banquet.

There are three committees that switch each year on decorating, serving, and cleaning up at the banquet. This year Brandi Drake's committee is in charge of decorating. The decorations will be done in snowmen. Sheila Audrain's committee will be serving turkey, dressing and giblet gravy, along with vegetable dishes, salads, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and a variety of desserts. After the banquet Margaret Bell's committee is in charge of clean up. Anyone who wishes to help is more than welcome to do so.

Once everyone is done eating Brenda Bell, the church secretary/treasurer, who says, "My favorite part of the banquet is getting to give the Christmas present to the pastor and his wife, Kevin and Darla Anderson, their Christmas present from the church people. Following this will be singing, a skit, or a Christmas story. Ineta Cheshier will be playing the piano during the singing, along with leading everyone in Christmas carols about Jesus, such as "Away in the Manager" and "Silent Night", plus others. The pastor and his wife will also be singing a few songs. Anyone else who volunteers to sing needs to contact the pastor before December 10th. Before everyone leaves, they will be asked to join us in a prayer and then receive bags of goodies.

The First Assembly of God welcomes everyone to join them to celebrate this special season with a reason, so please don't pass up the opportunity.

Giving is Receiving By Kayla Willard

The Christmas season is a time of giving and receiving gifts. One of the greatest joys of this season is giving gifts to people less fortunate than us. Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, is the president of an organization called Samaritan's Purse or Operation Christmas Child that does such a thing. The First Baptist church here in Stratford is a participant in this operation. "No child should be without a present to unwrap on Christmas morning. Our church felt like it would be a blessing to share what we have with those less fortunate than us," says Kelly Willard.

Operation Christmas Child lasts from November 17-24 and is responsible for giving out between 6 and 7 million shoeboxes full of toys for children all over the world. The shoeboxes are distributed in about 95 countries, including Australia, Canada, Ireland, and the United States. This provides a great opportunity for people of all ages to make Christmas an exciting time for these children who otherwise would not get any presents.

The shoeboxes can be filled with toys (as long as they don't encourage violence), school supplies, items for personal hygiene (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc.) and candy. When filling up a shoebox, it is

necessary to decide whether the child it should be sent to needs to be a boy or a girl. There are labels online that can be printed out and taped on the boxes. You can also wrap the boxes, but it is not required.

Besides sending a shoebox, there are other ways to help. There are jobs at the Operation Christmas Child offices. They consist of volunteer recruitment, general promotion, media relations, conference exhibiting, and administrative assistance. Other ways to help are by inspecting, collecting, and sending the shoeboxes. Anything we can do to help would be a huge blessing to the children who receive these boxes.

Running With the Elite By Brittany Hudson

I know some people who never work and never accomplish anything in life. Those that spend hours every day working on the same thing will accomplish great things. Yadira Ortega spent hours on cross-country and made it to state. She drove ten hours to Austin, TX, to run a two-mile race with the best of the best in class 1A cross-country on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

The course at Round Rock, just outside of Austin, TX, is extremely difficult. I was lucky enough to go along with her. The course has no hills really, just several gradual inclines. The shoot, where you finish, is unique and cool. It has vinyl siding, where usually it is just some flags. There is music playing, people announcing times and places, and there are at least 500 spectators, which really gets everyone in the spirit of the race.

Yadira placed 44th out of 105 runner, which is great. That is the top one-half of the state. During the race, people screaming at runners, and the runners run their hearts out trying to win and be the best in state in cross-country. Yadira deserved to go to state. She was not lucky, she was good. Yadira conditioned herself for this day all year. "The will to win is not nearly as important as the to prepare to win"-Bobby Knight. Yadira is a great runner, and she worked her tail off to get to state. While most people were still in bed, Yadira was up at the crack of dawn at least three times a week from August until the week of the state cross-country meet getting into the best physical and mental shape needed for such a grueling race. In addition to the practices, there were cross-country meets held every Saturday at different locations.

A sophomore going to state as an individual is great, and something to be proud of and hope that Yadira's success in cross-country continues her junior and senior year.

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Present were Connie Oquin, Cindy Jackson, Paula Nuzz, Teresa Edmond, Martha Graham, Doris Parsons, Marylou McDaniel.

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Reasons for the Season

Christmas week is here. What are you to? What are your reasons for the season? Let's see if they lie up with the reasons for the season given by God. The Bible says, "When the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law" (Galatians 4:4). Now here are four reasons for the season given by God. Let's start with the last one. Christmas is God's Son born under the Law. This means that when Christ was born, he was subject to all the legal demands of His Father. Christ kept the law perfectly. Christ was "obedient to the point of death" (Philippians 2:8). We are also commanded to "worship the Lord in holy attire" (Psalm 96:9). But we are unable to do what Christ did! We do not satisfy all the legal requirements for heaven! "Our righteous deeds are like filthy garment" (Isaiah 64:6). So, we need to trust in the good works of Christ to get us to heaven! Yes, Christmas is the gift of God's Son born under the Law "in order that He might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:5). Christmas is also God's Son, born of a woman. What a wonderful reason for the season this really is! When Jesus entered the world, God took on human form. So much was this the case that the baby lying in the manger was declared to be "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Now if you do not believe that Jesus is God, who took on appearance as a man, by being born of a woman then you have missed one of the most significant reasons for this season. Allow me to encourage you to align your reasons for the seasons with God.

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Sherman County 4-H'ers, Eric Burton, Brooke Barnard, Jennie Spurlock, and Sunny Russell captured first place honors at the Panhandle District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest held recently.

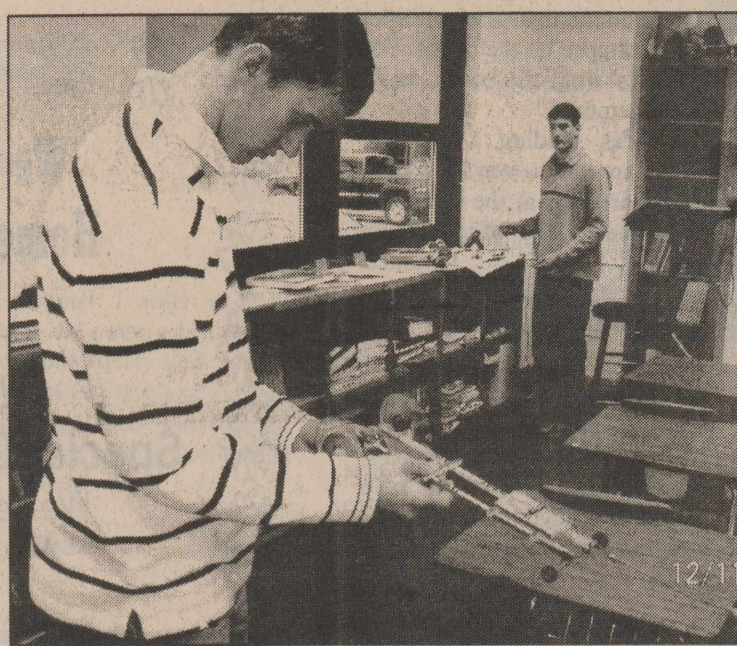
One hundred fifty 4-H'ers from the top 21 counties in Texas gathered at Westover Park Intermediate School for the Panhandle District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl and Food Show December 6, 2003. Each participant earned the privilege of competing at the district level by placing first in respective county food show and nutrition quiz bowl competitions.

In the Food Show competition, youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered the questions in an interview format. 4-H'ers were asked about preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety concerns involving the preparation and storage of their dish, the key nutrients in the product as well as their community services and leadership activities in the foods and nutrition project. Food Show participants representing Sherman County were Shiloh Dickenson, Jennie Spurlock, Eric Burton, Sunny Russell, Ryan Pendergrace, Autumn Witcher, Simsy Valdez,

Rebecah Pollack, and Rhyan Burton.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest supplements the Food and Nutrition Project. Members learn self-discipline, observation, listening, and making and defending decisions through this semi-competitive setting. Sherman County was represented with a junior and intermediate team. Junior team members were Rhyan Burton, Autumn Witcher, and Kaylee Harris. Intermediate team members were Eric Burton, Brooke Barnard, Sunny Russell and Jennie Spurlock. The Intermediate team took first place honors at the contest. Volunteer coaches for Nutrition Quiz Bowl were Becky Harris and Connie Burton.

4-H is a national youth program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. District Sponsors of the contest include the Texas Extension Education Association and Arrowhead Mills of Hereford. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



The Conceptual Physics class at the high school constructed cars powered by mousetraps to apply some of the concepts that they have learned about laws of physics and motion. The students raced their cars on Thursday, Dec. 11. The cars were evaluated on performance, distance, design, and applications of physics, concepts learned to enhance their performance. Members of the class are Miranda Dickenson, Cassie Harbour, Josh King, Amber Larance, John Tims, Kevin Walls, Tanya Whatley, Carson Buckles, Ashlee Glock, Tyler Haynes, Mark Miller, Chris Ortega, Craig Reinart, Jason Roberts, Luis Trejo, Stephanie Washburn, Kayla Willard, and Adam Witcher. The class is taught by Dan Hembree. Shown above with their cars are left, Tyler Haynes and Stephanie Washburn.



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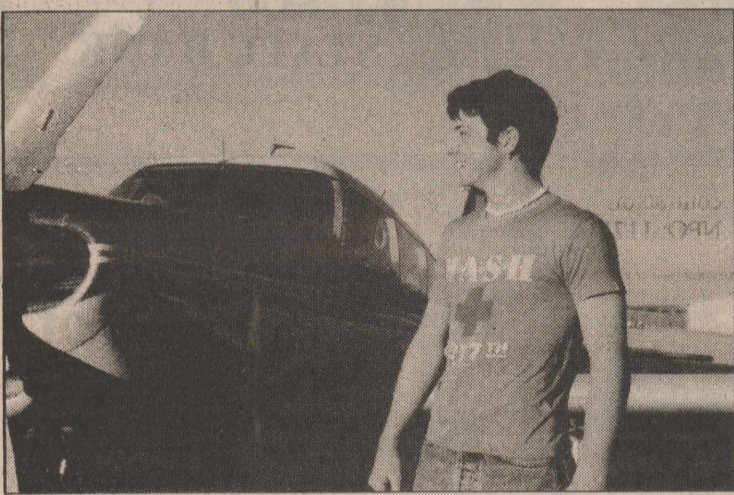
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Sangster to graduate Salutatorian

Jacob Don Sangster the son of Don and Yvonne Sangster of Texhoma, Texas will graduate Salutatorian of his class on December 19, 2003, from the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK. Jacob began his studies in Quality Control Technology at Spartan in July of 2002. He has completed an Associate of Applied Science Quality Control Technology with a 4.0 grade point average. He was also selected as Student of the Quarter and listed on the Presidents Honor Roll. While attending Spartan, Jacob worked part time at the Spirit Soul and Body Gymnastics School and the Spartan School of Aeronautics Library. He plans to further his education at the Spartan Flight School and pursue his Bachelor Degree in Aviation Management.

STRATFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL UIL RESULTS Dec 5, 2003

5th Spelling

1st Tyler Wright

6th Lindsy Confer

6th Dictionary Skills

4th Lyndsi Thiessen

5th Dictionary Skills

1st Heidi Brooks

4th Kyle Horsford

6th Music Memory Team

5th Channing Ziemann, Kelsi Dennis, Lyndsi Thiessen

5th Maps, Graphs & Charts

2nd Kyle Horsford

6th Matthew Chaffee

6th Ready Writing

1st Lyndsi Thiessen

5th Channing Ziemann

5th Listening

4th Heidi Brooks

5th Matt Correll

6th Matthew Chaffee

6th Spelling

5th Sunny Russell

6th Janeth Reyes

5th Number Sense

1st Kyle Horsford

4th Kimberly Melton

6th Mathematics

3rd Janeth Reyes

3rd Eric Burton

6th Kelsi Dennis

5th Art Team

4th Bryce Cummings, Tyler Wright, Lindsy Confer,

Kimberly Melton, America Terrazas

6th Listening

2nd Jace Delgado

6th Maps, Graphs and Charts

6th Eric Burton

5th Ready Writing

5th Kimberly Ricks

6th Number Sense

2nd Eric Burton

5th Sunny Russell

5th Oral Reading

6th Tyler Wright

6th Oral Reading

2nd Jennie Witcher

7th Number Sense

1st Margarita Rocha

2nd Brooke Barnard

8th Ready Writing

5th Samantha Hart

6th Hailey Long

7th Dictionary Skills

1st Deborah Molina

4th Sinead Everett

8th Dictionary Skills

5th Michael Frizzell

7th Maps, Graphs & Charts

1st Brooke Barnard

5th Deborah Molina

8th Number Sense

3rd Craig Kautz

5th Kristen Crabtree

7th Mathematics

1st Brooke Barnard

5th Clayton Johnson

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3rd Jordan Confer

6th Michael Reinart

7th Listening

5th Brady Booth

8th Listening

1st Yadira Rojas

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1st Kristen Crabtree

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8th Science II

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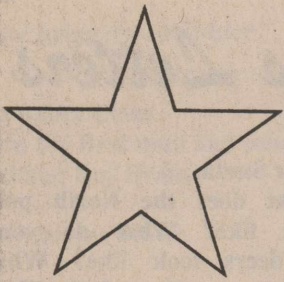
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Homes. We would also like to
show our appreciation to The
Stratford Star and Penny
Boyd for helping us to
publicize the event in the
newspaper and on the T.V.
channel. In addition, we wish
to extend a thank you to all of
the community members who
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BASKETBALL



The Lady Elks won 1st place in the Stratford Tournament. Alisha Sladek was named MVP and Erin Ashley was named All-Tournament. In front L/R: Heather Seiler, Lindsay Stein, and Amber Larance. In back L/R: Allison Baskin, Alisha Sladek, Deidre Tarver, Erin Ashley and Yadira Ortega. Congratulations!



The Stratford Elks won 3rd place in the 74th Annual Stratford Invitational Tournament held this past Thursday and Friday. Named All-Tournament was Tyler Haynes and Josh King. In front L/R: Chris Ortega, Case Crabtree, Travis Soto and Jason Ashley. Standing L/R: Brady Bell, Josh Lanning, Asbel Gomez, Cory Rendon, Jason Roberts, Tyler Haynes and Josh King. Congratulations!

The 7th grade Lady Elks lost 25-29 to Sunray on Monday, December 8th. Sinead Everett led the Lady Elks in points with 18 and Stephanie Bell followed with 7 points.

The 7th grade Elks beat Sunray 43-26. Brent Reed led the Elks with 18 points followed by Angel Resendes with 13 points. Also scoring was Manuel Chavoya and Kaleb Horsford

3 points each for the Elks were Asbel Gomez, Josh Lanning, and Jason Ashley.

with 4 points each and Jon Seawright and Justin Lanning with 2 points each.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 33-14 on Monday, December 8th. Jordan Confer was high point with 10 points followed by Ivy Valenzuela with 5 points. Kristen Crabtree added 4 points for the Lady Elks followed by Whitney Reese and Cassie Beasley with 3 points each and Kelsey Stein, Darcy Rosales, Yesenia Ibarra and April Peregrino with 2 points each.

The 8th grade Elks beat Sunray 43-25. Craig Kautz led the Elks with 14 points followed by Sandro Gomez with 10 points. Also scoring was Corey Carter 5 points, Hunter Buckles and Joey Reta 4 points each, Matt King, Julio Torres, and Dillynn Williams 2 points each.

The Lady Elks beat Channing on Tuesday, December 9th. Amber Larance led the Lady Elks with 11 points followed by Deidre Tarver with 8 points. Scoring 7 points each was Alisha Sladek and Yadira Ortega. Also scoring were Erin Ashley with 4 points and Allison Baskin with 2 points.

The Stratford Elks won 3rd place in the Stratford Tournament held this past weekend. Named All-Tournament was Tyler Haynes and Josh King. In the Elks first game, they beat Lazbuddie 67-

20. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 19 points followed by Josh King, Asbel Gomez, and Cory Rendon with 8 points each. Also scoring were Travis Soto and Jason Ashley with 6 points each, Chris Ortega, Case Crabtree, and Josh Lanning with 4 points each. In the Elks 2nd game, they lost 25-41 to Stanton Co. High point for the Elks was Tyler Haynes. Also scoring were Asbel Gomez 4 points, Travis Soto 3 points, Chris Ortega, Josh Lanning, and Jason Ashley 2 points each and Josh King 1 point. In their final game, the Elks lost 28-40 to Channing. Chris Ortega led the Elks with 8 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 6 points and Josh King with 5 points. Scoring

Santa Claus Letters

The Santa Claus letters start here and will continue on through the following pages. We hope you enjoy them.

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Preston Burr

Dear Santa,
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Chase Lutes

Dear Santa,
I want a playstachen 2, a farm with horses in it and money for my mom and dad. A laptop.

From Alex

Dear Santa
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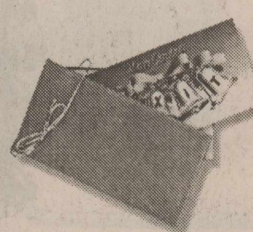
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me computer
Vanessa Barajas
Dear Santa Claus
I want the Brat mall and some
Brats and Boy Brats.

Dear Santa calls
Dear Santa for christmas I
want a motorsycle and a
computer.
Love Angelica Reyes
Dear Santa
I want a new dress, Dady day
care the move, polly jet

Dear Santa Closs,
Would you please give me a
dog or a puppy. On
Chirstmas I will open presets
but if a don't get a dog or a
puppy that is ok. I would like
some dog toys too.
Love Janette

Dear Santa,
I wish for a moter skooter
and a polly pocket mall.
Emily York.
Dear Santa
May I have a N Box box
game? And a baseball x box
game? Please get me 2 50
packs of yagio cards. And a
laptop.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me mermaid
barbie,
Brianda Rocha
Dear Santa
Please bring me talking baby
and a stuffed animal
Kelsey Pickens

Dear Santa
Thank you for the presents
you brought me last year
please bring me a babie jeep
and a kitten and a puppe and
a box of crans and a cd
player and a foon.
Love Belle Werner

Dear Santa
I want chaps for christmas.
Can you make chaps? If you
can make chaps? If you can
will you make some pleasee.

Love Mazie Rae Vincent
Dear Santa Claus
Dear Santa I want all Yu-ge-
ou cards and a playstain #2
and a gameboy advares and
Dragon ball z #2 game boy
and take 2# for playstasan
and twister moves.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope
you have a great Christmas.
Will you give me a list of
raindeers. I hope you have a
good ride. Am I on the noty
list.? I am going to get a horse
I hope? I hope Mrs. Rouse
has the best Christmas.

Love Nathan Bennett-Farris
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle.
Holton Butler

Dear Santa
Please bring me skateboard.
Jorge Rosas
Dear Santa,
Please Bring me a trampoline
Kobi Garza

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blue car.
Stone Tarver

Dear Santa,
I wish for a large
motorscooter and I wish for a
little remotcar toy and I want
a netendo with games and 2
controls.

Love Angen Rangel
Dere Santa I wunt a BarBey
CD player.

Love you Santa, Merry
Christmas
Sterling
Dear Santa,
Do you know that I am mean
or nice? Do you really live in
the north pole? Do you have a
wife? I was wondering if you
had a good Thanksgiving. If
you go to my house I will give
you milk and cookies. I want
for Chirstmas a baby and a
Brat and a Santa doll. Thank
you

Dear Santa
Please bring me Barbie.com
Yadhira Chavoya
Dear Santa
Please bring a remote control
car.
Andres Reyes

Dear Santa
Please bring me a barbie.com.
Erika Ortega
Dear Santa
Please bring me blue car.
Manuel Villegas

Dear Santa,
I've been good. Please bring
me some presents. Tell me
what kind of cookies you
want. "I belive in you. Some
children don't belive in you.
But I do santa. Please bring
me a big bear and some
clothes.
Love, Ana Reyes

Dear Santa
Thank you for the toys last
year. I hope you had a good
mary christmas last year how
are your randers. Santa tell
your elfs thank you for the
toys I hope you have a good
mary christmas this year. Dear
Santa, can I have a scooter,
please and a toy jeep, playdo,
a the games twister and gliter
pens well santa thas all. for
now. Marisela

Love Anrelio Lozano
Dear Santa, you have good
raindears espealy Rudof
with the red nose for
Chastmas I will always like
the present you bring me. You
like me so I will to and that
means we are best friends for
ever. What I want for
Christmas is a dirt bike,
macanic bull, myle, forwiller,
horse, pony, more snow slay,
snake and a puppy.

Dear Santa,
I would like a My Size Swan
Lake Barbie. I would also like
you to have a great
Christmas.
Love and Merry Christmas,
Landry Davis

Dear Santa
Please bring me a dirt bike
and a motorcycleagocart and
a puppy and a four wheeler.
Love Adrian Lopez
To Santa
A rile girl house cat a H2
romatckinterall car. A new cd
player that works.
From Kaylee Mungia

Dear Santa
Please bring me a guitar
Alex Farney

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year?
I hope you had a good
Thanksgiving. I was
wondering if you went to
shool. And is it hard to keep
warm in the sleigh. Thank
you making all the toys for
christmas. For this year I
would like sither the sky
dragin and deckholder. Am I
on the good or bad list?
Merry Christmas
Hunter

Dear Santa,
How do you geb to houses?
How do you and your
reindeers fly? How do your
elves make toys? Santa Claus
how did you and your wife
meet each other? What does
the North Pole look like? Hi
Santa, my name is Suzzette. I
have black hair and brown
eyes. I live in Stratford and
our mascot is ELKS. For
Christmas I want a My
Scencar. For Christmas I
want a real car. For
Christmas I want a pet
puppy. For Christmas I want
a electric guitar. For
Christmas I want a DVD
Player. For christmas I want a
basketball.

Love Bethany Everett
Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a Cat bring
me a Barbie car bring me a
Baby doll please bring me a
T.V.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa clos
did you have a good day at
halwing you have a nis dakit
kan you ples giv me n x men
comikdoks ples and a drt bik
ples.
Derrek Hager
Dear Santa
What I want is a gameboy a
hd a GI Joe Toy and some
shirts and a go cart and
Love Colton
Dear Santa
Plese brerng me foun oxbx a
napledsefray meadirft bike

Dear Santa
#1 I please want a palm.
#2 Can I please have a
Monster phone.
And I want a pin thing that
you stik your hand in and
makes art. I really want one
of those. I want some aTm
and Texas Tech clothes. I
want some books of some sort.
And maybe a thing that is on
a string and has a net and the
soccer ball is in the net. Well
thats all
Thanks, Alex Asher

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year?
I hope you had a good
Thanksgiving? I was
wondering if you went to
school? And is it hard to keep
warm in the sleigh? Thank
you for the present last year.
What I would like is, a sister,
polly pocket, my little baby,
Mary Kate and Ashley toys,
and a car. I hope you know
my birthday is in February
the 25, I am going to be 8
years old. So I don't like that
baby stuff.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a snack, a baby
girl with blue yes, and a
stroller for her! Please tell
Rudolph the Red Nosed
Reindeer "hi" for me! I am
trying hard to be a good girl!

Suzzette Palma

Love, Selena Coroy

Luv Alex Galla

Good by Santa!
See you on the 25!
Britney

Love Kenlee McBryde, age 2
Dear Santa
Woudd you prety plesse get me
a new bike, skarebord,
basketball, new dirt bike, and
my one frunt tooth
From Omar Duran

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Santa this Christmas I won't a playstahon two and a truck that has a remot coltrol so I can drive it, and I also want a gun and yo gish cards for chrismas and a soccer ball, a bike and I also won't some games for the playshashon two and a game cube, a Xbox, a nentendo sixty for and the games and also won't drogen ball 2 toys and I also want a big tv and a gave boy advns and the drogen ball 2 game and a heripoter game for chrismas this ger and tell doodos I want to no now you goe the red nose and plesse santa brenge me toys for chrismas and tell all of the radders I am ther frinds and I want some solgers so I can play with them and a competer and a game with it a hotwile game so I can play rases and I also won't a new game for super nitendo and for the playstation game to a cool one that's cool.

Daniel Acosta

Santa Clause yo quiero unas jugetes, unos tenis, ropa.

Gracias Santa Clause

Itzel Salcido

Dear Santa Clause,
I want some more snow and a bugs bunnies for my mom and I want eveybody to be together for Christmas and and I want mackeup and a teaphon my ante to get well, soon and a tv in my room and a ver with it and a bunch of toys.

Your friend Samanth

Dear Santa,
I only want 2 things the first thing is toys, and the second thing is for my family to have the best Christmas they have ever had and not get stuck in snow and all families to have a Merry Christmas

Love Haydee Rojas

Dear Santa Clause,
This are some thing I want for Christmas. First, I want some shouse and close. Next, I want Y barbies and a puppy. Finaly, I want everbody have a nice Christmas.

Love, Diana

Dear Santa

I want makup, for Christmas. I especially want my family to be together on Christmas. Santa I want lots of toys. I even want more snow. Bye Santa

Your friend, Karen

Dear Santa

For Crismas I wont a game cube with a race car game about Mario and the stogest monster of yu gi- oh but I want the stronest monster but I want all of it and I want cool game for I can play with my gamecube but I iven want race car but I want 1 of mario.

Saul

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my gift last year, the bike, the computer games, and all of the other things that I got last Christmas, but this year I want a careokey muchen a jewelry box. Thanks again,

Meghan M. Brooks

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a motor scooter for my birtday on Suterday and a labtop, a go car, ax box. And I hope you will come to my birtday.

You friend, Israel

Dear Santa,

I hope you and your elf's have a good Christma. I wish I could see you and your elf's. I wish for a Ps2 and aa army with real people, that are in the army. My birtday is July 2nd and I am 7 years old.

Madeline

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year? I hope you had a good thanksgiving. I was wondering you went to school. I like cookies and you like Santa. I want a football and a bike.

Victor Ortega

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year? I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. I was woder if you went to school. And is it hard to keep warm in the sleigh? Thank you for making all the toys for Christmas. For this year I would like!!!! Santa can you bring me a ballbrat and a bike a bran new backpack of a brate and a little car so I can ride it.

Merry Chrismas-Mayra

Dear Santa

Could you plesse get me a bike, rolerscats, coputer

Love Dylan

Dear Santa

I want tee p, makeup, perucet, play hose, muncebors,

Madison

Dear Santa

I want a large troplen and a tent, a sleepingbage.

To Daina,

Sant Clas

Alberto to SC

I want a simiy and a smebord too.

Dear Santa,

I want a computer, a guitar and a hungry hippos game. I Love you

Brady Cross

Dear Santa:

I want a train and a ppickup truck thanks and I love you

Tell Cross

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa, I love you. Would you please bring a teddy bear, a firetruck, and a tractor. Please bring Sissy a new book to read.

Your friend,

Bret Brooke
Please bring cowboys and indians and sissy some clothes. T.C. needs a new leash. Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Game Boy Advance SP in the dark gray color for Christmas this year. I would also like an Incredible hulk, Madden Football 2004 or an F-14 Tomcat game to play on it. I think I have been a good boy this year. I play with my brothers all the time and help my mom and dad keep up with the. Have a safe trip.

Jackson McBryde

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a b ouncy ball and a turantula and a computer.

Love Aidee Navarrete

Dear Santa, How are you doing this year? I hope you had a good Thingiiveing. I was wonderfla. I want a go-game walking pud and a polly mall and a blue and red skat shoos and hamsters and a kage.

Merry Christmas
Diana

Dear Santa

I don't whant presents I only want Emly to be my girlfriend.

Love
Corey Seaton

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. I was wondring if you went to school. And is it hard to keep warm in the slegh? Thank you for making all the toys for this year. I would like a deul disk. All the Yu-gy-oh cards in the world. A new football. And my Cartoon Network and Nick.

Ben

Dear Santa,

I love you? I hope you had a good thtgingiv. Wold you send a hont dock to me. How do you stay warm in twertmeexather?. Cold you put me with you to help you give out toys? Think you for, everything. Last year. I only want a few things this year. TV, h is a sunring and a fuldimson. Merry Chmas
Joshua Johnson

Dear Santa,

I am good. I wont a pants and a shirt and chocolate cookes. I wont my mom to have a boy and I wont a big bike and toys ball and instrument, 10 books, 1 teddy beat, 2 sweaters.

Love, Erika Robles

Dear Santa,

I've been good. Please bring me some real make-up andd a Game boy with a game.

Love Carina fon 'friend
Santa

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a CD player a CD player a scooter with a motor I have been so good so could you bring me 2 skateboards and a pair of skates. I wont have a chimney

Love Darton

Dear Santa,

I want a X Box Bat I don't have a chimney and I been really giting my grade up and watch out for my puppy. I will leave cookies and milk I hope you like Oreos.

Signed Steven Alaniz

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Best wishes to all our fine friends and neighbors. Thank you for coming in this year.

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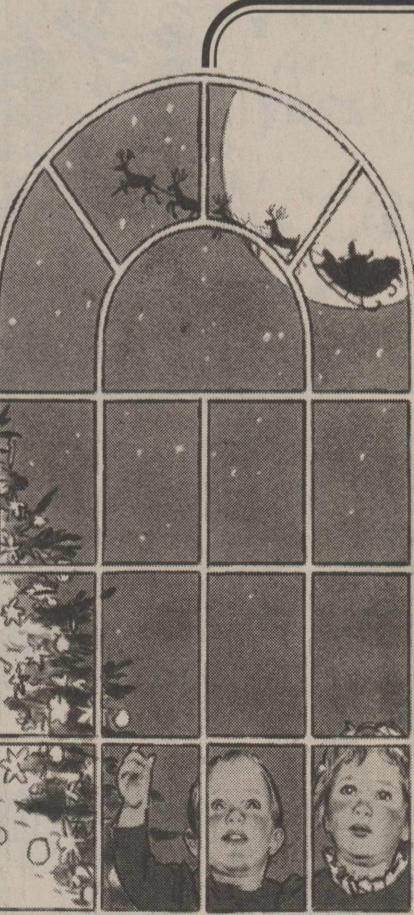
We Know You've Been Good!

Because you've been good, we're sending our very best wishes for a season that's merry and bright.

How do we know?
Just look at all the joy you've brought to us!

Merry Christmas!

Thriftway



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Wishing you a holiday filled with magic, wide-eyed wonder and excitement. We hope you enjoy every minute of it ... straight through the new year!

Thanks for being a faithful friend and customer.

Stratford Flying Service

Dear Santa

I am ritting this litter to you. Because I want to let you now that I want some close for christmas and a ring and some braselits, nikleses. I wanted that for a long time but my mom and dad won't get me the braslets and ring and niklis so I hope you cud get me the thanks for christmas and I wish you santa a mary Christmas.

To: Santa from Gaby Reyes and plese Santa bring us a lot of snow in Stratford I love you Santa.

Dear Santa

I want for Christmas is a Game Cube and a Godzilla game and I want a paint ball gun and I want a Gameboy and I want a Godzilla movie. I want is a X box and I want a Monster Zero toy. I want was a hockey game labetop Yu-Gi-Oh monster trading cards and I want to have the blue eyes pack and I want to have Twisted metal blackits for Playstation 2 and I want to have a Air hockey game and I want to have a Gun Shooting game and I want a board game.

Love Albert Ortega

Dear Santa clause, How is everyone at the north pole? I would like a hot wheels race track. I hope you come to my house

Love Alex Shoemaker

Dear Santa, Please bring a power rangers and a Starwars toy.

Love Daniel Sanchez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a cat and Play Station 2

Love Gerardo Romero

Dear Santa, Hey Santa Claus how are you? I got glasses. How is Rudolph. I love you. You are a cool man. Are the deer ok? It is very cold. Keep warm. How is Mrs. Claus? Tanner want' \$50 me to. Whitney wants a blue doll house. It has to be blue. If you can not find one give her \$50. I want long johns to. Get Tigger a tigger rocking house. Mom wants \$50, so does dad. I like cowboys. I think you are very cool. I have two new friends, they are Boston Hudson and Alex.

Trenton Stone

Dear Santa Clause, Please bring me a doll with a blue dress and a blue bruch and some blue shoe that fit her.

Vanessa Mendoza

Dear Santa, Marcos Want I want for Christmas is a 077 game for a play stayson 2. It's called 077 night fire. And another game its called Madden 2003. And a paintball gun. And a top. And a X box and a X box game called hockey. And a labetop. And a computer. And you-gi-oh tranning card game I want all the cards. I want a air hockey games. I want a giant intergalactic electronic game book.

By Marcos I love you Santa

Dear Santa, Please bring me toys for christmas and a boat, Barb DVD Player, bowl of fish, fish boll fish food.

Love Amber Jimenez

Dear Santa, I've been very good. So, this is what I want for christmas. Can you bring lots of snow? I rely want a c-d player, a laptop, my bouthter whants a train to go around the tree. I also want you to visit our house second. And go to Kaylee Mungias first. I all so want the c-d player to be portable. That all I want for Christmas.

Your friend Kaylee Harris

Dear Santa, I want dums for christmas and dum stiks with it and a bag of toys.

From Jemy

Dear Santa,

How do you keep warm in the very cooled snow. How do the elves do the toys? How is Dasher and comet doing and the rest of the reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus find? My family and I are very happy because Christmas is coming I'm very supers because my family and I want clothes and shoe and socks. My favorite sport is soccer and basketball. This is my favorite holiday in the entire world. I am a good girl in my house and school to. I would like school things. I would like computer and a new backpack. I would like new crayons. I would like a lamp that turns off when I clap my hands at night. I would like a radio. I would like a puzzle. I would like a CD player. How good have dasher, donner, comet, vixen, prancer and rudolph. Have a hoppy christmas. My sisters want toys they like to play with them every day they get home.

Jacqueline Gonzalez

Dear Santa I want a race car track, play stashon 2 and boots and macknicill Pincelles 12 pleas! I would love some clone! New gloves, a new coat, a new Dell computer! Enter net please a rowebot commander!

Bobby

Dear Santa, How are your reindeers today? How is Rudolph Santa Claus? I hope you enjoy what I left you in my house. How can you fit through the chimney? Santa I will be asleep when you come to my house. I live in the country too. I hope you do not get sick. Try to not forget that I left you some thing. Santa can you bring my family fun and a good Christmas. Now what I want for Christmas is Nynja Turtles. Merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Marisol Zamudio

Dear Santa I want Hulk watch, shoes, huld hands buzzlighyear starcommand, hot wheels

Love Miguel Rosales

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a remotecontrol, hot wheels, a remote control helicopter and with guns.

Alex Riffe

Dear Santa I want a dollhouse,

Love Whitney Stone

Dear Santa

I want \$50.00 Love Tanner Stone

Dear Sant I want reindeer toy, Merry Christmas

Jordan Johnson

Dear Santa I want toys, shoes, princess Barbie, markers.

Monica Reyes

Dear Santa, I want Barbie Doll

Rubie Jimenez

Dear Santa Claus: My name is Stone W. Tarver. This year for Christmas, I would like a remote control, blue, 4-wheeler. My Mom says that I can have about 4 gifts from you, so could I also have a middle sized bike, blue and game for my game boy called, flip and a Game Cube for my TV in my bedroom, with some games to play on the Game Cube and Boy Flip. Please bring other gifts to the kids in Stratford that have been nice. I will try to be very nice too. Please remember my sister Deidre with a few girl type gifts.

Love, Stone Tarver

Dear Santa,

I think I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a Tycoon roalercoaster 2 game. I already have Tycoon roalercoaster 1. If you can find this I would like a CD player for my room. with a cd. I think that will be all for this year.

Your friend Grayson.

Dear Santa

I know I have been very bad this year but can I have forgyness. I would like to realy like to have a drumset, BB gun, paint ball fun, Xbox, yugocards, play station 2 and tony Halks123, air hocky and a laptop computer with internet.

Love always Trey

Dear Santa, I would like a porclin doll that's a girl. Anything that's cat. I would also like black bell bottems. I wantat their brand to be Mredd. I would like Gameboy advanced color. I want a little kitten please. I want a scooter (with blue wheels.

Sighened, M'Lynn Wells



Let us spread His message of peace and goodwill to all men.

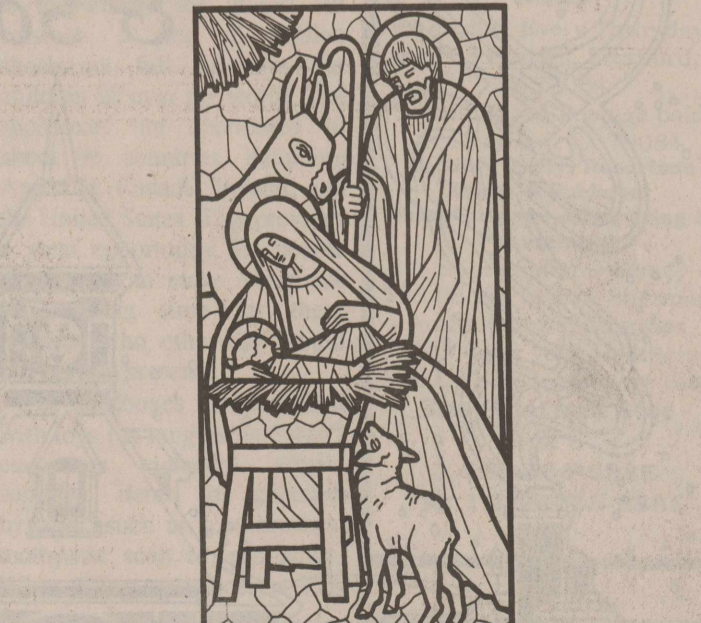
C & D Body Shop



Betty Brown's Medical Claim Service

Joy to the World. May the Holy Infant bless you and yours with peace and lasting joy. Marjory Munden CPA

Peace & JOY. A great combination. Thanks, friends! Hair Creations



Away In A Manger. Just as the angels came to spread the word, we'd like to spread our best holiday wishes to you and your family this season.. Blessing to all with sincere thanks.

Elk Pharmacy

Dear Santa Playstahen 2 pleass and a Game Battleshep and I want more snow and a little remote control car pleass Santa I wunt a labetap \$5,00 and a Pool and a cludhouse and a lectree scuter.

Love Leo

Dear Santa, I shoes, hulks hands, hot wheels, shoes, shoes, shoes, shoes, shoes, shoes.

Love Juan Camberos

Dear Santa, I think I had been good this year. Can I have a blue bike. Can I have a movie that's George of the Jungle 2. Can I have a laptop. Can I have a batterscooter and a cd player.

Sincerely Elizabeth Reyes

Dear Santa, I want a t.v. for my mom. I want a dvd player and a telephon. I want a labetop. I want games. I want a reiphater. I want a winter wonderwonderland, I want a car.

By Karina

With Wishes Warm & Bright. May your heart and your home be warmed by the spirit of Christmas this season. W & C Land & Cattle Wesley, Cindy & Mark Miller

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Dear Santa,
How can your reindeers fly? Do you ring bells on Christmas? Are you going to fill my stockings with good things? Whose the best reindeer? My whole family been good! On Christmas morning you can come to my house and you will see some cookies and a glass of milk. Santa sices my family been good will you give us lots of presents? I live in Stratford, Texas! And my phone number is 396-56-28. And when you come to git the cookies and milk there will be a present for you! Santa I know all your reindeers names! Is it snowing at your house or is snow on the ground? Do you have your Christmas tree up yet? Do you have a hill so you can ride down it with a sled. Is it fun riding in a sleigh with the reindeers? I an' wait until you come and give me presents! Is the North Pole big or small? It is not snowing at my place but there is snow on the ground. There used to be lots of snow in the street and a tractor picked it up and brought it to the bank and it made a big hill. My family played on the hill. I want lots of candy. I want a guitar. I want big playground that can fit in my backyard! I also want a balloon and a t ing to play with in the snow. nd do not forget the wagon! inse I don't need much I just ant 2 more things. I want a ox of cereal and a rabbit. The End!

Ellie Daniels

Dear Santa
I want drum set, walkie talkie, rudolph toy.

Love Kevin

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie doll Bear.

Love Mariah Lopez

Dear Santa
I want Princess Bear and shoes and \$50.00

Love Danielle Ramos

Dear Santa
I want power rangers

Antonio Rangel

Dear Santa
I want Power Ranger, remote control wrist.

Skye Thompson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a train. I would also like a teddy bear. I will leave you some milk & cookies

Love, Drestyn

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I want a Fur Real Kitty. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love Brooke

Dear Santa,

I want a PS 2 and a game and Id do for gamboy crd and a I want a game boy evets and I want a trampling and a basketball crt in my room and a laptop and a computer and a power anger mountain bick and snow around the crsmetree and a punching bag of reed and dar b mothe debor that gord chvin j with nowes. And I want a DVD player ove two fast two furies.

From Sheldon

Dear Santa,

How ar you doing? I love you. Did you go to school like me? Thank you for the toys last year. I want a tea set, a besle chackct wawer and a new scarf. Am I on the badd list, is Rudolph? Do you like Halloween, Thanksgiving or the 4th of July.

Marry Christmas!
Kathy

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me Baby Anna Belle if I'm really, really, super good? And can you bring Brady a toy truck? Thank you for my presents last year.

Love Jaycie Wheeler

To Santa
1. X Box 2. Jack and Paxterii 3. The movie Elf 4. My family to have a good Christmas 5. The hobbit 6. A new bike

No signature

Dear Santa
I only whant a pokot nife and a moter scooter and for Mrs. Wheeler I want you get her a puppy.

Steffan

Dear Santa, For Cristmas, I want a Drum set if you can't get me that I ges I want a snear drum. I live wher the fens waters youst to live.

Sinsyrlly Niicolas Lafaente
Ples open this up

Dear Santa I want rescue heroes

Love Josh Garza

Dear Santa,

I want a Princess Lulia Cocoboa,

Love,
Zellia

Dear Santa,

For cimmet I wate a DVD ples, a nal palls, a tos, and of sand, colormixer, and a little bany and rell dog and cat and cannd and find polard and dard and a and taboo, labtop and matste.

Love, Violet

Dere Sant Claus
Ples bring me a drums set with sick to hit them with and a moterscrter and a new bick, I want it blua a new a toy on it truck and a muste truck with a moken chou ples.

From Josh

Dear Santa
I want a moterscooter and a whitetige stoft anamel for my teacher. And I want a jearys of 49ers and a drumseat.

Brandon

Dear Santa,

I wish it I can have drum set plus Drum Line sound track and the movie gost busters and spy kids 3-D.

From Ivan Torres

Dear Santa,

I want The Cat in the Hat move, a Rittena litterbox, cat food and cat bed, a perucet, makeup, julry, another bat, a Barbie house, a sed plaer, some close, mucky bars, a newthee, Hellokitty sheets, Hello Kitty covers, a new swet surst, a Barbie tent.

From Madison

Dear Santa,
I want a cellphone, I want a stereo. I want more game boy advance games. I want a gabe boy advance. I want a labtop. I want a plasm tv. I want a dvd player. I want more ballarina shoes. I want a watebed. I want a reiphater. I want a witer wonderland.

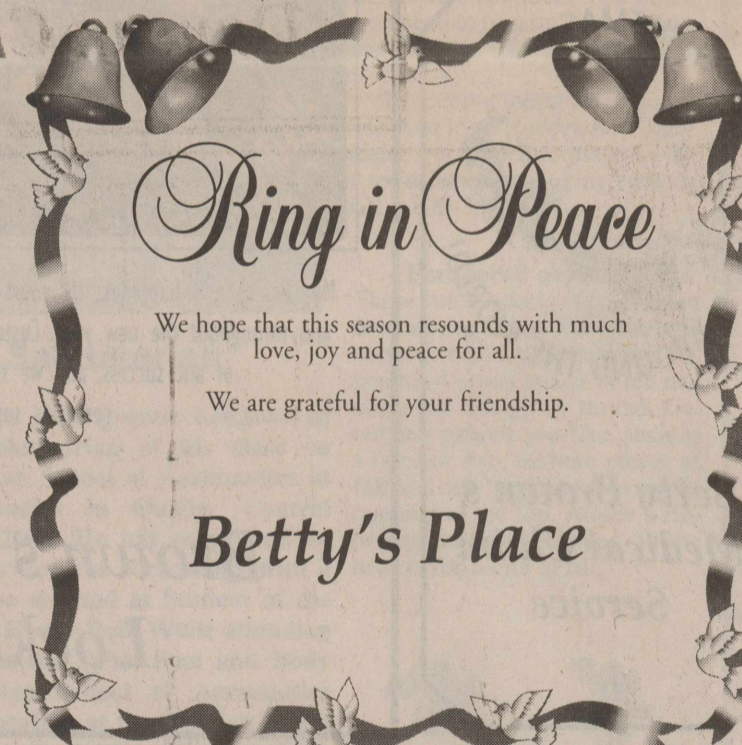
Sincerely Tera

Dear Santa
I want a Brbbe jeep for Cricmus

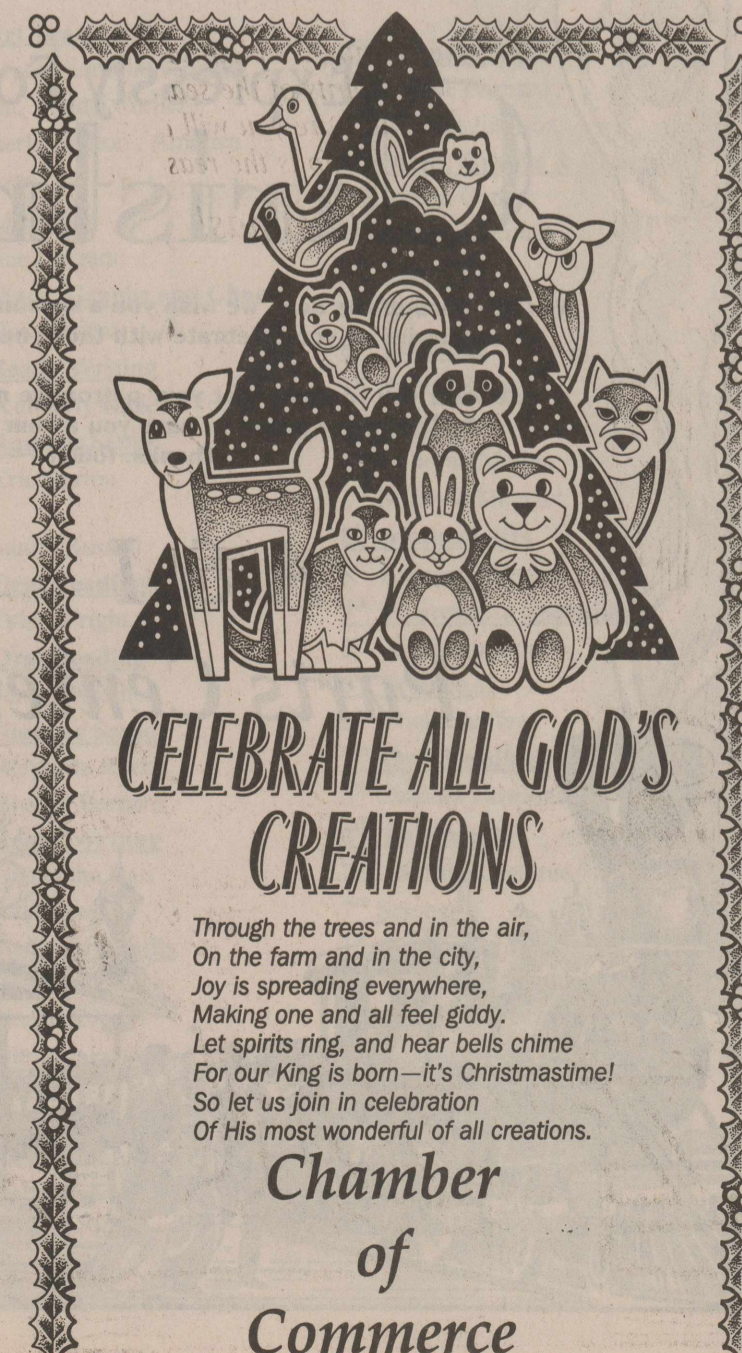
Love Dalia Cruz



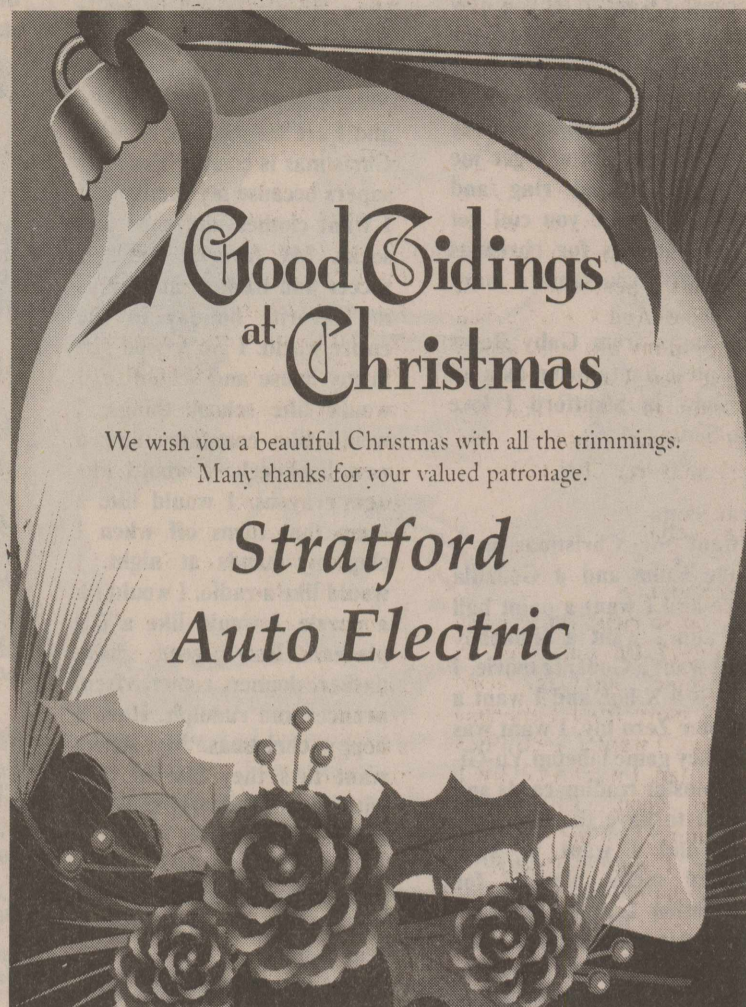
'Twas the night before CHRISTMAS
Have a happy holiday season and remember that we are here to serve you.
Ellies Gifts & Bakery



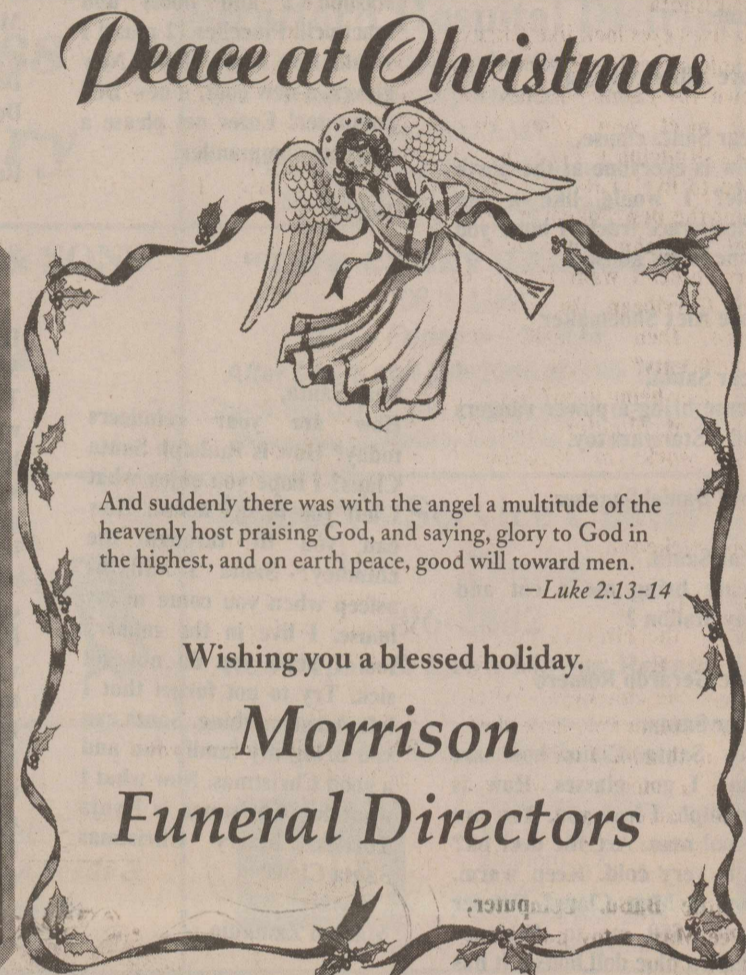
Ring in Peace
We hope that this season resounds with much love, joy and peace for all.
We are grateful for your friendship.
Betty's Place



CELEBRATE ALL GOD'S CREATIONS
Through the trees and in the air,
On the farm and in the city,
Joy is spreading everywhere,
Making one and all feel giddy.
Let spirits ring, and hear bells chime
For our King is born—it's Christmastime!
So let us join in celebration
Of His most wonderful of all creations.
Chamber of Commerce



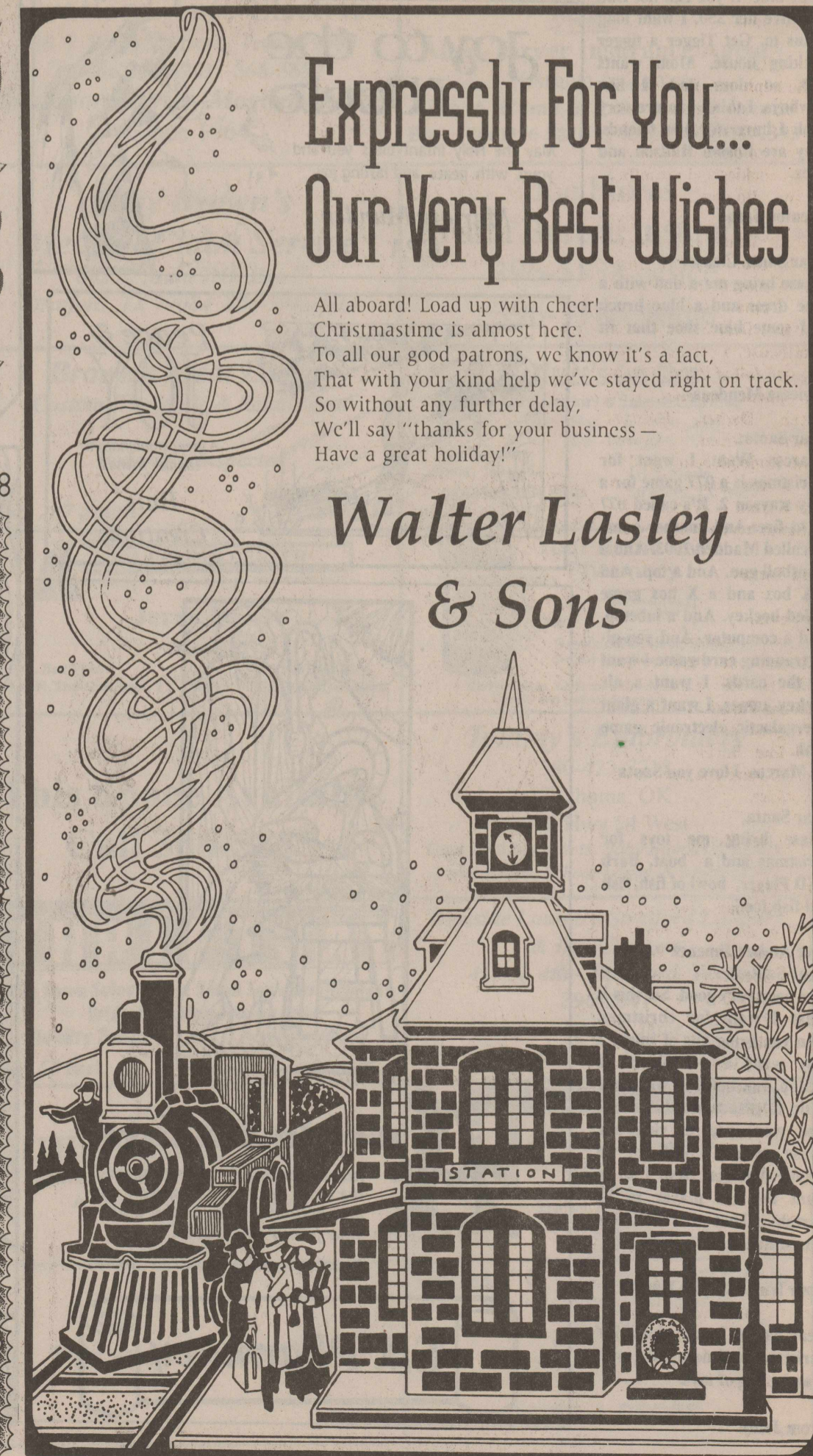
Good Tidings at Christmas
We wish you a beautiful Christmas with all the trimmings.
Many thanks for your valued patronage.
Stratford Auto Electric



Peace at Christmas
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
—Luke 2:13-14
Wishing you a blessed holiday.
Morrison Funeral Directors



HOLIDAY JOY
May your holiday be a great time to reflect and relax.
We appreciate your continued support.
Allen-Tarver Agency



Expressly For You...
Our Very Best Wishes
All aboard! Load up with cheer! Christmastime is almost here. To all our good patrons, we know it's a fact, That with your kind help we've stayed right on track. So without any further delay, We'll say "thanks for your business — Have a great holiday!"
Walter Lasley & Sons

Dear Santa,
 Santa, Whats new? What's does Santa's house look like? Santa were did you go to school? Santa what is your last name. Santa were is your family? Santa how do you make toys? My cousin and me I want Barbis a prices. And my cusen she wants Barbs too. A prices. And my brother he whant a people to play in my house. And I want a bell to play in my house because I believe you Cant can cemi my toys to whant and my brothe whant nintendo and Christmas tree Christmas.

Ana Guella

Dear Santa,
 Are you so rich? Do you like the snow? Do you know all the people? Sorry for being bad. I move from California to Texas. I want a X-Box only if yoe caan. I want a t.v. I will be so good. I want a computer. I want a motor scooter. I want a football. I well not let my brodor cry.

Alendro Mateos

Dear Santa
 Do elves eyes look like chinese people's eyes? Is it hard to go down the chimney? How did you meet your wife? How does Rudolph's nose floe, I used to live in the country. I want the new Pokeman cards and Yu-giahn. I want a new dirt bike. I want Pirates of The Carribean. Do you have more then \$10,000 and 10,000cents? Are your Reindeer being good? My dad works at Montfort and my mom works in Amarillo, I think.

Lane Ricketson

Dear Santa,
 How do the elves carry the presens? How do you fit through the chimney? What does the North Pole look like? I like math a lot. I love soccer I won a medal. I want a Barbie Camera, a X-Box, a stereo, a dum, a fashion kitty, a bike, a doll howce, a doll, my little BaBu. Computer, PeePee Max, a-toy pokeman, and a scooter.

Erin Huggins

Dear Santa,
 Is Rudolph the first one in line? How do you and your wife get married? How did you land so quiet? I hope you like my cookies and my milk I left you. Do you go to the entire world and give presents? Dear Santa I know how to count by 2's. Dear Santa I moved from Mexico from Dumas and got to Stratford! Dear Santa I want a Brathouse, a computer and a big doll full of Bratz. I want your phone number. Are Dancer, Dasher, Bilitzen, Donner, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Rudolph being good? I want a new name! My new name I want is Jennifer! Oh and Santa have a Happy year!

Laura Torres

Dear Santa,
 I'm so excited about Christmas. It was great getting to see you at the Christmas Parade. I've been a pretty good girl this year. I would like Barbie of Swan Lake. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Carlee Metcalf

Dear Santa,
 How can your elves make toys? How do you not made a sound when you land? We are going to Spearman to see my grandma. My favorite sport is basketball? Santa I want a Duke basketball. I want a Duke lamp. I want some Duke blinds. I want a Xbox game it is called NFL 2004. Santa. I really like you. Santa how did you and Miss Claus meet? I want a Duke alarm. I want some football cleats.

Boston Hudson

Dear Santa
 I wish if I can have Drum set plus drum line sound track and the movie gost busters and spy kids 3-D

Cervan Jorres

Dear Santa,
 What does the North Pole look like? How does your reindeer fly? How does Rudolph make light come out of nose? How do you go to the North Pole in one night? How doe you go through the chimney. What does your wife do? How do the elves make toys? What does Mrs. Claus look like. I live in Stratford. Do you know everyone in the world? Have a good night in my house. My favorite subject is math, readding and phonics. My brother had surgery behind his knee because he had a car accident. How do you land on the roof without making a noise. My favorite times of the year is Christmas and Thanksgiving ok. Santa Claus. My three favorite sports are baseball, soccer and basketball. Is your real name Nicholas. Who did you marry? Do people live there? Does your sleigh weigh a lot? Does the snow block your eyes? My Mom like plastic fruit. Can I please have a puppy, a cat, the movey of the Pirates of the Carribean, a pet cbmcha with food for it, a game boy Advents, some poke-mom cards, some Yu-gi-Oh cards. A 64 game some clothes, a computer, some new shoes that are size 1. Merry Christmas

Ricky Garay

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a Texas Tech helmet (that's red and black). I also need a pocket knife to use when I help my Dad. I would like a cattle truck, too. Thanks! I love you and Rudolph and all the other reindeer.

Kade McBryde age 4 1/2
 P.S. I will leave you a PopTart!

Dear Santa
 How are you doing Santa Claus? Santa Claus how do you your reindeer fly? How do you fit through the chimney? I am a girl who is good. My f amily is good and "Happy" family. My brothers and my sister one brother his name is Oswal and my others brother name is Omar. My sister others his name Noka. I want a computer

Selina Terrazas

Dear Santa, Can you bring me a police toy and a sojrs toys and a gray sojrs with shitts. How is roodoff Please bring me Kyle a pupes.

Kyle Willard

Dear Santa, how are you doing this year Sant. I want to see one of your elfs. Some time. Is Rudolph reel. This is what I whant for Christmas. A nice brother a car and a brat. I want to know what do the raindeer eat grass. How do you mak the toy. And how do the raindeer fly. I think you put magis on them. Santa am I on the bad list. I'm probly am, because I ben do bad things.

Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing this year I hope you had a good Thanksing. I was wondering if you went to school, and is it hard to keep warm in the sleigh? Thank you for making all the toys for chirsmas for this year I would like a playstation2. Merry Christmas

Jiovani Romero

Dear Santa
 Thank you for barbie last Christmas. Trampoline. Hos is Rudolph How is ?

Love Tamie Sanchez

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing Santa Claus? Sant how do your reindeer fly? What does Mrs. Claus look look like? Is Ruddph okay? I am a girl who lives in Stratford. My family is very fun. For Chistmas I want a keroke machine and all I want is all my family all together.

Delila Rosales

Dear Santa,
 Santa whats new? Whats does the North Pole look like? Whats is your wife's name? Santa were did you go to school? Santa were did you meet Mrs. Claus? Santa were did you live? Santa do your reindeers get cold there? My mom works at the Happy Bank. My dad works with the cows. Amber's teacher is Mrs. Brown. My teacher is Mrs. Drake. I live on Chestnut 5th 503, I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave you a present. My mom's name is Lupe. My dad's name is Jose. My sisters is Amber and Rubie. I want a Babie, Bratz, sell phone, car, soccer ball, computer, crayons, easy bake oven, bell for my hair, clothes, shoes, cat, fish, glasses and fashion kitty. Santa Mrs. Drake needs stapples

Tiffany Torres

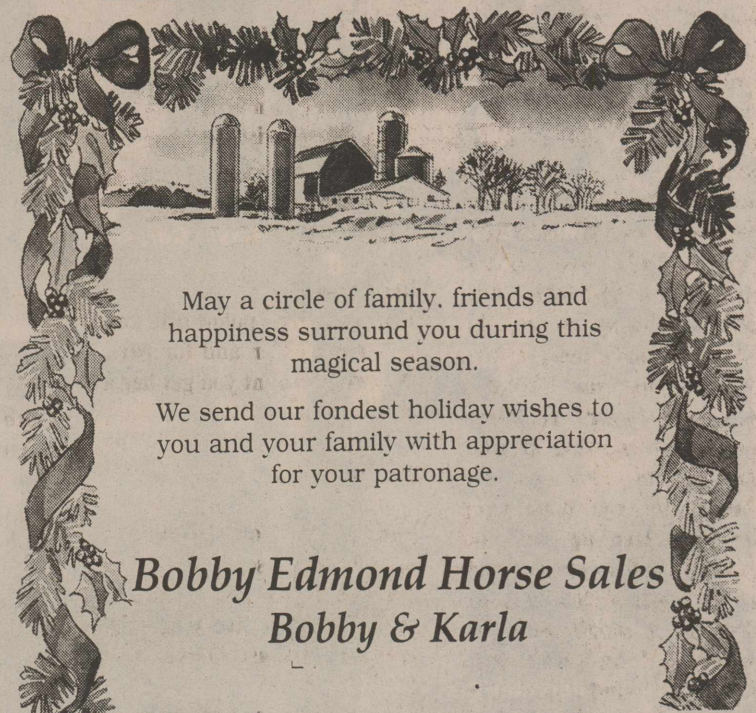
Dear Santa,
 How do you get warm at the North pole? How do the elves make toys? What does the North pole looks like. What does your reindeer look like? Wher is your school? My favorite sport is basitball. Can I have some Yu-giohn cards? Cann I have a X-Box? Can I have som cars. Can I have the cat in the hat movie? Can I have som poke-man cards? Can I have a motor scooter? Can I have a soccer ball? Can I have the game the name is mousetrap?

Joshua Pollack-II

Dear Santa Clause
 I hope you bring me presents and I want a four wheeler how is Rudolph.

Love Trevor Melton

IT'S CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

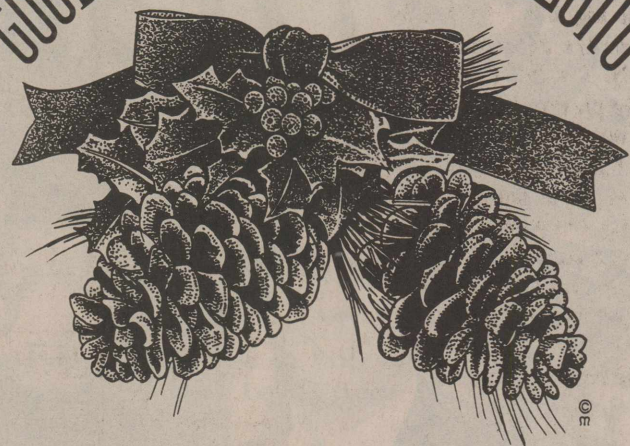


May a circle of family, friends and happiness surround you during this magical season.

We send our fondest holiday wishes to you and your family with appreciation for your patronage.

Bobby Edmond Horse Sales
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GOOD WISHES ALL SEASON LONG



Enjoy the spirit and warmth of Christmas, and please accept our profound gratitude for your support this year.

Happy Holidays!

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 From The Whole Flock

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 General Store



When the final bell has rung,
 When the last carol's sung,
 Though this Christmas will pass,
 You've precious memories to last.

Merry Christmas
 From
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 District

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 Stratford Family Medical Clinic
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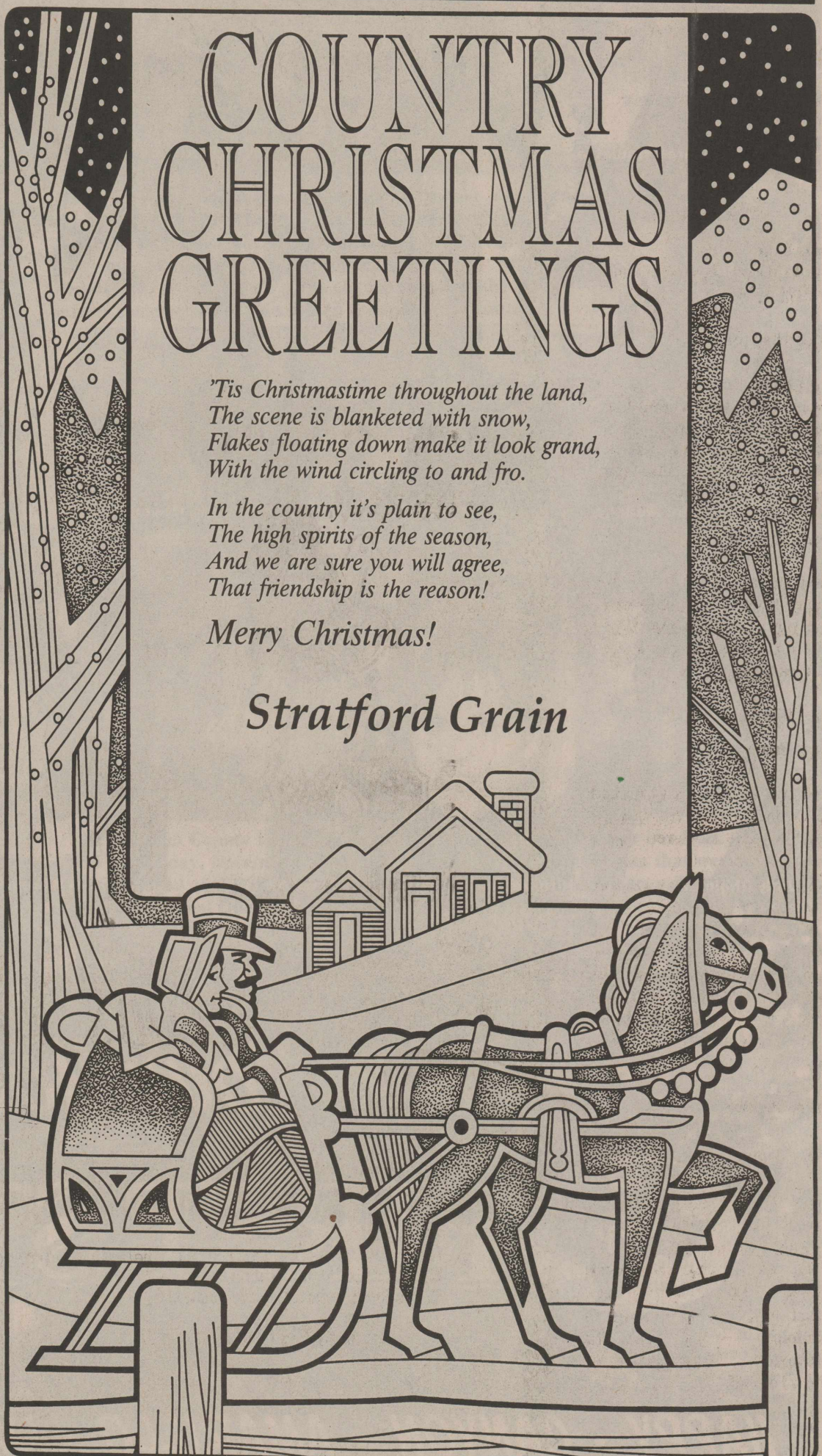
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

'Tis Christmastime throughout the land,
 The scene is blanketed with snow,
 Flakes floating down make it look grand,
 With the wind circling to and fro.

In the country it's plain to see,
 The high spirits of the season,
 And we are sure you will agree,
 That friendship is the reason!

Merry Christmas!

Stratford Grain





Micki Boyle



Kayla Carpenter



Cathy Colls



Rusty Conway



Doak Crabtree



Cindy Criswell



Jennifer Currie



Marianne Curtis



Glinda Davis



Terry Dickerson



Kelly Forehand



Kurt Gehring

Merry Christmas!



Ross Glenn



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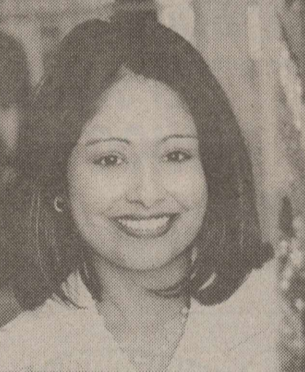
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