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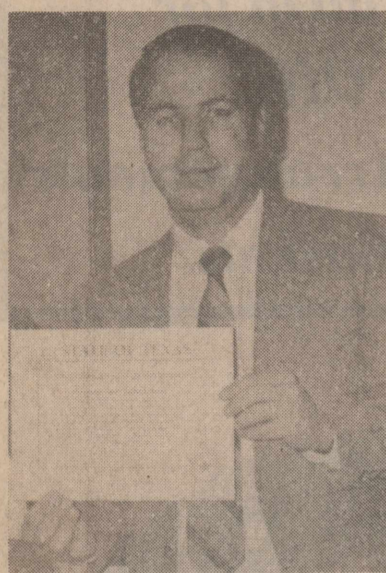
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## Sherman County Library Member Of Texas Library System



Jim Taliaferro

The Sherman County Public Library was recently accredited as a member of the Texas Library System, according to William D. Gooch, Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library.

"We are pleased to award a certificate of system membership in recognition of the efforts this community has made in providing public library services," said Gooch. "It is a symbol of having achieved a level of excellence."

The Sherman County Public Library is a member of the Texas Panhandle Library System and serves the citizens in Sherman

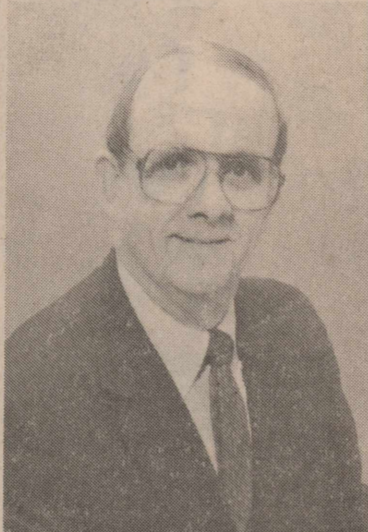
County. The Library had to meet strict criteria, according to Mary Kay Wells, Texas Panhandle System Coordinator, such as hours of access, professional staffing requirements, number of library materials, and local per capita support to become an accredited member. Public libraries must apply and qualify for system membership annually.

Members of the Sherman County Library Board are James Taliaferro, president; Wanda Riffe, secretary; Lugenia Carter, Margaret Reed, David Harker, Joe Taylor, and Hubert Waldrop.

Authorized by the Library Systems Act of 1969, the Texas Library system was developed to improve library service in the state through cooperative efforts. Comprised of ten regions, the statewide system provides an opportunity for local libraries to make the best possible use of both their own resources and those available elsewhere in the system. These cooperative efforts are made possible through state and federal funds appropriated to the Library Development Program of the Texas State Library. This year the Texas State Library will distribute about \$8 million to the ten library systems.

You are encouraged to come use your library!

## Waterfield Announces



Dick Waterfield

Rep. Dick Waterfield, a veteran state legislator from Canadian, today announced his candidacy for the U.S. Congress, representing the 13th Congressional District.

Waterfield, a conservative Republican, has represented the Panhandle's 88th District in the Texas Legislature since 1986. During that time he has served on the Agriculture and Livestock, and Human Services Committees, and is regarded as a leader in the bloc of legislators representing the agriculture and ranching interest.

In announcing his bid for the Congressional seat representing this District, Waterfield said he would devote his time and energy to improving the economic lot of people in the 13th

District.

"I have decided to give up my seat in the Texas Legislature and seek this Congressional seat because I am convinced our people deserve better representation than they now have in the U.S. Congress, and that I can give them that representation," he said.

"I will not spend my time agitating for a Congressional pay raise, now or in the future. I will not use the office to feather my own nest. I will, on the other hand, do everything I can to hold down, and reduce the tax burden on our people. And that includes voting to reduce the tax on capital gains. I believe a reduction in the capital gains tax will be of tremendous benefit to our farmers and ranchers, our small business owners, and homeowners generally. I cannot imagine anyone representing this District voting against a reduction in that tax, but the present incumbent did just that," Waterfield said.

Waterfield said he has visited with a number of voters from throughout the 13th District before making up his mind to seek the Congressional seat. He also visited with President Bush and U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, he said, and was promised their full cooperation and support in achieving his legislative goals in Congress.

## Share The Warmth Report

The "Share the Warmth" program was a big success this year reports Bill Riffe from the Stratford Poly Clean. There were approximately 160 coats brought in that will be given to the Stratford Lions Club to be distributed where they are needed. Persons that brought coats were. P.J. Pronger, Sonja Ragsdale, Henry Harrison, Jean Turner, Jean Smith, Helen Taylor, Lore Dietrick, Hattie Chesmer, David McBryde, Dorland Burton, Doak Crabtree, Gary Pool, Ben Biddy, Gibson family, J. Smith, Schaffer family, Lavake family, Leonda Fedric, Lynn Wells, Joy Smith, Brooks family, Hauser family, H. Blake, Elmer Oquin, Mary Hill, Nina Fedric, Wanda Riffe, Ted Reynolds, Shirley Foreman, C. Zimmer, Virgil Plunk, Lavake family, Mrs. Glen Hart and Teresa Griffin. If we have missed anyone please call Bill and we will pass the names on to our readers. Thanks to everyone for "Sharing the Warmth".

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## Holiday Deadlines For Stratford Star

The Deadline for the January 4th issue of the Stratford Star will be Friday December 29th. The Stratford Star office will be closed December 21st through the 27th. Will reopen Thursday, December 28th.

## Christian Youth Fellowship Presents Program

A Living Nativity Scene will be presented by Christian Youth Fellowship of First Christian Church on Wed. Dec. 20 in front of the church at 5th and Main Streets. There will be 2 performances, at 7 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. The Christmas story of the birth of Jesus Christ will be told and acted out by youth in costume and reading Scripture. Junior high youth will also be participating. CYF is under the adult leadership of Linda Young and Susie Harlow. Everyone is cordially invited to attend according to David Harker, minister of First Christian Church.

## Business Directories Soon To Be Delivered

The Community Development Committee will soon be distributing the Business Directories that the Stratford Star compiled for Stratford.

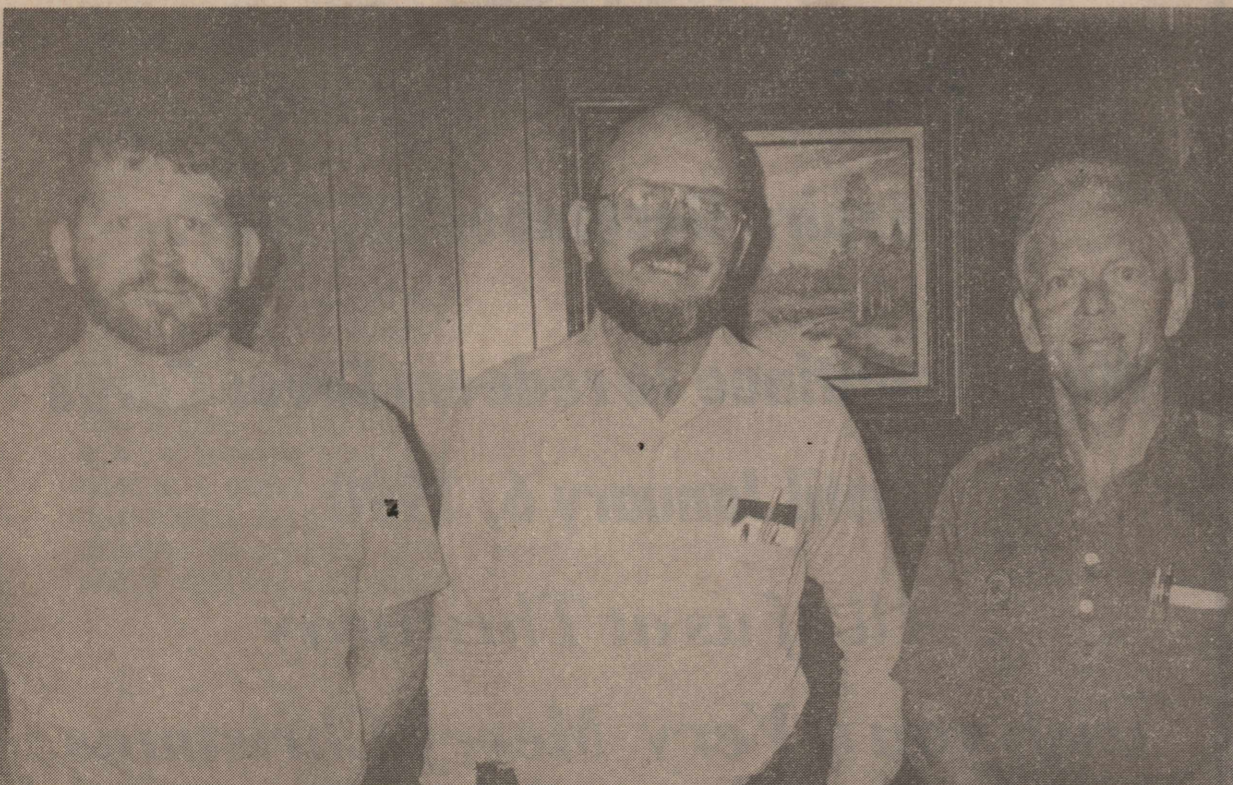
Alot of long hard hours went into this directory and it is our hope that you will take time to look at the ads and keep these booklets for years to come. We are sure you will be surprised at the services offered in our town.

We at the Star have certainly learned alot through this experience.

## New Directors Chosen



Chamber of Commerce General Board Retiring Directors are Doak Crabtree, Vicki Gore, Carolyn Tarver and Steve Griffith.



Chamber of Commerce new General Board Members are Roy McAllister, Jack Gore, Allan Swain and not pictured, P. J. Pronger.

## 1989 Christmas Lighting Contest

Winners in the 1989 Christmas Lighting Contest were Commercial Broad Area (Overall) First Place First State Bank, Second John Deere, Third Southern Union Gas and honorable mention Elk Pharmacy.

Commercial Single Spot (Door, window, or scene). First Southern Union Gas-Nativity, Second C & C Texaco Praying Hands, Third Ellie M's - Deer and Honorable Mention Bonnie B's.

Non-Commercial Overall First Coldwater Manor, Second Museum Third Library and Honorable

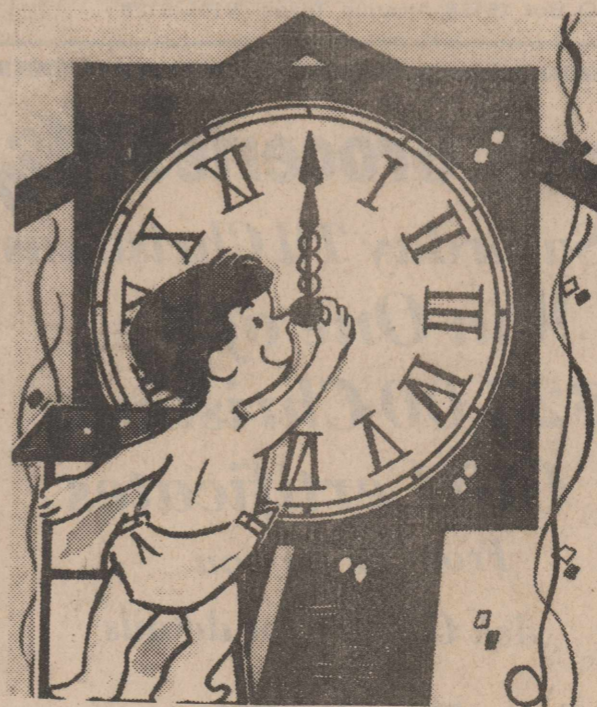
Mention Courthouse.

Non-Commercial Single Spot (window, door, or scene) First Museum-Train Second-Courthouse the Nativity.

Residential Broad (Overall). First Toby Kautz, second William Glenn Harts and Third Alan Swain.

Residential Single Spot (door, window, or scene) First Kautz-Nativity, Second Larry Sims and Third Larry Norris-Nativity. Honorable Mention Haywood Vaughn Nativity.

Best Decorated Block Kay Avenue.



It has been a pleasure to serve this fine community. Thanks, everyone.

# Happy New Year



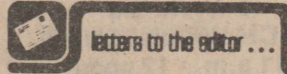
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

V.B. Morris, Democrat Chairman for Sherman County, has announced the filing dates for county, state and national offices are December 3, 1989 through January 2, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. Any person wishing to file for any of the county offices up for reelection may obtain a form by contacting the Sherman County Democrat Elections office at 733-2203 or by writing V.B. Morris, HCR 3, Box 31, Gruver, Texas 79040.

The primary will be March 13, 1990.

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Dear Editor:

The early Christians commemorated the death of Christ (1 Cor. 11:26), not his birth. For centuries the pagan celebrated Dec. 25th as the birth of the sun-god. By the fifth century the Roman Church was ordering that the birth of Christ be forever observed on Dec. 25th, even though this was the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol, one of the names of the sun-god!

Mithraism... This winter festival was called Nativity of the SUN. The Catholic Encyclopedia says: "The well known solar feast of Natalis Invicti the Nativity of the Unconquered Sun celebrated on Dec. 25th, has a strong claim on the responsibility for our Dec. date!"

The Christmas tree as we know it, only dates back a few centuries, though ideas about sacred trees are very ancient. An old Babylonian fable told of an evergreen tree which sprang out of a dead tree stump. The old tree stump symbolized the dead Nimrod, the new evergreen tree symbolized that Nimrod had come to life again in Tammuz. To the Fruids the oak was sacred. To the Romans it was the Fir, which was decorated with red berries during the Saturnalia. The Scandinavian god Odin was believed to bestow special gifts at yuletide to those who approached his sacred fir tree.

With all of this in mind, compare a statement of

Jermiah with todays customs of decorating a Christmas Tree. "The customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the work man with the axe. They deck it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not". (Jer. 10:3,4) I am not implying people today making idols of these trees. However, such customs do provide clear examples of how Babylonian traditions have been mixed with Christianity.

Tertullian writes of the practice of exchanging gifts as part of the Saturnalia. Saturnalia is a pagan winter festival of sun worship. It's okay to give gifts. The Israelites gave gifts to each other at times of celebration (Esther 9:22). However, Christmas gifts can not be linked to those presented to Jesus by the wisemen. Jesus was not "lying in a manger" when the wisemen came, but was in a house (Matt. 2:9-11). Also, they presented their gifts to Jesus, not to each other. If you want to give gifts, go ahead, just tell your children the Biblical truth.

In the sixth century, missionaries were sent through the northern part of Europe gather pagans into the Roman Church. They noticed June 24th was very popular, since this was six month before Dec. 25th, they "Christianized" it as the birthday of John the Baptist.

In Britain, before Christianity arrived there, June 24th was celebrated by the Fruids with blazing fires in honor of Baal. Many historians tell of these ceremonial fires in different countries. June 25th became St. Johns Day, the sacred fires were also adopted as "St. John's fires"! I believe it would better honor Molech than John the Baptist.

There are others, Feb. 2nd, Aug. 15th, etc., however, we have covered

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enough to make the point. Pagan traditions have been Christianized!

Let me say again, so I am not misunderstood, I am not suggesting a changing the time of Christmas. I am saying that either the Bible or our traditions should stand the test of which is correct. None of us, either layman or pastor should be afraid searching for the facts and the truth.

Elliott Crabtree



Happy Holidays To All

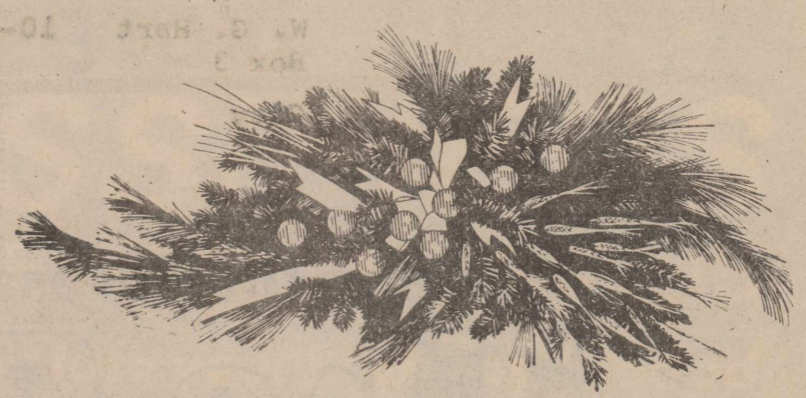
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# SCOT Notes

by Timmie Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Older Texans, Friends, Neighbors and Scotters this frosty Monday a.m. December 18, 1989. The low this a.m. at 6 a.m. was 19 degrees F. Forecast nearly the same all the last week. A very little dry snow has fallen. Weather treacherous for Seniors Citizens: really invigorating though.

Welcome to Dorothy Robbins as Assistant Director of Scot organization! Dorothy and her late husband, Sox Robbins, came to Sherman County in 1947. Our S.C.O.T. Organization is blessed with good leadership Shirley Foreman a S.T.E.P. employee, manages her business from Stratford; Director Vicki Gore is a resourceful person and with Dorothy to carry out plans Stratford Scot organization should continue to be an outstanding Senior Citizens group.

Scot Hall will be available to Scotters the rest of 1989. Some pecans are for sale. So drop by.

Congratulations to Becky Ingham, a Sophomore of Texhoma High School, for her earned selection as one of the Universal Cheerleaders Association All Stars to tour London December 26-January 2. Becky is the daughter of Ben and Betty Ingham. We do not know Becky personally, which is our loss. But we are quite sure she is a descendant of Judge O.J. Ingham, who came to Sherman County in 1901.

The Bill and Katy Allen families spent the weekend in San Antonio attending the wedding of son, Wil Allen and Kimberly Lemons.

On Game Night, Friday Dec. 15, Dicy and Max Stephenson, Corda Pleyer, Timmie Brown, Rowena Williams and Dorothy Robbins braved the cold and met at Scot Hall for a very pleasant round of games. Some brought gifts for the

County Pantry.

Gordy Ramon expresses his thanks to Sharon Brown for the ticket to the Nutcracker in Amarillo.

A delightful surprise - a Standefer "Christmas Tree" a code for their Family News is at hand. Wish we could share it verbatim with readers! However, Francis and R.W. are very busy people. R.W. will complete his 3rd term as Mayor of White Deer in May. Jack is a Texaco operator in McLean, Tx; Judy and family live in Richardson; Dax, Jessica, and Monica are the Standifer's grandchildren. Francis "keeps up" with a very active bunch of folks.

We are in receipt of a newsletter from the Ladson Worleys, also Billy has retired due to ill health. Ladson continues to teach. Their families are a very busy group, widely scattered. Our mail is a source of great happiness-as is yours to you.

We were invited to attend a lovely Christmas dinner party at Layvon Hughes home where we met Bernice Christian, Betty Lee Brown, Margaret Reed, Joyce Brown, Marie Young, Mattie Baskin, Irene Butler, Betty McMillion, Lou Deuschendorf, Margie Bryson, Lavelle Haggard, Alice Ellison, Katy Allen, Cinda Luther. The group enjoyed Christmas program, composed of music and readings

presented by Floy (Mrs. Leon) Lotham, Guymon, Okla. It was a Merry, Merry occasion.

Dosha and Shorty Howell visited the Jack Gore family as they were enroute to Cal. Clint Sidwell, Texline was in Stratford on business and left "Hello" for friends at Brown's Locker.

Joyce and Wm Hart bring greetings to Stratfordites from Judy and Dick Carpenter, Ohio; nephew of the late Chas Reed, Mo. who was a long time Sherman Co. property owner; from Jerry and Bell Maynard, Nowata, Ok. All are well and happy!

Lew Higginbottom and John Ellison, Opal Bryants brother, both living in Cal. have lately learned that they have friends and relatives in Stratford, Texas - small world fellows!

Mary Peach Smith has word that Thelma Lutes is not so well. Best Wishes Thelma.

The Redoubt Volcano and its activity which is about 50-70 miles SW of Anchorage, Ak. is getting much notice in local papers. Our grand-daughter, Marian Haile Williams and family live in Anchorage.

"My Beliefs" by Eddie Grigsby written in Sunday Amarillo paper. We agree with him. Maybe you haven't destroyed your paper. It is good reading.

To all friends and readers, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

After last week's story about all the pretty lights at Kerrick, Kerrick Elevator (Continental Grain) put up the most beautiful star on top of the tallest elevator! The Boren's lights were off while they attended their son's wedding in Grapevine and the McDaniel's were off as they attended nephew Scott Hutchison's graduation at Texas Tech.

The wedding story will be in later.

Scott's graduation was Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Lubbock Coliseum. Present were his parents, Thelma & Duane Smith of Dumas, sister Sherri Hutchison and her daughter, Lori of Albuquerque, wife Nita and children Mindy and Maura, Nita's mother Linda, all of Lubbock. Nita's sisters Denise of Houston, uncles and aunts, Lloyd and Wanda Hutchison of Enid, Ok., Roy and Wilma Hutchison, Guymon, Ok., Fred and Marylou McDaniel, Kerrick. His degree is in Electronic

Engineering Technology. He works for Texas Instruments in Lubbock.

Secret Pals enjoyed their annual party Dec. 14 with a supper at Susanah's. They had ham, sweet potatoes, assorted salads. Then you should have seen the expressions when they were told dessert was the "dirt" in the floral centerpieces! Yep, they ate "dirt" and loved it! Decorations were in the Southwest theme with favors of wreaths with peppers. After opening gifts and finding out who their 1989 Pal was, they drew for 1990. There was a lot visiting, then they played "crazy bridge". Pat Boren was high and Franny Taylor low.

Others present were Joyce Harper, Dayle Harris, Lynn Wells, Jo June McDaniel, Donna Avent, Gayla James, Donna Gillenwaters and hostesses Sue James, Nita Taylor, Joyce Irbeck, and Marylou McDaniel.

Franny Taylor hosted a Holiday party Dec. 7 honoring Junia Robinson of Texarkana, Tx., aunt of Jo June McDaniel. Others present were Pat and Bill Boren, Nita Taylor, Marylou & Fred McDaniel.

Brenda Taylor, Denver, arrived Sunday night to spend the holidays with her mother, Franny Taylor. She plans to be here until after New Year's.

Ralph and Minnie Hampton attended Lasley Feedlot's Christmas Party Dec. 16. Guests with Ralph James and Annette that night were Ginger and Denton Crabtree while Charley attended the

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We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

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"How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!" God declares His love and loyalty to the human race as we celebrate once again the birth of God's Son Jesus Christ. Smack in the middle of a world full of hatreds, animosities, suffering, sorrow, death and folks far away from home, God pledges his Allegiance and in love sends His Son to lead us forth to an abundant life that never ends.

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## Music Club

It was Christmas all around when Stratford Federated Music Club met Dec. 12 with Geneva Haile. Carolyn White was program director.

"Joy To The World!" by Isaac Watts was Hymn of the Month. Doris Pleyer told a story about the song.

Megan and Hillary Baskin, Rachelle Mungia and Lisa White sang numbers for the club. Mike O'Brien was their accompanist. Megan and Hillary sang "Stranger in the Straw" and "What is the Baby's Name?" Rachelle sang a lullabye, "Sleep, Sleep". Lisa sang a medley of songs, "Come On Ring Those Bells", "No Room", "Have you any room for Jesus?" and "A Thousand Candles".

Club members selections included, "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" by Marylou McDaniel, "The Christmas Song," by Shannon Taliaferro, a poem "Come to the Manager" by Lillie Galloway, readings of "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" by Janet Riffe, "A Texas Night Before Christmas" by Sheila Hart and "A Night the Angels Sang" by Carolyn White.

Lorraine Mehner was pianist as the group sang a variety of carols and secular Christmas songs.

Club members present were Betty Lou O'Brien, Janet Riffe, Doris Pleyer, Lillie Galloway, Marylou McDaniel, Sheila Hart, Lorraine Mehner, Shannon Taliaferro, Carolyn White and Geneva Haile.



Music Club singers included, from left, Hillary and Megan Baskin, Rachelle Mungia and Lisa White. The Christmas program was held Dec. 12 at Geneva Haile's.



Coldwater Manor birthday folks were Otila Ortega and Clara Koski.

## Cards of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who made our Sausage Dinner a success: to those who shared our meal, bought baked good and sausage, to those who worked hard to put it together, donated time, items and cash, who worked that day and cleaned up after.

Thank you for your support  
St. Joseph's Ladies Guild

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Depression Supper. It couldn't have been put on without those cooked beans, desserts, cornbread, furnished picante sauce, pickles, relish, tea and coffee. Thanks to Max for getting and bringing the paper goods to the barn. Thanks to Vicki for table decorations. Thanks to Shirley Durham for her help. Thanks to those who bought tickets and came.

General Chairman  
Shirley Foreman

We would like to express our deepest thanks for the cards, flowers, food, donations to various causes, and prayers. Also we greatly appreciate the ministers David Harker and Derrel Lewis for the wonderful service as well as the choir and singers for the beautiful music. The First Baptist Church furnished an exceptional dinner that we all enjoyed. We also thank all the friends that visited Aunt Hazel in the hospital and at Westcliff Manor, she loved to visit with each one of you. Again we thank everyone for caring.

Nieces and Nephews  
of Aunt Hazel Diehl

We thank everybody for everything, for every act of love. We are moving to Amarillo and will miss you all. Come to see us at 1601 A South Polk.

Evelyn and Dorothy

## Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

One week and counting down. For the little ones, time is passing slowly, for we older ones - Wow, where does the time go?

Have you passed by the window displaying our Senior Citizens ornaments? This was our first year to have this event, perhaps another year or so it will be even greater. We are grateful for those of you Senior Young" who displayed your talent and to Martha Ellison and Cindy Crabtree and her crew for making the display.

Likewise we are indebted to the Women's Division of the Chamber, chairman Arnita Lane, Terry Kennedy for the Lighting Contest. You will be able to drive around and see who the Winners are. Stratford can take pride in the year after year decorations. Compared to towns our size and larger we just out do about everyone around. While our out of town judges were in Stratford, we had good folks in Dalhart judging their lighting. A nice neighborly thing to do.

As we wind down 1989 with the Christmas season, first and foremost is; Peace and good will to all men, where there is anger, tolerance, frustration, patience etc. Remembering what goes around comes around. Whatever - have a good good holiday.

## Tops 897

Members of T.O.P.S., Tx. #897 held their Christmas party Tuesday, December 12th. Dinner was enjoyed in Dumas and we then returned to the home of Geneva Bell for exchange of gifts. Secret Pals were revealed at this time.

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party and weekend guests were Katie Norris and Holly Husmann.

Sunday afternoon Hank and Mabel Rogers went to Dalhart to see his sister, Pluma Lee Palmer and Garland. It was Pluma Lee's birthday. Her daughter Jeanette Palmer of Amarillo brought a birthday cake for the occasion.

Don't forget! Santa comes to Kerrick Friday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. There will be a program and treats for all!



Open House at the County Court House. Pictured are Zelda Pickens, Shorty Albert, Valerie McAlister, Letha Batis, Joyce Brown and Gina Sladek.

## Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock County Extension Agent

### Holiday Spending - How Much Is Normal

Holidays are big business in America. The approaching holidays remind us that once again families will be spending extra money on holiday gifts. Some will be careful planners. Others may over-extend themselves. Still others may yet be paying for the excesses of Holiday 1988.

American families spent about 37 million on Christmas gifts in 1988, up by 7 percent from 1987. The typical family spent about \$325. Age of household head and household income seem to make a difference in how much money is spent. Those 65 and over spent the least (\$220), while those between the ages of 35 and 44 spent the most (\$404). Households with income under \$15,000 per year spent \$178 on Christmas gifts, while those with incomes between \$25,000 and \$35,000 per year spent \$514 on gifts.

Last season, retailers detected a trend towards making purchases with cash

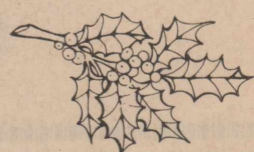
rather than credit. This was due to the changes in tax law which phased out credit card interest deductions. It is likely that consumers who spend cash for gifts will make more prudent choices and are less likely to engage in "deficit spending" than those who purchase everything on credit. As in seasons past, some retailers are offering shoppers an easy line of credit; no payments or carrying charges until February. This can work to the consumer's advantage if the full bill can be paid then. Otherwise, additional finance charges will mount up.

It is possible to plan ahead and keep the holiday gift-buying season from breaking the budget. If your family spends the average \$325 amount for gifts, then it is an easy matter to begin now to plan for Christmas 1990. By setting aside just \$27 per month for Christmas 1990, the goal of \$325 will be reached without causing

further pain or damage to the household budget.

It is important for families to estimate the amount of money that is affordable for holiday gift-giving and to budget carefully throughout the year for that expense. Too often gift-giving is forgotten when families draw up their spending plans and monthly budgets. That may be one reason many people tend to shop for Christmas gifts and charge them to plastic. They simply haven't planned in advance to have the needed cash on hand.

Apart from gifts, families should determine how much they can afford to spend on other holiday-related expenses, such as special foods, decorations, travel, entertainment, and contributions. The holiday season should be a joyous time, not one that results in a heavier debt load after the first of the year.





## Student Of The Week



FOR WEEK OF Dec. 11, 1989

TEACHER	STUDENT	COMMENTS
RINDA ALLISON	Davy Brown	Does neat work; very polite
LYNDA HAUSER	Clay Wheeler	A really good sport
LINDA SWAIN	Justin Sims	Excels in academics and art
TERRI TEIG	Coby Seaton	Full of zip and zest
BARBARA HAILE	Patí Porras	Lovely smile; always courteous
MIKE BRONLEE	Marcus Lavake	Excellent student with good work habits
EDWYNE PLUNK	Tracy Gutierrez	Helpful, courteous, always smiling
SONJA KENDRICK	Kimberly Bouldin	Uses activity period wisely
LARRY NORRIS	Colby Wheeler	Quiet, courteous, tries hard
BETTY INGHAM	Amy Martinez	A good flute player with an excellent attitude



Lem Russell provided the materials for this project started last year by some of these same kids and was finished this year. All of the work was done by the Co-op Class. Workers are Chris Switzer, Sport Keener, Dean Harris, Brent Grimes, Chuch Harbour, Heath Asher, Yvette Childress and William Garrett.



Retiring Chamber of Commerce, Womens Division Directors are Merlene Dean, Terry Kennedy, Vicki Gore and not pictured Brenda Long.

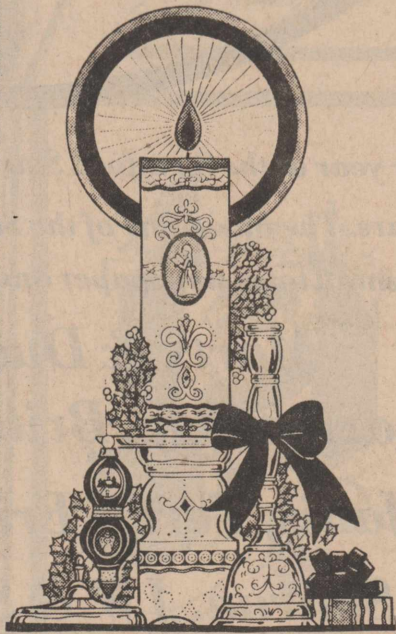


Womens Division New members are LaVell Haggard, Denise Swain, Amy Danelson and Martha Duncan.

## Christmas Dinner Escapes!



Run Turkey, Run!



## Births

Brandon Scott Davis announces the arrival of his baby sister, Nicole Ren'ee. Her parents are Desir'ee and David Davis. She came into the world, Sunday December 17, 1989 at 6:48 a.m. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Borth, Stratford, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayworth of Guymon, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davis of Booker, Texas. Great Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Vaughn, Stratford, Texas, Kenneth Borth, Stratford, Texas, Vera Davis, Elk City, Kansas, Virginia Hawk, Independence, Kansas. Great-Great Grandparents: Mr and Mrs. D.M. Certain, Mesa, Arizona, and Howard Kimball of Sieling, Okla.

Lynda, Craig and Lindsay Spein are proud to announce the birth of little sister, Kelsey Sawyer Spein, Nov. 28, 1989 at 10:20 a.m. in Vail Colorado. The Little Miss weighs 6 lbs. 1 1/2 ozs. Proud Grandparents are Philip and Marty Bain of Stratford and Earl and Kathy Spein of Moorhead N.M.

Eddie and Michelle Duncan are proud to announce the arrival of Allison Shae Duncan. Born December 6, 1989 at 11:48 p.m. Allison weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Maternal Grandparents are Bob and Ann Steward and Paternal Grandparents are Leonard and Martha Duncan.

Jeff and Lynette Kautz would like to announce the arrival of Craig Henry. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. Maternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Artho. Maternal Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Hueman. Paternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kautz. Great Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Al Velasquez and Joe Fuentes. Craig is welcomed home by Joshue and April.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Guthrie of Goodwell, Okla. are proud to announce the arrival of Clare Kathryn. Paternal Grandparent is Mrs. Margaret Guthrie, Houston, Texas. Maternal Grandparent is Glenn Slaton Stratford, Texas.

## Business Directory

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 Sunday 6:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
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 Sunday Buffet  
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 Pat Greshaw



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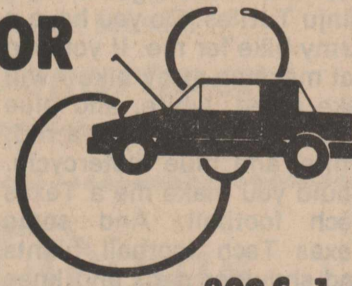
## Your Right To Know

By Terry Kennedy

All natural disasters are alike in one sense—they cause mental anguish among survivors, even those who haven't suffered severe injury or property loss. Last fall large numbers of Americans bore the brunt of natural calamities—a hurricane and an earthquake. People directly affected by these events, as well as their fellow citizens, were made painfully aware that life can be unpredictable and that the world is not necessarily a safe place. Health workers now realize that the emotional aftermath can be devastating for many people and indeed may be harder to handle than purely material problems. So it's as important to deal with the emotional problems as with others. In few people, the after effects of disaster may last for years and result in a condition known as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The symptoms are recurrent and troubling flashbacks, decreased responsiveness, anxiety, irritability, and other signs of emotional impairment. The disaster that acts as a catalyst for PTSD may not be an earthquake or flood; in fact, the term comes from studies of Vietnam veterans in whom this syndrome was described.

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# Letters To Santa



Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle. I want Walter Payton on the Sega. I want wrestle and volleyball on the Sega too. I want some new tapes. There will be cookies and milk on the table. Merry Christmas to Santa Clause and Rudolph and Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitsen.  
Love  
Christopher Bell

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a blue and white and gray and white skirt and shirt. The blue and white shirt is blue and white striped and the skirt is solid blue. The gray and white shirt is gray and white striped and the skirt is solid gray. I want blue and white shoes to go with the blue and white dress. And gray and white shoes to go with the dress. I am going to write a poem for you. I hope you like it and it goes like this:  
The Night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse. I looked out the door and what did I see 8 reindeer looken at me.  
The End  
Your Friend,  
Angela Mitchell  
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa,  
I want the toy vacuum cleaner.

Dear Santa,  
I want a new football, baseball - bat and baseball cards plus football cards ten pake of baseball and football cards. I also want a game on the nintindo like R.a Raceing and like Tevenage Muntia Ninju Tuttlles. Do you have a Army bike for me. If you can not make an army bike I will take a red, white, and blue bike. And I also want a red, white, and blue motorcycle. Could you make me a Texas Tech football. And some Texas Tech football plants and shoulder pads and knee pad a but pad and a texas tech football shirt. And also a Texas Tech football helmet. I also want a 49ers coat and a shirt and some plants and a 49ers football and a 49ers football helmet. Please Bring evrething.  
To Santa  
From Scott

Dear Santa Claus,  
Everyone must be giving you a hard time. I want something not for me, but for someone else. I would like for all those people who have no food or shelter to have that. For they can have a heather life. Good Bye!! and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!  
Love,  
Anna, Beatriz Montoya  
P.S. I will leave milk and cookies for you if you do this. Please!!

Dear Santa,  
I have seen a doll I like very much. I like you very much. Bonnie has seen a doll she likes. She likes Books to Wild Orrdan, Giant John, the Day Daddy stayed Home, and How Much is a Million? and me to. Allen likes cars, trucks and toys. I like to read a book about the Mayflower and 1620.  
Love,  
Heather, Bonnie and Allen

Dear Santa,  
for Chistmas I want a New Kids on the Block shirt, a fur coat, a baby growdoll, Super Mario brothers 2, a new pretty dress, a new pretty shirt, some pretty socks, a blue hoolahoop, a new pretty scert, the game hungry hungry hippos, the game candyland, some stickers, the game truble.  
Love,  
Carrie Newcomb

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like to have some tapes, a nintendo, and a swirl art. I would also likie to now if rudolph's going ,o lead the reindeer Christmas eve? We will leave you some Chocolate Chip cookies. I want to see comet, cupid, dancer, prancer, vixen, donner, and Blitsen, too!  
Merry Christmas  
Love,  
Kyla Helmuth

Dear Santa  
I want some dolls so I can play house. I also want some santaclass pencils. I also want some tapes and I new sterow. The tapes that I want are randy travis, rickey fan sheltin, The orkig boys, New kids on the block and footloos.  
BUT THE THING I WANT THE MOST OF ALL ARE SOME BEARS  
LOVE  
BARBARA

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Nintendo games, Gostbusters, and Some Ninja Turtles. Please bring Trevor a Dreamtime Carousel and a Little Smart Driver. Me and Trevor have been very good boys. We will leave out a snack for you.  
Derek Harris

Dear Santa  
Happy Christmas! I have been a good girl, Please may I have a horse or a dinosaur? Please bring Bubba a hovercraft.  
Love, Brian age 2

Snanta Close  
Remotcontol car Cadigepach dall pencil coloeur New Shos's Oerdament for tree basket ball TraperKeeper Flag Little tree  
Jayme Lunt

Dear Santa Clause  
I would like niga turttlles and a bike, and a turbo hopper.

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want some toys. I want a doll that uses Pampers. Have a very Merry Christmas.  
Anita Beltran

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a stero with remote and some nintendo tapes and just some rock-n-roll tapes. If you do I will sit out some Oreo cookies and some milk. and I will leave your reindeer some sugar cubes.  
Your friend,  
Shawn Brooks

Dear Santa,  
We have tried to be very good this year. When you come to see us, we will leave you some cookies and milk. I would like you to bring me a new microphone and clothes. Jason would like a bike and some G. I. Joe toys.  
Love,  
Heather & Jason

Dear Santa,  
I want Zelda 2, Little Mr. Professor and a Telescope.  
Love,  
Cody Hamilton

Dere Sta,  
I am six yer old I wanet a play horse and a telephone and a tennis bracleit and ring and rollerskates Barbe.  
Stephanie

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please! Can you give me clothes, shoes, nintendo, and toys. I'll give you cookies and milk.  
Your Friend,  
Oscar Aguilera

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Footbal nintendo. I beleve in you. Do you like chocolate chip cooke.  
Love,  
Cliff Moore

Dear Santa,  
All I want is nintendo games. I hope you like chocklate cookies because we will propaby give them to you. I will leave sugar cubes for your reindeer probaby. Hows mrs. Santa doing? fine I hope. Well I'll see ya, later!!  
Your friend,  
Chris Huereca

Dear Santa  
I would like a little football and a new nintendo glove. With a couple of games. and I would like a football suit and also I would like a Little beety Chrismas tree. I would like a suffed Sata close. I would like some new books to and a speek and spell math game. Get me stuff that I havn't seen befor. New pants shorts and socks. I love you Santa close  
Your frenid  
Ross

Dere Satae  
I want drums I have ben a nice boy for last cremc. will you Please give me drums real ones. Please  
Love  
Nathaniel

Dear Santa Claus  
How are you & Mrs. Claus? I've been a good boy and so was my brother Jordan. For Christmas I want some Ninja Turtles, Dorett Turtle Van, Shredder, Robo Cop, Robo 1, Robo Copter, Micro machines, Airport and Jets.  
My brother Jordan wants a toy Santa Claus, some Ninja Turtles and maybe some cars.  
Thanks for the candy you gave me when I talked to you the other day.  
Love  
Erich Taylor

Dear Santa  
Santa I want a stuffed aminal a big to!  
Lori Young thank you!  
And mybe boots I do not now!! I whant a bulldog a girl and boy please!  
Think You

Dear Santa  
I have wanted this for a long time, and this is what I want. Drums.  
Love  
Levi

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I'm Fine. What are you doing? I wanta Nintendo, a ten speed, a trampoline, a white blue and gray skooter, I also want a mystery book to write the mysteries down that happen. I want a New Kids on The Block shirt. I also want fur coat. I want a large Bar None Candybar. I want some blue and silver sparkly pompoms, I want a gray pretty large diary, I want a baton. I want my Grandma to get me another set of dolls. I wish my Aunt would make me a blue shirt that said GO ELKS!  
PLEASE BRING EVERYTHING!  
Erika Baeza

Dear Santa,  
I wanta Giant french roll car please.

Dear Santa,  
I want an air hockey game and a chainsaw and a hat and a Football Kookie Catcher and I want a robe and slippers.  
Thank you Santa  
Tim Coaly

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old and I would like to have a Cargo Push Truck and some new Pj's. Please bring me lots of goodies. I have been a good boy.  
I love you  
Jason Coaly

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*As we end another year at the Stratford Star we want to thank everyone for your loyalty and support through the years. The blood line of the Star is your advertiments and our readers. You are all important to this small town newspaper and we won't forget it.*

**Marty & Duane Robertson**  
**Shari, Gregg, Brittany & Scott Hudson**  
**Janis, Terry, Eric & Amy Tillery**  
**Sharon, JW & Shelli McCarver**



# Dear Santa

Dear Santa  
I have ben a good girl. I would like a ring and bracelet diamond. And a jewelry box with music. I would like a lite brite and a Magic match game and Draw all sorts of silly shapes.  
from i Lynz

Dear Santa Clus  
I want Computer Racing cars and I want a train and Nintendo I want one more thing an it is this turtles.  
from Cesar P.

Dear Santa,  
I've been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a G.I. Joe Jet and some men, a train set, mud racing set, barn and small horse  
My brother Jeff and I want an Intendo.  
Thanks for my presents you brought me last year  
Dont forget my brother and my cousins!  
I'll leave you a Coke and a Twix.  
Love you-  
Jarrett Ricketson

Dear Santa  
I want a telephone, calenear, posters, reath, chrismas decarasons, games pictures, books  
Love Missy

Dear, Santa  
I would like a stereo with a CD player and 2 tape decks and a walkman, a robe Super Mareo Bres. 2, Zealda 2. The adventre of link. I would also like a big stuffed raindeer. I hope you will come by my house.  
Love  
Jessica Bryson

I like Santa Claus. Wranglers, and Big rocking horse, Barbie Big house, and barbie dolls, (with Barbie clothes) Bike. Dress & Dazzel. My little pony with house set.  
P.S. I have been Your good friend.  
Shiloh

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer? For Christmas I would like a turbo hopper, micro machines, and punching bag. Also, I would like a red wagon for my little brother R.J.  
Love  
Will Homfeld

Dear Santa  
I would like a game boy. How have you been. On Chismes we will live milk on our table in the kechen. So, a Mery Chismes and a happy new year  
from  
Kaleb Lunt

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Stereo set with remote, a daybed, posters games, tapes (to go in my Sterio). and SHS socks. I love you Santa Clause!  
Love,  
Tami Davis

Dear Santa,  
I want all of these presents. A safari Ken Doll, a mirror that lights up (with real make-up). The game GUESS WHO. Male Barbie Doll clothes. A mood bracelet, ring and necklace and magical unicorns, resting gently on a cloud. Put the presents in front of the tree.  
Yours Truly,  
Megan Roberts

Dear Santa,  
Will you Please get me some makeup and a real Pretty dress. and I like your long white Beard and Please leave a Picture of you. and how is rudolph is he fine  
Love Audrey Rogers.

Dear Santa  
My name is Kenna Hawkins. I live in Kerrick Texas. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a power pad, a stereo, tapes, and The Land before Time movie.  
P.S. My Dad wants a belt Please bring my horse some apples and my sister some makeup.  
Love  
Kenna

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a radio tapes and a TV With a VCR. I Will leave you some cookies With Milk and Merry Christmas.  
Laura Gonzalez

Dear Santa Clause. Can you give me a barbie doll for Christmas? I hope you have good luck delivering your present to boys and girls. I always get presents from you. Your real nice to everyone.  
You work hard everyday Santa. So you be careful. I wish you and your elves mery christmas. So I wish you good luck and have very much fun!  
Love, Julie Valencia

Hi." Santa I want a Ninga turtle. A Party wagon. a Motorcycle tow Radors that You talk to eachother. and a Picher of a sallfish. To Santa in the Northpoll.  
from, Eric

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I wanta New York Giants Football suit and a tetherball and a cap gun. My Brother, Bruce would like a "pick-up and go" truck and a teddy bear. We will be at my Mim and PaPa's house. Also send me GI Joe house shoes See you christmas.  
Justin Wright

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi, My name is Amy. I wrote to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want: a stereo, tapes, clothes, new-bike, my own room, a computer and a watch. I love you Santa Claus! and MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
Love,  
Amy Reinart  
P.S. I'll leave you some cookies and milk

From Veronica Leyva  
Dear Santa I would like a little Miss Dressup for crismas  
So would you get me one for crismas.

From Veronica Leyva  
age 8

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have some headphones, jewelry. In my stocking I would like to have some more tapes and lots of other things. I would also like some cool clothes and nintendo and tapes. I would like lots of surprises. I have been pretty good so far. Also some posters (lots) MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Your friend,  
Jennifer King

Dear Santa  
How are you and your helpers? Can i have a braslit with my name on it? I will try to be good i will i will!  
HAVE A HAPPY CHRI-  
STMAS.  
From  
Erica Rendon

Dear, Santa Clause  
I want a barbie doll from you. I always wanted a barbie doll. I hope I don't be bad. But I belive in you. I wish you a Mery Christmas. But some Kids don't belive in you but I do. I always get presents from you. Your nice to every one so i hope you good luck. Try not to forget something. So have fun. And be peaceful for you and your elevs too!  
Love, Trudy Valencia

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl sometimes. Please bring me a baby and some toys. Tell Prancer I said Hi.  
Love  
Kayla Robertson age 3

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the many toys you brought me last year. I would like you to bring me a remote control Barbie Car and a Bouncin Baby. Also a Little Miss Make-up Doll. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and a coke,  
Love  
Mandy Helmuth

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a remote controll car and lots of Nintinda Games. If you do this I will give you some chochlate chip cookies and a coke for the way. Is Rudolph leading the sled to every house in the world  
P.S. I hope you don't eat them because I eat them if you don't I going to hide them under my talbe so I can eat them not you  
Love  
Justin Starnes

Merry Christmas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want Stereo.  
Can I have a bike?  
Can I have a nintendo?  
Can I have a Panda Bear?  
Can I have a picture? of you  
Love  
Jorge Barajas

Dear Santa Claus  
Will you bring me a present. I will be nice to other. I want to take a picher with you. Are you coming dawn here. These are all the toy I wanta Barbie and a Scooter and a Santa like you and a Bean and a bike and some shoe like your Elfs and that's all I want ok Santa Claus. I have a sister and a brother and a mom and dad myself thats all I have in my family. I have some Ents and some uncles and some cousens.  
Love Martha Ramos

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
**THE General Store**

Season's Greetings  
Warm wishes for a holiday without measure.  
**Stratford Police Department**  
Have A Safe Holiday!

Goodwill toward men  
In the spirit of Christmas, joy and peace to our patrons.  
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We're getting the holidays off to a roaring start by wishing you and yours the very best of the Yuletide season!  
**Sheriff's Department**

**Good Tidings**  
In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.  
**Moore Implement**

**JOY**  
We hope this joyous time will bring to you all the goodness of Yuletide.  
**The Golden Needle**

**Merry Christmas**  
from  
**Coldwater Manor**

**Blessings**  
A Christmas Wish! That you and those you love will enjoy the best Christmas ever!  
**Mike Vincent Insurance**

**Merry Christmas**  
from  
**Duncan Chevrolet**

As we gather to light the Christmas tree, we wish our friends  
**A Bright and Merry holiday**  
**Country Cuts**

**HE'S HERE!**  
Jolly Santa makes his rounds making magic dreams come true. We send hearty thanks to spirited friends.  
**Bobby & Karla Edmond**





Dear Santa,  
I want a ninja turtle, a sleeping bag, and a rifle for Christmas. I also want a holster for my pistols.

Merry Christmas,  
L'n Cody Brotherton

Dear Santa,  
I want a camera, a grocery checkout, a doll and please bring my brother Scott a Tonka Truck and some other toys!

We both have been good and we will leave you cookies and milk.

Love  
Brittany & Scott

Dear Santa  
I want a real microphone and love you

From: Thea

Dear Santa  
I would like a Lost and Found Bunny, Telephone, and a Bouncing Kid.  
Love: Carly J. Mathews

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me toys. I'm not picky any toy will do. I have been good every once in a while.

Love,  
Heather Robertson age 2

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Big surprise on Christmas. I hope you make it to my house. I will leave out some cookies and milk.

From Shelli

Dear Santa how are you. I want Teenage mutant ninja turtle and Shark attack. School is fun and it has been fun over the summer.

Love Wesley

Dear Santa  
I want Color racers  
from McLain

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a new pair of skates I Don't care what els I get  
form  
David Hunsaker

Dear Santa,  
For christmas I want a doll, bike, a phone, and games. Will you give me all of those things. Will you give me a water bed just for me. Santa will you give me a picture of you Please I want one.

Thank you  
Annie Ortega  
Thank you for those

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of boots, clothes, games, and a new book to read. Is North Pole cold? We have not put up our stockings, sure hope mom remembers to do that. I hope everyone has a Merry X-mas.

Love, Keri Wight



## SILENT NIGHT

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



Stratford Feedyard

## GREETINGS

Bringing Christmas messages of love and inspiration through the music of hope and faith renewed!

# Browns Meat Locker

Dear Santa,  
I want a combine, grain cart, dump truck, and fertilizer tank like my daddy's for Christmas. I am 2 years old and really like to go to my daddy's farm. I like to help my daddy and Grandad. I have been a "pretty good" boy this year I will leave a snack for you when you come to my house.  
Thank you and Merry Christmas!  
Walter Spurlock



## Joy

You're at the top of our list for good wishes. Thanks to all.  
Smith & Smith Well Co.

## Christmas Blessings

Hope your Christmas is bright with love and joy. We thank you for your support.

### C & D Body Shop

## Joyous Holidays

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

### Golden Spread Implement

## Merry Christmas

Mungia's Heating and Air Conditioning

## HAPPY HOLIDAY

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

### M & R Electric

# JOY

Here's a very special wish for you at Christmas.

### Bain Tire Co.

## Christmas Joy

Along with the magic of the season, goes our thanks.

# Consumers

## GREETINGS

# Joy

Best wishes to friends old and new for the best Christmas ever. Thanks.

### G & W Industrial Supply Inc.

## The Happy Painter

Joy to the world

## Happy Holidays

The season is the reason for wishing you the very best!

### Stratford Dairy Queen

## Happy Holidays

What wonderful sights and sounds the Christmas season has to offer — we wish them all to you!

### Gustin Equipment

# JOY

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

### Stratford Printing





Merry Christmas

from

All Points Travel

Thanks for your business in 1989

Happy Traveling in 1990

Pat Johnson

Joan Bell



JOY TO ALL

The bells ring out the happiness of the season. May you share in its joys.

Olson Automotive

Merry Christmas

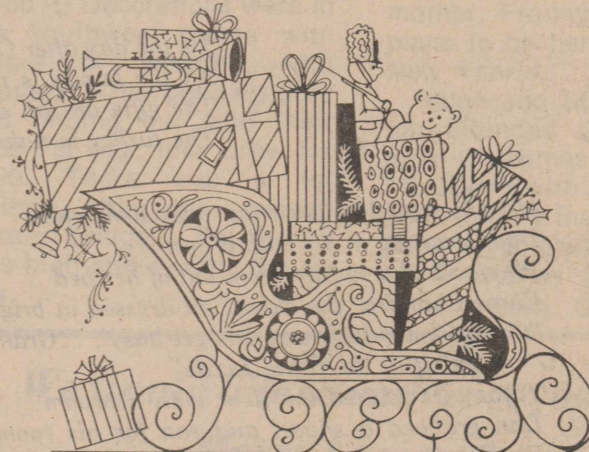
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From Elk Service & Equipment

JOY TO ALL



Simmons Cable TV

Our sincerest thanks for your friendship and goodwill. We appreciate your business and wish you all the best for the coming New Year

Chuck & Maurine Wilson



Merry Christmas

During this holiday of warm thoughts we wish you joy and happiness.

Pat's Headquarters



Joy and peace

Staff of C's Male Box & Girls Next Door

'Twas the night before Christmas...



The Ranger Motel

Merry Christmas from

Sherman County Farm Bureau

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



Merry Christmas



Catherine Taylor C.P.A.

Season's Greetings

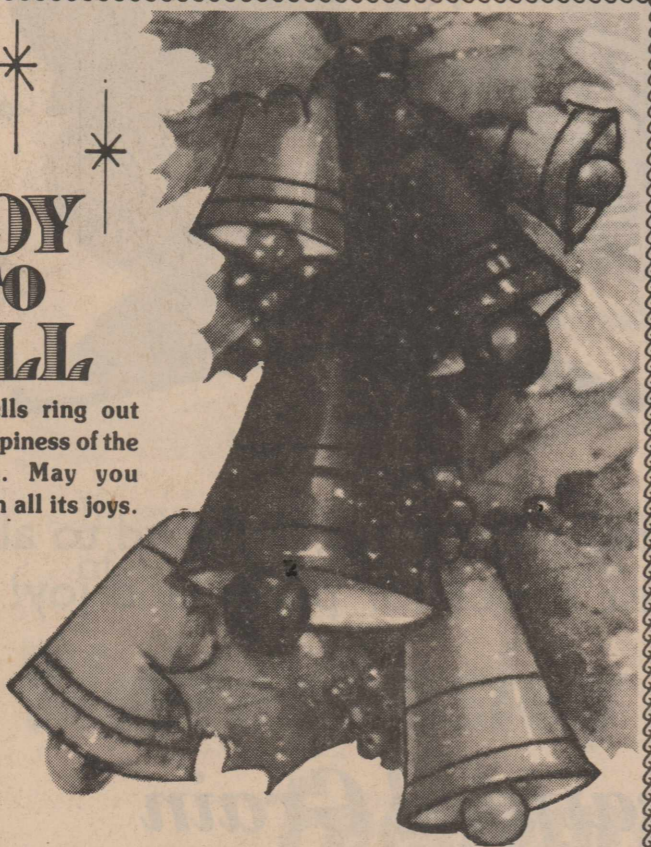


We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

Keener Automotive

JOY TO ALL

The bells ring out the happiness of the season. May you share in all its joys.



Stratford Thriftway

Greetings of the Season



Let us reflect on the wonder of the season.

Stratford Chamber of Commerce

Greetings



Blessings to all our friends!

Keener Oil



*Share your memories*

• This was brought in by Debbie Jackson. The kids grandmother sent this poem to them before flying in for Christmas

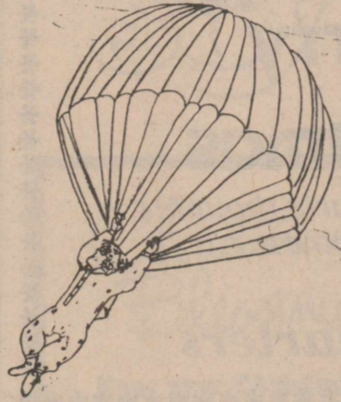


*Tis the day after Christmas and all through the house  
All the family is resting, including the mouse  
The gifts are all opened and strewn all about  
The turkey is naked, our stomachs are stout*

*Mom is settled in her chair with some cheer  
Dad is resting in his with a beer  
When all of a sudden from out of her bed  
Came Chandra, the oldest, all dressed in bright red  
"Get off your duffs and lets get busy . . . Grammie is  
coming in the flying Lizzie"  
Tiffany T cleaned the floor with a broom  
Dan grabbed a shovel and ran for his room  
She'll be here soon, probably land on the roof . . .  
"Better turn on the lights in case she goofs"*

*Mom was still settled in her chair with some cheer  
And Dad more relaxed after another cold beer  
The clutter was gone and the fire was aglow  
They looked out the window and there was fresh snow  
"I hope she has goggles and bifocals to see  
Otherwise I fear she'll land in a tree"  
No sooner had Dan uttered these words of distress  
Then they all stood in wonder and watched to the west*

*From out of the clouds with the moon shining bright  
Appeared "Flying Lizzie" with Grammie holding tight  
Alas and alack — gee-whiz and gosh darn  
She missed the roof and hit the barn . . .  
Mom, Dad, Chandra, Dan and Tiffany too  
Ran out of the house knowing just what to do  
They jumped on the trampoline high in the air  
And grabbed dear old Grammie by her short curly hair  
Her eyes were crossed and her teeth took a fall  
But she had enough hugs and kisses for all.*



**Christmas Blessings**  
May the wonder and joy of the First Christmas always be with you!

**Stratford Auto Electric**

Merry Christmas & God Bless You

From Business Concept,  
Tom & Beverly Snider &  
Susan Spurlock Rawlins

**JOY**

**JOY**

**Glory to the New Born King**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
Family & Friends

**Joy**

Not only for Christmas . . . but for all the year through, the Joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

**Elk Pharmacy**



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Happy Holidays to all our special friends. We wish you a bright and beautiful Christmas.

**Brooks Video**

**Greetings**

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

**Ellie M's**

Here's wishing a holiday decorated in love and laughter. Merry Christmas.

**JOYOUS NOEL**

**Allen Insurance Agency**

**Joy to All**

"... There is a destiny that makes us brothers..." With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.

**A & I Parts Center**

*Merry Christmas*

With warmest greetings, we send to all, our dearest hopes for peace and joy!

**Stratford Grain**



# BEHOLD... A CHILD IS BORN



Wishing all the blessings of the Holiday Season to you and your loved ones. We hope that you will always find peace and contentment, guided by that everlasting light that led the shepherds to the Holy Child. Have a happy Christmas season.

STEVE & SANDY BASKIN & FAMILY  
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 BASKIN & BETTY BROWN  
 MRS. W.O. BRYANT  
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 OLIVE CARAWAY  
 REX & BERNICE CHRISTIAN  
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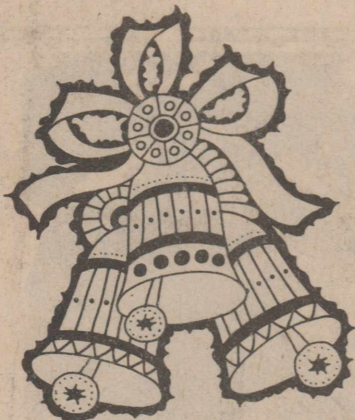
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Friday is Pizza Day 11-2 5-10 \$3.95 \$4.95 All You Can Eat At The Country Kitchen. 12-21-c

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Happy New Year



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SERVICES

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**VETERANS-Expansion of outreach program & veteran counseling centers are some of the benefits available in addition to land & home purchase & pension benefits. For assistance in applying for these & other VA benefits call Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348 12-28-p**

For all your Marquee and regular Christmas lights, replacement bulbs and Christmas Decorations. Come see us at THE General Store. 12-21-c

Come in now until Christmas and sign up for our Christmas Give-away at THE General Store. 12-21-c



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