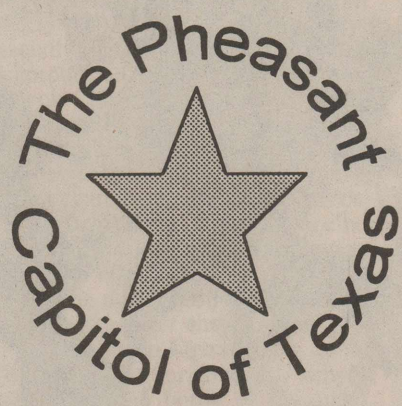


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Merry Christmas

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New Years Eve Dance

New Year's Eve Dance at the Stratford Country Club from 9-12:30. In town guests welcome.

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Need Coaches! 3rd and 4th Boys and girls. Call Kristi at 769-4467 or ViAnn at Mary Allen Elementary School. Refs are also needed.

Happy New Year

AARP Free Income Tax Class

Beginners class will be held Jan. 5 & 6th, at 9 a.m. thru 4 p.m. Then on Jan. 9-13 the class will be for persons that are beginners as well as the ones that has attended years before.

Anyone that wants to take this class. It is free and they may call to register before the class.

Phone Joyce Kearns at 622-1164 or 622-1966. Classes will be held at San Jacinto Methodist Church, 6th and Tennessee, Amarillo.

Happy New Year Merry Christmas

YES-We Will Be Open Christmas Day

What a contradiction it would be to close His house on the day we celebrate His birth.

Services from 10 to 11 will include the Cantata "A Gift For A King" and a message from God's word.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Scot Reminder

Scot Reminder. - Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve Dance - 8-12 p.m. Music by Ron Brown, an entertainer from Campo, Colorado. He played on Riverboats.



Opening Day Pheasant Season

The Whitman Family Group of Marble Falls, which consisted of 14 came to Stratford Pheasant hunting. They got 28 pheasants. This picture was taken on Opening Day of Pheasant Season on December 10, 1994. Andy Riffe was their Chamber Guide.

EMS Banquet



The EMS Banquet held last Tuesday, December 13, 1994 honored: From Left, Lloyd King - 5 year service certificate and pin. Ricky Reed, D'Lynn Reed, Jack Gore and not pictured Janie Kirkpatrick for 10 year service.



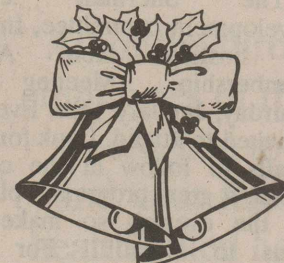
Jimmy Lanning, left was named Most Dedicated EMT Member for 1994 and Larry Norris was named 1994 EMT of the Year.

Star Office Holiday Schedule

The Stratford Star office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 21, Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 23.

We will also be closed Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29, Monday thru Thursday, We will be open Friday, Dec. 30th at 8 a.m.

There will be no edition of The Stratford Star, Thursday, Dec. 29th.



Stratford Family Medical Clinic Provides Healthcare For The Community

Stratford Family Medical Clinic provides health care for the whole community, according to Jeannie Knight, Chairman of the Board of the Stratford Hospital District. "We recently received certification to provide services to all veterans," she said. "We will be serving veterans in a 200-mile radius of our community. However, we don't want our regular patients to think we've changed our practice."

Ms. Knight added that the Stratford Family Medical Clinic, which is operated by Moore County Hospital District, is designated as a Rural Health Clinic. "That basically means that we accept all patients and help patients find the best way to pay for their medical care, whether it is insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or private pay", she said. "The recently obtained VA certification just gives us an additional group of patients that we can now provide service for here at home."

Dr. Gary Mathews is the supervising physician at the clinic, and John Schmidt is the Physician Assistant. The Stratford Family Medical Clinic is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Appointments are preferred but not required.

High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show set for January 5th at the Amarillo Civic Center will address timely topics of interest to growers. These include the influence of this year's hot, dry weather on the performance and yield of corn hybrids, economics of acreages of early corn, sorghum and full season corn, a grower's experiences with ridge till farming, irrigation system efficiency and management to offset reduced well supplies and the effective, safe use of chemigation. Also included is a panel discussion of drip irrigation for row crops and pastures. Two continuing education unites (CEU) will be offered.

Leon New, the conference coordinator states that the '95 event has been moved from the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in order to expand the trade show. More irrigation equipment manufacturers, distributors and dealers will have the latest equipment on display to compliment the conference discussion topics.

A catered lunch will be served with a \$5 registration fee.

Salaries & Raises Discussed At City Council Meeting

Stratford City Council met in regular session November 17, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Ken Forthman presiding and the following Council members present: Sandy Williams, Larry Sims, Johnny Garza and Doug McBryde. City Attorney, Jon King was also present.

Doug made a motion, Johnny second to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Johnny made a motion, Doug second to approve the livestock permit for Scott Plunk. Motion carried.

Sandy made a motion, Doug second to approve the T.M.R.S. Retirement Ordinance. Motion carried.

Johnny made a motion, Sandy second to approve the 1994 tax role. Motion carried.

Doug made a motion, Sandy second to approve the amended 1993/1994 budget. Motion carried.

Connie Oquin asked if it was illegal to take in more revenues than was budgeted. City Attorney Jon King answered that it was not unless it was in the form of taxes.

Discussions were made on salaries and raises for City Employees. Notation was made that we are below the pay scale compared to Dalhart, Gruver and Sunray. E.R. stated he feels he should be allowed to set raises for City Employees except for himself and the Council should be the ones to give him his raise. Ken and Sandy were in agreement with E.R. Council was in favor of merit raises for City Employees, Sandy made a motion, Johnny second to let E.R. give a 1% pay raise as to his discretion. Motion carried.

Sandy asked the question as to why our City Patrol car and a policeman accompanied the football teams to the out of town games. Ken said that 7 out of 10 other cities send their policemen with the buses for security reasons. Our policeman went on a trial basis to see if it would work.

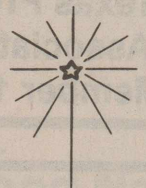
Council was in agreement to get the railroad crossings fixed if at all possible this month.

Suggestions were made to let E.R. call GTE and try to get some results on fixing the problems with the phone system in Stratford.

Discussions were made about the maintenance and repair of the sidewalks on main street. E.R. will check on the problem and see what needs to be done and as to who will pay for it.

Johnny asked E.R. as to when the road work on Stickney and Cedar would begin. E.R. will get with Max Brown and see when we can get the caleche and start working on it.

Meeting adjourned.



We are now working on The Basketball Page. If you would like a signature ad, please call The Stratford Star 396-5885

Dear Readers
By Marty Robertson

First of all, I'm sorry for any mistakes that may be in the paper this week. Mom has been sick, so I've had to do most of this edition. I do want to thank Donita and Sandy for helping me get the typing done.

Hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The office will be closed Dec. 21-29th and be open again on December 30th.

The Stratford Star has appreciated your business the past year and we look forward to serving you in 1995.



Backyard Grand Prix

Stratford, Texas, December 15, 1994--Gentlemen start your engines! The lure of speed and the "Quest for Excellence" are the basis for Farmers Insurance Group of Companies' entry "Backyard Grand Prix," in the 1995 Tournament of Roses parade on January 2, 1995 in Pasadena California.

The sporty float features four mobile cars being driven around a 50 foot oval race track which is four feet wide. The cars are built on go carts and will be driven by members of a racing team. In the center of the track is a young boy kneeling down to race to his car.

"We are proud to be entering our 36th consecutive float, and enjoy carrying on the Farmers' tradition of participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade annual festivities," said Carolyn A. Tarver, Farmer Agent in Stratford, Texas.

The float is 55 feet in length by 18 feet in width and is 30 feet high. Built for Farmers by Studio Concepts, Inc. of Portland, the colorful track perimeter is decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, roses and iris, with accents of dendrobium orchids and lavender carnations. The boy is decorated with orchids, chrysanthemums and cut blue statice.

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Obit

Ben David Alexander

Texhoma, Okla. - Ben David Alexander, 64, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Texhoma Church of Christ with Scott Smith officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Alexander was born in Frederick, Okla., and moved to Texhoma in 1971 from Tempe, Okla. He had been a telephone operator, a fireman and a farmer before becoming a crop spraying pilot about 30 years ago. He married Norma Jean Lee in 1949 at Vernon.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kim D'Ann Chapman of Texhoma; a son, Randy Lynn Alexander of Texhoma; two sisters, Dell McCorkle of Las Vegas and Joyce Morris of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren.

Mark Your Calendars

The Sherman County Development committee, Inc. will be hosting their Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 14th. Everyone is invited to attend. Look for more details to follow in the coming weeks. A great program is planned for the evening so make your plans to attend!!!! For more information, contact Lorie Vincent at the SCDC office at 396-2897.

Living Nativity

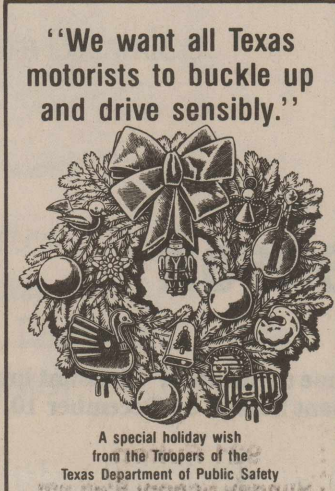
The Living Nativity, a gift to the Panhandle area from the Church of the Nazarene will be held December 21st and 22nd. The annual event has become a family tradition for the area communities and for the church family as well.

The Living Drive Thru Nativity begins with a modern day family scene which focuses on the Christmas Story found in the book of Luke. A new scene has been added this year with angels appearing before Mary telling of the birth of her son, Jesus. Another scene is Mary and Joseph in the streets of Bethlehem seeking a room at the inn. Shepherds on the hillside with an angel appearing tells of the Savior's birth in Bethlehem in the next setting. The scenery now moves to Herod's palace in Jerusalem where kings from the East appear before King Herod. The final scene of the living nativity is a manger scene, showing the humble place for the Son of God to be born.

Pastor Terry Armstrong and friends and family of the Church of the Nazarene invites everyone to attend the drive thru dramatic Living Nativity on Wednesday, December 21 and Thursday December 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening.

This is a moving experience that will inspire your true Christmas spirit and have lasting memories.

Church of the Nazarene is Located at 24th and Sunset, 5 Blocks West of Wal-Mart, Guymon, Oklahoma.



A special holiday wish from the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety



Some New Year resolutions:

- I'll wear my safety belt
- I'll put my kids in safety seats
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- DECKER MEAT FRANKS 12 OZ. PKG. **69¢**
- SUGARLESS TRIDENT GUM VAL-U-PAK **69¢**
- Tendercrust Brown n' serve rolls **2 \$1**
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Babies Honored At Shower

Cody and Zachary Aro, twin sons of Matt and Jayme Aro were honored with a baby shower on December 15, 1994 in the home of Susie Harlow. Shown from left are Jayme's aunt, Linda Young and Cody and Jayme and Zachary.

Open House At NPSL

North Plains Savings & Loan held an Open House on December 15, 1994. Shown are Katrina Pendergrass from Dumas and Jerry Dyess.

Season's Greetings

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Brown the pheasant on all sides in the butter. Add the finely chopped shallots to the pan and cook until golden. Flame with The Macallan and reduce by half. Add the peeled, cored and sliced apples, seasonings and bouquet and bring to a boil. Cover tightly and cook gently for about 50 minutes. Take out the pheasant, carve and arrange on the serving dish with...

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By Dorothy Haile



Marty Bain and her grandchildren, Lindsey and Chelae Stein, are sharing a Barbie Doll collection with our library patrons. These dolls belonged to Marty and Phillip's daughters. Marty provided the book, *The Collectors Encyclopedia of Barbie Dolls and Collectibles*, as a part of the exhibit. The first Barbie doll was sold in 1959. After a slow start, Barbie became a top seller in 1960. In 1960, Ken was created...and the rest is history.

Where the Buffaloes Roam—a book that has already captured the imaginations of thousands nationwide—tells the story of the exuberant go-fo-broke team of Bob Stone drafted to see him through the biggest challenge of his life, kidney cancer. And yet this is not a book about serious life—about how to make a positive response to any of life's crises.

Bob Stone says that the real miracle is not his standoff with terminal cancer but his team—the connections he forged with the more than 500 friends, family members, and strangers who joined him in his challenge. He called his team the Buffaloes, "a dying breed that's making its comeback now." His unique team program is powerful validation of



Growers To Highlight Irrigation Conference

Three area growers who possess the ability to succeed in irrigated farming will share their management techniques at the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show January 5th at the Amarillo Civic Center. Registration and the trade show begin at 8:25 a.m. and the conference program at 9:25 a.m. Three continuing education units (CEU) will be offered.

Harold Grall, a grower in Moore County will discuss why and how he is using ridge till farming to conserve and manage irrigation water and rainfall.

Rex McCloy, a grower in Hutchinson County will share how he utilizes irrigation systems and current technology to cut crop production costs.

Randy Hensley, a grower in the O'Donnell area of the South Plains will discuss how he uses drip irrigation to boost cotton yields with limited irrigation water.

Freddie Lamm, a researcher at Colby, Kansas will present data on irrigation corn with drip irrigation and his view of the economic feasibility.

Other topics to be aired are the influence of '94 weather on corn yields and the yield potential and economic comparison of short and full season corn and grain sorghum to match irrigation capacity. These will be discussed by Brad Lance, field agronomist with Pioneer Hi-Bred International at Lubbock and Brent Bean, Extension agronomist at Amarillo.

Effective, safe strategies for chemigation will be presented by Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist at Amarillo. Leon New, Extension agricultural engineer will discuss planning and managing irrigation systems for efficiency.

Manufacturers and dealers will be on hand to show and discuss technology of the latest irrigation and chemigation equipment during the trade show.

A \$5.00 registration fee will include a catered lunch.

The Lights Of Christmas

(NAPS)—As you gather around a brilliantly-lit Christmas tree, see homes and stores aglow with beautiful lights and decorations or see pictures of the magnificent national Christmas tree in Washington, D.C. all lit up, you might like to take a moment to think about where this bright Christmas custom comes from.

The lights on the Christmas tree, legend says, were the result of a bright idea by Martin Luther. Walking in the woods one winter evening, he saw starlight glimmering through the branches of an evergreen; brought the tree home and trimmed it with candles so the whole family could enjoy the spectacle. Ever since,



The holiday season is ablaze with light, thanks to coal, which provides 57 percent of America's electricity.

As for the national Christmas tree, its light comes from what to many is a surprising source. A coal mine. For one thing, coal is the nation's most abundant and reliable energy source.

When President Clinton turns the switch that lights the national Christmas tree and the 57 smaller trees that represent the 50 states,

the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, the electricity will be supplied by coal. What's more, for the fifth year in a row, the 57 live trees that form the "pathway of peace" were grown on reclaimed coal mine lands. After the holidays, the donated trees will be planted in Washington-area parks.

Before being reclaimed, the surface mine where the trees grew produced half a million tons of coal to provide electricity for residents in Ohio.

Today, this former mine is a commercial tree farm, with over 250,000 trees growing on reclaimed coal mine land near Belmont, Ohio. The National Coal Association donated the trees; Cravat Coal provided the transportation.

Over two million acres of mined land have been reclaimed by the U.S. coal industry since 1974. The Christmas trees are a cheery example of how this land has been put to productive use; and something else to celebrate this holiday!

Season Evokes Lasting Memories

Of all special days, Christmas evokes the most memories. These dreamlike excursions into a vanished past are made of many things — the merry blinking of lights garlanded about a fragrant evergreen; the savor of cinnamon and nutmeg, ginger and allspice adding its scent and flavor to cookies cut in festive shapes; the crackle of a yule log on a cozy fire; the razzle-dazzle of brightly colored wrappings and ribbons.

Christmas memories are made of sounds and scents, sights and tastes, bound together with good feelings. They reach back through the years and decades, to the earliest recalled moments of childhood and beyond, to stories told

of holiday seasons long before — memories passed on by parents and grandparents — to become part of the fabric of this most magical of seasons.

People from all over reach out to one another, and families come together to rejoice and celebrate, to recall and make memories, and their sense of an occasion celebrated in common has the power to overcome differences.

This rebirth of the human community and family unity is the true wonder of Christmas, and infuses the season with the glow of childhood, as glorious as it is innocent. It is the stuff from which dreams — and memories — are made, and, for that, it is all the more precious.

Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy, is the best bred in the company.
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Christmas Tree Is Bedecked With Customs and History

Of all Christmas customs, perhaps the most universally treasured is the Christmas tree. Brightly decorated with shimmering lights and glittering ornaments, the tree is as likely to reflect the traditions of each individual family, as it is those of the world at large.

From the exciting moment when the tree is erected, usually some days in advance of Christmas Eve, it commands a position of central importance during all holiday festivities.

So much so, that it is difficult to believe that, a scant 200 years ago, the custom of trimming a tree at Christmastide was not widely observed outside its native Germany.

One legend credits Martin Luther, the 16th-century theologian, with having set up the very first Christmas tree. According to this legend, Luther conceived of a tree alight with countless candles as a way of representing to his children the glory of the starlit Heaven.

However, historical sources indicate that the first Christmas tree can be traced to the early 17th century, when fir trees — decorated with colored paper, gold foil, apples, toys and can-

dies — were reported in the German city of Stasbourg.

What are the antique origins of the Christmas tree? Historians point to a multitude of sources, among them the Roman custom of decking residences with evergreens during the festival of the Kalends, which occurred in the early part of January.

Parallels between the Roman observation of Kalends and the festivities traditional at Christmas are many and include those of decorating the home with lights, extending lavish hospitality to friends and family, as well as extravagant gift-giving.

Many early Christian beliefs stand behind the tradition of trimming a tree at Christmas. For instance, it was customary for people to bring flowering trees, such as hawthorn or cherry, indoors during the autumn, so that they might bloom and bring forth fruit on Christmas Eve.

This tradition may derive from the belief that St. Joseph of Arimathea, settling at Glastonbury in western England, planted his staff in the earth, whereupon it became a thorn tree and

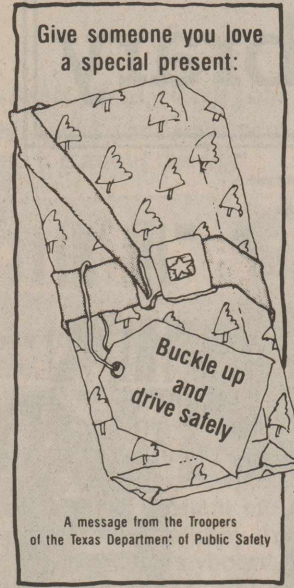
sprouted leaves. Furthermore, it miraculously blossomed.

December 24th, according to the old Church calendar, was the Feast of Adam and Eve, on which day it was traditional to hang a fir tree with red apples. This Paradise Tree, as it was called, is certainly a forerunner of the Christmas tree as we know it.

There are some very pretty stories associated with both pine and fir trees, among the most popular choices for Christmas trees. According to one legend, the pine tree provided a hiding place for the Holy Family when they were fleeing from the soldiers of Herod.

The fir tree, according to another legend, boasted both flowers and fruits until Eve discovered the tree and plucked its treasures. From that time on, the legend continues, only needles grew on the fir tree until, on the evening of Nativity, it suddenly blossomed once again.

Today, centuries later, the Christmas spirit is still represented in the timeless manifestation of the ever-beautiful, ever-enchanting Christmas tree.



A message from the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety



Happy Holidays!

'Tis the holiday season and all through the land, our thoughts turn to safety for activities planned.

The appliances are properly vented throughout. To ensure fresh air both inside and out.

Cookies and cakes are baked with great care, gas cooks the food for the family there.

Checking the furnace and chimney, both outdoors and in, are two safety measures to protect you and your kin.

If you smell or hear gas, leave your house right away And call Southern Union Gas to inspect it night or day.

We'll check for a leak, make sure nothing's the matter, So you can relax and enjoy holiday chatter.

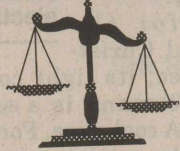
So during this holiday time of the year, Keep gas safety in mind along with good cheer.

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Plant Supervisor

RING IN THE NEW!



We'd just like to chime in and say, "hope your year's a bellringer in every way!"
Happy New Year and many thanks.

The
Stratford
Star

COLOR IT! CLIP IT! And check it twice!

Sparky wants you to have a happy and safe holiday. So he wrote these tips to help you safely enjoy the Christmas season.

Color Sparky with crayons or markers and clip this page out. Then, check your safety list to make sure your home is ready for the holidays. (Ask for your parent's help!)



SAFETY LIST!

- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Test lights before stringing.
- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- Use waterproof lighting equipment outdoors. Hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.



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Wishing you a safe, happy holiday.

Toast the
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Dance
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We will be closed
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26th

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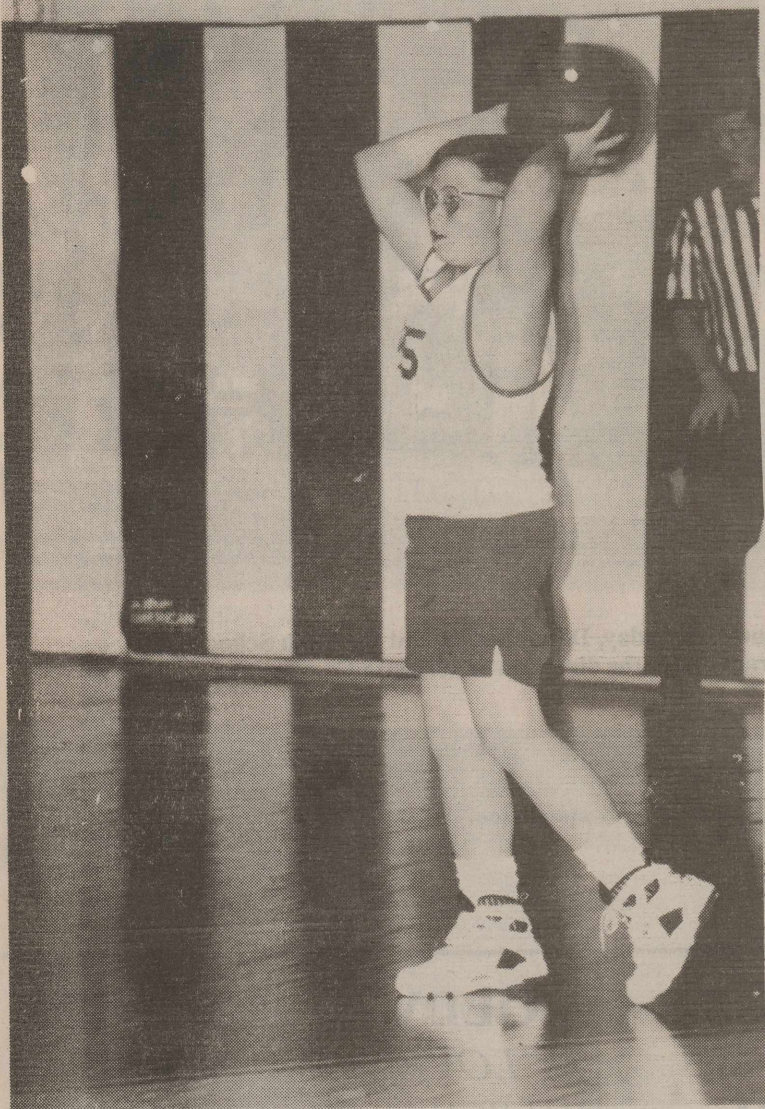
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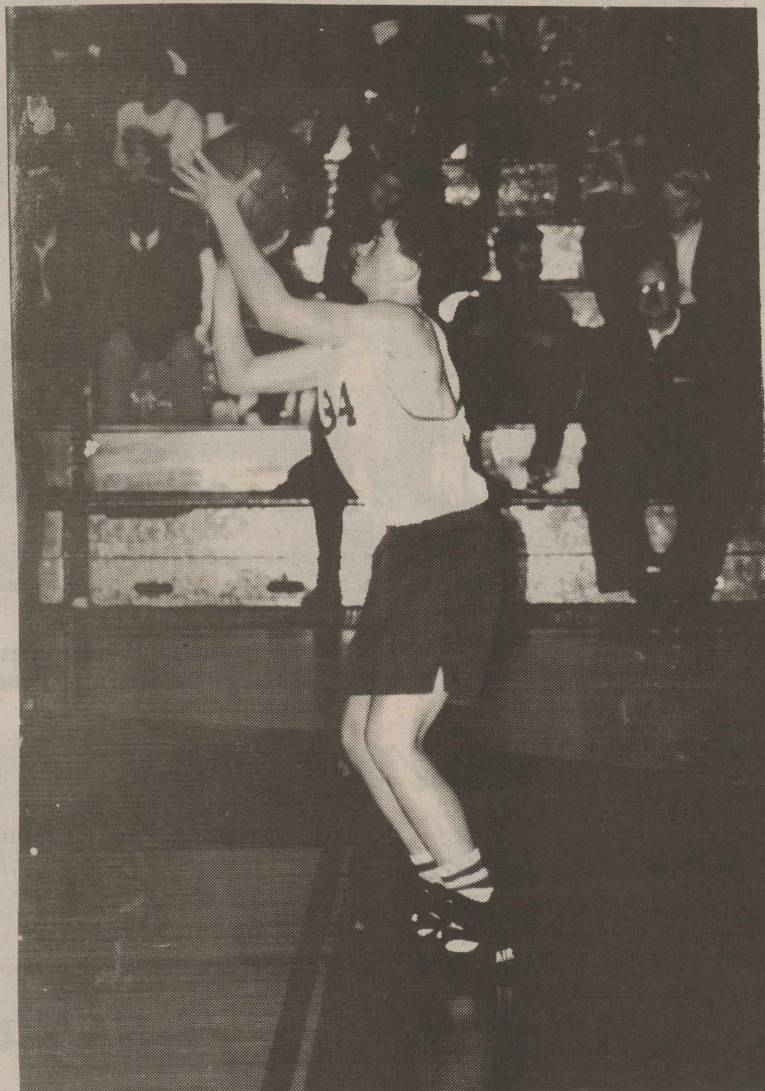
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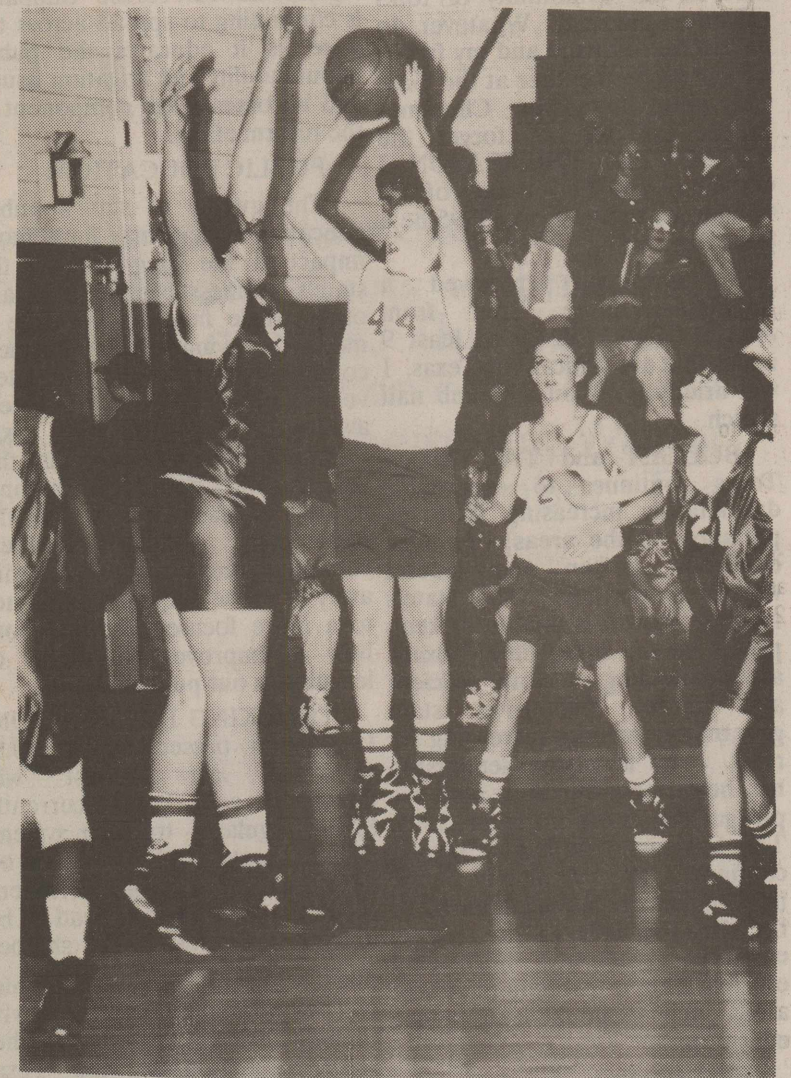
Jr. High Boys Basketball



Cody Moore - 7th grade



Nathaniel Walden - 8th grade



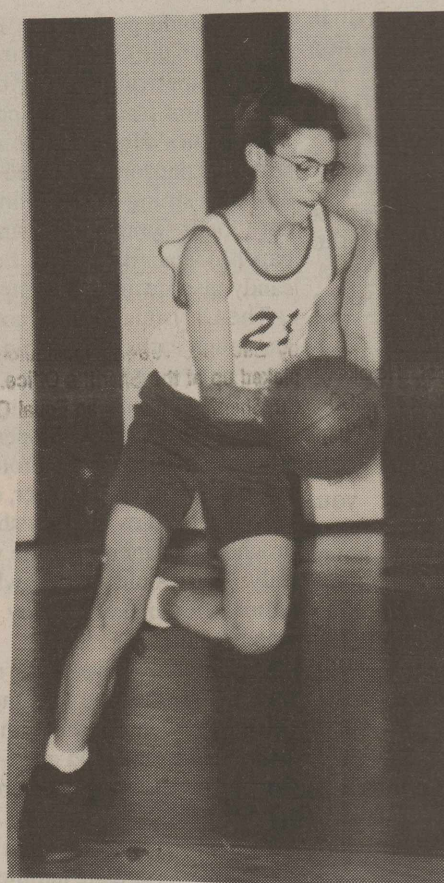
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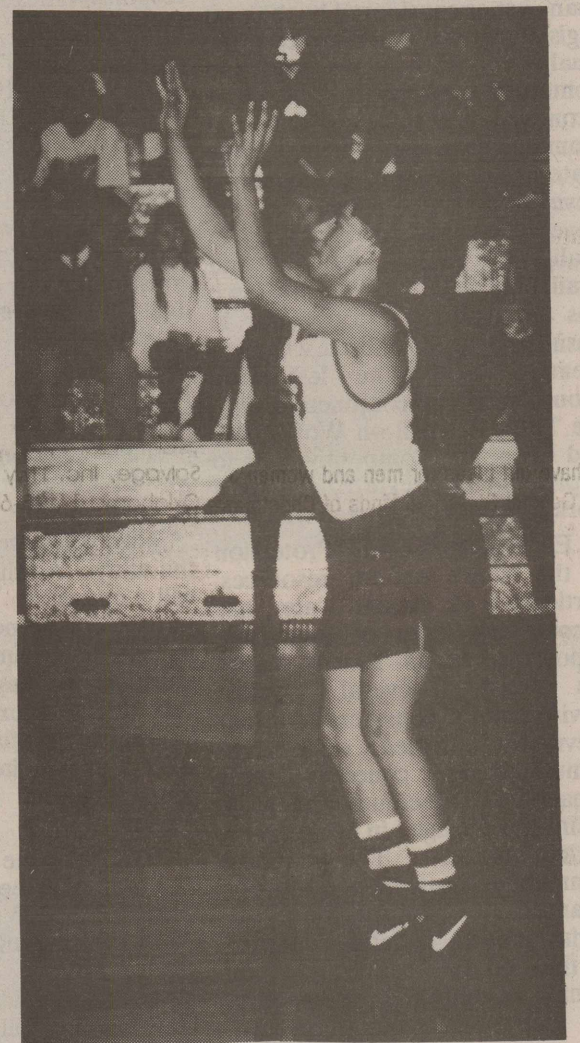
Cody Brotherton - 7th grade



Ross Davis - 8th grade



Roy McCracken - 7th grade



Eric Hernandez - 8th grade



David Hunsaker - 7th grade

Basketball

The Varsity Lady Elks beat Sunray 67-48 on Friday, December 16, 1994. Kelli Wight and Heather Stewart were high scorers with 20 points each, followed by Cara Lavake with 8 points. On December 17th, they lost to Dalhart 47-58. Heather Stewart was high point with 14 and Cara Lavake followed with 13 points. Kelli Wight scored 10 points and Lea Shuping had 7 points.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Sunray on December 16th with a score of 38-31. Leading in scoring was Jessica Sikora with 11 points and Rachelle Mungia with 9 points. On December 17th, they lost to Dalhart 36-39. Cheryl Beattie was high point with 10 points. Ashlie Lasley followed with 8 points and Jennifer King with 7 points.

The 7th grade boys beat Boys Ranch on December 12th with a score of 28-22. Roy McCracken led in scoring with 9 points followed by Brock Swain and David Hunsaker with 6 points each.

The 8th grade boys beat Boys Ranch 46-24 on December 12th. Ross Davis was high point with 24. Nathaniel Walden followed with 7 points.

The 9th grade boys beat Boys Ranch 29-26. Jose Reta led in scoring with 8 points and Roberto Acevedo had 6 points.

The J.V. and Varsity girls will play Dumas on December 29th here starting at 5 p.m. The J.V. and Varsity boys will play Texline on December 30th there at 5 p.m.

Stratford Tournament January 5-7

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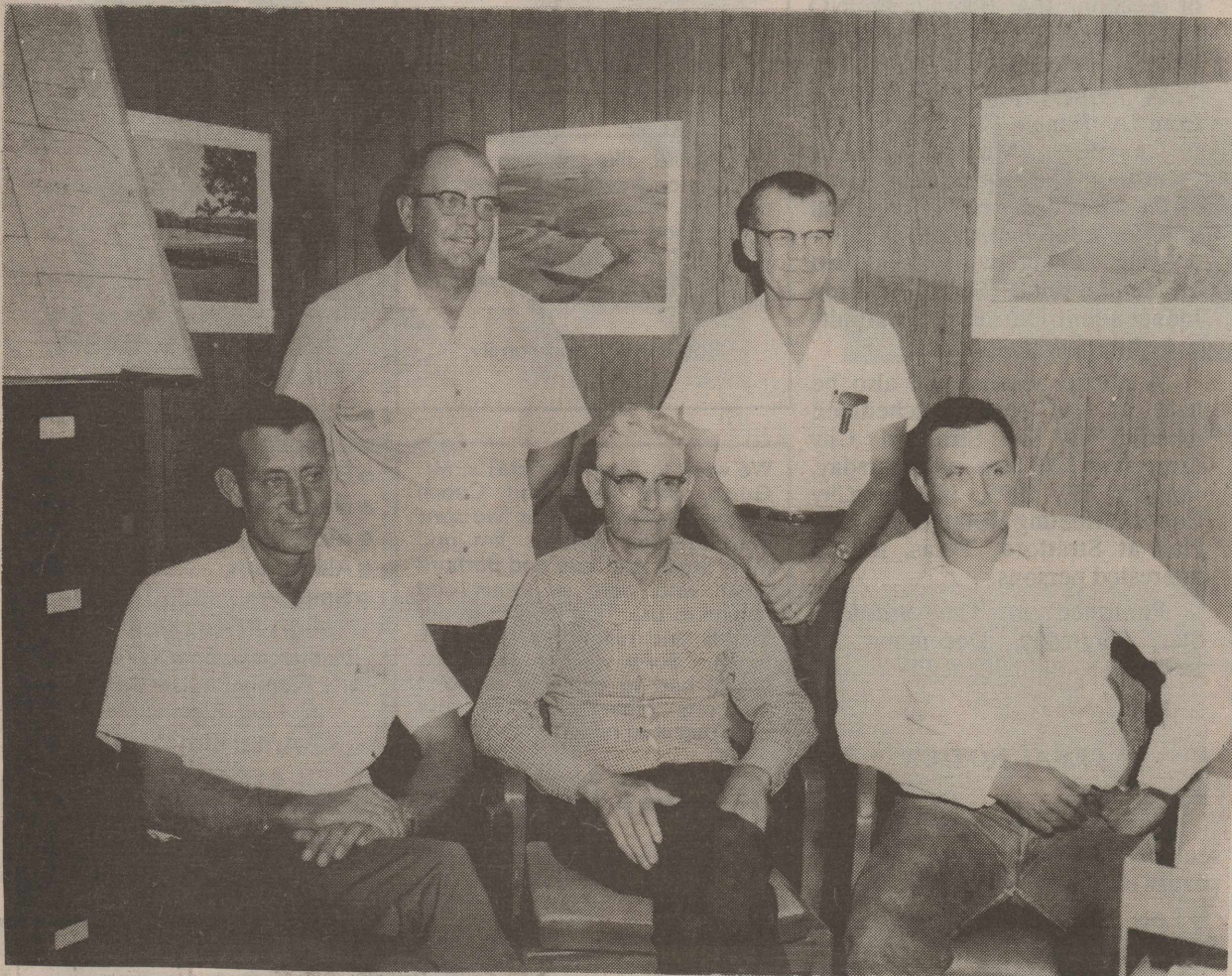
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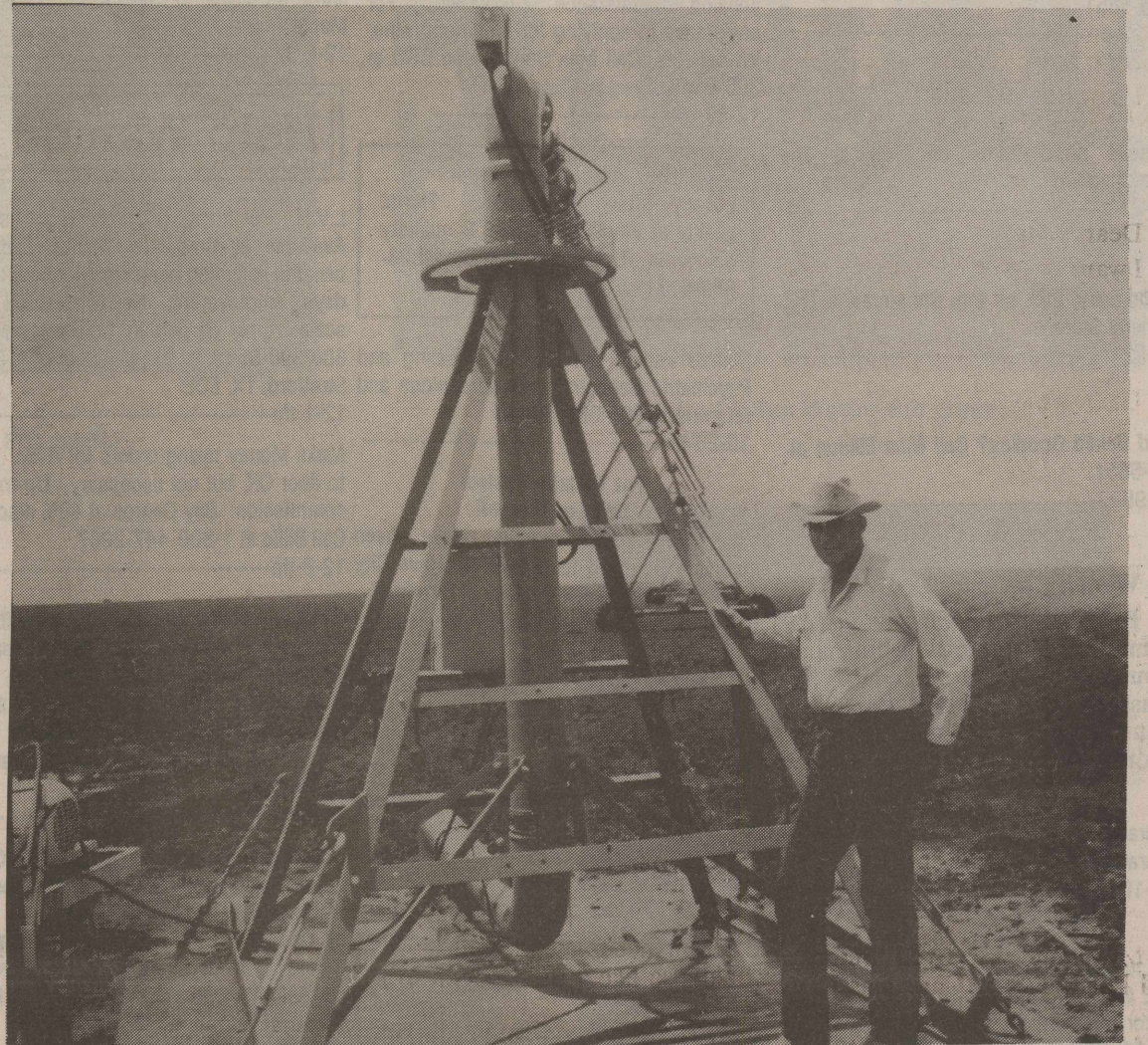
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Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District Leader In Conservation For Thirty Years

On July 24, 1964 Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation district was signed into existence. Since then, Sherman County SWCD has led the way in farm and ranch conservation efforts in Sherman County. Leadership is provided by a 5 member board elected by farm land owners. The district is assisted in their natural resource conservation efforts by a local National Resource Conservation Service office (formerly Soil Conservation Service). Present board members are Wendell Stacy, chairman, Walter Lasley, vice-chairman, Harry Lunt, secretary, Kenton Kimball, member and Scott Buckles, member. The district leads the way in making the best and wisest use of our resources.



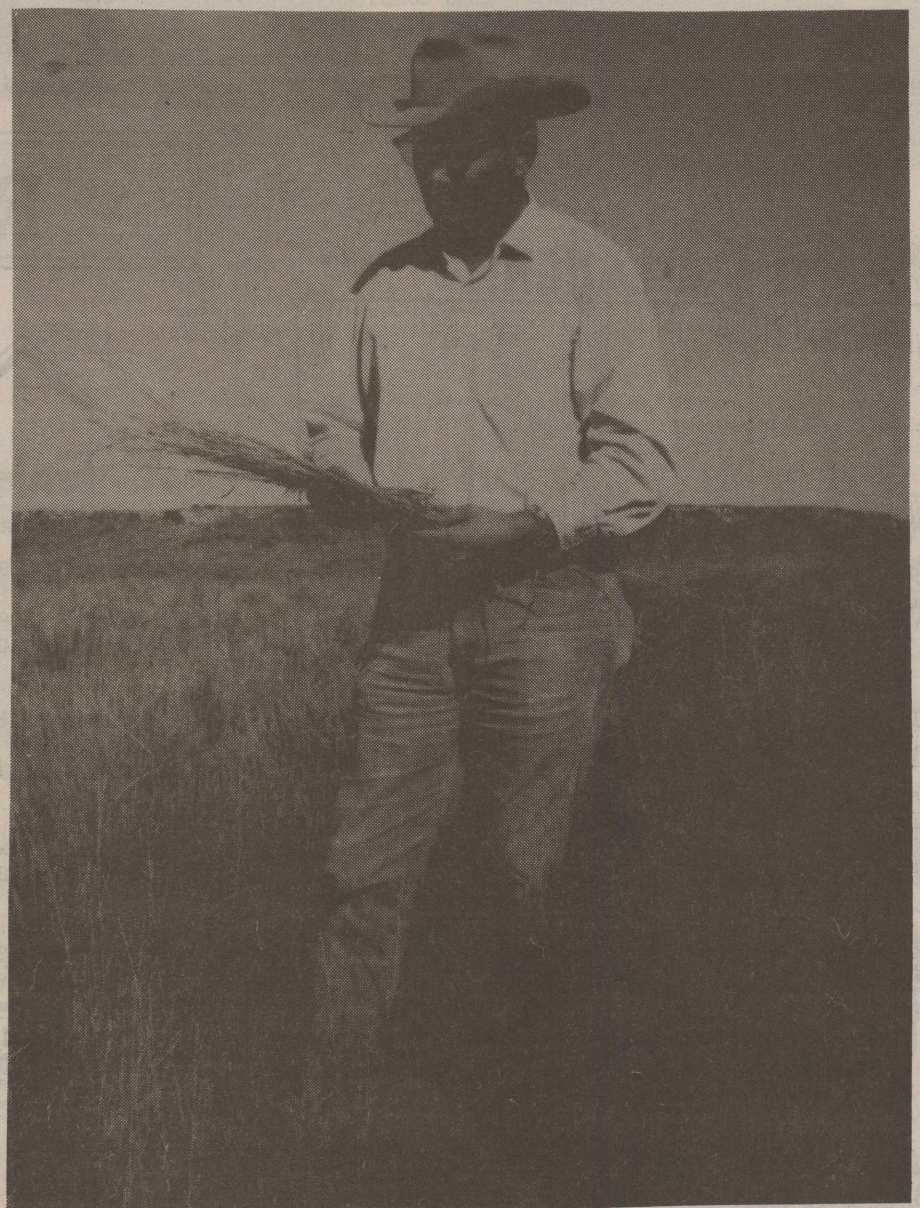
Top row left to right: R.M. Buckles, Joy Smith. Bottom row left to right: Odell Pugh, R.O. Bolster, and Vance Morris. These are original board members, except Vance Morris, who replaced original member Billy McClellan in 1967.



Walter Lasley stands beside one of the first pivots to be utilized in Sherman County. Sprinkler irrigation has grown along side the county and SWCD's desire to preserve and protect water quantity and water quality.



L.B. Blake examines his potential corn crop. Mr. Blake and others have experimented with and used many new hybrids developed by Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Research Service, learning to match the right crop hybrid to the conservation needs of water, soil and pesticide use.



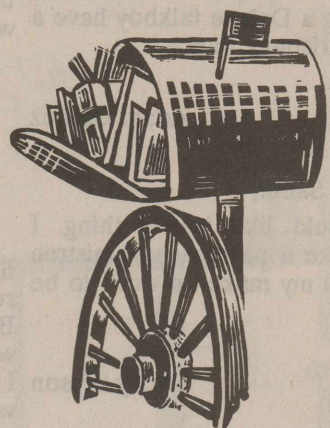
Arthur Judd demonstrates proper range use in his pasture of sidecoats and blue grama. All photos circa 1964.

*Happy Anniversary Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District:
Keep up the good work!!!!*

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring Christopher a horse and a tool kit. He's been good.

Love
Samantha and Christopher Hart



Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a Barbie Dream Boat and Slobbering Sam. I've been good.

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I would like a sega or a race car. anything exept girls or babies toys. Thank you for all the presents you got me last year.

Dear Santa,
I want a racecar stereo. The presants last year.

from
Brian

Dear Santa,
I want a 100 dollars. And a gun. And a Sega. And a Car.

no name

Dear Santa,
I want a bunch of toys. I ben a good boy.

Love,Brad

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger doll and a gun.

Steven Rueda

Dear Santa,
My name is Erin Bumpas. I am 6 years old. I have worked hard at being good. I would like you to bring me a power wheel, make up beuty, barbie horse walk, baby curl, dresses, clothes, shoes, polly pockets.

Thank you very much
Merry Christmas, Erin

Dear Santa,
My name is Darren Bumpas and I will be 5 on Christmas Day. I have really tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me, fisher price table game, power ranger tape, bicycle, mighty max, power ranger shirt power ranger, football.

Thank you very much Darren

Dear Santa,
I want a toy bear, God and conty, bb gun, Sega, motorcycle, bowarrow, toy snake, a unprlay, vnpra teeth.

Chance

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a bebe gun, 80 toy a bo and arrow.

no name

Dear Santa,
I have took my bath and shruded my body and thank you for the toys from last year. I want a football with a tee. Erector set a cowboys bean bag. NFL Cowboys clock (page 101) Cowboys Boxer shorts.

from Walter

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me my size Bride Barbie. I haven't gotten my name on the Board.

Love Juliana

Dear Santa,
I would like some roller blades, hockey sticks, puck, knee pads, elbow pads and a helmet.

Thanks, your friend
Trenton Boyd

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a Topsy Tail Doll for Christmas. Please bring my sister a set of sheets or some clothes. I Love you.

Your friend,
Shelli Smith

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I want a bunch of dresses I want a bunch of cloths and a bunch of toys. Santa will you put something in my socking Santa will you give me a boyfriend even no am little. Santa will make my mom chang her mind for I can go to my sister house and see my little nece and neryou

no signature

Dear Saint Nick,
I have ben real good to my mom and my dad. I want my bike when it is Christmas. And I want you to have a Merry Christmas Saint Nick.

Your friend, Nayeli

Dear Santa
I want a beebie gun, a horse, a saddle, a buggy, a 22 rifle, and a new puppy. I have and I haven't been good. I realy would like these things above. please!!

Carson Buckles

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Topsy Tail baby, a Beauty Shop and a Super Talk Barbie. My sister Shelby would like a wagon or a baby stroller and a Push n Glow Caterpillar. I hope you have a safe and happy journey. Merry Christmas

Love,
Allison Shae Duncan
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want Ana The doll for Christmas and Skates.

Crystal Rueda



We're Gearing Up For Another Great Season!

Hope your Christmas runs smoothly in every way. We're always glad to be of service.

Brooks Motor Parts Plus

NOEL

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays to one and all!

Ellie's

Merry Christmas

Bobby Edmond Horse and Trailer Sales

Joy

It's always a pleasure to say, "Season's best!"

Stratford Printing

With Heartfelt Thanks

We appreciate your friendship and support. Merry Christmas to one and all.

Smith Agency

SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the holiday season unfolds, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped us grow. Best wishes from every branch of our staff!

Coldwater Manor

GREETINGS

Dashing your way with a sleigh full of good wishes for a very merry Christmas.

Keener Automotive

PEACE

The best gift at Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas!

Country Cuts

Just a few handy words to express our profound gratitude...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MANY THANKS!

THE General Store

Dear Santa,
Despite being a typical two year old, I have been a pretty good little boy. Would you please bring me a jeep, tractors, tools, truck and anything else I might be able to use on my farm. Don't forget my little brother Tanner. He has been a good boy too! I will leave you some milk and cookies. And don't forget I will be at Grandmama & Granddaddy's house in Hartley.

I Love You,
Tyler Wright
Age 2

Dear Santa,
Teen speed, uncle frank, Barbie Doll my size barbie, flintstones poster, chalk rollerblades red and orange, clothes a skirt, calendar troll, chalkboard, pollypocket, makeup, panies, musicboxes, jewelry box, Barbie doll house, troll, crayon box with crayons, Sega Genises, candy in stoking, drawing paper, magic markers, basketball.

from, Amber Keener

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents that you give us. I hope you're all doing well. For Christmas, I want a remote control car, roller blades, a gun that shoots balls, and a new pair of tennis shoes with lights. I think that's it. Merry Christmas. I love you.

Eric Riffe

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ricochet and a talk boy and some new black shoes and other presents and a game boy. I want a Dallas Cowboys helmet. I want a cat and a dog.

Love, Josh King

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go-cart for Christmas and a big football.

Love, Joey Rangel

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the presents! Me and dad put up the Christmas tree yesterday. I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a new bike and also want a new camera!

Love, Jaclynn Skaggs

Dear Santa,
I hope you give the other children what they want. But what I want is Fisher-price game and a gameboy and a TV and a VCR and a dirt bike and a Saga Gensus.

Love, Raniel Bumpas

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa Claus. What I want for Christmas is a game, a stuffed deer and Rudolph for a stuff deer. Santa Claus what is your reindeers named?

Love, Jayme Elizabeth Wilhelm

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the presents. I want a dog and a new bible and my sister wants a boonbox for Christmas. Why do you reindeer's fly? Why do you go down the cheminey? I want you to give every boy and girl a happy Christmas and music.

Love, Allison Joy White

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a dog, a cat, and a trampoline.

Love, Jamie Valenzuela!

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 26 in. bike so the peddals go backwards. The speed is on the handlebars and the brakes are too. I want a TV and a VCR.

Love, Chelsea Christian

Dear Santa Claus,
I want toys for Christmas. I want 3 barbies for Christmas and a bike.

Love, Rosa Flores

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want if you would please get me Please a horse, some Barbies, some Polly-Pocket, A Christmas Bear, my own puppie, Neckless, some Rings.

I Love You, XOXO
Love Haley,
Merry Christmas to you too!
Hope you don't get stuck in a snow storm

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys from last year. I want a VCR, a real puppy, and a new fish. A picture of the reindeer, a teddy bear, and a game boy, a new sandbox and a dollhouse.

Love,
Brittany Hudson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a 18 speed bike and a game gear. How are you doing Santa Claus? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like to have a picture of the reindeers and a picture of Mrs. Claus and you.

Love,
Tiffany Knight

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeers? How are you and Miss Santa Claus? What I want for Christmas is a go-cart, games, K-Nex, punching bag, cool tools, arector set, and a 49ers football suit, legos, TV, phone, radio.

Love,
Craig Reinart

Dear Santa,
I want a ricochet, socks, pants, shirts and a sega or game boy. I would like cars and posters and a real cowboys helmet and pads, a football.

Love,
Tyler Haynes

Dera Santa,
I want my Daem baby and a cool doll, A good book and a cack.

from, Katy Bench

Merry Christmas Santa,
I wut to have a madckoolit peano a ulepck swimming pull, a chrapooling.

From Emily,
I am 7 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the presents that you have given us. And here is what I want for Christmas: More lite brite papers, a real piano, Sparkle pony (pet shop), a real horse, a grown up cat and a barbie jeep that I can ride in. My brother wants a trampoline, a football suit of the Stratford Elks, the Dallas Cowboys and the Mighty Ducks. He wants a Mighty Ducks shirt, too. I hope I get some more Sega games for my brother to play with.

Love,
Kayla Willard

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my new jacket. Could I please have a Gameboy, a bike, and a watch! I also want a teddy bear, and a new toy car.

Love,
Mario Ortega

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love you Santa. I want a Dallas Cowboy helmet. I want a TV, and I want a Dallas Cowboy shirt, and a Super nintendo.

Love, Juan Morales

To Santa Claus, North pole
pleas sata I want a patmen, big ball, and it is about this big

Shanc

Dear Santa,
My name is Raniel Bumpas. I am 7 years old I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a Fish-Price game, football, game gear, Saga gensis, game boy, helmet, Raiders, Raiders jersey 86, Raiders hat, boy shoes.

Thank You,
Raniel Bumpas

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a T.V. whith a VCR built in it? And my little sister wants you to bring her a battery operated jeep to drive. P.S. My sister and I will leave some milk and cookies out for you when you come to my house. I hope my little kitties don't drink your milk or eat your cookies before you get here!!!

Kyla

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a BB gun, super Nintendo, Nintendo games, TV, A BIG Christmas tree, a Waldo Book, a back pack, a car and keys. A watch, I wish it could snow, money.

From Jessee Daniels

Dear Santa Claus
This Christmas I want Spidermen and a Batman including a Deluxe talkboy have a great Christmas, Santa

Adam Gomez

Dear Santa,
I would like just 3 thing. I would like a pariket, a kemistree ket, a all my make-up work to be done.

Carley Bryson

Dear Santa
I want a lion king picture thing and a video painting, a teddy bear. A book a doll house

Love Kelsey Stein!

Dear Santa, I want a regular doll and a doll house a family talkin one, A pupet show thing whith pupets, a phone, a bike

Love Linds Stein!

Dear Santa,
For Chrismas I want jasmin light up Barbie. A new pair of rollerblades, walkman, jmnastic Barbie. These are the things that I want for Christmas and more. but I am not telling anymore cause I want more and more. Santa if you could bring one of those things I would be happy with it. This Christmas I am thanking you Santa if you bring me one of those things. And I am wishing you a very happy Christmas this year and all the years.

Mimi

With Wishes Warm & Bright
May your heart and your home be warmed by the spirit of Christmas this season.

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A time of giving and sharing. Thanks.

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May the star of that first Christmas night guide you all year long.

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Wishing You A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Bain Tire Co.

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Our very best wishes are ready to be delivered to each and every one of you. Thank you for shopping with us.

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Rejoice

As we celebrate His birth, may His Divine Grace touch you and your loved ones, during this Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Brown's Meat Locker

Dear Santa,
I want you to have a Mary Christmas. I want a new race car. I want for my mom is a new pair of ear riangs, for my Dad I want a new truck. And I want for my older brother I want him to hav a new saga game. For every bodyels I want them to have a Mary Christmas.

Levi

Dear Santa,
Iv bine very good this year. I had a good summer. W whant a game gear whith The lion King game. I have never played it but the comershule says it is a game that aney kid will like to play and will enjoy the game and never will take there eyes off the game, lbut i whant something intesceding that i will never whant to give away, and I like the riendeer Roudfe and Prines and dancer. Swish Mrs. Santa.

Carlos Flores

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy (well, most of the time). How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I hope you are staying warm. It is cold here in Stratford, Texas.

I would like a bike and a dirt bike this year for Christmas. Have a safe trip and a very Happy Christmas. When you come I will have cookies and milk on the table.

Your friend
Leonel Palma

Dear Santas,
I want to get a skate board, b.b. gun and a guitar.

From Nathen

Dear Santa Claus
I want a lifesize Barbie

Lacey

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Kristena Crabtree. Santa, I have been a good 5 year old girl.

I would Betsy Wetsy doll and Barney house shoes. I love you Santa Claus! Merry Christmas

Kristen

P.S. Look for the cookies and milk

Dear Santa,
I would want a bicycle (teal and purple), and some small rollerblades that are black and pink. And talking Tammy with white hair. and a dollhouse.

From, Crystal Rodgers

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a watch with a Christmas tree. I want a picture of Santa. My name is Roann Lopez and I'm 9 year old. Will you send a picture back to me. I want a ring watch and a cnaitein coin and a coin ring. I want a big teddy bear. I will be a sleep when you come. I want a book called Amada is here.

Roann Lopez

Dear Santa,
I really don't want anything. But if you want to get me something I like cats and Lion King. By

Thanks your friend, Briah

Dear Santa
For Chrismas I want a horse and some monay for my mom & dad. I would like to have some lofers, and a ricaShaderase car, I would like to have some westen clows and a basketball and some monay for myself. I wount 10'sat out of tens

Alisha Sladek

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I want a sience book and sience experimint book. I like to look at your face a lot because it looks so plup. I have one sister & two brothers so I geuss I'll tell you what they want my sister Allison wants make-up and my little brother wants a baby tapereqater and my middlesize brother wants a toy gun. But the most thing of all is I want a good life to. I like you santa cause.

Amanda White

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan. I am a little too short in the britches to write a letter this year, so Mama is helping me out. You see, the only "words" that I know right now are buu, abthooo, o-wa-wa-wa-wa-wa, and several that Mom can't spell plus assorted giggles, gurgles, and growls.

I have a pretty neat big sister, Courtenay. She usually looks out for me. She gave me some of the toys that she has outgrown. She also wrote down some things that she thought that I might like in her Santa letter; I guess she didn't want me to get left out.

I'm already outgrowing my baby toys, Santa, so I would like to have a few for bigger boys. Mama says that I have been a really good little boy! Mom and Daddy think that I would have fun with a Soft Walking Wheels Tonka Truck, a Starlight Lullaby Pooh, and a Pop 'n' Play Piano.

Courtenay and I will leave some Christmas cookies and a Coke by the fireplace for you.

Merry Christmas!
Ethan Shields
age 5 months

Hi Santa!
My name is Courtenay, and my mom is Jan. I have a baby brother, and his name is Ethan Benton Shields. Alan Shields is my daddy. We moved west of Boise City; we have a chimney for you to go down!

I have been trying to be a real good girl. Can I have play food, please? I would like beauty shop stuff for dolls, please. I want a new doll with the diapers, toys, cloths, and hangers, please.

I want my brother to have a little Tonka truck to play with. A police car, too.

We are going to go to the bank to see you later.

Love,
Courtenay Sell-Shields
age 4 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy...sometimes.

I want a game for Christmas. (Super Race, if you can find it.)

How are the elves and reindeer doing? Have a Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.

Your buddy,
Adam Gomez

To Santa Claus, North Pole
Dear Santa Claus

I would like to get a lap compoter for ckrishmos. My sister wants a babbye car and my puprx woud like a bag of boues.

from Nicholas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a real vanity. I would also like some real baby kittens. Could I have a Dance 'n' Twirl Barbie? Could I have my size Bride Barbie? Could I oh, pretty please a lot of toys, toys, and toys! I would like a lot oart thaings and some Rose Art crayons.

Lauren Walton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I want a four wheeler or a two seated go-cart for Christmas.

Your friend,
Franky Ortiz

Dear Santa claus,
How are you? Tank you for the preses list year. How are your ranedeers? And these are the presents I want for christmas. boy legos, a football T, a football with Thory Aidman, oitaugraf on it,

from Craig

Dear Santa?
I would like a grey hat, pocket game, play knife, computer, football.

Brant Cummings

To Santa Claus, North Pole
I love you Santa Claus. I want a bike for Christmas and you are so cool. I wich I can come with you. please.

Chris Ortega

Dear Santa
I want a Lion King. With lots of love

Katrina Harkins



CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH CHEER!
Many thanks for making our year.

Crossroads



SILENT NIGHT

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

Elk Pharmacy



Greetings Of The Season

*'Tis covered with snow,
O'er hills and below,
Just in time for the big day.
And hearts are aglow,
Because they all know,
St. Nick's on his merry way!*

Moore Implement

Merry Christmas

'Tis the season to be jolly! Here's wishing a bright and happy Christmas to all our fine patrons and their families. Your support has been wonderful.

A & I Parts Center & G & W Industrial

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!"

Stratford Grain

Dear Santa,
I Love You! Please bring me the CD of the Tractors, they sing Boogie Woogie Choo Choo Train. I also want a Kit Kat, Starburst and Skittles. You can bring me anything else you want to.
Please bring Skyler a Cowboy jersey and a Maverick jersey.

Love, Harrison

Dear Santa,
My name is Raeanne, and I'm in Kindergarten at Stratford, Texas. Here is my list of things I want for Christmas: My Size Barbie, Teddy Bear that has a heart (Care Bear), Barbie doll that eats, Ginger Bread, Bottle to feed baby dolls, Play kitchen, Play furniture, Bows for my hair, Play microwave, Play table & chairs. I have been good, and am looking forward to seeing you at Christmas time.

Love, Raeanne

Dear Santa,
I would like some crayons and motorcycle dirt bike and a BB gun and two cowboy hats. I've been good.

from, Seth Crowl

I want Lisa Frank stuff, posters

Stephanie

I want My secret diary, viedo panter, talking family doll house, talk boy, stiker mulser, esey bake uven, micro bake, barbies, tapes for talkboy, my size barbie, collectable doll, super sined 6,000 caseo cool, 3A chakens, julrey.

Thank You Santa,
Please come,
Johnna Ewers

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a bed set with horses on them. With pillow cases. A cowboy hat and western shirt. I also want the horse to the blue barbie cowgirl. A western doll. I want make a buety doll. This year don't come to my house. Come to my grandma's house in Ocoola, Nebraska.

From, Kristen Houtwed
Merry Christmas!!!

I want a Ricoshade, a Jorden plack, a Shack jersey, a Kemp jersey, a lamp, a C.D. discman.

from, Marcus

Dear Santa,
Santa clos yo te pido cnbeso para nabibab quiero que me mandes cnos gugetes que vanaser uno nomas y mi primito uno yo voy a mandag unos patines y mi ermanito se me ase queun nintendo y tres caset de nintendo para mi y para mis dos ermanitos mi erm a mita se nama mevia niset y mi ermanito senama juniory mi mamase nama yor anda ymipapa se nama gustavo y quiero to quetepidi Santa clos

Adrian

Dear Santa,
Plesa give me a fire truck with a fire dog and firemen, k-nex rollor costir, motocxks, skatpads, kneepads, helmet, electric tank, G.I. Joe tran set.

Jason Green

Dear Santa,
I would like a walk men and sam close and new shose and I want tapes, all diffrint tapes even Christmas tapes and a wach of a time toone and the move that is call the Santa and a basetball and a nintedow with game and a gald and a toys and muny and a doll and a dog.

Priscilla

Dear Santa,
What are you doing? I am good in school and at home. I want rolldallads, new baby alive.

from, Tanya

Dear Santa,
I want a big Teddy Bear. and I want another Big thing, a Big dog and I want people to stop! Polooting.

from, Ashley Duke

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year so could you please bring me a pony, Disney movies and lots of Lion King stuff for my room. Could you also bring my mom something she's been real sick this year. And my daddy needs a Helicopter cause he's in the army now. I love you Santa.

Keira Marshall

Dear Santa,
Hi! I've been a good girl this year. I am 4 years old and I want a gymnastic Barbie, a baby doll that can take a bath with me, a Jasmin sleeping bag and tent. I also want a topsy tail bow. In my stocking, I want a big orange and some lipstick. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year!

I Love You,
Jennie Spurlock

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Tatoodles dall. She can were tatoos so can I. See she has this spray gun so you and get a tato that you like an spray it on. And I want a minny mouse watch were her hands move. I want a ten speed for Christmas to but my mom says I get it for my birthday because we just got a new house and it's alot biger than a traler house.

Amber Larence

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a new doll stroller, yellow Power Ranger, Sega Genesis (I will share with my brother).
I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Nicole Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year, well pretty good.

Love, Derek Blain

I would like a pool table, and a Power Rangers game wizard. We will leave you some kool-aid and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I've been a pretty good girl this year.

Love, Katlin Blain


I would like a pool table, barbie doll and a nintendo gun.
We live in the country now, 6 miles. We will leave you a Christmas tree cookie and some kool-aid.

Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good this year and thank you for my toys last year. This year, I want new tires for my 4-wheeler, a cop car that talks, real helmet and pads and whatever else you would like to bring me! I will leave you cookies and milk!

Love, Scott Hudson

Dear Santa, how are your reindeers? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I am 8 years ols. I have been kinda nice. What I want for Chirismas is a TV, velvetyobe, collectors barbie. How are your elves? Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Kayla Robertson



The Spirit Of Peace
In keeping with the season, we'd like to wish all of our neighbors a happy and secure holiday.
Allen Insurance Agency

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeers? What I want for Christmas is a TV, a 4-wheeler, a Dallas Cowboy hat and a sonic video game. I have been nice. My name is Heather Robertson.

Dear Santa:

I want please a robe, talkboy, telephone and weight lighting gloves for Christmas this year. I know live been good and I hope you get the other kids gifts too. I love you.


Deidre Lee Tarver

Dear Santa,
This year I want some C.D.s and a gumnaster doll. I have been a good girl this year. I want a light up Jasman and a water jasman. That's all I want for Christmas.

Stephanie Washburn

I want a fire truck. I also want a talking robot and a tv and a VCR. Santa I hope you bring all of the things I asked for.

Yours truly,
Bryce Wright



Peace & JOY
A great combination.
Thanks, friends!
Betty Brown's Medical Claims Service


Wishing You A Tasteful Season!



Holiday Menu
Seasonal Specials:
Soup du Joy w/c
Creme de Cheer w/c
Extra Fine Wishes w/c
Fresh Goodwill w/c
Warm Regards w/ Angel Hair w/c

To our many fine customers, we're serving up our very best holiday wishes.
Thank you for dining with us this year.

Headquarters Restaurant



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

Southern Union Gas


Merry Christmas

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!
Walter Lasley and Sons




May All Your Dreams Come True This Christmas
Time to get things rolling and wish all our customers, a very merry Christmas.
Thank you for doing business with us.

Duncan Chevrolet



JOYOUS NOEL!

Here's hoping your holiday is filled with an abundance of blessings.
Many thanks for bestowing your friendship upon us!

Chamber of Commerce

Holidays Offer the Sweet Taste of Family Time

A cozy fire on a chilly day...the comfort and companionship of family. Sounds like a perfect way to enjoy the holiday season—until the kids get bored and want to watch TV.

Holidays become more special with parent-child activities that engage children in family time at home. Craft projects are an ideal activity, especially those that offer keepsake final products. A popular holiday craft project is Cinnamon Ornaments: A no-bake, no-fuss, homemade decoration that brings festive charm to a gift package, room or tree. Even young children can help make the sweet-smelling ornaments, which require no sharp tools or complicated preparation steps. With minimal supervision, kids can mix the dough, roll it out and cut it into cookie-cutter shapes.

Cinnamon Ornaments

To create the ornaments, simply combine 1 large bottle (4.12-ounce) ground McCormick®/Schilling® Cinnamon (about 1 cup) with 3/4-cup applesauce to form a stiff dough, adding additional applesauce if necessary. Roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thickness and cut with cookie cutters into about 12 shapes. Make a hole in each ornament for a hanging ribbon and carefully place on a wire rack to dry. Let air-dry several days and enjoy the aroma, turning over occasionally.

A Cozy Snack

While making ornaments, families can feed both bodies and souls with a cozy and satisfying snack of homemade sweet rolls. Fragrant and delicious, sweet rolls served with mulled cider, hot cocoa or another warm drink are truly a family-pleasing treat. An ideal recipe is "Festive Breakfast Sweet Rolls," which can brighten any winter day with holiday tastes

including ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Aside from pleasing families, homemade sweet rolls also spark the spirits of friends who drop by for holiday tea-time. Furthermore, the versatile rolls can sweeten meal-time as an excellent complement to most breakfast and brunch dishes.

Serve sweet rolls in a covered basket or similar container, so they stay warm but don't retain too much moisture.

Festive Breakfast Sweet Rolls

- 3-1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 packages Red Star® Active Dry Yeast or Quick-Rise™ Yeast
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick®/Schilling® cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick®/Schilling® nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon McCormick®/Schilling® ginger
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup raisins or currants

In a large mixing bowl, combine 2 cups flour, yeast, sugar, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger; mix well. Heat water and butter until very warm (120° to 130°F; butter does not need to melt). Add to flour mixture.

Add eggs. Blend at low speed until moistened; beat 3 minutes at medium speed. By hand, stir in raisins and remaining flour to make a firm dough. Knead on floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm place until light and doubled, about 1 hour (30 minutes for Quick-Rise™ Yeast).

Punch down dough. On lightly floured surface, roll dough to a 1/2-inch thickness. Cut out buns with a 1-1/2 to 2-inch round cutter. Place on greased cookie sheets, 1-1/2 inches apart. Cover; let rise in warm place until light and doubled, about 30 minutes (15 minutes for Quick-Rise™ Yeast). Bake at 350° for 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Cool on racks. Drizzle with powdered sugar icing, if desired. Best served warm. 24 to 30 rolls.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING



SANTA'S WORKSHOP



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

The Hummingbird

Time Out To Pause And Say, "Have A Merry Holiday!"



Brooks Video

Come By and See our New RCA Digital Satellite System

Happy Holidays

from the

Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart

All of the directors, officers and employees of the FLBA of Dalhart would like to wish each of you and your families a joyous and health-filled holiday season and a happy and prosperous 1995.

Please come by and visit us anytime. We're always happy to see you!

201 West Fifth
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249-5280



Holiday Hints

Do's & Don'ts For Giving Pets

(NAPS)—1. **Don't** give a pet for Christmas just because you can't find a suitable gift. Plan ahead—make sure it's a great idea!

2. **Do** give a pet to someone only if previous pets were well cared for, contained on their own property, spayed/neutered, made regular visits to the vet, and died of old age.

3. **Don't** surprise someone with a pet for Christmas. Ask him if he'd like a pet, tell him your gift is to drive him to the pound or humane society, to pay all fees, and to drive him home again with his new family member.

4. **Do** consider unwanted animals given up by individuals. They're listed under "free pets" in your local newspaper.

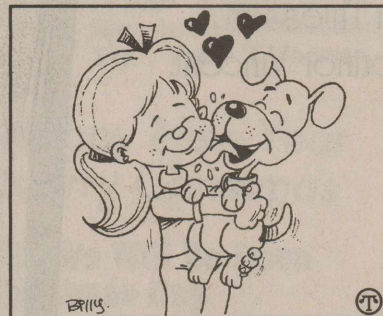
5. **Don't** forget pet supplies ... food and water dishes, collars and ID tags, leashes, beds, toys, scratching posts, etc.

6. **Do** plan/schedule regular visits to a local veterinarian for an exam, shots, etc. Call around for prices ... your gift pet will see a vet more often if prices are affordable.

7. **Don't** just look at puppies and kittens. Adult animals make superior pets. They're mature and return affection out of loyalty, especially if you save them from death at the pound.

8. **Do** remember that Christmas is for giving responsibly. Why not give a pound animal a second chance ... at life.

9. **Don't** wait until Christmas Eve to give a pet. The holidays are



a hectic time and a new pet will have a hard time adjusting to a new family and lots of visitors too ... do it weeks ahead of time.

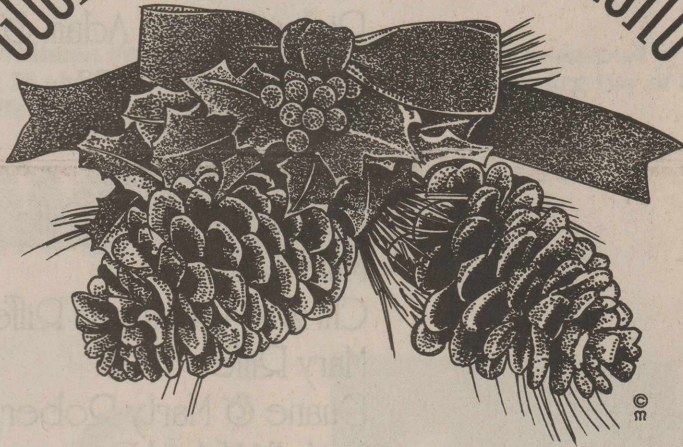
10. **Do** realize that your gift doesn't end here. You should offer to pay for spaying/neutering of the pet. You could give this as an early birthday present to the person. And every Christmas, you can pay for a veterinary exam and booster shots for the pet ... as well as new pet supplies and toys. You never have to wonder what to get this person again!



they have been abandoned by their owners ... many after the holiday season. Please take Leo's ten tips on giving pets for Christmas.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to his "no-kill" sanctuary where he shelters over 750 cats and dogs ... or if you would like a FREE VIDEO tape about Leo's work, write to: D.E.L.T.A. Rescue, P.O. Box 9, Glendale, CA 91209.

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!

STRATFORD AUTO ELECTRIC



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.



Hope Christmas Brings Nothing But Good News!

We're happy to report that Christmas is almost here, and we'd like to deliver our best wishes for a joyous season to all our readers.

Happy Holidays
From

The Stratford Star

Project

Christmas Card

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

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Phillip & Marty Bain Lindsay & Kelsey
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