

# THE STRATFORD STAR

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#### Reminder

The Depot Museum board would like to remind the people in the community that memorials in the names of loved ones are always appreciated.

#### ALERT!!!!!!!

Alert!!!!!!

Another of the fraudulent schemes has arrived in Stratford. This one is directed at the business community and consists of a "Directory Listing Form" billing from Yellow Pages, Inc. This company is NOT for the local or area telephone books' yellow pages. Businesses are warned to check out and verify such billings.

A Reminder-Don't forget to buy your bricks for Bonar Park!!!!!

# "Pathways" - 4 part Series Being Presented

The supportive care division of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Pathways", a four part support series for those who have lost a loved one, Tuesdays, December 2nd-23rd, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The topic of the December 23rd meeting is "Looking Beyond The Season", The purpose of the support group is to help people through the holidays after losing a loved one. The support group will meet in the Amphitheater of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard. To register, please call Gerry Kelly at 806-359-4673 or 1 800 274-4673, Ext. 235.

#### **Stratford Star Holiday Schedule**

The Stratford Star wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We appreciate all of your support for the past year. We will not be printing a paper next week, next edition will be Thursday, January 1, 1998. The office will be closed Friday afternoon December 19th and will re-open on Monday, December 29, 1997 at 8 a.m. Deadline for January 1st edition will be Monday, Dec. 29th at noon. Thanks again

> **Marty and Shari Merry Christmas**

#### **EMT Basic Class**

Mid January. If interested contact Jimmy Lanning at the EMS Building 396-2844.

#### Sherman Co. Child

**Welfare Board** To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call Angie Aguilar-396-2040 Kathie Altman-396-5611 Arlene Baker-396-5318 Laura Dahl-827-7476 Patsy Harland 827-7568 Viola Kautz-396-2058 Mark Metzger 396-2013
Child Protection Services 935-4375

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#### **Large Turnout** For Opening Day Of Hunting

A large turnout was on hand for the Lions Club breakfast held on the opening day of Pheasant Season Saturday morning. Reports were that folks had their limit early in the day. Hope to have a full report in our next



XIT Cellular in Stratford held their Open House on Friday, December 12. Shown above is Bonnie Hamilton serving Dorothy



The General Store held their Open House on Thursday, December 11. Shown above is Zelda Pickens serving Janice Vaughn.



Shown at left: Stratford High School All-District Academic Football. Shown (I to r) David Hunsaker, EMT Basic Class to be given in Mark Meil, Dane Ashley, Nathan Meil, Rob Adams, Chris Bell & Justin Starnes.



Shown at left: Strattord High School All-District Academic Girls & Boys Cross-Country. Bottom (1 to r) Hillary Baskin, Julie Kimball, Ashlie Lasley, Andy Witcher. Top from left: Jennifer King, Kara Brownlee & Jasmin Sanchez.



#### **Band Concert** This Thursday

Band Concert to be held Dec. 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Early Dismissal For Dec. 18 & 19th for Schools. Mary Allen - 1:40 Jr. High - 1:50 High School - 1:50 Buses will run at 1:50



## **Looking Ahead**

22-School Holiday Begins 25-CHRISTMAS DAY

29-31 Stratford H.S. Basketball Tournament

1998-January

1-NEW YEAR'S DAY

2-School Holiday Ends

16-SCDC Annual Meeting

30-Sherman County Livestock Show

#### Obit

**Oran Kersey** 

Dalhart-Oran Kersey age 87 will be in Stratford. died Monday, December 8, 1997 in Dalhart, TX. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 12, 1997 in Felt United Methodist Church with the Rev. Billy Rammage, pastor, First Baptist

Chapel, Ok. and they moved to Dalhart, TX in 1982. Martha died libelous material.

Survivors include his 3 sons: wife Jan Kersey of Littleton, Co season. and Rich and his wife Robin Kersey, of Guymon, Ok., 3 daughters: Barbara Cramer of Oklahoma City, Ok., Elaine and her husband Billy Joe Reagan of Amarillo, TX and Pam and her husband Rick Holder of Lubbock, thinking Christmas decorations TX 2 brother: Orville Kersey of San Antonio, TX and D.J. Kersey too late. Now is the time to start of Hutchinson, KS and 1 sister planning for next year. Opal Johnson Of Boise City, Ok. grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his wife, 1 brother, 1 sister and his parents.

#### Dan Blanchard

California will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 1997 at will officiate.

Dan was born February 16, 1929. He married Wanda Arnold cost less than \$100.00 because we around and come back. I'm not in 1949. He is survived by his wife. used materials on hand. It is up He had three children, a daughter, because of Eugene Griffin and he Patricia Ann & two sons, Don & takes the time to make it right

#### Chamber Calendar

Ted who preceded him in death in 1967. They were killed in a

train/car accident in Stratford, February 1967. He is the son-inlaw of Tempie Arnold. Dan was a law enforcement

officer in Levelland, Abernathy &

## Stratford, Texas in the 60's. Burial Letter To

The Editor

Church, Clayton, N. M. and Glenn Custer officiating. Burial in Bertrand Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home, Inc. Dalhart, TX.

Oran was born in Bertrand, Oklahoma and farmed and ranched in the area for many years. Oran married Martha Boese on May 1st, 1937 in Union Chapel, Ok. and they moved to Letters To The Editor Policy For Publication:

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Letters to the Editor:

Are you ready for Christmas? Dan and his wife Judy Kersey of The Christmas lights around town Colorado City, Co., Phil and his really set the tone for the holiday

The Christmas Parade was a great way to begin the season. The Down town lights, the special music on the street and the parade a festive community made evening. I have a hard time before Thanksgiving and that is

Wouldn't it be nice to have 9 new decorations for the downtown area? The decorations we have are about thirty years old or are recycles from Dumas. The bells the Chamber rewrapped two years ago look great and now it is time to rewrap the thirty year old Christmas trees. Someone asked why we had orange decorations? Memorial services for Dan Well they started out red! New Blanchard, 68 of Jamestown, decorations cost between \$250 to \$500 each! The rewrap will cost about \$50 each. The big tree at the First Baptist Church, Jayton, end of main street would cost Texas. Rev. H.T. Stanaland of between \$1500 to \$3000 if it was Jayton & Rev. Bob Wright, Spur ordered ready made. How can we fund this project? Have any ideas?

even if it takes changing the bucket positron many times. He also repairs the wind damage. Thank you Eugene.

If you have ideas about the Decorations, Christmas Parade or anything event you have seen others do that would improve the Holiday Season for Stratford, please drop a note or make a phone call to the Chamber of Commerce because we are beginning to make the plan for next year.

> Gaynelle Riffe Chamber Chairman for Public

Dear Editor:

Before this year comes to a close I feel that I have some unfinished business that needs to be addressed.

A chain of events seem to have distracted me from taking care of this matter at the appropriate time. I apologize for the delay.

On April 15 (past), Les was stricken with (what we were later to discover) was a bleeding ulcer. He had not been feeling well for several days and things really started happening fast around 9:30 p.m. on this Tuesday night. I called his doctor in Amarillo who assured us we needed to bring him to the hospital immediately. Next I called Dick & Jo Davenport for help, and of course they responded within a few minutes. After the Davenports arrived it became obvious that Les needed to be transported by ambulance, so I called 911. Jim Dewees (city police) was in the bedroom taking Les' pulse almost by the time I hung up the phone. Within a matter of minutes the ambulance arrived and along with it Jim Lanning, Larry Norris and a beautiful young EMT lady, whose name I do not know; also driving the ambulance was Stacy Sell.

It was immediately accessed that Les' condition was critical and he was immediately loaded for transport. At this time Larry advised me that MediVac should be called, and that we should meet them somewhere outside Dumas city limits, in order to avoid the delay of stopping at the Dumas hospital.

When we left Stratford there was a police escort both in front of and behind the ambulance with all lights and sirens going. We got in the fast lane and were really moving; but when we reached the Sherman County line we lost our sure just how close to Dumas we were when we stopped for the helicopter; I was with Dick and Jo in their car. I could see the lights of the town ahead.

Stacy Sell and Jim Lanning got out on the highway armed with only a flashlight (small) to stop traffic. I heard Stacy say to Jim, "This is not a real comfortable place to be right now." At this point Jim advised us that we should proceed on to the hospital as the helicopter would arrive before us once they transferred Les. I couldn't see the helicopter or it's lights, it was a pitch dark night, but as we passed the ambulance I could hear them talking back and forth. They were talking about things like highline wires and landing pads. Larry filled us in later on the events that we missed, when he and his family visited the hospital. It seems that Stacy and Jim were able to flag down (with flashlights) two eighteen-wheelers that turned crossway of the highway, stopping the traffic. The helicopter landed between the trucks and Les was transferred, and as predicted

arrived in Amarillo before the Davenports and myself.

I just want to say, Dick and Jo you're always there when we need you; to Jim Dewees, to Larry Norris, Jim Lanning and the beautiful unnamed EMT, to Stacy Sell and the police officers who drove the patrol cars. To anyone I have missed Stratford.....Thank you. Anyone who has been in this position knows that words are inadequate, but they're all we have.

To all heros who venture out on dark nights, who drive fast but safely, who stand in the middle of busy highways with flashlights, who fly into dark places where highline wires cannot be seen and a landing pad ca detected...Thank you. cannot

To the rest of you...those who care about us, those who prayed, who visited or called or sent cards...for all chocolate pies received...thank you.

> In appreciation and Love Les & Joyce Dodson

The Folks at the Stratford Family Medical Clinic would like to help provide a Merry Christmas for some of the "Little Angels" in Stratford. They will be handing out the gifts at the clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 5 p.m. Gifts need to be at the clinic by noon on that day. If you would like to make a donation to help provide gifts for some of the less fortunate children in the community, please stop by the clinic, or call the Medical Clinic at 396-5583

and ask for Mayrene Aduddell for more information. Let's Help make a Little One's Christmas just a little happier this year!!!



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Happy Birthday, Gloria, Jamie, Nicole, Cameron, Jennifer, Shawna, Bryce, Warren, Chrystal, Taylor, Alex, Amie, Bill, Gale, Lupita, Ryan, Beulah, Candie, Letha, Andy, J.J., Cindy, E.R., Jere Don, Toni, Sandra, B.J., Brad, James, Robert, Amber, Jennifer, Krista, Nathan, Stephanie, Birkley, Brian, Chad, Ruby, Sundy & Lara

> In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Massey invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their daughter Cinda Jean and

Kendall George Bonds son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bonds on Saturday, the third of January Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight at two o'clock in the afternoon Stratford Church of Christ North Third and Chestnut Street Stratford, Texas



#### The Stratford Star

Your presence would be appreciated.

Please, no gifts.

The children and grandchildren

Hubert & La Nelle Waldrop

cordially invite you

to attend a reception

celebrating their

50th Wedding Anniversary

December 27, 1997

from 2-4 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Coulter Road Baptist Church

4108 South Coulter Road

Amarillo, Texas

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### Timi's By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman Co. Old Timers and Readers this third is True we do NOT have another opportunity to wish everyone a Season. O.T.'s folks who aren't so outdoors; to those who are "going MINERAL BOOK.0 strong" we send a cheerful

suggest that each person up date new for the collection. her/his personal calendar and ours is getting very full!

opened with lots of bangs! and BRAIN, meal. We were told that some bird

Activities are making the world the agency she works for to spend COWBOYS relief caretaker could fill her NEED A BRAND. obligation to sing in the "live Christmas tree choir at First Baptist Church on Monday night so, we have no help to edit Tidbits. Coldwater Manor Christmas Day.
The rest of the Haile clan plan to be at the Alan Hailes, Friona.

be read aloud to be enjoyed to the fullest. IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING fits in this genre, also. Betty Brown is scheduled to be at Plano hospital on the 18th (Dec.) HAT. It is typical of her work with for checkup so they have no plans. the band so-Blessed Christmas and illustrations Happy New Year from our house to your house while O.T.'s spread shoulder pats and luv where they will do the most good!

P.S. Thanks to Paul Craig, Director of Nurses, at Coldwater Manor, he released Joy Powers to come help Timi edit these Tidbitsso Timi did have help in editing Tidbits Thank you again, Mr. Craig for your kindness.

#### Check Out The Library By Dorothy Haile

Mondays a.m. in Dec. 1997. Shari Lieberman is a certified Kerrick Secret Pals enjoyed (Monday Dec. 15, 1997) Since this nutrition specialist with an MA in their annual Christmas Party Dec. Nutrition, Food Science, and 11 at Pat Boren's. Co-hostesses Dietetics from New York were Barbara Schoonover and Christ-filled Holiday University, and a PhD in Clinical Nita Taylor. Nutrition and Exercise Physiology Season. O.T.'s folks who aren't so Nutrition and Exercise Physiology Pat's home was beautifully well: To those who are recovering; from the Union Institute. She has decorated. Matching Christmas to those who are unable to go written THE REAL VITAMIN & floral cloths covered the tables.

Tiny Tim said ("God bless us easy to shop for and prepare turkey following the social hour.

ALL") Amen. recipes. SECRETS OF FAT- Barbara gave out the package Calendars are important so we FREE CHINESE COOKING is that were opened one at a time.

wonderful books dealing with Gillenwaters & Shelly Turner.

Pheasant hunting season science, has produced THE They were unable to attend.

ened with lots of bangs! and BRAIN, OUR NERVOUS Present were Barbara Avent dead birds we are told. Betty Lou SYSTEM. The pictures are out Marihoward Engelbrecht, Donna O'Brien and Timi were among standing and text easy to read and

**GRANDFATHER'S** hunters brought lunches so they CHRISTMAS CAMP and THE Schoonover, Lynn Wells and the could hunt all day without CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF hostesses. stopping for a meal. How about JONATHAN TOOMEY are just right fort the Christmas season.

smaller. For instance Lorleyn horses, the library has DO Phillip Martin of Walker, Mo. Power, our caretaker was asked by COWBOYS RIDE BIKE,S WHY They came to see her brother, the agency she works for to spend COWBOYS SLEEP WITH Myron Leedy. The Martins, Mike one extra day with her client in THEIR BOOTS ON, TRAIL & Marylou had lunch with Myron Amarillo this week so that her DRIVE, and WHY COWBOYS at Coldwater manor the next day,

THE ITSY BITSY SPIDER, I'M A LITTLE TEAPOT and HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW We saw the said Live Christmas Will capture the youngest readers Community Party Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. gorgeous, so we and Lorelyn, send attention with the beautiful Read a poem or story, sing a song, our time gladly to the cause and pictures and the music score is Kids and adults! presentation. Incidentally we plan included at the end of the story. to be at Joy Powers house Christian GO CLANG' is a Christmas Eve. Joy is on duty at collection of noisy verse that must be read aloud to be enjoyed to the

> Jan Brett's latest book is THE detailed



## Kerrick By Marylou McDaniel

Angels were favors at each place strong" we send a cheerful WHAT TO EAT IF YOU setting. A salad & dessert supper shoulder pat and lots of luv!! As HAVE CANCER provides 100 brought by Pals were served with

Barbara gave out the packages Names were drawn for 1998. Seymour Simon, who does There are two new pals, Sundy

Gillenwaters, Ciccy Harris, Joyce guest at the Glenn Harts noonday understand by the juvenile reader. Irlbeck, Jo June McDaniel, McDaniel, Marylou

> Overnight guests with Marylou ht fort the Christmas season. McDaniel, Dec. 9 were her aunt, For our readers who love Berniece Martin and cousin, then they returned to Missouri. It was a fast trip for them, but was better than nothing!

> > All are encouraged to have a 'presentation", at the Kerrick

Steve & Julie Coats formerly of Stratford now residing at Frisco, Texas are please to announce the birth of their first child, Brooke Renae Coats on Dec. 9, 1997 at 8:08 p.m. Dec. 9 also happens to be Steve's birthday. Brooke weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs.

Her proud grandparents are Rosalie and Alex Coats of Emory, Tex. and Bill & Betsy Lott of Dallas, TX.



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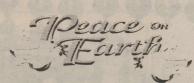
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## First Assembly of God Presents

A Merry Christmas To You! Sunday, Dec. 21st

6:00 p.m. Corner of Fulton and Purnell \*Everyone come join us in our Celebration of

the Christmas Season.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are liny matters compared to what lies within us" Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is with great joy that Carla Dretske Everest announces the commencement ceremonies of the December 1997 Xursing Class of West Jexas A&M University.

> December 19th 1997 2:00 Pinning Geremony at Mary Moody Northen Hall

We would be honored to have you

join in the celebration with us

WTAMU Campus-Canyon, Jx. 7:00 Graduation Geremony at Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum

#### **Assembly of God** Rev. Mike Leonard

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

First Christian

Dr. Syd Carnes - Interim Pastor 5th & Main Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Wed..Adult Choir 8:00 pm

**First United Methodist** Rev. Mark Metzger

520 N. Main Sunday School 9:40 am Morning Worship 10:50 am Junior High UMY 5:30 pm Senior High UMY 6:00 pm 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for **Morning Worship Service** 

St. Joseph Catholic **Rev. David Contreras** 

6th & Wall Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298 No Saturday Mass

Sunday English Mass 9:00 am Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00 Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

**Church of Christ** 

Jon Heatwole

N. 3rd & Chestnut Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm **Calvary Baptist** 

**Gerald Clark** 

302 S. Main Morning Worship 10:30 am Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m. **Evening Worship 6:00 pm** Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm **First Baptist** 

**Bro. Jerry Stewart** 702 N. 3rd Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:50 am Church Training 6:00 pm

**Evening Worship 7:00 pm** Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Roca de Salvacion **Mision Bautista** 

401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo-(Sunday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 am Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am

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Mission Hispania Assemblios DeDios **Pastor Roberto Frescas** 

> County Barn Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Shown above, Jr. High All-Region Band. From left: Robert Walton, Matthew Taliaferro, Wesley Hunsaker, Jesse Porras, Skyler Walden, Carly Mathews, Adam Bell, Pam Griffin, Mike McAlister, Amie Witcher, Mero Holquin and Julie Valencia.

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Reception Following



All-Region Band Members advancing to Area on January 10th in Sundown, Texas are in front from left: Janet Witcher & Barbara Dewees. In back from left: Ross Davis, Erika Baeza, Carrie Newcomb and David Hunsaker.

#### STRATFORD BAND STUDENTS COMPETE AT ALL-REGION, ALL-STATE

Tuesday 2 December twenty Stratford Junior High band students traveled to West Texas High School to compete in the annual junior high All-Region Band audition. All-region bands are sponsored by ATSSB (the Association of Texas Small School Bands). The following Stratford Junior High band students received positions in the All-Region Band:

> Pam Griffin Amie Witcher Julie Valencia Carly Mathews Wesley Hunsaker Mike McAlister Robert Walton Matthew Taliaferro Mero Holquin Jesse Porras Adam Bell

Skyler Walden

competition.

3d chair flute 10th chair clarinet

13th chair clarinet alternate alto saxophone

4th chair cornet

8th chair cornet 14th chair cornet

15th chair cornet 9th chair trombone

4th chair tuba

5th chair tuba 6th chair tuba

Monday 9 December fourteen Stratford High School band students traveled to Panhandle to participate in not only All-Region Band auditions, but also the first level of All-State Band auditions. High school band students from classifications A, AA, and AAA all compete for positions in either the Symphonic or the Concert All-Region Bands. Top qualifiers in the Symphonic All-Region Band also certify to advance to the area level of all-state band

All fourteen Stratford High School band students made one of the two allregion bands. Six of the fourteen also certified to advance to area. Here are the students and their positions in the All-Region Bands:

> \*Janet Witcher Jessica Walton \*Eric Bacza \*Barbara DeWees Jessica Bryson Andy Witcher

3rd chair flute, Symphonic Band 11th chair flute, Symphonic Band

5th chair clarinet, Symphonic Band 2<sup>nd</sup> chair bass clarinet, Symphonic Band 2<sup>nd</sup> chair contra clarinet, Concert Band 5th chair cornet, Concert Band

11th chair cornet, Concert Band Jasmine Sanchez

Cody Hamilton \*David Hunsaker Hillary Baskin Steven Paul \*Carric Newcomb \*Ross Davis Oscar Aguilera

6th chair french horn, Symphonic Band 2<sup>nd</sup> chair trombone, Symphonic Band 8th chair trombone, Symphonic Band

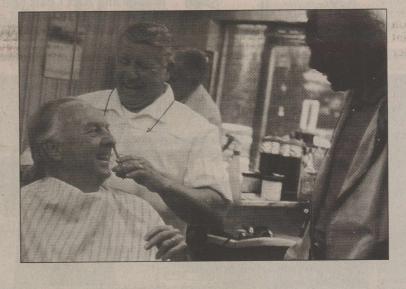
9th chair trombone, Symphonic Band 4th chair baritone, Symphonic Band 3rd chair tuba, Symphonic Band 6th chair tuba, Symphonic Band

Those students advancing to All-Area Band competition (marked with \*) will audition Saturday 10 January in Sundown, Texas. They will be competing against the best band musicians in Area A (the western fifth of Texas--from the Panhandle to El Paso), classifications A, AA, and AAA. If one of these students' auditioning at the area level of All-State Band competition qualifies for one of the top seats in his or her section, he or she will be a member of the 1998 ATSSB All-State Band--possibly the highest honor bestowed upon band members in the state of Texas. The final round of All-State Band auditions will be held in San Antonio during the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) and ATSSB workshops and conventions held 11-14 February 1998.

The junior high and high school All-Region Band clinics and concerts will be Friday and Saturday, 16 and 17 January at WTA&M University in Canyon. All-Region Band concerts will be held in Mary Moody Northen Hall at WT; times are as follows

Directors' Band 1:15 P.M. AA Junior High Band High School Concert Band High School Symphonic Band 4:45

Congratulations to these fine students and to each of their parents for their outstanding achievements.



# If you haven't heard about it yet, you will.

Electric deregulation. It's a hot topic of conversation — around the country and in Texas, too.

Bryson. Middle row from left: Hillary Baskin, Erika Baeza,

Barbara Dewees, Jasmin Sanchez. Back row from left: Cody

Hamilton, Andy Witcher, Steven Paul, David Hunsaker, Oscar

Aguilera & Ross Davis.

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#### Basketball

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 24-22 on December 1, 1997. Amie Witcher led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Candice Rodgers with 8 points. On December 8, 1997, the Lady Elks lost to Spearman 18-19. Amie Witcher was high point with 8 followed by Tiffany Duke with 6

The 7th grade boys lost to Sunray 5-39 on Dec. 1st. Scoring for the Elks were Dalton Sladek with 3 points and Dylan Everett with 2 points. On Dec. 8th, they lost to Spearman 12-46. Dalton Sladek and Rueda scored 6 points

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 26-20 on Dec. 1st. Pam Griffin was high point with 9 points followed by Jessica Young with 6 points. On Dec. 8, they lost to Spearman 25-30. Pam Griffin was high point with 11 points followed by Carly Mathews with

The 8th grade boys beat Sunray on Dec. 1st 55-20. High point was Adam Bell with 24 points followed by Skyler Walden with 19 points. On Dec. 8th, they beat Spearman 48-24. Skyler Walden was high point with 18 points. Adam Bell followed with 8

The 9th Grade Boys beat Sunray 37-27 on Dec. 1st. Aaron Rhoades was high scorer with 19 points followed by Sid Resendes with 11 points. On Dec. 8th, they lost to Spearman 37-50. Aaron Rhoades and Sid Resendes were high scorers with 12 points each.

The Sophomore Lady Elks beat Sunray 18-12 on Dec. 1st. Thea James was high point with 6 points followed by Janet Witcher with 4 points. On Dec. 8th, they beat Spearman 45-11. Janet Witcher led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Ivonne Hernandez with 9 points.

On Dec. 2nd, the J.V. Lady Elks beat River Road 56-39. Keri Wight was high point with 12 points followed by Lori Young with 10 points. The J.V. Lady Elks won 1st place at the Gruver Tournament held Dec. 4, 5, & 6th. In their 1st game of the tournament, they beat Perryton 49-23. Lori Young was high point with 11 points. Joy Burkhalter followed with 8 points. In their 2nd game of the tourney, they beat Spearman 51-45. Keri Wight led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Oralia Vital with 12 points. In their last game, they beat West Texas 44-34. Oralia Vital was high point with 11 points followed by Lori Young with 9 points. The J.V. Lady Elks beat Dalhart 46-18 on Dec. 8th. Joy Burkhalter was high point with 13 points followed by Oralia Vital with 10 points.

The J.V. Boys beat River Road 55-40 on Dec. 2nd. Roy McCracken was high point with 14 points followed by Carlos Ortega with 10 points. The J.V. Boys beat Perryton 42-25 in their first game of the Gruver Tournament held Dec. 4, 5, & 6th. Carlos Ortega was high point with 11 points followed by Parker Wells & Cody Brotherton with 8 points each. In their 2nd game, they lost to Canadian 28-50. High Scorer was Martin Acevedo with 10 pts. followed by Carlos Ortega with 8 pts. In their final game of the tourney, they lost 37-54 to Sanford Fritch. Andy Witcher & Roy McCracken were high scorer with 8 pts. each. On Dec. 9th, they beat Dalhart 34-24. Corey Naugle & Martin Acevedo were high scorers with 8 pts. each.

The Varsity Lady Elks beat River Road 60-39 on Dec. 3rd. Lynz Browning led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Mandy Bell with 10 points. Also scoring were Ashlie Lasley & Keisha Naugle - 8 pts. each, Tai Ann Brownlee & Jessica Sikora - 5 pts. each, Julie Kimball & Jennifer King - 4 pts. each, Megan Baskin -2 pts. The Lady Elks won 1st in the Vega Tournament held Dec. 4, 5, & 6th. Named to All-Tournament team were Jennifer King, Keisha Naugle & Lynz Browning. The Lady Elks beat Hartley in their 1st game 51-33. Lynz Browning was high point with 13 points followed by Keisha Naugle with 9 points. Others scoring were Jennifer King & Megan Baskin - 8 pts. each, Jessica Sikora - 5 pts., Mandy Bell - 3 pts., Julie Kimball & Ashley Stoy - 2 pts. each. In their 2nd game, they lost 29-37. Lynz Browning was high point with 8 points followed by Keisha Naugle with 7 points. Also scoring were Jennifer King & Jessica Sikora with 5 pts. each,

# **Secret Pal Party**

This group of Kerrick Ladies enjoyed a Christmas Party at Pat Boren's. Co-hostesses were Nita Taylor and Barbara Schoonover. Photo by Marylou McDaniel

**CHOCOLATE CHIP** PEAR BARS 1 can (16 oz.) pear halves or

- slices, drained
- ½ cup butter or margarine,
- softened 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 4 large egg whites 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 2 cups quick-cooking rolled
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt 3 cup semi-sweet chocolate

Dice pears and set aside. In medium bowl, cream together

butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in egg whites, vanilla and pears. In separate bowl, combine oats, flour, baking soda and salt. Stir dry ingredients into pear mixture; mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Spread batter into greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F, for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown on top. Cool on rack and cut into 24 squares.

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This is a part of the Third Grade Chorus that sang at Coldwater Manor Dec. 9. Marietta Combs is the director. Photo by Marylou McDaniel.



Myron Leedy is wished a Happy Birthday by his great-granddaughter, Merilee McDaniel. Third grade students sang at the Coldwater Manor December birthday party. Photo by Marylou McDaniel

December Birthday party hosted problems. by manor Friends. About 45 Myron SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner. The granddaughter,

Coldwater Manor residents residents had been unable to McDaniel, was one of the chorus were entertained Dec. 9 for the attend that event because of bus of third graders.

Manor Friends served ice Myron Leedy had the only cream, cake and punch to all and students performed the program December birthday, so it was quite presented Mr. Leedy with a they had entertained with at a celebration for him. His great- birthday gift.



The Stratford Girl Scouts K-Sr. went Christmas Caroling last Monday at Coldwater Manor, shown above. They also caroled businesses on Main Street. They did a wonderful job!!

Voting delegates representing the Sherman County Farm Bureau at the convention in Arlington November 30-December 3 were: First row: Jeanie Bennett & Juanita Crownover Second row left to right Hal Bennett & Lloyd Crownover

#### Time-Saving Tips

(NAPS)—How long does it take to perform holiday tasks? A recent "Holiday Minutes" survey revealed that it takes 7,257 minutes (over 5 days) to shop for gifts, wrap them, decorate the house, write greeting cards and cook a holiday meal.

That doesn't include buying new outfits, caring for your appearance or making New Year's plans.

These ideas from the maker of the new hair product, JUST 5 Five Minute Colorant for women, can help save precious minutes:

• It's a wrap. Have gifts wrapped in the stores or put presents in gift bags

· Make technology do the work. Keep a holiday address list on your computer and print out envelopes or labels

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Have family members draw names for gift giving. The write time. Write holi-

day cards while watching television, during lunch hour at work, or while commuting. · Ready to Wear. Set aside

holiday outfits in advance for impromptu holiday gatherings. Use the minutes you save to enjoy the festivities and have fun.



#### Junior Honors English Class Perform

The 4th hour Junior Honors English class taught by Miss Jennifer Well's performed the epic poem Beowulf on December 10, 1997. Shown kneeling from left Cast Members: Julie Kimball - soldier, Joy Burkhalter - soldier, Barbara Presley - Beowulf, Tai Ann Brownlee - soldier, Mandi Bell - soldier. Standing from left, Hillary Baskin - Director & Producer, Nathan Meil - Dragon, Ginger Daniels -Grendel's Mother, Paul Brown - Wiglaf (soldier), Jasmin Sanchez - Scop, Lacy Thomas - Props and lighting director, Barbara Dewees - Director & Producer, Ross Davis - King Hrothgar, Miss Jennifer Wells and Dane Ashley - Grendel.

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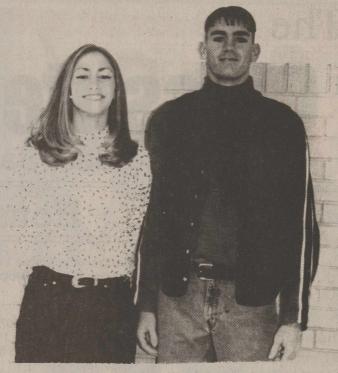
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All Tournament Selections



Jennifer King and Ross Davis were named All-Tournament at the Sunray Tournament held December 11, 12, & 13th.





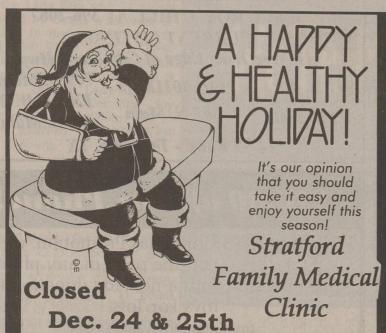
Named All-Tournament at the Vega Tournament held on Dec. 4, 5, & 6th were from left, Oscar Aguilera, Ross Davis & Nathaniel Walden.

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From left, Jennifer King, Keisha Naugle & Lynz Browning were named All-Tournament at the Vega Tournament held December 4-6th.



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Rolene Arkon

The Pantry Board would like to express appreciation for all the contributions throughout this past

# Legal Notice

NOTICE

The City of Stratford will hold a Public Hearing at its next regular scheduled meeting, January 8, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council meeting Room.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed ordinance to allow an employee to retire at twenty (20) years of service.

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> For bid specifications, contact the City of Stratford at 520 N. 3rd, phone 806-396-5581.

Bids must be received at the City of Stratford, 520 N. 3rd, P.O. Box 188, no later than 12:00 noon, January 7, 1998.

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Team listed first wears dark uniform

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| 10:30 AM | West Texas vs. Gruver    | Boys |
|----------|--------------------------|------|
| 1:30 PM  | Adrian vs. Stratford     | Boys |
| 4:30 PM  | Gruver vs. Vega          | Boys |
| 7:30 PM  | Stratford vs. West Texas | Boys |
|          |                          |      |

#### December 30

| 1:30 PM | Vega vs. Adrian       | Boys |
|---------|-----------------------|------|
| 4:30 PM | Gruver vs. Stratford  | Boys |
| 7:30 PM | Adrian vs. West Texas | Boys |

#### December 31

Girls Division

| 10:30 AM | Vega vs. West Texas | Boys |
|----------|---------------------|------|
| 1:30 PM  | Gruver vs. Adrian   | Boys |
| 4:30 PM  | Stratford vs. Vega  | Boys |

1997 Stratford Invitational December 29, 30, 31

> West Texas 9:00 AM

12:00 PM

3:00 PM

Vega

Sanford-Fritch

6:00 PM

10:30 AM

12:00 PM

3:00 PM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

# Letters

3:00 PM

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Santa!!!

Dear Santa I want a barbie

Maribel Morales

I would like a talk with me

Kristan Leyva

Dear Santa

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Jessica

I Love You

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Dear Santa

I love Santa. Would you bring me a present? I want a puppy. I want an angel. Int enda64.

Love Siearra Valenzuzia

#### Basketball

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scoring were David Hunsaker - 9 pts., Dane Ashley - 7 pts., Scott McAlister & Nathaniel Walden - 2 pts. each, Levi James - 3 pts. In their 2nd game of tournament play, they lost to Dumas 60-72. Ross Davis was high point with 16 points followed by Oscar Aguilera with 12 points. Justin Starnes scored 10 points, David Hunsaker - 9 points, Scott McAlister - 6 points, Steven Paul - 5 points, Dane Ashley - 2 points. In their final game they lost to Sunray 65-52. Ross Davis was high scorer was 25 points followed by Oscar Aguilera with 16 points. Dane Ashley scored 8 points, Scott McAlister - 5 pts., David Hunsaker & Steven Paul - 4 pts. each, Levi James - 3 pts.



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Dear Santa

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Dear Santa

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Mickie Mouse Doll Thank you! I

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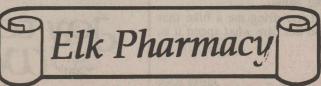
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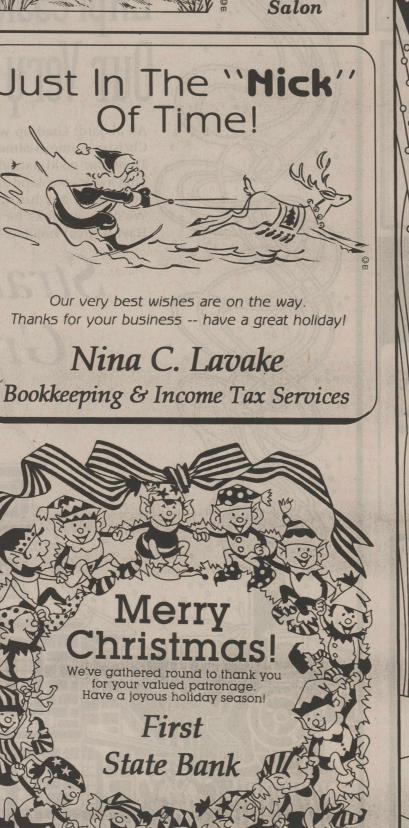


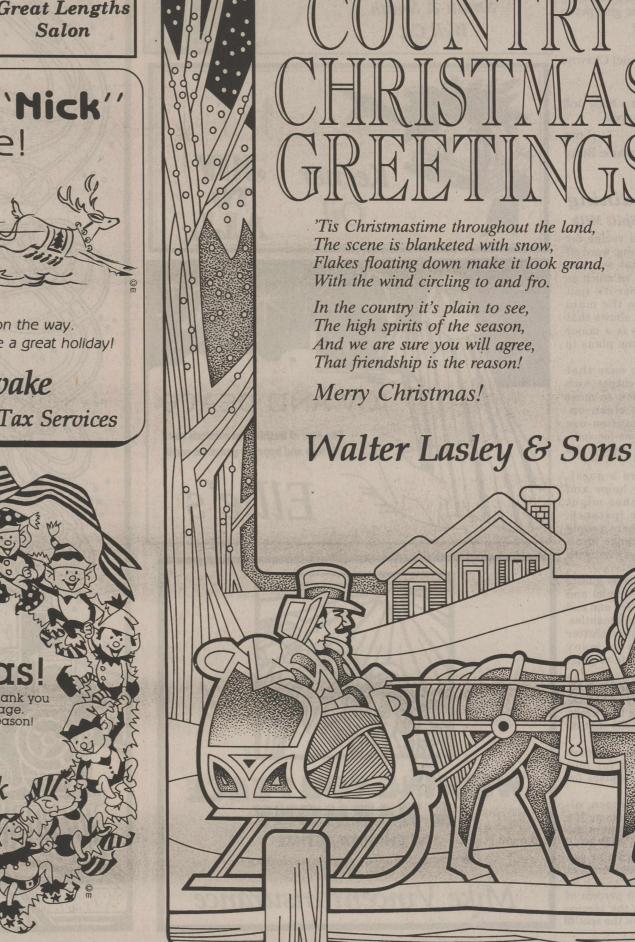
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best holiday wishes to you and your family this season..

Blessing to all with sincere thanks.







# Bottom Team is Home & Will Wear White Basketball cont. from page 5

Jasmin Sanchez & Ashlie Lasley -4 pts. each, Mandy Bell - Tai Ann Brownlee - 2 points each. In their final game, they beat Vega 49-42. Keisha Naugle was high point with 16 followed by Mandy Bell & Lynz Browning with 8 points each. Jessica Sikora had 7 points, Jennifer King - 6 points, Ashlie Lasley & Tai Ann Brownlee - 2

points each. The Varsity Elks beat Gruver 70-48 on Nov. 25th. Scott McAlister was high points with 20 points. Steven Paul followed with 14 points. Also scoring were David Hunsaker & Ross Davis - 12 pts., each, Justin Starnes - 7 pts., Nathaniel Walden - 3 pts., Levi James - 2 pts. On Dec. 2nd, the Elks beat River Road 44-41. Oscar Aguilera was high point with 12 points, Ross Davis followed with 10 pts. Others scoring were Steven Paul - 8 pts., David Hunsaker - 6 pts., Dane Ashley - 4 pts., Scott McAlister - 3 pts., Justin Starnes - 1 pt. The Varsity boys won 2nd at the Vega Tournament held Dec. 4, 5, & 6th. Named All-Tournament were Nathaniel Walden, Aguilera, Ross Davis. In their 1st game, they beat Hartley 73-49. High scorer was Ross Davis with 22 pts. Oscar Aguilera & Nathaniel Walden followed with 10 pts. each. Also scoring were Steven Paul - 9 pts., Justin Starnes - 8 pts., Levi James - 6 pts., David Hunsaker & Dane Ashley - 4 pts. each. In their 2nd game, they beat Highland Park 50-39. Ross Davis was high scorer with 27 pts. followed by Oscar Aguilera with 13 pts. Steven Paul & Nathaniel Walden scored 4 pts. each & David Hunsaker - 2 pts. In their final game for championship, they lost 41-54 to Bovina. High scorer was Ross Davis with 16 points, followed by Oscar Aguilera with followed by Oscar Aguilera with 12 pts., Nathaniel Walden - 5 pts., Dane Ashley - 4 pts., Steven Paul & Levi James - 2 pts. each. On Dec. 9th, the Elks lost 47-62. Ross Davis was high point with 19 followed by Nathaniel Walden with 8 points. Also scoring for the Elks were Justin Starnes & Scott McAlister with 6 points each, Oscar Aguilera - 3 points, David Hunsaker & Steven Paul - 2 pts. each, Dane Ashley - 1 pts. each. On Dec. 11, 12 & 13th, the Stratford Elks won 3rd place in the Supray Tournament. In their the Sunray Tournament. In their first game, they beat White Deer 58-39. Oscar Aguilera was high point with 13 pts. followed by Ross Davis with 12 points. Others

Cont. in col. 4

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Stroller & a baby doll.

> Thank you Kaylee Mungia

#### Dear Santa,

I want a superninten and I Hula-hair Barbie! want baby dog and Santa I want a Game boy and a gigapet and I am think) Santa. a very very good boy and I want guitar and I want a nana body and I want a tomigochi to and I want a puzzel of Aladdin and I wanda 101 Dalmation pupy and I want a go to six glags and I want a snack.

Alex Marquez

#### Dear Santa,

I been good in school and at home i want a pool table and telescope and a hot wheels race track and a bike. I have been a very good boy this year all the years i hope you can bring all that

Gilbert Reta

Dear Santa,

I would lik a Nana kitten for Christmas. I've not got once. I wish I could ride in your sleigh and see Rudolph. I've been a good girl.

Merry Christmas Santa!

Juliana Taliaferro to see you and spend a

Dear Santa,

I been good this year will you bring me. A computer, tomigachi, rabbit, puppy.

Denise Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a super nail criachin and a giga pet and I wan't a baby born and football pencil, and a television cor Christsmas and that is all.

Nayeli Morales

Dear Santa,

Will you dring me a bike that is. I don not care what speed it is, please.

189V Jason Rice

Dear Santa, I want a ging pet and I want a ging a pet and I want you to bring me to me ging pet to I want it to be a T.Rey

Manuel Chavoya

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll that talks. I want gingaapet.

> Love Stephanie Blake

#### Easy Entertaining No Crying Over Spilt Milk

(NAPS)—Here's a recipe for anxiety-free entertaining: ward off disastrous spills. That way you can enjoy your party as much as the guests do. Whether it's spilt milk, salsa, or even the main course, 3M research shows that fear of carpet stains is a major concern when someone plans to

One good way to ease that worry is to select a carpet with Scotchgard protection so most spills are easier to clean up. However, as a precaution use these savvy suggestions for spillproofing your home before the party begins.

• Pretend you are a guest. Walk through your home and eliminate pitfalls that might cause spilling. For instance, increase lighting where people might trip and rearrange furniture for clear pathways even with a crowd.

• Clear off surfaces so guests can easily set down drinks and food. This includes coffee and end tables, even shelves and mantles. Banish accessories that clutter surfaces to provide as many handy spaces for a plate or glass as possible.

• Serve easy-to-handle food. Salsa and other dips can be thickened to make dripping less likely; for buffets, stick to foods that do not need cutting.

• Use a festive welcome mat. Add a carpet runner for foul weather and provide a place for

boots and umbrellas. • If a spill does happen, always blot from the outside in. If a stain persists, get help from the Scotchgard home page right-away at www.mmm.com/carpet or call the Scotchgard service center at 1-800-433-3296 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. central time. Fully 95 percent of problems called into the service center are resolved...on the spot! Dear Santa Claus,

I love the presents you gave me last year. I enjoy them very much!

I want a Mermaid Gizapet, Mouse, pajamas, playclay and a

I have been a good girl (I Christmas I whant a machine of you

Thank you, I love you and I forgot to tell you that I see to Merry Christmas!

Jennie Spurlock

#### Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

alecchric dart bord.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa

Good Luck! On your job be safe.

I have been a very, very good

boy. I have been so good that my

mom says I am better than the

president I would like a remote

control F-14 Tomcat and a chance

I wan't a coloring book I even

wan't a big barby and same shouse and clos and I even want a little

doll that jreenckes juse and milk

and a doll that sing songs like ring

rand arosys packed from the poses

ashed ashed I fall down and I want

a gigapet. I have a baby berther

that he wants a traler and a bell.

Ashley Nicole Duschl

Jaqueline Rueda halloween cookies.

just in case your friend.

Dear Santa,

whant to go to Mexico because my

stickers like the one in T.V. Oh!

much T.V. is that bad? Santa can

you give me a picture from you

and can you bring with my

prestants letter from you Santa

I would like a gigupet and a Dear Santa,

> Jacob Edmond 64or a telescope. My sister wants a have a nice christmas.

this year. I would like a Nintendo CD payer. I am goin to leave you a heathy snack this year. I hope you

3 grade. I am a girl. I just told you

I have been a very good girl

Love, Bailey Bryson me to se North pole.

My Christmas List...

\*baby all gone \*baby that flips

\*rollerblades

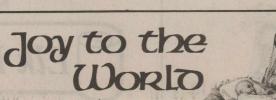
\*candy \*snowman set

Morgan

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Tom Chapin tape a cabinet like a jewlery, box a T shirt with a bear and therest of the Jewl Kingdom.

Evan Haile



By Ana

To Santa!

your truly

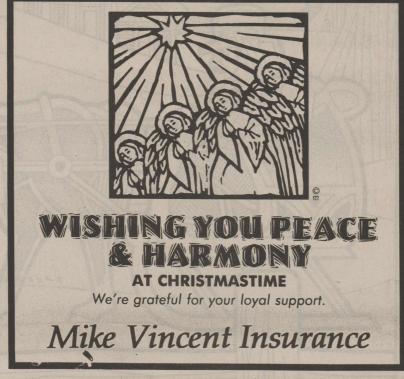
Eric Riffe

May the Holy Infant bless you and yours with peace and lasting joy.

Smith & Smith Well Co.







Dear Rudop

My name is Jessica and I will I have been a verey good girl probble can do a dronig of you this year. And I might go to and my brother is ia rill good Mexico for Christmas I realy dronig and his name is Roy E. and he drue me and it looked cole and purse (the type that holds money), brithday is in December 14, 1988 do you ressling got a red nose and little Mickey Mouse, a big Minnie control that the booked cole and brithday is in December 14, 1988 do you ressling got a red nose and little Mickey Mouse, a big Minnie control that the booked cole and also my room. so thats way. And also because a I love bears to and also my room gril from Mexico is going to make gots pisther and poster to What do me a brithday praty. Santa for you like can Santa writ back four

Love Jessica Escamilla

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this and can you give me for Christmas year, sometimes I fight with my a lot of things you want and can brother, but I really love him. I you give me those nail things. would like a mask and gun with I love you so much your like a Santa when you bring me the fire in it, a hat and new spurs father to me. I like your job so letter write want happens in your because mine are really worn out.

MUCH. I don't know what to do. I home. Santa were I live is fun. Please bring Rett the samething And I have 9 years old and I am in but no fire in the mast and gun.

Santa I will really only shoot monsters and bad guys.

I will leave you some milk and

Thank You Reed & Rett Schoonover

Dear Santa

Thantk you for the toys youy gove me. This year please bring

Adolfo Mayquez



Panhandle Agri-Tech

Dear Santa,

I want a Tomagotche and a baby that cries and a radio and a movie of Auenstation

Crystal Peregrino

Dear Santa.

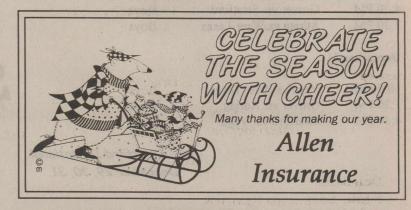
I want a nientendon 64 and a GeGapet duck I well give you cookies and cream bars, and cookies. Have a happy crismas year!!!! Santa. I will wish you a hoo! crismas

Dear Santa,

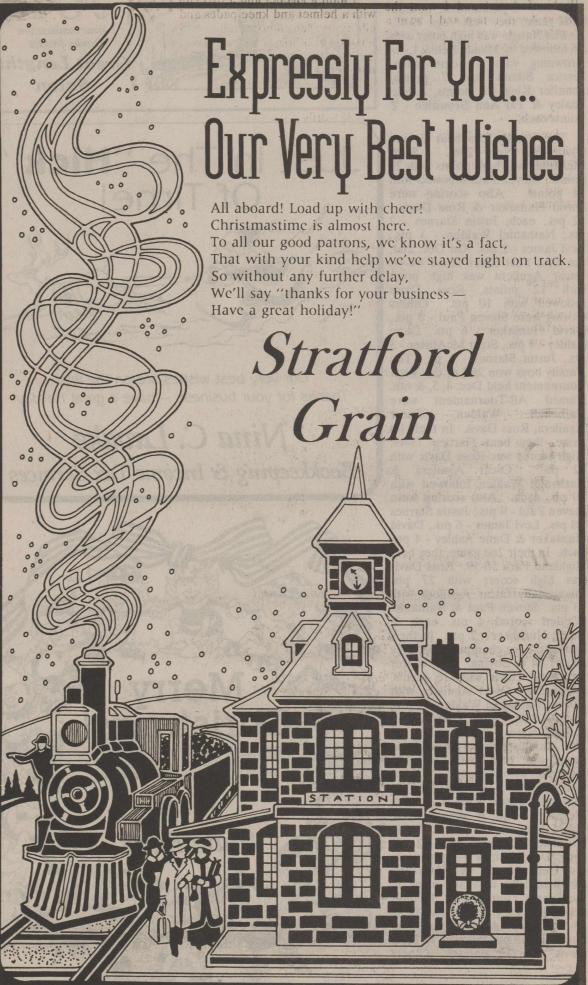
I will like a Nintento64 and a lap top computer with a printer a ninja motersikel and a Dashund weny dog with a red and green bow around it and a set of Walkie takies and some fish and put it into my fish tank in my room I will have some milk and cookies on my coffee table and a pesent for you and I will also want big buzz light

Bryce Wright

Love Merilee







Dear Santa,

I am very excited about your me anymore! I have been a very aeasy bake. good girl (most of the time!) At least as far as my parents know! I want a Melmo doll and some more vidos with animals and plese bring something for my two dogs, Lucy and Sissy, cause they are my best buddies. And please bring something for Poopie too, even though she doesn't like me. I;ll leave you a surprise!

> Love. Mazie Rae Vincent

Dear Santa please give me

Love Mario Morales

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Could you please bring me a clock, trampoline and a Casev Cartwheel doll.

And Santa, my daddy is in Korea, so please take him a Star wars thing, and give my daddy hugs and kisses for me. And give my daddy a good Christmas.

P.S. Me and mommy will have milk and cookies for you!

Dear Santa,

over there, let me till you what I of the Jungle and one more CD In Barbie Wrold.

Danny

Dear Santa

I want for christmas a fingernail collection and I want the Barbi of Aeriel and I want the movie Auenstration and I want a computer. Happy christmas and your Elks. Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho.

Dear Santa.

I wante to be in bashhetball but my Dad said I can not reach the basknet but I can and I what a champuter with a mouse, and I wantd a NaNo like the little Mermaic I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,

I want to get a ball of america and a ball of Santas. That rigted in it amerira and Santes. I am in 3 grade I am 10.

Jonathan Licon

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa

visit this year since you don't scare skates and I want a gigapet a and room was roomt so I ash you to

Perla Rueda

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus 4/wheel drive tractor, gun

Seth Anders

Dear Santa 1. doll 2. puppy 3. bear

Lauren Anders

Dear Santa I want a portable cd player

Holly Heatwole

Dear Santa,

How are you and your elves? How is the weather up at the North Pole? The weather in Texas is snowy and cold. How are the reaindeer? Evereyone wants toys Love and I do too. I would like a giga Keira Marshall pet dog, a radio, a real dog like Brezzy and Casey, Nike shoes for girls, size 4, cool clothes if you can get me a roomy a big tea set, like the one I almost got for last Christmas and you can really put tea inside them, my own big desk to do my homework on and notes How are you how is it over the and stofe like that, a picture of Northpole do you have a lot of fun Jesus and God, a baby doll, a camera, a pig, a special teddy bear, want a bike a best wars the two a new house, a new VCR, a SEGA cassettes streetfighter II backpack, jewelry, world peace, and toy story. CD player George equal pay for equal work, nail the Jungle and one more CD In polish, make-up for face, my own Dictionary, cookies, bars of ice I wish you a very good chrismas cream, a big shelf like Dylans, a telaphone, across, alarm clock, some money. That is all want. OH How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you.

Rhiannon Everett

Dear Santa,

I want a gigepet and a bycecull with a helmet and knee pades and elboce paddes and rist padds. And a laptop and how is your wife well ir been eastragood this year. Well tell her I love her and Merry Grecia R. Christmas Ho.Ho.Ho.Ho.

Senserily yours Candie Bell #1

Dea Santa,

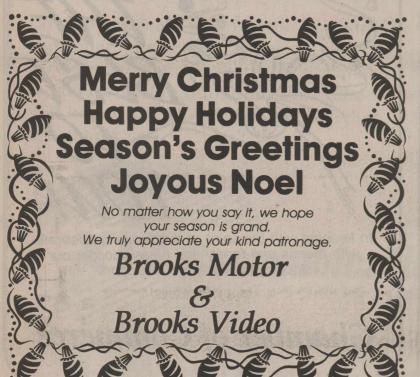
I want a bike and a remote, control car and I love you Santa and I want a Go-hart and a puppy!!!!

from Martin I believe in you Christina Gierro and you are the best I love you and I want a movie 101 dalmation have a Merry Christmas!!!!

Martin Beltran







Dear Santa,

This is Abbie, 2 weeks ago our For Christmas I want roller siling clapst and your all dining pleas woch your house oh! and for cat I think gig a pets I want a chrimiss a puppy I am not atrjekto tomagotche I what a radio.

Abbie Potts

Dear Santa,

Hunter Buckles tomagotche I live in America in and MIB men in Black and a WAS in Texas in Stratford or if watch. you have time bring me a radio or computers Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,

I what a football I what a nike hat I what a Nano baby or a nano

By Daniel

Dear Santa,

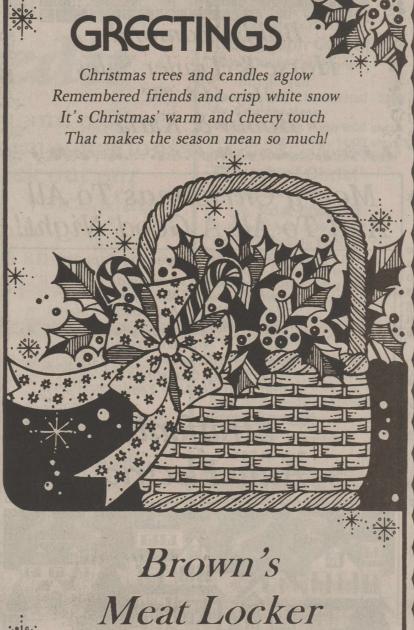
I want a super nintendo two I want a nan or a Girapei movies called Gorge of the Jungle

Steven Rueda

Janette









We Wish You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

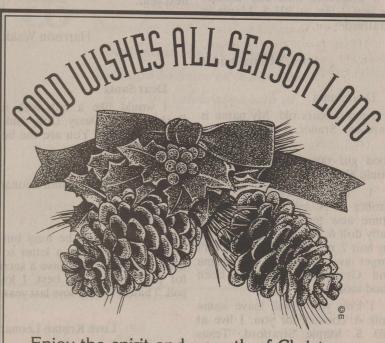
Bain Tire Co.

IT'S CHRISTMASTIME DOWN ON THE FARM Happy Holiday to all our good customers.

HE General Store

It's been a pleasure serving you.





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

Happy Holidays! Sheriff Jack Haile Sherman County Sheriff's Office

Happy Holidays



We hope Santa is good to you and brings you the best of everything. Thanks for your patronage.

A & I Parts Center & G&WIndustrial

shot gun and a knife. I would be

real happy if you would just sned

me one of the choices. Oh yah

How is the weather there? Is it

sunny? Just kidding around. You

get it kiding around. Has miss

Claus been standing under the

mistle toe? Have you been kissing her? Have you been getting a bunch of letters? Well, hear is a

nohter letter for you. I only been

begging for this. I really want a

I would like a talk with me

Barbie, opsie Daszy Doll, and a

letter from you. You are the best

I no you might be busy but I

I love you and I was wondering

if you would want ranch dressing

you do not have to ansewr me. But

My name is Jessica Escamilla

gega pet that are littl things that

Love Jessca and I Love you

Santy can you writ beak please

I can't wait until Christmas. I

Santa who is it going over the

buzy with all the toys you have to

make for all little girls and boys

you for something big all I want it

a GigaPet. Well bye bye Santa see

pet, baking oven and roller blades

next Christmas. I love you.

Mary Cook

Joanna

Perla Rueda

stroler, a swing, some skates and a

Love Kristan Leonard

Kristan Ashley Leonard

thout you might like a letter so I

made you one, but I have a secret

yoll. Thanks for the toys last year.

Dear Rain Deer

if possable please answer

Dear Santy

are like a coputer.

Dear Santa

rabbit. Thank you

Dear Santa,

Harrison Walden

don't forget to wrap my present.

Dear Santa.

next year.

Dear Santa

people. Thank you

Dear Elfs

for Christmas I want Nintento and a sitty that go's with it Santa I even want a little pig that you can put muny inside it and I want to a little doll that drincks juse and milk I even want a shorte little beeks. I want a t.v. at my room Santa. I want a bascetball and a doll that sing ringer and the roses packe from the posy ashed ashed I fall dounce and I want a little dog for Christmas?

> I love you Santa Clos! I will awas love you Geraldine Garay.

Dear Santa

My name is Kendra Srader I am 7 year old I have been a good girl this year for X-mas. I would

1. coat size childrens large 2. Pajamas size childresns large 3. rings 4. Make up 5. A baby doll 6. a cradle 7. Stroller 8. A bible to take to Sunday school 9. game boy 10. some bows for my hair 11. a watch 12 A bear that has a bottle in her hand and she crys.

Don;t forget my mom and dad and my grandpa and grandma.

Please remember my Grandma because it is her birthday on Xmas day.

I will leave milk and cookies for you. I live at 203 S. Maple in Stratford

Love, Kendra Srader

Dear Santa

I am 6 years old. My name is Daphany Srader. I have been a

good girl this year for X-mas I would like...

1. Baby carriage 2. baby stroller 3. A new coat size 6 4. Some new pajamas size 6 5. A baby doll 6. some pretty bows for my hair 7. my very own bible Don't forget my mom, dad, Grandma and Grandpa, they have been for you yoll are the best. I love good too.

love you I will leave some milk & cookies for you. I live at 203 S. Maple Stratford, Texas Thank you Daphany also I would like to have an Alphi computer and a ticke me Elmo

Daphany Srader with your carrots? If you are bisy

Dear Santa

My name is Kevin Srader, I am years old. I have been a good boy this year for X-mas I would

1 a watch 2. a remote control car 3. A cowboy suit 4. a cap gun 5. cowboy & indian set with fort, and I like my mommy now pracint teepees and etc. 6. A gameboy 7. taht I got for my mommy and I got A new coat size 6 8. some new her a niclest that hade a beer and pajamas size 6. 9. A BB gun 10. cidof a tree and I got my sister a My very own bible to take to big I meen a big book and some Sunday School Thank you for crayolas with it and some more everything I will leave some milk books to and I got my brader 3 & cookies for you. cars. I made 7 dollars and I got my

Don't forget my mom, dad, encole some 5 cars and I want a grandma and grandpa. They have been good too.

Love you Kevin Srader

Dear Santa,

This is my first Christmas. And I am so excited to be here; Please bringto me anything that I can get in my mouth. Boxes and paper will be wonderful too. My family and I will leave you cookies and milk.

> Love, Stone Waugh Tarver

Dear Santa, I would like some markers, crayons, perfume, nail Dreamsickle, there in the North Pole? Are you paint, goodies, fuzzy poster colleceridem Barbie Doll, books, Jewrey, spice girl cd, poster, Christms ordament, like me this year I am not asking TEDDY BEAR (Big Teddy Bear) CD Player (Little cd player) Little christmas tree, an angel to go on top of the christmas tree, I will leave you out some milk and cookies.

Love Aly

For Christmas I want a giga

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

This year please.

Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. Tis year please bring me live monkey.

Dear Santa I want a remote, Love Brady Booth contro plane

Rustin Russell I love some clothes. Thank you

for the toys. I want a little baby Mirian atler

Dear Sanat I want a CD plary A gegepet & Dear Santa

How is the weather in the north pole. It's cold hear to. If your not to busy send me a letter? How are you and your How are you doing Santa Claus? reindeer, I wish I can see you and Do you really have a riendeer with your elves. I want to ride your a rred nose and his name is reindeer, I want a bike, go cart, rudoph? How tall are you santa? radio. I want a bog, cat, roler skat, Are you 4 foot just kidding I don't skatbord, I want a prity house; and no how tall you are! Santa Claus I want my mom to be rich. I want that's nearly all of my letter. I just to have a bebe gan, prtingun, want to ask you one more NIKE shos, NIKE shert, NIKE question. You don't haved to send Jurzy, all cind of toys. me everything but hears what I want. I want a 4 wheeler a 12 gage Christopher

Dear Santa,

First of all I want to say thank you for the Buzz lightyear suit you brought me last year. Thank you for sending all the presents. I want a big Hercules, a folding Batplane, a Nintendo 64 and the Star Wars game that you can play on it. I also want a Gig-A-Pet. Have a safe trip to Stratford. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love Tyler Wright

Dear Santa,

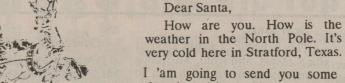
Nintento Sixtee focar or a Playstation. Well, I hope you have I want a Pig-A-Pet and a 4-Wheeler. And I need a new a good Christmas. Write you again pickup and trailer to pull it with. I also want a folding Batplane like my brother Tyler. I guess that's it.

Love Tanner Wright

Dear Santa,

My Mom and Daddy said I have been a really good girl my first year in the world. They also think that I need a Big Bird that pat-a-cakes because I love to pat-Kristan Leonard a-cake so much. Put lots of goodies in my stocking. You can leave my brothers ome too!

> Love, Taylor Wright



I 'am going to send you some chocolate chip cookies, a glass of mike. What kind do you like Low Fat milk; or Fat milk. For Christmas I want some Nike air shoes, I a CD player.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing what do want for your Crismis. You and Mrs. Santa, your elves, and rinedeer. You and your elves must have made a lost of toy. I wont for Crismis is some close, new sufe for school, for the people owe don't have a house. A cat, a good nice thing for Crismis I hope you can give me all kinds of toys you are the best in the wolde I love you a lot you and Mrs. Santa. You must be like to be whith us. A new sher I git whel a 4 wheeler, a gocrt, modersicol and a crismis tree. A big kiss on the thell, give lots of pisints.

Dear Santa,

I haven't been very good to my weather in the North Pole. It's mom. I all ways back talk her. But very cold here in Stratford, Texas. what do you want for Christmas? How is roddoff? and how are the other Randeers. All of my class wants somthing. Here are their names: Mary C. Brantc, Riaannon E. Shadley H. CeanH. Scott H. Christopher, Chasity, R. Danny R. Lillian V., Adrian V. Harrison W. and Joanna R. How is the weather Adrian down there anyway? I want only a couple of things. I want a goat car, a pair of Rollarblads, a doll that all a good night. and good by eats too! And my family atinstion more. And for my brother to get better. And for all of the people to have a happy christmas and a little kiss to you. And I hope you can give me most of this stuff and I know you can give me.

Krista Raquel Reta

Dear Santa

How are you and your elves dowing in the north pole Santa.

Shadley to Santa.

Dear Santa,

How is the weather. It is

snowing here. How are you today.

I'll give you some milke and

cookies if I can. Wotch out for a

mistletoe. You don't want to kiss a

dog. Or a dole. Can I have a

baskitball gale and can you give

me a water gun that has a amer

and a rist part with a water gun.

Thank you Santa I love you I hope

you have a happy christmas good

by and a Marry Christmas and to

people at the work shope by

Dear Santa,

How are you today If you want Have you bin kissing Mrs. Santa to say the same question. I fine claus. You gent what til you tast thank you. I want a radio with a 3cowboy jackit a lot of toys. Make my cookins. I wont a bicickel, diskes with a micorfone. Thank

Thanks Friends!

The list is long but we'd

like to thank you one and all.

Hope your holiday is merry.

Betty Brown's

Claim's Services

Chasity Rice

love Cesar

Shadley

Lillian

Wishing you a bright and glowing Holiday Season,



Everyone here is getting set to enjoy the very best Christmas yet and that includes

sending our warmest wishes your way. We appreciate your patronage. Mungia's Heating and Air Conditioning

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

And we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your valued patronage.

Tommy's Embroidery



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

Happy Holidays!

Chamber of Commerce



Thank You For Your Unfailing Support. From eastside to westside

And all around the town May peace and happiness Blanket the town. And to all our good friends Both far and near-A very good Christmas And a happy New Year.

Stratford Auto Electric



filled with warmth and good feelings. C&D Body Shop



Bobby Edmond Horse & Trailer Sales Hwy 54 & 287 love you and for Christmas, I would like a doll, a new TV a Bobby & Karla **数型的** 

Dear Santa

Thank you for the toys you gave me last. Dear Santa I want a giga pet

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the yous you gave me last year. This year please bring me a Giga Pet.

Love,

Dear Santa

I want a bike and a tomaGochi Duck I have been a good girl.

Love Merilee McDaniel

Dear Santa,

been a very good girl. I would like a Barney tape, a Winnie the Pooh Doll/ movie and a Winnie the Pooh towel, and a ABC Tape.

I will leave cookies and milk by the christmas tree, and a carrot for Rudolph.

Love You,

Dear Santa

I will go to Santa say to give me a pesent

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. This year I want a CD player Intenda 64 in a giga pet an a remote contol car

Dear Santa

Robbie Goodman football.

Dear Santa,

bring me a cat.

This year I would like to have a play kitchen with a microwave, a bubble baby cabbage patch and a backpack. I will leave cookies and milk out on the table for you. Be careful coming to my house.

Love, M'Kaley Seaton

Dear Santa,

I want a train and a tickle me Elmo for Christmas. We don't through the keyhole.

> Love, Corey Seaton P.S. I will hang my stocking

Dear Santa Clauas,

thie year for Christmas I would like a football, a Nike hat, a computer tech V, Jaugers jacket, a Jaugers Jersey, a Winnie the Pooh bear for my baby brother, hope you can bring me these things

> your frind Daniel Hernandez

Dear Santa Clause,

All I want for Christmas is clothes. The most I want is overalls and the Oqua CP

> Sincerely Baylee Milecky

P.S. Write back, I've been really good and making good grades

Dear Santa Claus,

I want Jumanji, my dog loves you and I love your too and a Ho Ho Ho Ho and a Merry Christmas

James Daniels

Dear Santa

I would like a basketball goal and a bee-bee gun. And for Alex something to play with. We have been good little boys. Alex is my baby brother he has been very good. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Eric & Alex Riffe



How are you? I have been good this year. For Christmas I Perez would like a batman shooter, hot wheels, Nike shoes, and roller

> Thank you Justin Mungia

P.S. Would you please bring Rebecca Rosales my little sister, Madison a baby

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nan pink kitten. I haven't got my name on the bord so far, In my stocking I would like some plain dark Elk blue finger nail polish. 1 more thing in my stocking, a roll of tape.

Better not pout better not cry heart I am 4 years old and I have cause Santas coming to town.

> I love you Love, Juliana stuff

Dear,

Santa I would like a street finger shark (the striped one), a Santa Bear, a real San helmet, and a Jerry Rice Miranda Olivas and a Steve Young Jersey, goodies, roller blades, books, a christmas ordament (a san Fransico one), a new puppy dog, big CD player, a san fransica trash can, 2 tan troms, San Fransico poster, Robe, Sega, play station, Victor Carrerol Glow in the dark marker, a picture of Santa and a new football spiderman, The lost world movie.

Love Bubba

Dear Santa,

I want a Three stoges Tony collection set. Junior football goal. Sencra Vulcan youth in line skates. F16 jet modile kit. Tico video camra for kids. 11 Scott Thank you for the toys you Broncos locker. Gameboy with gave me last year This year please games. Bronco helment. All football pad with a Bronco jersey. Basketball goal for Brittany too. Broncos telephone shaped like a

> I love Santa, Scott Hudson

i have been good. I want a pink car and a remote control car and a bathtub Barbie for Christmas

Love, Jacque Mayfield

I have been good. I am just a have a fireplace so you can come baby, so sister Jacque is helping me write you. I want little pom poms anda squeaky toy.

Mattie Mayfield



I want for Christmas. The Barbe is cool Rubunsie He is big

Grecia

Our list to Santa...3-5 yrs at Lollipop Merry Christmas.... Bryce- giga pet, gun, hat 7

C.J.-Jeep, gun, football, giga table.

Christopher-boat, basketball &

goal, giga pet Coy-Karate fighter

Haden-fun, giga pet, store, gun Hope-giga pet, Barbie phone,

hat, giga pet

M'Kaley-baby bubble, kitchen Ranson-2 dogs, moose, truck

Rowdy-bebe gun, gun, power Reed-fun & mask, giga pet,

Taylor-baby doll, cand toys

Morgan-baby all gone, roller blades, candy, baby that does flips Jennifer-dolls

Dear Santa

Please bring me a Dallas cowboy coat, a sister and a puppydalmation a teddy bear and a water bed, and diddy kong racing 64.

Love Kaleb Watson

P.S. a tere lost world toy and a lost world tycorc with spitter dinosaur

Dear Santa

I have been a good boy this year. Here is what I would like for Christmas: a farm set, a tractor, a cowboy hat, a giga pet, and a race car. I will leave you a snack on the

Kyle Horsford

Dear Santa,

I have ben a good girl. I want a pocket puppy and my size barie Kyle-farm set, tractor, cowboy and a water bed my tv and vcr and a new bike. I live at 315 south

Houston

Dear Santa,

I would like a gege pet (tatler). And a cd with a spider world Trevor-sling shot, gun, knife, cd. And a nentoid 64. I will geve yo cokies & milk. I want to tell you somthing my moms cokies are

Best Wishes To All



For A Happy and Joyous Christmas

Les Dodson Appraisals Les & Joyce



Smith Agency



# SEASON'S

May joy, prosperity, peace and goodwill visit your home this holiday season.

> Tejas Country

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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West Texas Gas

Dear Santa

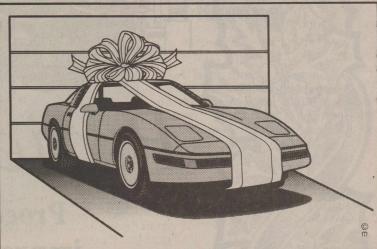
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Love Angel Resendes

Grecia R

Wishing a very merry season to all of our friends. Thank you for your support.

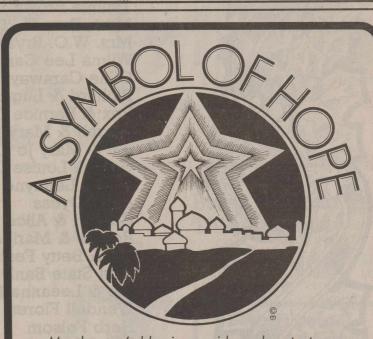




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Time to get things rolling and wish all our customers, a very merry Christmas. Thank you for doing business with us.

Duncan Chevrolet



May heaven's blessings guide and protect you always. You have our deepest gratitude for bestowing your loyalty and generosity upon us. Merry Christmas!

Coldwater Manor EMS



A Warm Christmas Wish

We hope your family celebrates with good cheer and good friends. Thanks for visitng us all year long!

Moore Implement

