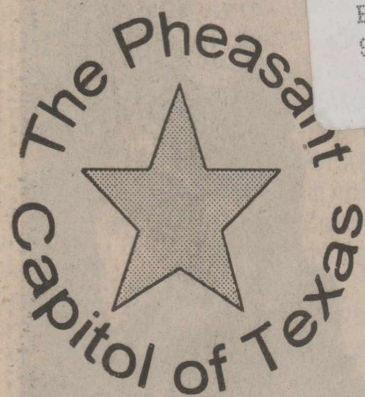


Merry Christmas
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Happy New Year

Glenn Hart
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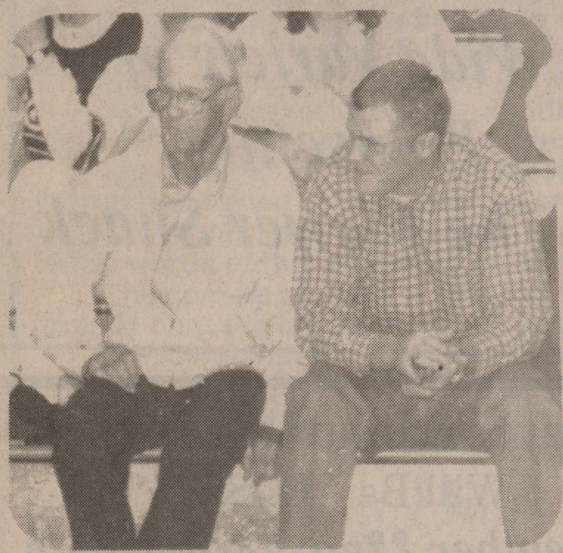


STATE PEP RALLY - HIGH SCHOOL GYM
Thursday Night Approximately 30 minutes after basketball games
J.V. Girls VS Vega - 4:00 p.m. here
Varsity Girls VS Vega - Here - 5:30 p.m.
KDDD-95.3 FM
Stratford Elk Dedication Show
Thursday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Call In Comments, Questions, & Dedications To
935-4141 OR 935-9530

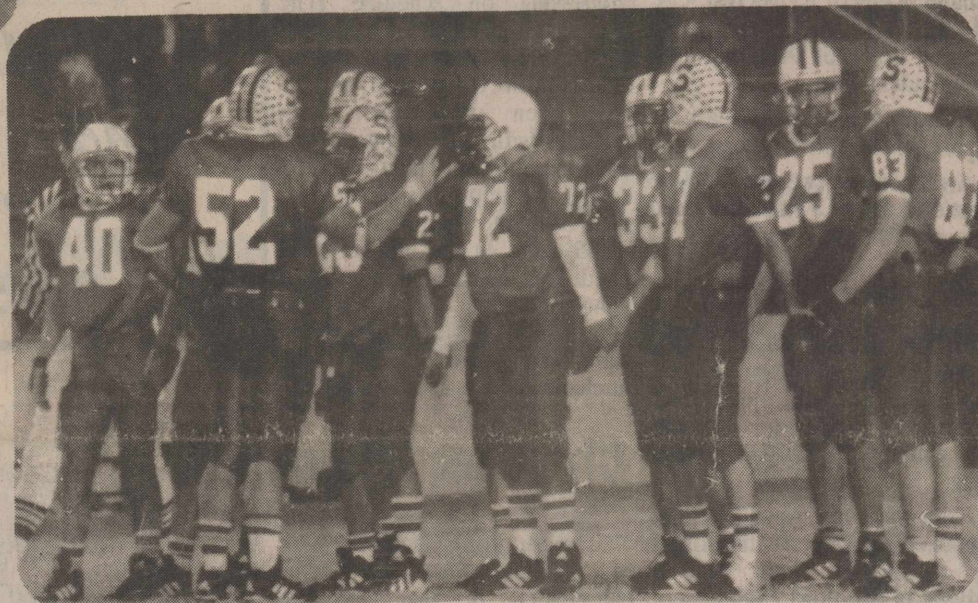
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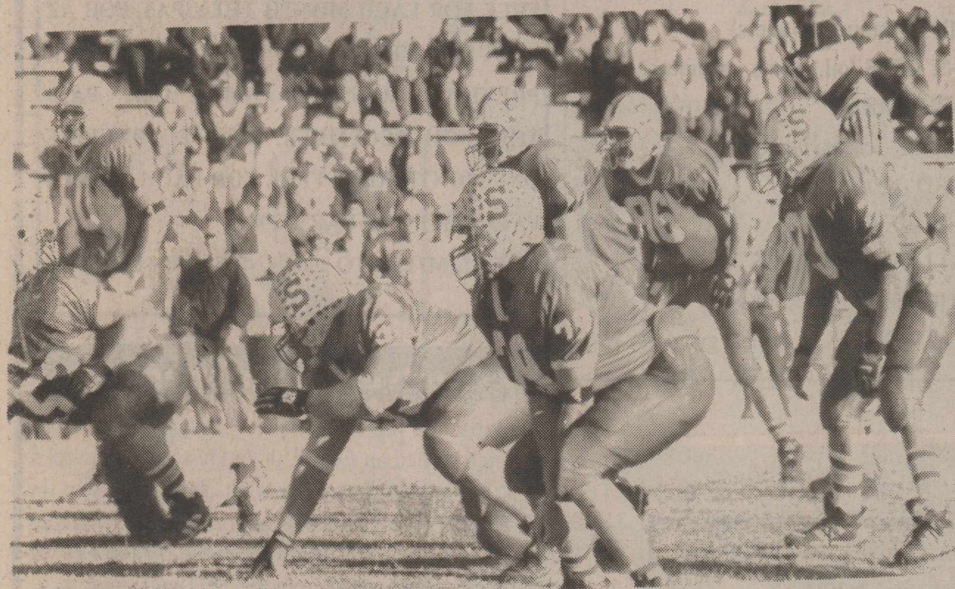
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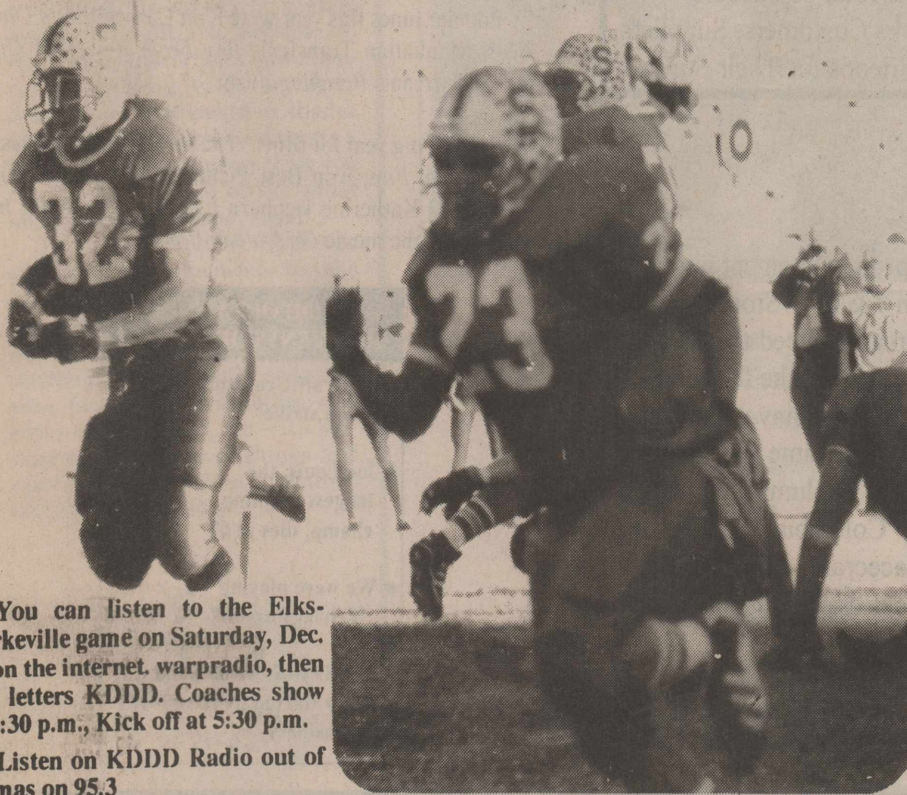
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State-Bound



You can listen to the Elks-Burkeville game on Saturday, Dec. 23 on the internet, warpradio, then call letters KDDD. Coaches show at 4:30 p.m., Kick off at 5:30 p.m.
Listen on KDDD Radio out of Dumas on 95.3

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816-231-4020

Obits

Russell Lee Albert

Brady, Texas-Russell Lee Albert, 61 of Brady, died Sunday, Dec. 10 in an auto accident at Brady Lake.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 14 at the First United Methodist Church in Brady, with the Rev. Sheldon Johnson, pastor, and the Rev. Bill Ferguson, officiating. Burial will be in Stratford Cemetery at a later date.

Born Feb. 6, 1939 in Dalhart, he was the son of Earl and Mattie Higgins Albert. He married Donna Coatney on Jan. 1, 1982 in Etter.

He was the transportation manager for Swift Meat Packing Co. for 11 years, retiring in 1993. He was ordained in the ministry on Feb. 2, 1994, in Dumas and was the former pastor of the North Plains Christian Church. He was a former U-Haul manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert had lived in Brady since 1997 where she was the secretary at the First United Methodist Church. They moved to Brady from Etter.

Mr. Albert was an independent Christian and was a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Melvin.

He loved to read and work with his goats.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; a son David Albert and his wife, Angie of Moses Lake, WA, a stepson, Gerald Rice of Independence, KS, three daughters, Becky Sexton and her husband, Mike of Sacramento, CA, Janet Minck and her husband, Kelly of Ridgecrest, CA, and Stefanie McKay and her husband, Jody of Amarillo and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Arrangements were under the direction of Leatherwood Memorial Chapels of Brady.

Elias Alvin Judd

Elias Alvin Judd, 86, died Nov. 15, 2000 at Jefferson County, Mo., hospital. He had just had successful surgery for a hip replacement when he had a heart attack.

Alvin was born April 21, 1914 at Hooker, OK. He was the son of Roy and Lillie Judd and a graduate of Stratford High School in 1932. He married Aline Bagwell in California in 1940.

Graveside services were held in Benton County, Arkansas, Memorial Park on November 18.

Survivors are his wife, Aline and daughter Cheryl, of Barnhart, Missouri.

Charlie Beamon

West Burlington, Iowa-Charlie Beamon, 80 former resident of Stratford died at 7 p.m. Monday, December 18. Graveside services are pending at presstime.

Chisum To Visit Stratford

Pampa...State Representative Warren Chisum will be in Stratford at the Headquarters Restaurant on Wednesday, January 3, 2001 from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m.

The state legislator has planned 24 town hall meetings in early January to hear from the voters and to provide an overview of what to expect from the Texas Legislature. "State government works best when the public participates," Chisum said. "I intend to spend more time listening than talking."

Chisum typically files several bills based on concerns brought to his attention at town hall meetings. "These informal get-togethers are probably the best time I can spend," he said. "The best way to find out about a local issue is to hear about the issue from the people who have to deal with it. I hope everyone gets a chance to come and say what's on their mind."

The Texas Legislature, which is required by the Texas Constitution to meet for 140 days every odd-numbered year, will begin the 77th Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2001. "Austin is pretty far from the Panhandle," Chisum said. "I want to make sure people have the opportunity to tell their government what they expect right here at home."

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Torrez Escapes From Sherman County Jail Later Captured

On 12-18-00 at app. 2:10 a.m. Ocatvio Torrez escaped from the Sherman County Jail at Stratford. Torrez was awaiting trial for possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) with intent to distribute. Torrez had been arrested on 08-08-00 in southern Sherman County after a traffic stop. Torrez is described as a Hispanic male, DOB of 04-19-72, 5'10" tall and weighs app. 170 lbs. with brown eyes and clack hair. Torrez escaped through a self locking door that was not properly closed.

At 2:32 a.m. on 12-19-00 in a joint effort between Hansford County Sheriffs office and Spearman Police Department Octavio Torrez was arrested. Torrez had escaped from the Sherman County Jail at Approximately 2:10 a.m. on 12-18-00.

He had eluded officers from the Sherman County Sheriffs office, Stratford Police Department and TDCJ Canine Tracking unit. Sometime after 6:30 p.m. and before 9 p.m. Torrez stole a pickup from a farm house approximately 10 miles NE of Stratford. The pickup was recovered close to Spearman.

The team effort included searching several houses where friends of Torrez resided. Torrez was arrested without incident at one of the houses. Torrez was arraigned in Spearman and returned to the Sherman County Jail.

Construction Update

The building project is progressing on schedule. The structural steel has been delivered and is being erected at this time. The interior colors and carpets have been chosen for both buildings with a traditional atone being maintained. The district will alert those patrons interested in purchasing the auditorium chairs for \$5 each. At the present time, scheduling arrangements are being completed. The plan will be to publish a date to remove the chairs and the citizens can purchase as many as they desire.

Chamber News By Paula Nusz

The Stratford Chamber wants to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Parade. The parade had 20 entries, and many consider this parade the best yet! A big thanks to the museum for allowing Santa to use the porch for visits with the children. Another big thanks to Mr. Taliaferro and the Methodist Church for the festive holiday music. Ali Allison and Greg Wright's live Broadcast on the Dumas Radio station (KDDD/KMRE) made watching the parade much more fun. The businesses were beautiful with all the lights shining bright. Thanks to the City employees for hanging the lamp decorations. Many of the main street businesses were open late and provided refreshments for the parade. Support your local businesses and give them a personal "Thank You".

Pheasant season is almost finished for 2000. The Chamber has brought to Stratford 93 hunters! Hunters came from Arizona, Wyoming, California, Colorado, Oklahoma, and many Texas cities. Thanks to all the businesses and restaurants who provided excellent service to these visitors. We have 18 different land plots this year for 5,701 acres of land for these hunters. Without hunting permission from local land owners, Stratford would not be able to host the hunt, and would not be known as the "Pheasant Capital of Texas."

The Chamber Banquet has been re-scheduled for the middle of February. An actual date has not been set, but thoughts of Feb. 19 or 20 are being considered. Applications for Citizen of the year may now be obtained at the Chamber office. A copy of the form and the rules will be published in *The Stratford Star* within the next few weeks. The theme for the banquet will be "Pearl of the Plains". This was the name given to Stratford by Col. Walter Colton. The history of Stratford and Coldwater will be given. It is time to start thinking about the silent auction. All donations would be appreciated. Les Dodson (the 1999 citizen) will be participating with the program.

Senator Warren Chisum will be in Stratford Wednesday, January 3, 2001 at Headquarters from 7:15 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Come for coffee and donuts and share your ideas with our representative.

Panhandle Day has been set for Wed. March 7, 2001 in Austin, Texas. More details will be forth coming. Make plans now to attend this important event. Let the Texas Politicians know that the panhandle is part of Texas and we will be heard!

The Chamber office will be closed part of the Christmas week. Leave your messages and Paula will contact you. Have a great holiday season.

Santa Visits First State Bank



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus visited the First State Bank of Stratford on Friday, December 15th with their little Elf helper.



Visiting Santa was Jacob Kline, son of Jason and Jolina Kline, Grandson of Orlanda Garoutte and great grandson of Joyce Ann Lasley.

Wide Variety of Poinsettias at The Flower Shack

Stratford Auto Electric Will Be CLOSED December 22nd, 23rd & 25th for Christmas & To Go Watch A Heck Of A Football Team!! Merry Christmas & Good Luck Elks!!!!!!

T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop Celebrates 20th Anniversary!



1. Jan.	BOOKS (crafts, printing, fabrics)	33%
2. Feb.	PICTURE FRAMES	25%
3. Mar.	WOOD (kits)	33%
4. Apr.	PAINTS (stains, thinners)	25%
5. May	FINE ARTS (oil, paints, mediums)	25%
6. June	SOUVENIRS	10%
7. July	SPORTS (cards, items)	10%
8. Aug.	YARD (needles)	25%
9. Sept.	NEEDLE CRAFTS	25%
10. Oct.	HALLOWEEN ITEMS	25%
11. Nov.	CHRISTMAS (decorations)	25%
12. Dec	STAIN GLASS (supplies, grinders)	25%

FREE STORAGE UNIT
 NEW RENTERS TO RECEIVE ONE MONTH FREE FOR EACH MONTH THEY PAY FOR AT REGULAR PRICE DURING JANUARY, 2001. PREVIOUS RENTERS WHO ARE PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2000, TO RECEIVE ONE MONTH RENT FREE FOR EACH MONTH PAID FOR IN JANUARY, 2001. BOTH LIMITED TO 2001 AND SAME SIZE UNIT

Sports & Entertainment

In Sports, the big talk of the year was the baseball strike which started on June 12th and lasted seven weeks. The L.A. Dodgers defeated the N.Y. Yankees to win the World Series. The Stanley Cup was won by the New York Islanders, the NBA title went to the Boston Celtics, and the Super Bowl was won by the Oakland Raiders.

Popular tunes this year were Kim Carnes' *Bette Davis Eyes*, Manhattan Transfer's *Boy From New York City*, and Al Jarreau's *Breaking Away*.

It was a big year for films. The soon to become classic *Chariots of Fire*, won Best Picture of the year. Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn received Best Actor and Actress for the movie *On Golden Pond*.

T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop Proud of Success. Thanks Customers, Suppliers and Friends for Their Support

In a proud statement issued from T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop announced that 2001 is the 20th Anniversary of the founding of their business. The company was started back in 1981, the same year that the Space Shuttle, "Columbia," made its first flight. "Columbia" was the first reusable spacecraft. It orbited the earth 36 times during the 54 hour and 22 minute flight.

Texhoma

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1981

- Air traffic controllers go on strike
- Joe Louis, the longest reigning champ, dies at 67
- We were playing "Trivial Pursuit"
- T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop started its first year in business

Timis Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Christmas Eve Caroling At St. Joseph's Church

On Sunday evening, December 24th, violinist Jean Warren and guitarist Joe Gillis of Levelland, TX will again be guest musicians at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 515 S. Pearl St., assisting the assembly in singing a Prelude of Christmas Carols at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The public is welcome to attend and sing along. Selections will include traditional carols sung in English, as well as many Spanish and some German verses. Children from the church will also lead the song "Do You Hear What I Hear." Before the beginning of the Christmas Mass at 8 p.m. Spanish songs from the ceremony known as Las Posadas (which translates "the inns") will be sung as a couple depicting Mary and Joseph enter the church and present the Christ child for the manger scene. Las Posadas is a 16th Century Mexican tradition of recounting the Holy Couple's search for shelter, enacted by the faithful at a different home each of the eight nights before Christmas Eve, then at the local church on the night of December 24th.

During Sunday afternoon, the guest musicians will give a short program of Christmas Carols to the residents at Coldwater Manor.

Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter Society Meets

Music, business and a description of the new trends in textbooks displayed for adoption in Texas Schools were the feature of the meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter Society the members met at the Dalhart Senior Citizen Center on December 2.

Mary Jo Ondracek, president, called the meeting to order. Beverly Hendrix distributed the yearbook. Programs were distributed. Mrs. Ondracek urged members to be thinking of the state meeting in Lubbock next June. New members will be initiated at the April meeting. The members will be notified of the date and time of the future meetings and final pages of the yearbook will be distributed. Frances Holden, song leader, led the group in singing the response and Mildred Bosler accompanied her.

Janet Pipkin reported on the progress of the button project and she needs a report of kindergarten students in each school in the four county areas, with the number of button, which should have read To Me in Spanish and English. Janet

Pipkin gave an informative and entertaining report on the type of new textbooks offered for adoption this year and how they differ for the ones adopted in previous years each textbook gives an integrated approach to the subjects in a subject area. For example, literature, grammar, writing penmanship oral and written discussion techniques and methods, spelling re integrated into one language arts textbook. Textbooks are being adopted on the junior high and senior high levels. All teachers and parents should be aware of this new trend and visit their local schools to examine the textbooks and curriculum.

The hostesses, Mary Jo Ondracek, and Portia Dees served refreshments in the gathering room and were assisted by Beverly Hendrix and a Girl Scout. Visitors from New Mexico were Bonita McCarty, Ida Poke. Others presents in as addition to those previously mentioned were: Viola Kautz, Synda Kneller, Jeanie Hightower, Frances Holder, Mildred Bosler and Mary Weatherford.

4-H's Compete At District

Seven members of Sherman County 4-H competed at the District 4-H Food Show held December 9 in Amarillo. The achievement event attracted 130 youth from a 21 county area.

Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of volunteer judges, and answered questions in an interview format concerning the preparation skills needed to make their dish, the food safety concerns in preparation and storage of their dish, the nutrients in the product and how the nutrients affect their bodies.

Brooke Ingham of Texhoma Traildusters 4-H Club was an Intermediate medalist in the Nutritious Snacks category. Other Intermediate contestants from Sherman County were Brandon Davis, Fruits and Vegetables and Rhiannon Everett, breads and Cereals.

Juniors Jennie Witcher competed in the Main Dish category with Jennie Spurlock and Lyndee Ingham competing in the Breads and Cereals and Nutritious Snacks categories respectively.

Connie Burton served as one of the volunteer judges for the achievement event. Lynette Kautz fulfilled responsibilities as a member of the district Food and Nutrition Program Development Committee.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service along with Arrowhead Mills and Texas Extension Education Association, Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers, Citizens sixty degree Fahrenheit Monday December 18, 2000.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, Joyce and William Hart were among the many guests who attended the Fiftieth Wedding reception for Gene and Carolyn (Webb) Sadler at San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo, TX. Some former Stratfordites attending this gala event were former SHS Superintendent and favorite nurse R.W. and Frances Standifer, Stratford's finest Welder and an auctioneer and best press secretary Carolee and Keith Waters, one of John Deere's best parts person and song leader of First Baptist Church an one good pianist Olinda and Bob Boardman, and Barbara Lavake and from Stratford Lloyd & Juanita Crownover who are always representing First Baptist Church Stratford at Conventions and State meetings.

We want to wish Carolyn Sadler's mother Mrs. Hazel Webb Happy Birthday on her 90th birthday.

The Methodist Hour had several Joys and Many concerns for our community. The football teams success-support from the community in all phases of life. The Christmas season Dicy Stephenson is back home, that we finally have a President elect. Shirley Plunk doing well, Donna Gilley got a good report.

Concerns: George Allen in hospital. There severe knee replacements surgery Dennis plunk, Reba Pittman, also ones to be concerned were T.J. Carter, Bill Kent, Dexter Wilson, Novell Blake.

In a phone visit from Louella Johnson reports that she has return to Stratford, she was in Amarillo recuperating though in Amarillo she kept up with the happening of Stratford and area with the help of the Stratford Star, she was with her daughter Nellie Ingham and son in law Jim Ingham.

The Book Man, Bill Pendleton has just arrived at our house with God, Grass and Grit III, our imagination did not reach the actually beauty of the books.

To our peers as we read the beautiful books we have all put together, we re reverently thank the Lord for the factual stories we have put together about the beautiful land we have written about for future generation to read about a wonder how we did it our thanks is to our heavenly father for what talent he gave us to produce these wonderful books and so we close this one hundred year with each one giving one another shoulder pat and luv u to make the world go around.



The home of MariHoward Engelbrecht was the setting for the 2000 Secret Pal party on Dec. 14. Marylou McDaniel was co-hostess. A buffet supper was enjoyed, then a couple of Christmas games were played. Secret Pals were revealed and names for next year were drawn. There will be two new Pals for 2001, Pam Taylor and Peggy Hawkins. They were unable to attend the party.

Present were Pat Boren, Donna Gillenwaters, Cicy Harris, Joyce Irlbeck, Jo June McDaniel, Barbara Schoonover, Trisha Schoonover, Nita Taylor, Lynn Wells.

Santa comes to Kerrick Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. Children and adults are invited to sing a song, read a poem or story. Santa ordered the sacking of treats Wednesday after the luncheon, so there will be treats for all.

There was a big celebration Saturday for Sundry Gillenwaters. She was pinned as a RN Saturday at Panhandle State University. She will be working at Northwest Hospital in Amarillo

Husband Jimmy had a cookout for about 30 at Bill & Donna Gillenwaters'. Immediate family members came from far and near. There were 13 for Sunday breakfast at Donna's.

Crabtree Christmas dinner was Dec. 9 at Ralph and Minnie Hampton's. About 20 were there.

Brady & Trisha Schoonover attended Cargill Christmas Party in Dalhart Saturday night.

Leonard Hawkins and Brady Schoonover were pallbearers for Clifford Hitchings funeral Saturday afternoon.

Several from Kerrick attended Methodist Church cantata Sunday night.

May this reporter wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous new Year!

Chisum

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Chisum was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988, and will report to Austin for his 7th term in 2001. He represents the 88th House District, which includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties.



Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** denotes new listing

- Jan 13 Tony Bennett
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 18-28 "Ain't Misbehavin' "Musical (Touring Production)
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Jan. 20 COPLAND & 2001 Trumpet
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 3 "Lift Every Voice" Spiritual Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-372-7464
- Feb. 6 "Jekyll & Hyde"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-4297
- Feb. 10 LaRita Valentine Dinner Theatre,
"Ain't Misbehavin'" ALT Touring Production
Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646
- Feb. 17 SHOSTAKOVICH'S FIFTH Piano
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782

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Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
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 - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5887
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:30 p.m.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

Stephen Schwenke
302 S. Main - 806-376-4553 Iv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

He Came To Serve

Why was Jesus born? Did He desire to push His way to the head of the table of this universe? Was His mission to garner adoration and praise? Was this uppermost in His Mind? This was not the case. He came to serve. "Although He existed in the form of God, (He) did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). The Second Person of the Trinity entered creation as the babe in Bethlehem to be a ransom payment. In the ancient economy, a benevolent master might buy a slave for a stated price. He then might grant the slave freedom. The purchase price ransoms this burdened soul from a life of servitude. Christ's perfect life and subsequent death is a ransom payment loosing sinners from their slavery to evil conduct. With this ransom payment, God "rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13). For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

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Book Opening Held

There was a good crowd that came out to pick up their God, Grass, and Grit III books that were available Saturday at the Sherman County Library. The reception and book preview was held from 2 to 3:30 at the Library. Shown above is Leonda Fedric and Marilyn Albert Harkins.



FHA students of Mrs. Jeanie Boggs are shown putting the finishing touches on Christmas trees that they delivered to the elderly in the community. They also delivered fruit & nut bread. Students shown from left: Thea James, Jessica Audrain, Johnny Cavitt, Mika Willborn, McLain Pool and Sarah Talley.



2000 Secret Pal Party Held

The home of MariHoward Engelbrecht was the setting for the 2000 Secret Pal party on Dec. 14. Shown above is front-left to right, Joyce Irlbeck and Barbara Schoonover, seated, Lynn Wells. Back row, Marylou McDaniel, Ciccy Harris, Donna Gillenwaters, Nita Mae Taylor, Jo June McDaniel, MariHoward Engelbrecht and Pat Boren. Not pictured Trisha Schoonover.



Births

Kevin Carlisle is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother. Kole Austin Carlisle was born on November 20, 2000 at 7:59 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches.

Parents are Kelly and Kerry Carlisle of Ropesville, Texas. Grandparents are Bill and Pat Boren of Kerrick, Bill Carlisle and Terry Flack of Turpin, Oklahoma.

BOBBY EDMOND HORSE AND TRAILER SALES

Happy Holidays



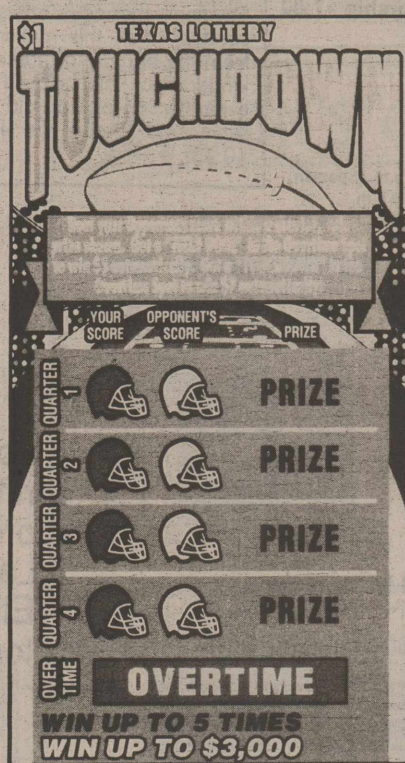
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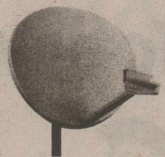
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DEC. 28

11:30 SUNRAY vs WT
1:00 SUNRAY vs WT
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4:00 DUMAS vs VEGA
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DEC. 29

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6:00 STRATFORD vs VEGA	5:30 STRATFORD vs DUMAS		
7:30 STRATFORD vs VEGA	7:00 STRATFORD vs DUMAS		

DEC. 30

The Stratford Star office will be closed until Friday, December 29, 2000. There will be no Edition the week of December 28, 2000. Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Years.
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School Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.

President Steve Johnson established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Steve Johnson, President, Joe Reinart, Vice President, Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, Max Christian, Jared McBryde, Ronna Riffe, Jim Taliatferro, Superintendent.

Others present: Steve Haynes, Jerry Hunkapiller, Mary Pat Williams, Travis Melton, Brad Thiessen, Dinah Horsford and Randy Hunsaker.

Jim Taliatferro gave the invocation.

Mr. Taliatferro recognized the district's honors for the past month. There were as follows:

Stratford Lady Elks-Vega Tournament Champions, Jessica Young-MVP of Tournament, Kara Brownlee-All Tournament team, Carly Mathews-All Tournament Team

Stratford Elk Football Team - Quarter final champions

High School All Region Band members were recognized.

Junior High School All Region Band members were recognized.

Elementary and Junior High UIL winners were recognized.

Special thanks and recognition was given to Jeannie Boggs and the homemaking department for the work in the hospitality room during the UIL meet.

A public hearing was held on the district AEIS report. Mr. Taliatferro gave the report. The district rating was Acceptable. The High School rating is Exemplary, the Junior High is Acceptable and the Mary Allen Elementary is Acceptable. Discussion was held and questions were answered. The school report card will be sent to each student's home in January.

The principal reports were given. Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. A thank you was given to Mr. B.A. Donelson and

First State Bank for sponsoring Michelle Thomas as a motivational speaker for the students. Michelle is a member of the National Championship Lady Raider team who is attending law school at Texas Tech. He briefly discussed the eligibility rules for the 3rd six weeks. He reported that all juniors and seniors have passed all parts of the Exit TAAS.

Mr. Hunkapiller gave the Junior High report. He explained that the Junior High had taken a writing benchmark and gave the results. They will take a math and reading benchmark in January. A thank you was given to Officer Gerald McDaniel for the help he is providing the Junior High through a grant he has received. He is teaching a teen law class and helps with the Character Counts program. He went over the UIL meet results. The meet was a huge success. Several band members made the All Region band.

Mrs. Williams gave the Elementary report. Thirty-five students participated in the UIL meet. The elementary was 3rd overall. The 4th grade musical is Monday night in the auditorium. They continue to work on the TAAS requirements and will take benchmark tests in January.

Travis melton gave the transportation report.

Mr. Hunsaker showed the Board the videotape of the March Contest held in October at Dick Bivins Stadium.

Coach Thiessen gave the athletic report. He discussed the upcoming basketball tournaments.

Mr. Taliatferro gave the Superintendent's report. Budget expenditures are at 30% and 64% of revenue has been collected. Discussion was held on the options of removing the seats in the auditorium. The board gave Mr. Taliatferro permission to advertise in the newspaper to sell the chairs. The progress of the construction project was discussed. Discussion was held on the tax abatement request from Iowa Vet. The investment report was given.

Joe Reinart made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

The principals presented their campus plans. Each gave an in-depth discussion of the goals and how they plan to attain them. Steve Johnson made the motion and Joe Reinart seconded to accept the campus plans as

Basketball

The 7th grade Lady Elks lost to Gruver 20-26 on Monday, December 11th. Leading the Lady Elks in scoring was Katelyn Reed with 7 points followed by Yadira Ortega with 5 points, Allison Baskin with 4 points, Chelsi Thiessen with 2 points and Ramie Stewart with 1 point.

The 8th grade Lady Elks lost 27-29 to Gruver on Monday, December 11th. Deidre Tarver led the Lady Elks with 16 points followed by Katy Bench and Jamie Valenzuela with 4 points each, Brittany Hudson with 2 points and Amy Woods with 1 point.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost 21-43 to Dalhart on Tuesday, December 12th. Erin Ashley led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Robin Daniels and Amber Larance with 3 points each, Tiffany Duke with 2 points and Veronica Ortega with 1 point. On Friday, December 15th, the J.V. Lady Elks beat Sanford Fritch 32-14. Robin Daniels was high point with 8 points followed by Amber Larance with 7 points, RoAnn Lopez with 6 points, Alisha Sladek and Erin Ashley with 4 points each, Alicia Adams and Tiffany Duke with 2 points each, and Veronica Ortega with 1 point.

The Lady Elks beat Dalhart 47-41 on Tuesday, December 12th. Carly Mathews led the Lady Elks with 17 points followed by Jessica Young with 15 points. Mika Willborn added 5 points followed by Heather Ashley with 4 points, Candra Holland with 3 points, Thea James with 2 points and Kara Brownlee with 1 point. On Friday, December 15th, the Lady Elks beat Sanford Fritch 45-35. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Kara Brownlee with 11 points and Carly Mathews with 7 points. Mika Willborn scored 6 points followed by Heather Ashley with 3 points, Candra Holland, Thea James, and Ashley Brown added 2 points each.

presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Ted Allen made the motion and Max Christian seconded to accept the Appraisal District contract. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Elks On To State In Waco Saturday

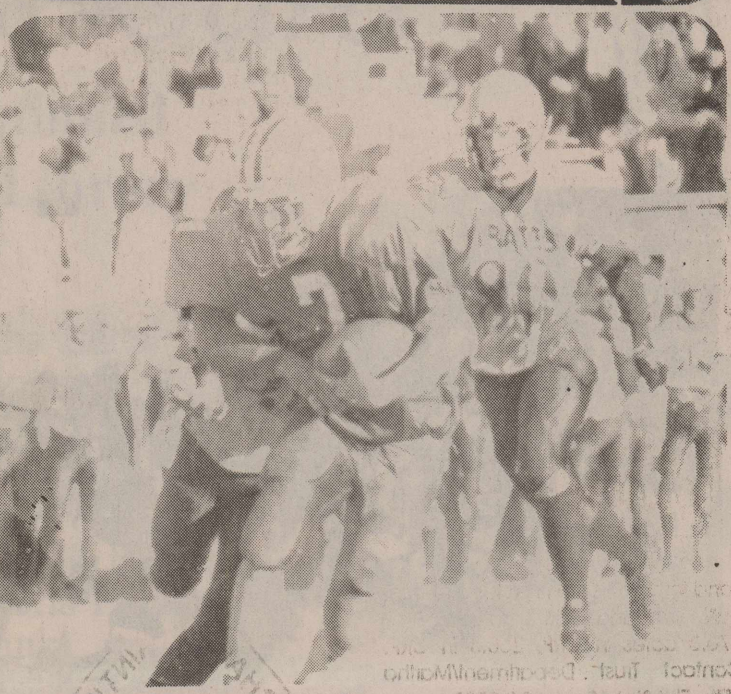
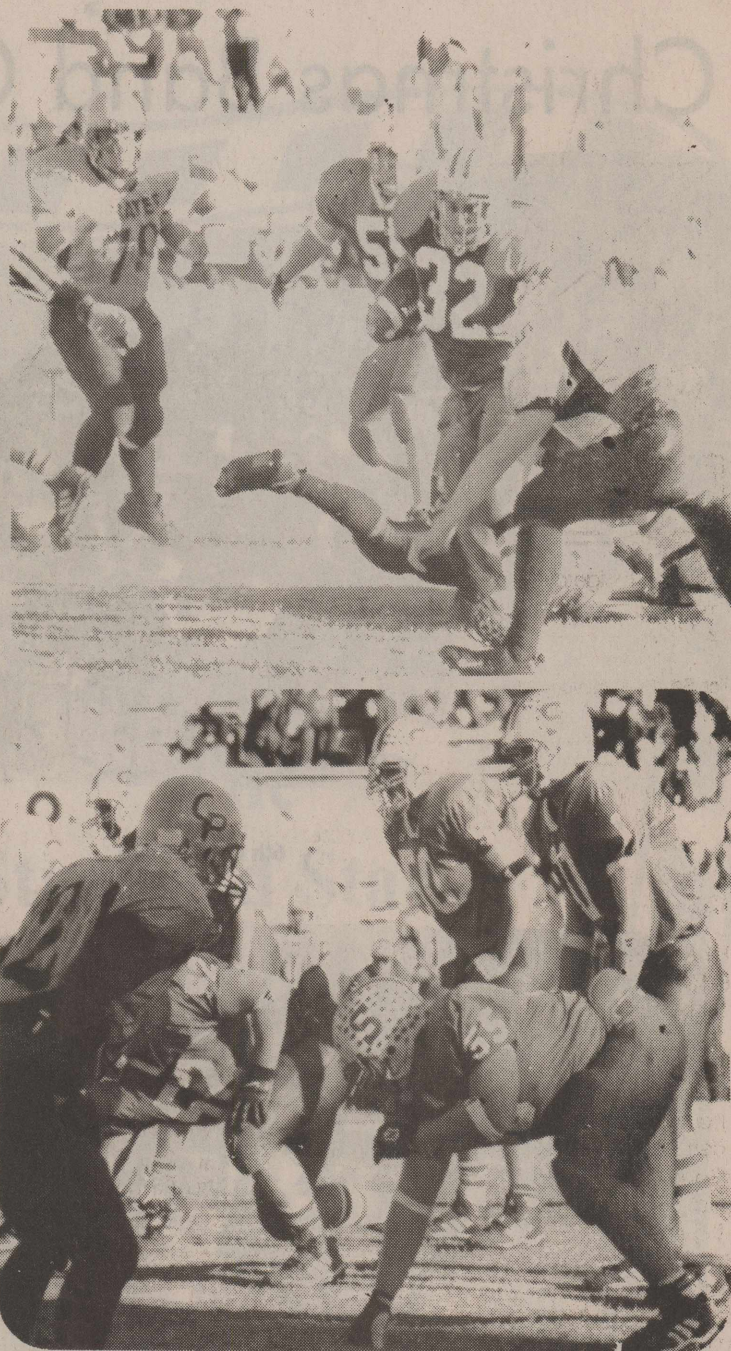
The Stratford Elks whipped upon the Collinsville Pirates 55-6 to capture the Semi-Final Championship on Saturday, December 16, 2000. The Elks will advance to State for the first time this Saturday, December 23rd. The Elks will play Burkeville in Waco at Waco ISD (home side) at 5:30 p.m. for the Class 1A State Championship.

Sid Resendes started the Elks series of scoring with a 95-yard touchdown on the opening kick-off return. Adam Bell then scored on two rushing touchdowns and passed to Corey Naugle for another. Javier Licon rapped up the first quarter scoring with another touchdown for the Elks. Resendes added two more touchdowns for the Elks in the 2nd quarter and the 4th quarter. Carlos Jacquez added the final touchdown for the Elks in the 4th quarter. Nick Ashley added 6 extra point kicks for the Elks.

Resendes rushed for 211 yards on 16 carries followed by Adam Bell with 89 yards on 7 carries. The Elks rushed for 400 yards and held the Pirates to a mere 38 rushing yards.

Leading the Elks mighty defense were Skyler Walden with 14 tackles and Corey Naugle with 9 tackles. Wes Kimball and Adam Reed followed with 7 tackles each, Nick Ashley, Gilbert Gutierrez, Javier Licon, & Craig Moore with 4 each, Jaret Pemberton & Rene Vital 3 each, Jason Ashley, Adam Bell, Carlos Jacquez, McLain Pool with 2 each, Dylan Everett, Johnny Larance and Michael McAlister finished with 1 each.

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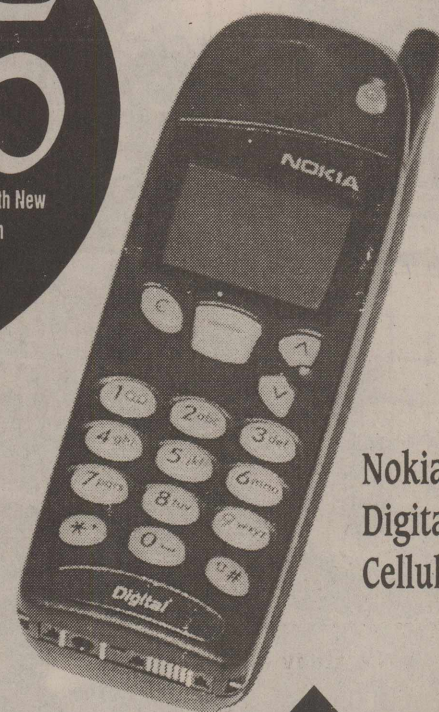
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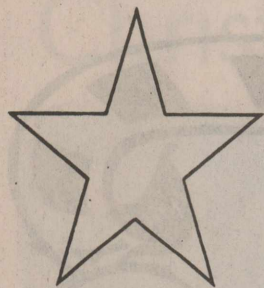
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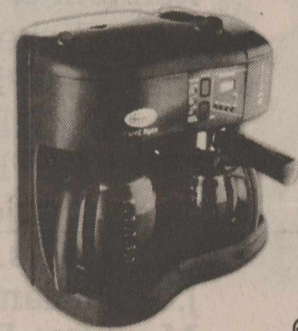


peel into your cranberry sauce, putting fresh rosemary into your mashed potatoes and using Imperial spread in all your cooking and baking.

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We want to say thank you to our anonymous Santa Clause. It makes us feel good to know there are such good hearted people in this town. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas.

God Bless you,
 Travis, Lindie, Tyler, & Wesley Joe Willey



New Ordinance Effective January 1, 2001

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK, SWINE, FOWL, DOMESTIC AND BARNYARD ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD; PROVIDING, HOWEVER, FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP LIVESTOCK IF THERE IS NO ADVERSE EFFECT TO THE CITIZENS OF STRATFORD; PROVIDING FOR SIX-MONTH EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR EXISTING ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 271; AND DECLARING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City of Stratford has been advised of and received complaints concerning the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the city limits; and

Whereas, the city of Stratford is vitally interested in providing all of its citizens with the freedom from odor, dust and noise sometimes occurring from the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the city limits; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest and welfare to prohibit or regulate the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the City of Stratford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Except as provided below, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or maintain any livestock, swine, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animal, except common pets, within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford, Texas.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to keep or maintain livestock, swine, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animals within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford may seek a permit from the City Council of the City of Stratford. Each permit sought must be coupled with the written consent of at least one adult resident of each residence within a 200 foot radius of the place where such livestock will be kept.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Stratford, upon application, coupled with the necessary signatures, may allow and issue a permit allowing the animals specified above to be kept within the Stratford city limits if it determines there will be no adverse effect to any citizen within the City.

SECTION 4. There shall be a \$10.00 annual fee, per permit, renewable each year from the date of issue. If the fee is not paid within 30 days of renewal, permit will be revoked and animals removed by the owner and or a new permit shall be obtained.

SECTION 5. It shall be rebuttably presumed that there will be no adverse effect to any citizens within the City if the consent of at least one adult resident of each residence within the radius specified above is obtained and furnished with the application for the permit.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall not apply to any person, firm or corporation keeping or maintaining any livestock, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animal within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford, Texas on the effective date of this ordinance, for a period of six (6) months from the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Even after a permit has been validly issued, upon an objection to the keeping of any of the animals specified above within the city limits, the City Council may, upon a determination that any holder or a valid permit is adversely affecting the health or welfare of the citizens of the City, require rectification of the adverse effect within a time specified by the Council or the permit shall be revoked.

SECTION 8. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not to exceed \$500.00 upon conviction thereof.

SECTION 9. Upon passage of this ordinance Ordinance number 271 is hereby repealed as of this ordinance's effective date.

SECTION 10. To provide ample time to the residents of the City of Stratford to receive of the implementation of this ordinance this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2001.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of November, 2000.

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ATTEST: Richard Walton, City Administrator

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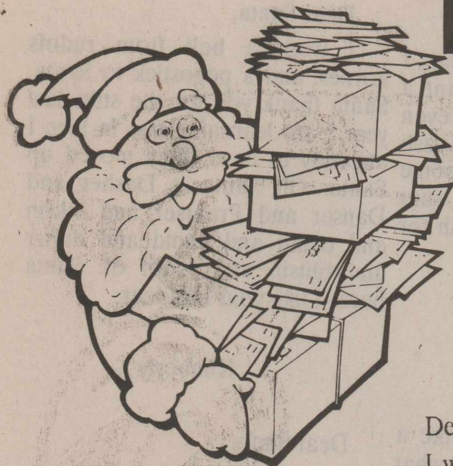
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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
All we want for Christmas is the last Gold Football. Go Elks and Good Luck at State.

Elk Fans

Dear Santa
I want 6 feet of snow and a frair, a blue chevy, candy and a lot of presents like Hot wheels and a grate big cow, a pet puppy with a reeng around his eye, smokdetekter a Crimas tree and a skooter, a big truck. Love

Keegan Eldridge

Dear Santa
May I have a harmonica and a frisbie and rollingblades. And a watch and some baseball cards and some basketball cards. And I want a new basketball and a cd player and a air hog and I want blow pins and I want a big telescope and some clothes and toy story two and a sleigh for me and Dylan and my mom and dad just wants to with their babies. And I want some legos. And Dylan wants a fold up scooter he wants one like mine Dylan wants a real watch like I want a real watch and Dylan wants a toy camera and Dylan wants a toy telephone. And Dylan wants broncos helmet and sholder pads and he wants leg pads and he wants pants that fit him he doesnt need a jersey. And Dylan wants a computer and he wants toy motorcycle and he wants pajamas and some clothes and scate bord froger two on play staytion game boy color and he wants crash bash on play staytion. And Michael wants a tenko and he wants some golfing clubs and he wants a biking helmet

love Michael and Dylan Keener

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I had my bike loaded and my backpack all packed up to make a trip to the North Pole to help you make toys. But my Mom got the flu and the weather got cold so I couldn't go. Maybe next year I will come visit and help you work. My Mom said it would take 2 weeks to get there but I had to be home before dark. Anyway I want a scooter for Christmas.

Lots of Love from your elf named, Corey Seaton

Dear Santa,
For my very first Christmas could you please bring me a kitchen play center? I would also like to have some more books. I love for my mommy to read to me. For my daddy, could you please give the ELKS some more gold football trophies.

Love Carlee Grace Metcalf

Dear Santa,
May I have a Scooter. May I have a Mary Kate and Ashley doll. May I have a picture of Rudolph. Ps Thank you for the presents that you gave me last year.

Love, Lindsy Confer thank you 2nd grade

Dear Santa
what I want for christmas is a Barbie and a Barbie house and a big Kelly Doll. and a Barbie arport. and fashon polly. and a singing Briny Spers Doll. and a singing Crista Agyoulara Doll. and a Barbie car. and a my size butterfly Barbie. and a teddy bear and a real puppy.

Thank you, Maribel Morales 2nd grade

Dear Santa
can you please get me a Skeeter for Christmas. I love you Santa, I also want a baby son

Love Taylor Melton Thank you

Dear Santa, I want you to leve me Rudolph's foot prints I am going to give you a doller bill and I want a game boy color. Happy christmas Mr. and Mrs. Clos, I want my ant Sreena to get better so she can go home and I want Tom to pass the open-heart sergury. I want my mom to feel better becoss it was her anaversare and she was sick.

From Coy Dean to Santa 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie play store for Christmas. I want a barbie computer. Merry Christmas

Love Perle Reta

Dear Santa
Please let Rodof leve His footprins on 9 pese of paper on my desk I have bin good plecse bring me a nell mshen. now it is time to say goodby happy Christmas be cellf.

hi Mr. Clase and Mis Clas, Kelsie Keener

Dear Santa
How are your raindears, how are your fimley doing. How are you doing. I hope you come around the world. my fimley is fine. I will tell you want I ban doing math fonix and I ben good at school and I go to school so I cool learn. I hope you open the door. I hope you bring me a toy and this is what I want for Christmas a four willer motor siklund a bee bee gun a Ninia sord and seven dollers, and a rass car, a holling crew, a Ninja costum, some ice cream, balar scars a enstermantu a Christmas star. and a compyter, and a pachy. Very chrimas Santa

Cain Sanchez 2nd grade

Dear Santa
I want a poochy and a tornado twisr and a toy car

Marcor

Dear Santa, I want all the Pokemon games

Ranson Lermon

Will you leave Rudolph's footprint on my papers in the kitchen? How is Mes clos and the elfs How is the randire I want amokin trol drte bike. I want a fore wheeler and poke-mom slippers and a nis jakit and a papy and a nis crimas and I want a B-B gun and rabbits.

Meery christmas from Derek Haygood

Dear Santa
How are you and your famly doing? I hope you can make it all around the world so every child can get a present. Can you get me a foot print from Rudoph in the snow? Can you get me a poer puff girls Play Station game? Can you get me a picher of Rudoph? Merry Christmas

Morgan Carter

I want a scooter and a satl and dog and ropot and a bice and sun of my teeth to fo awt and love to you Santa

Haden Long

Dear Santa
I want Rudolph hoof print. I hope you make it through. How is every body doing. I want a new racetrack. I want five new cars. I want a kitten. I want a remotontrol motercicel. i want a tornado twister. I hope you have a Merry Chrtsmas sined Byron DeAnda-2nd grade

Dir Santa Klos

I have ben good. i want a scooter and a fotbol set.

I want fo Crissmi scooter and a barby

Dir Santa

I want a bebgun and a man is hion bov, a saddle and a pair of boots

Chance Walker

Dear Santa,
how are you, I hope you are fine how are the elves I hope thay .re fine to. hows dahser now Jancer now prancer and vixen on comet on cupid on donner and blitzen. Merry Christmas Santa Mery Christmas dasher and dancier and prancer and vixen and comet and cupid and donner and Blitzen I hope you come to my houce I'm going to have a present I hope you open the present thank you Santa vere much I love you vere much I'm going to be gone win its Christmas we are going to Colorado I hope you no were the present is.

Brianda Chavoya 2nd grade

Dear Santa
Thak you for coming to my house last year. Did you like the cookies that I left you? By the way how is the raindeer? Can I have a sifted animal 102 Dalmatoin. May I hav a CD player with some CD's and if you have time could you get me a CD carrier. Could I have the movie Fantasia 2000. May I have a Marry kate and Ashley dolls? Another thing that I would like is a 102 dalmation overals. And if you have time could you bring me some dalmation toys?

Love Megan 2nd grade

Santa Claus I would like this four christmas eve I want this a computer with a printer and a game boy color and a telescope and a for wheeler and a rollerblades and a motorcycle and soccerball and pogo stick and a Denver Broncos football and that is it.

Love Jordan Johnson

Dear Santa
I want a super scooter and a helmet. Nintendo 64 game boy color

Love Charles Green

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Ring in Peace

We hope that this season resounds with much love, joy and peace for all.

We are grateful for your friendship.

Hair Creations

GO ELKS!!

Merry Christmas!

Here's hoping your holiday is an exercise in fun! Thanks and best wishes to all our valued members.

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Pay For 2 Months
Get One Month Free
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Stratford Gym & Health Club

Happy Holidays

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

Betty's Place

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May every holiday joy be yours!

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IT'S CHRISTMAS... AROUND THE WORLD!

Wherever you go, I wish you a world of happiness this holiday season!

The Travel Store
Joan Bell

SENDING HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS WISHES

...with hopes that the season brings you together with friends and family from near and far.

Thanks for doing business with us.

Stratford Auto Electric

Our Fondest Wishes at Christmastime.

May you enjoy a holiday rich in happiness with a wealth of blessings! Many thanks to our valued customers. It's been a pleasure doing business with you, and we look forward to a bright future together.

First State Bank

Dear Santa,
 I know you only bring presents to children that have been good. I've been really, really good this year, so can you bring me these things for Christmas?
 Wish list 1. Barbic Music Box, 2. Scooter, 3. Tigger Movie 4. Hot Spot game.
 I also want to ask you to please bring peace and joy around the world. And my very last wish is for you to please bring presents to kids who aren't as lucky as me.

Love Mazic Rac Vincent
 P.S. Thanks for making kids everywhere so happy every year!!!!

Dear Santa
 Santa thank you santa for bringing me a sckeeter. So Wanta will you pece eat my cookiys, if you do and if you like I will.

Katon
 Dear Santa
 can you please bring me a pokemon ladie stavhiah a robot a per of spurs, a horse and a toy ranch.

Tommy Goodman 2nd grade
 Dear Santa
 I want a scooter for christmas from Kalob second grade

Dear Santa
 If you wouldnt mind I would want a scooter please I would want a puppy please. Thank you

Crystal Ong 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 Could you please give me a skate bord. and a Millen dollars. How is Miss Closs and the elves. thank you

Wells Daniels 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 If you can I have a bike and a foopball

Jesus-2nd grade
 Dear Santa
 Can you please breaing a pokemon badstashon. Please can you breaing some pokemoncards. and a pokemon bluo.

How did you like the cookies last time. Thank you Santa from
 Rowdy Lermon 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 Skate bord skates could you make me a snow bord a picture of you and your rain dear could you make me a pictar of food of

Thank you
 Justin Watts 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 Santa how has the North pole ben lalty. Here its been hot and cold. I wish I could go phesnt hunting toddy, but I can't bu atleas I went yesterday. I hope you don't git sick in this cold weath on christmas. So you can deliver all the toys. I bet all of the raindeer are ready for christmas. it's not long befor yur going to have to cary your havy christmas bag. I hope Mrs. claus is doing well, and I hope your doing all right to at the North pole. It's below 6 F and its snowing to I been good S I want a scooter.

Merry christmas and for all
 Trevor Christian-2 nd grade

Dear Santa
 Santa I hope you can make it through the strong winter because I don't want you to get hurt. Christmas is a very fun holiday because Santa gets to come and give as some toys to play with at home.

Dear Santa I had been very good if I stay good and you bring me a present I will want a kitten for Christmas because my little kitten died.

Merry Christmas
 America Terrazas

Dear Santa
 How's your reindeer and you and Mrs. Clause? can you bring the people who don't have anything some presents? That would really mean something to me. The cookies will be eather in the kitchen of the living room If there not in eather one of those places they should be on that table by the Christmas tree. Can you give me a picture of Rudolph? Thanks, I also want a kitten for Christmas. Plus what I really want is you to be careful on Christmas Eve. I Love you

Kimberly Melton

Dear Santa
 I hope you have a great New Years day. How is Rudolph doing? The elves Mrs. Claus and you? Make sure you visit the people that are sick and the people that are in the hospital. Where do you get all your magic before Christmas? Have a very careful flight. I would like a scooter that has green wheels. Also I would like a hoof print of the reindeer. (I will leave papers. You might want to bungle up it is going to be a very very cold Christmas. I will make cookies and milk,

Sincerely
 Tyler Wright

Dear Santa
 How are things in the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? How do your raindeer fly and land on the roof? I would like a kitten. I would like a new gameboy with Gold version. Will you leaf rudolph footprint? I will have a pese of paper in the kichan.

Merry Christmas
 Chris Hart

Dear Santa,
 I want roller skates like Raegans, and a hippo game. I will be at Grandma's house so please bring my toys there and not to my house. Thank you

Jackson Buyers age 2

Dear Santa,
 I want a pirate of Isabella and a crane for Christmas. I also want a rope and a bucket to dig. I will be at home on Christmas, then I'll be in Omaha where there is snow cause my dad has work to do. Thank you,

Alex Riffe

Dear Santa
 I want a remote control cars and I want a cat and a dog

frm Rhyan Burton

Dear Santa
 I want a scooter and a helmet and a foot ball game toy and a bike and another city center of fyir trucks

Love Dereck Vasques

Dear Santa Claus
 Would like a scooter and a new bicycle and a baby toy and a toy santa I hope you have a nise Christmas eve

From Jennifer Lunz

Dear Santa Claws
 wat I want for christmas is sam...BatMan & Robin Toys and a game boy color and a remotecontrol motorcycle

Yor friend
 Braiden Palmer

I want a chemistry set. I want blade, scooter my own computer and a dog.

Love Layne Sims

Dear Santa Claus
 I want scooter. helmet. kneepads. elbowpads, skates. Thank you.

Carina Michel

Dear Santa
 I want to you bring to me this three things a watch, shoes, and pants from Margarita Ibarra

Dear Santa
 I want you to bring me a buterfly. I love you. I ben good. I have ben good at school in Thursdays folder I all was get a sticer. I love you very much. Oh, I want my neive, to go back to my sister. I go to school so I can lern of you. I want a kitten and a bunny for Christmas. Have a very good Christmas. Merry aChristmas

Beatriz Marquez 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus
 I want for Christmas, bike a motner helmet. remote control cars, ball I bear scooter. Thank you Santa

Love, Albert Ortega

Dear Santa
 I wat a gameboy. I want a BB gun. Please bring my little brother a BB gun.

Love Wyatt Smith

Dear S anta
 All I want for Christmas is an oddball poochy and a stuffed oddball and a prisc kelly and prisce Tommy.

Your frind
 Heidi Brooks

Dear Santa,
 I wan't a saddle and a razor scooter and speed rench a poochy. Your friend.

Josh

Dear Santa
 I want a hit clip clock the ecnda sceeter a blue ocean da baby hors and a cotton candy maker.

Your friend, Miranda

Dear Santa
 All I want is a horse and a four weeler, I have been real good this year.

Your friend
 Kyle

Dear Santa
 I want a sceeeter for Chrismas. I even want a pogostick. I want a Rad 2.0. Evey a poochy. I even want a Barbie cash with me cash regaster. I want some cloth some new shoes and some pants. I want Rosie and pattie. I want a fish for my Grandma.

Love, Rubi Rueda

Dear Santa Claus,
 For Christmas I would like a computer (it does not matter what kind). A Mark Brunell jersey. A p[air of AND 1 tennis shoes. A p[air of AND 1 tennis shoes. A p[air of AND 1 tennis shoes. A alarm clock and small christmas tree (about 2 feet tall). And Green Bay Packers real helmet.

Thank you, I hope you enjoy your Christmas.

Love Clayton Johnson

Dear Santa,
 I wont a bell from rudofs hornes. and a pogostick to Santa. Santa thank you for the stilts last year I am learnaing fast in face I am redy to have them moved up Santa. Oh Santa is Dasher and Danser and Prantser and vikrin and comit and cupid and donzr and bliisin and rudof ok Santa becas I like your raindeer.

Kimberly

Dear Santa
 I wont a dert bike and a hores and a hotwheel chak and swchin glovs and a helmit with the dirt bike and a bebe gun with a dargeat and a twenty tow shot fun. I like you Santa a lote and a lote.

Wy do your elfs have bigers and wy does roldhoph have a red noes.

Tim

Merry Christmas

Peace at Christmas



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
 - Luke 2:13-14

Wishing you a blessed holiday.

Morrison Funeral Directors

WISHING YOU THE Happiest of Holidays



You've helped make this past year everything we wished it would be.

Thank you for your generous support.

Sheriff Jack Haile
 Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office
 911

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



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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thriftway

A Winter Wonderland

Wishing you a picture-perfect holiday season filled with beautiful moments. Please accept our sincere thanks for your business. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Stratford Flying Service

Lollipop's Santa Letters

Dear Santa
 I want a new horse for Christmas. And a satle too. I want a new boots. And some chapter books too. and a hit clip.

Your friend
 Bryce

Dear Santa
 I want a horsey and a cow. I want a new book. I want new boots. I live by the park. I have Christmas lights! I also want a Pittsburgh Steeler flag for my house.

Braiden Galla
 age 4

Dear Santa,
 I want a scooder and a little puppy or a little kittin or some cothes a new seedy of briny spers or a pair of shoes or a neckles and a very good vacasbor

Your frend Jessica

Dear Santa
 I want a barbie and a princess and a newspaper bag. I live in Stratford, TX and my friend Braiden lives in Stratford, TX too. Dress warm and don't forget your boots.

Tyler Rouse age 4

Dear Santa
 For kns I wit a blk and skas and a dle fit goc and a krier and a sir to on and I wot ort the bes to and fit is of the bos I wnt to had ahd to xib and my sr wtlaa kfir and I wti for kni I mtl a crayola bik and crayola and a wit sir cils and I mtsin nelte and I nta a met fit

Norma Munoz

Dear Santa I want a baby, bottles, some spoons and some food. I also want a pirate ship. You know where I live I live by Larita's house.

Landry Davis
 age 3

I want a scoter for chrismas. I want a baby and I want a praing baby. I want a Barbe house. I want sum Barbe for the house. I want a bike a prete wun. I want sum swetrts and pars whith the swetrts that gos whith it to gether. I want a prtend puppy. I want a baby for my sister. I want a chok bord whith sum chock's. I want colors choks. I want shose. I want pinsels and erasol. I want a swiming pool and a big one. I want sum gloves and sum snow boot's and a hat for my ers wont get my ers cold. I want a yoyou. I want for my mom sum plats and cups. I want sum mony. I want a book. I want sum creing's. I want a hat. I want a vest and a dres. I want sum soxs. I want a jakit. I want a pincol box. I want a baby rabbit whith food.

Love Esmeralda

Dear Santa
 I want a princess barbie and some bottles. I live by a farm.

Chesney Rendon age 2

Dear Santa
 I want a worm and a bug fitted toy. And a woody with bullride to put him on so he'll talk. I want a froggy & a mermaid, nothing else

Cody McKenzie age 3

Dear Santa
 I want a choo choo.

Nicholas Watts age 2

Dear Santa
 I want a pooh. I want milk

Amanda Harbour

Dear Santa
 I want a house that I can hide in. I live down there.

Sean Sims, age 3

Dear Santa
 I want a tweety and some new books. I also want a wow-wow!

Eiyelene Mendoza age 1

Dear Santa
 I want a gun but just a toy gun. I live in Kerrick, Texas

Rett Schoonover age 4

Dear Santa
 I want a bb gun and bullets. Cuz im going to go shooting bids. Bring toys and a water gun. My house is over there.

Austin Aduddell age 3

Dear Santa
 I want tornado twister and some football stuff. I want baseball stuff too. I want a dirt bike.

Sterling Audrain age 4

Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year, I want you to bring me a toy and a Thomas the tank train. Can you bring a toy for my baby sister and for my big sister can you bring her a bike. I will leave you some cookies and chocolate milk, when you get to my house.

Love Miguel Henderson, age 4

Dear Santa,
 I would like you to bring me a jet and a city, and then a new Pokemon yellow version that has Pikachu for my Game Boy. I will leave you some cookies and milk

Love, Chad Kautz

Dear Santa:
 My name is Stone Tarver and this is my 4th Christmas. I have been a really good boy and hope that you will bring me a 4-wheeler like my Papa's, a power ranger with a motorcycle and a remote control car. I would also like a large black snake. Please bring my sister something and all the other kids in Stratford. I will leave for you reindeer cake and hay and cookies and milk. Thanks Santa for being soo nice.

Love Stone age 3

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a swimming party for Christmas and a little puppy like Tommies that I can name Emily. Thank you for the candy even though I would not sit on your lap. Oh yeah, I also want a red kitty. Thank you Madison Mungia age 3

Dear Santa,
 I have not been very good this year, but would you bring me an Olympic swimmer barbie anyway and some food for my kitchen and some clothes for my barbies. When you come to my house I will leave out some Mountain Dew and Spaghetti for you in case your hungry.

Love, Miranda Downs, Age 3

Dear Santa,
 I want a scooter for Christmas, and I've been really good this year. Please bring a scooter for Hunter too, he's 5. Thank you

Bethany Everett age 3

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a baby bed and a stroller for my babies. I've been really good this year so you can come to my house. Cookies and milk will be there for you, so please eat all the cookies and drink your milk all gone.

Love Raegan Whitman, age 3

Dear Santa
 Santa thank you santa for bringing me a sckeeter. So Wanta will you pece eat my cookiys, if you do and if you like I will.

Katon

Dear Santa
 I love you verh much. I want a scooter and a coat and doll and a playdog and a stuff animal and new hihils.

CLove M'Kaley Seaten

Dear "Claus"
 I would like to have a "big boy", bike, some golf balls, and a fire truck that makes lots of noise. Nana, Pappy, GramB and Papaw say that I have been a VERY good boy this year! Thank you, Santa! I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies.

Love,
 Kade Douglas McBryde

Dear Santa
 I want a robot dog please and please wil you fix my Monstrtruck and will you please bring a microphone and a phone and please wil you bring my tooth.

Justin Cole Mungia

Dear Santa,
 A grinch toy, a red kitty, a baby doll, cabbage patch splash

Madison Mungia

Dear Santa,
 Have a great new year and I hope you come to our house. I thank you for the superman and the go cart. Have a Merry aChristmas. I would like a skooter and a game boy with a few geames.

Love, Tyler Wright, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 I hope you have a great new year. Santa, I want to ride in your sleigh, but I know I can't. Thank you for the go-cart last year. Tyler, Taylor and I have had a lot of fun on it. This year I would like a blue scooter and a Game boy. Oh, and a toy Robin to go with my batman. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love you, Santa!

Love, Tanner Wright,
 Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 This year I promise to sit on your lap when I come to see you. Thank you for the toys last year. I told my Mom & Daddy that I wanted a "Real" baby for Christmas Mom just insists that that is something Santa CANNOT bring. So, I guess I'll just ask for one that looks real. I've also heard Tyler and Tanner talking about asking for a scooter. If you bring them one you might as well bring me one too! I may be a girl, but I sure try my hardest to keep up with my brothers. If I can't keep up with them on the scooter, I'll just run over them! (not really) I will leave you a snack.

Love Taylor Wright, Age 4

Dear Santa,
 I want a Four-wheeler for Christmas because I'm getting a real BB gun for my Birthday. I also want a dump truck with a trailer on it. You can bring my sister Laynee something too, I guess maybe some toys or something I can push her on. Thank you

Preston Burr age 4



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

Pet Paradise

Merry Christmas
Les Dodson Appraisals Les & Joyce

O holy Night
 Let us spread His message of peace and goodwill to all men.
Smith & Smith Well Co.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 Betty Brown's Medical Claim Service

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

Sounds of Christmas
 Wishing you a Christmas rich in peace and blessings. It's been a pleasure doing business with you.
Bain Tire Co.

Merry Christmas HAPPY HOLIDAYS
The Flower Shack Tina & Chris

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.
Chamber of Commerce

Dear Santa
 can you please bring me a
 pokemon ladie stavhiah a robot a
 per of spurs, a horse and a toy
 ranch.

Tommy Goodman 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 I want a scooter for christmas
 from Kalob second grade

Dear Santa
 If you wouldnt mind I would
 want a scooter please I would want
 a puppy please. Thank you

Crystal Ong 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 Could you please give me
 skate bord. and a Millen dollar.
 How is Miss Closs and the elve:
 thank you

Wells Daniels 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 If you can I have a bike and
 hat and a foopball

Jesus-2nd grade

Dear Santa
 Can you please breaing
 pokemon badstashion. Please ca
 you breaing some pokemoncard:
 and a pokemon blu.

How did you like the cooke
 last time. Thank you Santa from

Rowdy Lermom
 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 Skate bord skates could yo
 make me a snow bord a picture
 you and your rain dear could yo
 make me a pictar of food of

Thank you
 Justin Watts
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 I want a Scooter with blue
 wheels and a grow baby. Please
 bring my brother Gage something
 because he didn't cry when he sat
 on your lap.

Love You,
 Meghan Brooks

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be a good girl. I
 promise I will try to sleep in my
 own bed. I would like some colors
 and some new shoes. I also want a
 Barbie airplane and a Princess
 Barbie. I need some new clothes
 too because I'm growing so fast! I
 will leave you some cereal on
 Christmas Eve. Do you like Fruit
 loops?

Love, Desinya Garza

Dear Santa
 I want a robot dog ples and a
 Microphone and a pone and pese
 wil you fix my Monster truck.

Justin Cole Mungia

Dear Santa
 I want a scooter for Christmas
 and a poochi and a air hog. and a
 video game and a bike champer
 ship and a the hole set of
 pokemon cards and a tckna and a
 pokemon sorry. Thank you Santa

Ranson Lermom

Dear Santa
 I want a horse. I want a puppy
 and a kitten. I want a Spiderman
 play station game. I wish it was
 Christmas everyday. I want a
 Game boy. Merry Christmas

Jarod Saloga

Dear Santa

I like Santa, please bring a
 shotgun. Thank you

Nathan Burum

Dear Santa

I want a Nuthr china doll and
 dansin deby doll and a noow bik
 rokit tops a isescreemeesebak
 and as makeup Mindy Thank yo
 for the toys last yir

Tori Rouse
 7 yrs. old

Dear Santa

I want a gocart and some
 pokemon cards and a cd player
 and a playstashion game and a
 silver game and a sketer and a
 pokemon yatzee and a pokemon
 sorry thank you Santa

Rowdy Lermom

Dear Santa
 I want a kitten and I want a Big
 foot monster truck ford and I want
 a hummer and I want a robot and
 I want a bell off of your sleigh,
 please. Thank you

Rhyan Burton



**Merry Christmas
 Happy Holidays
 Season's Greetings
 Joyous Noel**

*No matter how you say it, we hope
 your season is grand.
 We truly appreciate your kind patronage.*

**Brooks Motor
 Brooks Video**

*Have a
 Merry Little
 Christmas*

**Marjory Munden
 CPA**

*Have a
 Radiant Holiday.*

**Allen-Tarver
 Insurance
 Agency**

Season's Greetings

**Stratford Family
 Medical Clinic**

**Greetings
 to All Our Friends**

Our fondest holiday wishes are on the way. May you know peace, friendship and goodwill this coming year. Thank you for visiting us.

Smith Agency

Noel

Good health, good
 friends... all the best
 to you and the ones
 you love.

*The
 Happy
 Painter*

**SILENT
 NIGHT**

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

Consumers

**Joy, Peace, Happiness
 Good Fortune ...**

We wish you a list full of blessings this holiday season.
 Thanks to all of our customers for making
 this year such a special one.
 We look forward to doing business with you
 in the new year.

Ellie's



SEASON'S GREETINGS

**George
 &
 Gayl**

**CHRISTMAS
 Is In The Air!**

It's just days before Christmas and all through the town,
 We see happy people; not even one frown.
 It's great to see folks who show so much care
 For their friends and their neighbors - today it's so rare.
 So we'd like to thank you this time of the year
 For all of the memories we hold so dear.
 As customers, as neighbors, you all mean so much
 To us, your community and all whom you touch.

Have a wonderful holiday!

**Walter Lasley
 & Sons**

**HOLIDAY
 JOY**

May your holiday be a great time
 to reflect and relax.
 We appreciate your continued support.

**C & D
 Body Shop**

Joy to the World

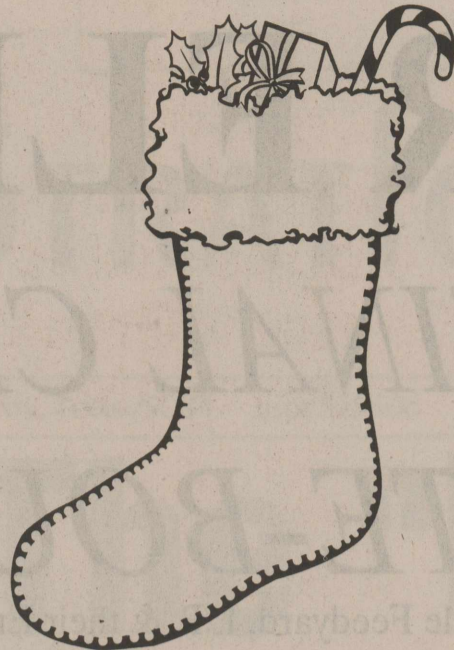
Sing out with joy and love this holiday season, just as we're
 singing the praises of our many good friends. Thanks!

Vincent Insurance



'Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
 Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
 Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
 In hopes that Jesus would not come there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed.
 Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
 And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
 Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.
When out of the East there arose such a clatter.
 I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
 But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
 With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
 I knew in a moment this must be The Day
The light of His face made me cover my head
 It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
 And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth.
 I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in His hand
 Was written the name of every saved man.
 He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
 When He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with love
 He gathered to take to His Father above.
 With those who were ready He rose without a sound
 While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
 I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
 I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight:
 Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
 The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
 There's only one life and when comes the last call
 We'll find that the Bible was true after all!



Wishing you and your loved ones a wondrous season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year.

Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like celebrating.

The General Store

Holiday Hints

(NAPS)—For many women, "to-do" lists seem to triple from November to January—just when the days go from short to shortest. In addition, holiday invitations often make it necessary to worry about looking good, on top of everything else.

Fortunately, a few fast, easy tips for looking great—on diet, make-up and clothes—can help you look fabulous as you tackle holiday tasks and catch up with friends and family at year-end gatherings.

❖ The holiday season is a notorious diet-buster. It's much easier to keep the weight off than to lose it, so when you're making merry, eat and drink in moderation. You may also feel better by making time for exercise—a great holiday de-stresser.

❖ Luckily, stretch fibers allow most form-fitting clothes to accommodate monthly weight fluctuations. Just beware of unsightly panty lines. If you haven't tried thong underwear, you might be surprised at how comfortable it is. Plus, it's getting more practical every day. There are tons of styles to choose from, and with new products like CAREFREE Thong Pantliners, you can now wear them any day of the month.

❖ Even though today's clothes expand, it's still important to buy the right size. Clothes that are too tight will make you look larger

God Bless Each & Every One.

Our warmest holiday wishes go out to you and yours during this special time of year.
 Thanks for your loyal support.

Coldwater Manor
 EMS

AT THIS
SPECIAL TIME
 OF THE YEAR



May health and happiness be yours during this wonderful season and throughout the new year. Customers like you are the heart of our success, and we thank you for your generous support.

Brown's
 Meat Locker

To all our many friends —
 may you enjoy the happiest holiday
 ever! **W & C Land & Cattle**
 Wesley, Cindy & Mark
 Miller

'TIS THE SEASON!



Here's hoping you get everything you want and more this year.
 Many thanks and Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Duncan Chevrolet

PEACE
 &
 HARMONY

"The music in my heart I bore
 Long after it was heard no more."
 -William Wordsworth

May the beautiful music of the season resonate
 in your heart during the holidays and
 throughout the year.

Happy Holidays with many thanks for
 your loyal patronage.

Stratford
 Grain



During the holiday season, it always seems like there's so much to do, and so little time.

than you really are, so when in doubt, get a bigger size.

❖ "Less is more" is a good mantra for right now. Besides, too much makeup will only draw attention to anything you're trying to conceal. Soft, shimmering shades are relatively foolproof and create a festive look. The simplest thing you can do is also one of the most important: blend, blend, blend!

The annual holiday challenge of finding spare moments to take care of oneself doesn't have to be impossible. By planning ahead, and taking advantage of the latest conveniences—Internet shopping sites, fashion-forward clothes, personal care products, etc.—it's possible to get on top of things and add one more item to that to-do list: Pamper yourself!





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OUR ELKS!!!

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