

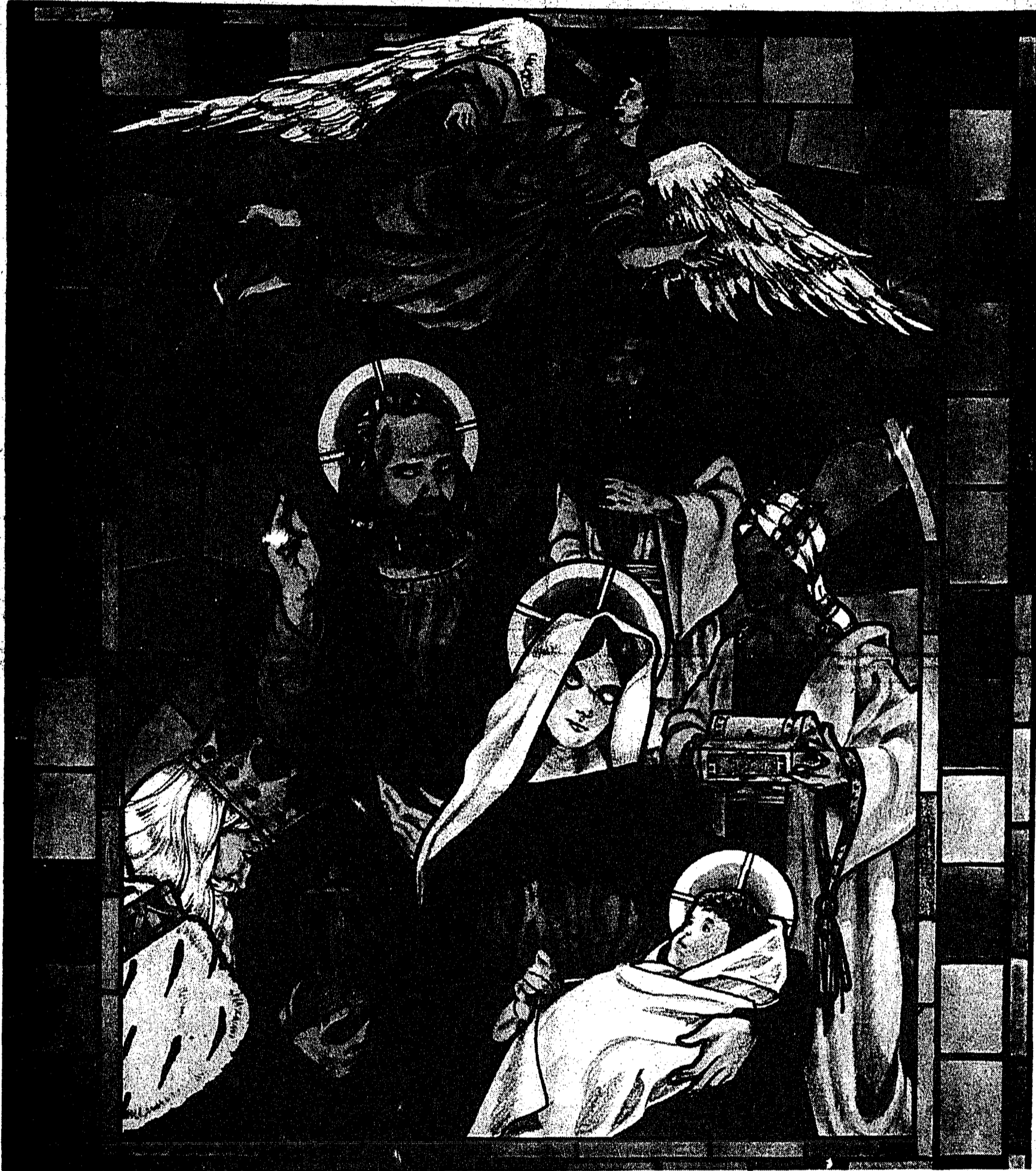
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Peace Be With You

Churches Plan Special Holiday Services

First United Methodist Church of Santa Anna will be holding a Christmas Eve candlelight service Tuesday, December 24th starting at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 31, the church will have a Covenant Service, also beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Start the new year off with hope and joy by attending this special service and reaffirming your commitment to God's covenant of grace and love.

There will be a time of fellowship, food and games in the annex following the service. Bring some snacks and join friends and neighbors to say goodbye to 1996 and hello to 1997.

The Presbyterian Church will be holding a Christmas Eve candlelight service beginning at 6:00 Tuesday evening.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend this special service.

Local Livestock Show And Home Economics Project Show Slated For January 11

Final plans are being made for this year's Santa Anna local livestock show. The Santa Anna Livestock Association met recently to set up this year's show schedule which is:

Friday, January 10:
4 p.m., Weighing of pigs begins;

Saturday, January 11:

**Santa Anna News To Be
Closed During the Holidays**
The Santa Anna News will be closed during the holidays from Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 11. The office will be closed during this time. We will be back in the office on Monday, Jan. 14, 1997. Thank you for your support.

7:30 a.m., Weighing of lambs and goats begins
8:30 a.m. Rabbit show begins at agriculture building
9 a.m. Goat show begins at show barn followed by lamb show
12 noon: Lunch will be served

1 p.m. Swine show
Lunch will be prepared by the Santa Anna Livestock Association

and will consist of homemade chili and beans with all the fixings. A small fee of \$3.00 per person will be charged to help cover the expenses. Additional donations will also be greatly appreciated.

Division superintendents are Michelle Morgan, rabbits; Montie Guthrie, lambs; Paul Martin, goats; and Donald Strickland, swine.
Judge for the livestock show will

be Jeff York, Robert Lee Agriculture Science teacher.

The Home Economics Project Show slated for January 11 will have three divisions of skills: Photography, Arts and Crafts and Heart Healthy Foods.

If the entries are not enrolled in Santa Anna ISD, there will be a \$1.00 entry fee. The adult, high school and junior (3rd grade through 8th grade) classifications will have the following groups:

Photography:
Black and white--general and people

Color prints--general and people
Arts and crafts:

All arts and crafts will be judged on use of design and quality of work

All entries in Photography or Arts and Crafts should have been completed after January 1, 1996.

Heart Healthy Foods: Because there is a great need for healthy foods, please share one or more of your heart healthy recipes with the project show. All recipes will be printed in the newspaper at a later

date. The day of the show the Adult, Homemaking Department and Junior entries may be sampled for \$2.00 a person.

As in the past, there will be an exhibition section featuring historic family items showing life in Santa Anna in years past. Each exhibit will receive an exhibit certificate.

Please bring your entries/exhibits to the student center at the high school between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on January 11.

Lois Wise, director of the 1997 Santa Anna Home Economic Project Show, said she hopes to have an informative and enjoyable show.

Schedule for the show is as follows:

7 to 9 a.m.: Receive entries
9 to 10 a.m.: Judging

10:30 a.m. to 12 noon: Sampling or purchasing of heart healthy foods and viewing all entries

12 noon to 1 p.m.: Chili lunch
1 to 2:30 p.m.: Continue sampling and pickup exhibits and ribbons.

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Obituaries

Floyd Whitfield

Floyd Eldridge "Boog" Whitfield, 85, of Coleman died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996 at his residence.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1996 at Walker Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Paul Smith of Coleman Community Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Coleman Cemetery.

Born Feb. 8, 1911 in Eddie, Texas, he was the son of Floyd Whitfield and Ola Ann Flower. On Feb. 20, 1943, he and Ruth Blanton were married in Coleman. She was born and raised in Santa Anna. A resident of Coleman County all of his life, he was a farmer and a World War II U. S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Mrs. Maurine Bradley of Coleman; and a brother Jessie Whitfield of Odessa.

Memorials may be made to the Coleman Community Baptist Church.

Library Announces Dates To Be Closed During Holidays

The Santa Anna Library has announced that it will be closed on December 24, 25, 26 and 27 and also on January 1 to allow library volunteers time off to spend with their families.

Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received a memorial in memory of Gladys Wardlow from Gwendolyn Walker.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
Vegetable soup, cheese sandwiches, saltines, cookies and fruit

Home For Christmas

By Thomas Wayne Horton, Houston, Texas

This special time of the year we hear songs, people talk about going home for Christmas and we all have those special memories.

When we were much younger and things were bigger and more exciting, or maybe they are still just as exciting, we remember Christmases past when our families came together on that special day, Christmas.

We remember the good times we had, the food, the presents under the tree. If we are older, we remember the difficult times during those hard years, when gifts, travel and good times were harder to come by, but it seems we always had that time that was good.

I know that I have so many fond memories of those times and it seems that some of those more special times were in and around Santa Anna, as we not only shared that special time with family but with friends, friends who remain special to us today. I am thankful for that.

The thing that I don't recall as being so special was the reason we celebrate Christmas. The day that our Lord Jesus was born in a far off land, in a lonely and desolate place, with just his family in attendance. This seems uneventful on the surface, but as I have grown older and

become aware of just what this unusual birth meant to the and the entire world, I have become so much more aware of this day that we call Christmas.

I am sure that the Lord is so unhappy in what Christmas has become, a time of shopping, parties and opening presents to one another on that day should be so special for another reason, the celebration of the birth of the person who was born, sent to this earth for the sole purpose that we might know Him and that through Him we should have everlasting life. However, there are things that we have to do to avail ourselves of this precious gift.

If you do not really know who Jesus is, I would challenge each of you reading this to take your Bible and read the book of John and really get to know Him and what He really means to you.

I am so thankful for what He means to the name of Christmas and look forward to this eventful time of the year when I can remember what Christmas is all about, as I too shall enjoy Home for Christmas and it's many memories of times past.

I pray for peace for you and the world and that you and yours will have a great time this year, HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Rehab '97 To Be Held January 11

Delta Omicron Volunteers For Santa Anna Booth.

ABILENE—January 11, 1997. That's the date for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's primetime telethon, Rehab '97—the night Rehab puts its best foot forward and launches its yearly funding program, with lots of help from celebrity friends, volunteers and viewers.

And January 11 is the date Santa Anna volunteers, led by Delta Omicron Sorority, will conduct Santa Anna's Rehab '97 phone bank. President Mary Pritchard said, "Residents are urged to call 348-3124 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or come by 215 North 2nd Street and leave their donation in person. Also, advance donations may be sent to Delta Omicron, P. O. Box 786, Santa Anna, Texas 76878.

Twelve statewide television stations, including KLST in San Angelo and KRBC in Abilene, will televise this 27th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center, beginning at 7 p.m. For those in outlying areas

with satellite receiving dishes, the event may be viewed on Galaxy C4, transponder 11.

Headliners Lee Roy Parnell and Suzy Bogguss will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Rex Allen, Rex Allen, Jr., Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan and Brad Maule.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction which features retail merchandise and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and individuals—ranging from saddles and sirlions to trips and treadmills. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime.

"As in the past, we certainly hope to top the \$1 million mark on Rehab '97 because it's going to take more than \$9 million next year for the Center to do its job of serving disabled children and adults," said Jim Pethis, WTRC president. "Approximately 15,000 people are counting on all of us, and with the help of supporters and volunteers, I'm confident we'll be successful on January 11 and all year long."

Dear Editor

As I grew up in Santa Anna, one of the special things I looked forward to was the Christmas edition of the Santa Anna News. Now as an adult who has moved away, I want my children to be part of that tradition. Therefore, I would like to submit my daughter's Christmas wish list to be included with the requests of the other children.

Thank you,
Joey Anderson
Nashville, Tennessee

EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter by Mr. Anderson's 6 year-old daughter Shelby appears with the other Dear Santa letters in this issue of the NEWS.

You were so gracious to help us in the past; can we count on your help again this year? For nearly 25 years, I have been helping the abused, abandoned and neglected children who live at St. Jude's Ranch for Children near Las Vegas, Nevada. St. Jude's is both non-profit and non-sectarian. The Ranch does not depend on government subsidies or handouts, but relies almost entirely on private donations. One of St. Jude's goals is to break the vicious welfare cycle—to teach the children to learn to earn.

One of the ways the children are able to break the cycle of welfare dependency is through greeting card recycling. People from all over the

world send us used all occasion greeting card fronts. The children precision trim the card fronts and glue them onto preprinted card backs. The Born Again Cards are then sold through our newsletter, gift shop and community.

Will you and your readers please send used greeting card FRONTS to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. More information about the Ranch maybe received by writing to the above address or calling St. Jude's at 1-800-492-3562 or 702-294-7100. If your readers would like to throw in a couple of bucks the youngsters, that would really be appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to help these unfortunate children who have been victimized through no fault of their own. You are in our prayers.

Cordially,
Ed McMahon

What excitement to see my name on the front page of the "Santa Anna News"! Thank you for saying "Hello" to me.

I was born in Santa Anna and lived there with my parents, Jodie and Ruth Baker and my brother Bill until the end of my sixth grade in school. Then we moved back for a year during my junior year in high school.

I have fond memories of Santa Anna and still have friends and relatives there.

Thanks for stirring my memories. I enjoy your newspaper.
—JoAnn Baker Whisnand
Midland, Texas

In these times, for most of us life carries a schedule which doesn't encourage spending what little free time and energy we do have to do some out-of-the-ordinary things. It is no small task for someone to set aside a block of time each day or week to spend in helping others. And like most of us, tired or busy, there are a few who have dedicated some of our life's most precious element, their time, in service with our residents.

I would like to take this time to extend, on behalf of the residents and employees, a warm and gracious thank you to all our volunteers at Ranger Park Inn. The time and energy spent in bringing a smile to one's face, or warmth to the heart, even if just for a moment, is never unappreciated by those in need.

Knowing that so many others care as we do, brings much encouragement, also, to our employees.

Spreading warmth and cheer isn't just a Christmas thing, because our volunteers do it all year round. Every morning volunteer, Ruby Wentzel, Suzanne Swanson, or Melvin Starr come and give morning devotionals to our residents. What a good way to start each morning. Sunday services are lead by John Collins, Robert Robinett, or Al Brasher. What a spiritual need being filled each week. Every week Joe Wallace and Lodema Jones play Dominos with the residents. Lodema also helps decorate the facility on holidays and special occasions. This helps bring the spirit alive for us all. And Cami Crockett who has taken an active interest in the beauty and welfare of our fish which mean so much to our residents.

Music also brings joy and cheer, so every month Dalton and Dolores Thomas come and sing for the residents during the birthday parties. There's nothing like good music. The Seventh Day Adventist school helps with decorating, our Olympics, and presents programs throughout the year. The Santa Anna elementary school children come during the holidays to sing and see the residents.

What a joy to see our young people take an interest. It's greatly needed and appreciated.

The following organizations provide birthday cakes and other goodies for our residents when needed throughout the year: The Santa Anna National Bank, the Ladies Auxiliary of Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department, the Valera Baptist Church, the Gouldbusk Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church of S.A., the First Baptist Church of S.A., and Delta Omicron Sorority of S.A., which furnishes an Angel Food cake each month.

So much is needed in caring for people, young and old. Let us not forget those who need us this holiday season or throughout the new year. Thank you all once again for your help and support. God Bless and Merry Christmas!

— Rob Cooley, Ranger Park Inn

The Family of John C. Gregg

Mere words could never express the love and gratitude we feel in our hearts for the many dear friends and acquaintances who have so generously shared of their time and resources with food, flowers, cards, calls and prayers in our time of grief.

We have lost a dear husband, daddy and Pop. He is missed so very much but the prayers and love of our Christian friends and the grace of God makes the pain easier to bear.

Thanks so much to all and may God bless each and everyone of you in a special way.

Billie Gregg
John and Frankie Gregg and family
Juanell Stiles and family
Darlene Pirrello and family



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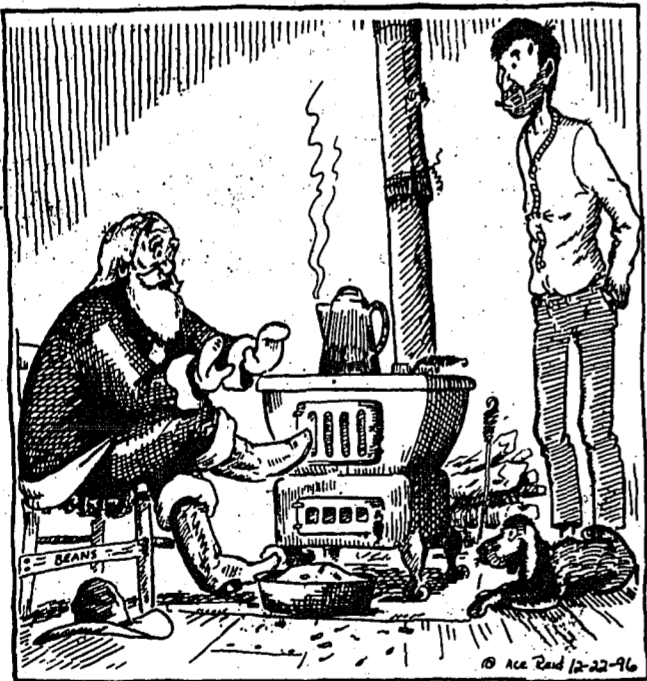
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Lana Korzenewski, Funeral Director

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Only thing I know to tell everybody this year is that I've gone broke buyin' reindeer feed durin' the drouth!"

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Romeo & Juliet (PG-13)
Wed, Dec. 25—Thurs., Jan. 2
2:25 7:25 9:45

Beavis & Butt-Head (PG-13)
Wed., Dec. 25—Thurs., Jan. 2
12:10 2:30 5:00 7:00 9:40

101 Dalmatians (G)
Wed., Dec. 25—Thurs., Jan. 2
11:45 2:10 4:40 7:05 9:30

Daylight (PG-13)
Wed. Dec. 25—Thurs. Jan. 2
12:05 5:00

Michael (PG)
Wed. Dec. 25—Thurs. Jan. 2
11:40 2:10 4:40 7:10 9:35

NOTICE
The last show on Christmas Day will be the 2:00 clock showings.

MAYE ESTELLE TERRY

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God saw you were getting tired
And a cure was not to be...
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered—"Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating:
A special Mother was put to rest—
God broke our hearts to prove to Us
He only takes the Best.

We love you and miss you Mother.

Sis, Wanda and Ann

Social Security Representative Plans Coleman Visit January 8

A representative of the Brownwood Social Security office will be in Coleman on the second floor of the courthouse on Wednesday, January 8 between 9 and 9:30 a.m.

'Round & About

We are glad to report Eddie Paul Voss is back at home after treatment last week in Dallas for a heart problem.

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News For And About Santa Anna Mountaineers

SAHS Writes



Meet The Staff And Faculty Of Santa Anna ISD



MARK BURRESS

Family: Wife Susie; children Sarah 9, Rachel 7, Nathan 5, Hannah 3 and Rebekah 1-1/2
 Grade or subject you are teaching: High school science classes and health
 Previous schools taught in: Boyd ISD
 Education: BS Tarleton State University

What influenced you to become a teacher: My high school vo-ag teacher.



DAVID ROBINETT

Family: Wife Shelley and children Shyler, 12 and Caylie 5
 Grade or subject you are teaching: 8th grade Earth Science, 7th grade Life Science and Athletic Director
 Previous schools taught in: Cooperative Alternative Program—Coleman ISD

Education: Bachelor of Science in Geology from Texas Tech University and Education and P.E. Certification from Southwest Texas State University and Angelo State University
 What influenced you to become a teacher: I wanted to help students get a good background in science and technology. With all the technical advances in society today, our kids will need a good understanding of science, even if they are not going to be "scientists".



KIMBERLEY GIFFORD

Family: Parents Ken and Barbara Gifford
 Grade or subject you are teaching: First grade
 Previous schools taught in: Northwest Elementary in the Brownwood ISD
 Education: Bachelor of Science Degree from Angelo State University

What influenced you to become a teacher: The desire to help children and the love of children were the two deciding factors for me becoming a teacher. It is just something I have always wanted to do and am very happy doing it!



AMY KADING

Family: Wife Susie; children Sarah 9, Rachel 7, Nathan 5, Hannah 3 and Rebekah 1-1/2
 Grade or subject you are teaching: High school science classes and health
 Previous schools taught in: Boyd ISD
 Education: BS Tarleton State University

What influenced you to become a teacher: My high school vo-ag teacher.

School Menu

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
 Breakfast: Donuts
 Lunch: Steakfingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and catsup

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, hash browns, and jelly
 Lunch: Bar b que pork patty, pinto beans, potato salad, hot rolls and fruit cobbler

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
 Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage gravy and jelly
 Lunch: Taco bowl w/cheese, meat, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, spanish rice and picante sauce

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
 Breakfast: Malt o meal, toast, and jelly
 Lunch: Hamburger w/lettuce, tomato and pickle, french fries and rice krispie treats

Mountaineer Basketball News

SAHS Boys

Sidney 71, Santa Anna 58
 Santa Anna 10 17 15 18-58
 Santa Anna — Abernathy 14, Lewis 13, Yancy 10, C. Lewis 11, Guerrero 2
 Sidney — Steale 24, Scherger 20, Kelley 14, Young 9, Rogers 2, Griggs 2
 JV score — Santa Anna 55, Sidney 51.

SAHS Girls

Santa Anna 44, Sidney 28
 Santa Anna 13 8 15 8-44
 Sidney 5 6 5 12-28
 Santa Anna — Beal 23, Horner 10, Kenney 5, Johnson 2, Frausto 2, Liska 2
 Sidney — Alvarado 16, Rogers 5, Griggs 3, Wright 2, Plevy 2
 Records — Santa Anna 6-4.

Blood Drive Planned For January 27

A school wide/community wide blood drive is being planned for Monday, January 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to come and give the "Gift of Life".

Lamb & Goat Shear Dates ...County Show

Shear dates have been set for lambs and goats to be shown in the Coleman County Stock Show. All lambs and goats to be shown in the show must be slick shorn between Dec. 15 - 31, with no shearing after that point.

Lambs can be shorn at the Coleman Rodeo grounds beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 at a cost of \$3.00 per head.

Goats will be shorn Sunday, Dec. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Panther Creek Ag Shop at a cost of \$2.00 per head. Marty Gibbs, Mike Stephenson and other adult volunteers will do the shearing.

Registration Packet For TAAS Test Available

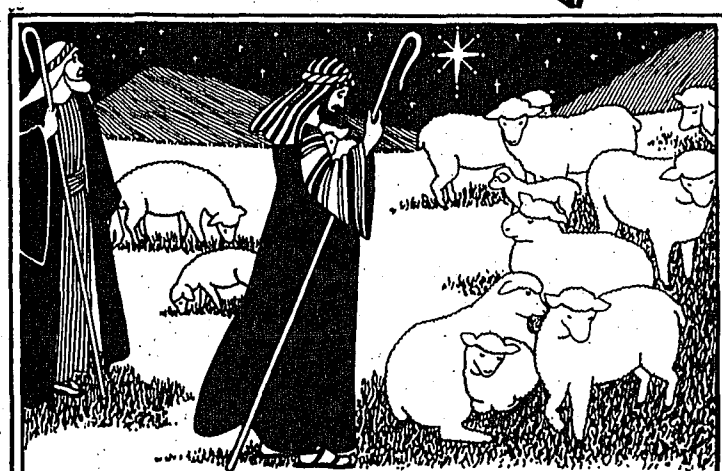
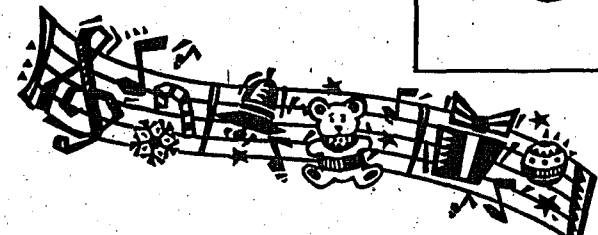
Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test, and all individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at the high school campus. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5 p.m., January 24.

Students Return To Classroom Tues. January 7

Students in the Santa Anna ISD will begin their second semester and fourth six weeks of the school year when they return on Tuesday morning, January 7 following Christmas vacation.

Teachers will be having a Teacher Work Day on Monday, January 6. The first holiday of the new year will be on January 20-21 when teachers will be attending in-service training.

Seasons Greetings
 As we gather around the tree, let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas.
J M Western Wear
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 May you be blessed with peace and understanding throughout this holy season.

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Dear Santa please bring me

Editors Note: We ask a different child each year to write our Santa Letter Head. This year's writer is Becca Fellers, a first grader at Santa Anna Elementary and the daughter of Curtis and Janice Fellers.

Becca Fellers

Dear Santa,
I want race cars and a baby doll. I like Barbies and need a Barbie house. I like to sew and want a sewing machine.
Love,
Jsa Nai Dillard

Dear Santa,
I'd like to a desk for Christmas. Also I'd like some new Barbies. I need a bear named Shelby.
I Love You Santa.
Love,
Shelbie Deleon

Dear Santa,
I'd like a high sky Barbie doll. I'd really like a real horse named Shiler and a real baby puppy named Ball. Could you give me a real baby kitten named Chickie? I want a Goosebumps game.
Love,
Jessica Reece

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a B.B. gun? I'd like a child size motorcycle. I like race cars with a track. I need a black bicycle. I like pictures of race cars to hang on the wall.
Love,
John Bolds

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a green race car and a red ball to bounce? I need an orange basketball. I like High Speed remote control trucks too.
Love,
Anthony Shepard

Dear Santa,
I'd like a computer for Christmas and a baby doll.
Love,
Adelaida Dean

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I'd like a baby doll that eats and drinks. Also I need a read princess dress to play in. I'd like a big blue bear named Sierra. I'd like a little tree for my bedroom. I Love You and I really really like you a whole bunch. Can I live with you?
Love,
Caylie Robinett

Dear Santa,
I want a dancing barbie doll. I want a baby doll dress and baby doll shoes and some roller skates and a cat and baby kittens. I want a baby puppy.
Love, Chrystal

Dear Santa,
I'd like weights for Christmas. I like remote control cars and boxing gloves. I need new roller blades. I'd like a jungle gym. I need that game where you can draw and it will show upon the T.V. I like Sega Monkey Kong too.
If you don't have this stuff it's OK, but I want it if you do.
Love,
Lance Vasquez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a skate board and some skates. I'd like a blue bike and lots of cars and really big trucks. I like clothes too. I need a Nintendo for myself so my brother and I won't fight. I'd like a hot tub I could jump in. I like swings too.
Love,
J. P. Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a Barbie. I like all kinds of toys so you can bring me what you want to. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Melissa McCullough

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a basketball and a fun game. I would also like a remote control car.
Love,
Jordon Whaley

Dear Santa,
I want Buzz Light year, a fishing pole, a gun and a yellow rubber ball like Mrs. Nixons. I also want play dough and a robot.
Please send me stamps like are on Mrs. Nixons desk.
I have been pretty good this year.
Love,
Chance McCutchen

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a Barbie house, Barbie clothes and a baby that drinks and wets her diaper.
I will leave you some clothes and milk.
Love,
Joanie Evans

Dear Santa,
Please send me a motorcycle bike and a dirt bike. This is all I want.
Thank you,
Wesley Crocker

Dear Santa Clause
I want my size Barbie and a real Dalmatian dog. I like to dress up so you can bring me some dress up clothes. I like play jewelry and please send me a Buzz light year.
Love,
Molly Pritchard

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some play dinosaurs. I love to play war with them. Please bring big and little ones with their mouths open.
Love,
Demetrius Allen

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Nintendo, Buzz light year, skateboard, some shoes, clothes and a football. I have been a good boy this year.
Love,
Dalton DeLeon

Dear Santa,
Please bring to my house a Mountaineer reindeer, Barbie, a Santa Clause toy, a play toy dog and some paper to write on. That's all.
Love,
Shelby Scott

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle, a Batman suit, a new bicycle and a new cowboy hat.
Thank you,
Love,
Morgan Lacy

Dear Santa,
I want a toy and I want it for Christmas. I want buzz and the second thing is plag dough.
Christmas is fun it is the best because you can unwrapped toys and they are fun to play with.
the and
Jessica Ramirez

Dear Santa Clause,
For Christmas I want a bike. Next I want a Barbie doll. I want Santa to bring my Momma good luck in basketball. I also want new barbie clothes. Santa will you bring me Toy Story Super Nintendo game. I want a real live puppy. The cookies and milk will be waiting.
Love,
Shasta Bacon

Dear Santa)
I like A new bik for Christmas, My sistr mit wut A new bik to and I Mit wut A dog. My sistr will wut A Cat for christmas and I will wut a Doll for christmas.
Love me Sierra Lee Herrod and Laken Delane Herrod

Dear Santa)
I like A super woman for christmas, I like a supwrmn for Christmas. I want A cat Woman for chris tmas. I want A cat for chris tmas. luvt chriswa

Dear Santa
I want a scorpion Animal Trans former. The second thing I want is a spond man Jordan LOVE Santa.

Dear Santa,
I want irings for Chistmas. I want a doll for chistmas. I want a ril dog for Chistmas. I want too see rudolph the red nosed reindeer.
I Love santa claws,
Dani.

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck. I want a dump truck. It is my present a basketball.
Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa. I want a bike for Christmas I want a Santa Claus for Christmas. I love a teddy bear.
Love,
Kendra

Dear Santa
I want a Power Ranger a Power Ranger is a good toy so you can play with a friend Terrence love santa

Dear Santa.
I want a jeep for Christmas and a doll two. I will put milk on my kichen table for you.
I Love Santa,
by Martika

dear sANTA. I want a dog and a cat. I also want a car and a bike and a truck and a computer and a CD player and a motorcycle and that's all.
Love, Demitrus

Dear Santa
I hope you are not sick. Santa, so how it is in the North Pole?
How is Dasher the reindeer?
I think you are really nice to people. I am happy you are coming to our house

There are things Id like you to bring for others: for mom a tv, dad a truck, for my brothers a stereo. Please bring me a toy car, and a remote control truck, a seaga game and a walkie talkie.
I will leave you cookies and brownies and milk.
I am so happy I can jump to the sky.
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
May I have a ballerina Barbie and a Barbie house? I need roller skates and an ice skate Barbie. I saw a sea horse on TV I like. I love make-up and that's all!
Love,
Courtney Thompson

Dear santa, I will beee good fho you. And santa I want a Barbie KESTle.
Love, Becca

Dear sata I wot a criscrocrash. and I wot A supr man costum. and I wot a Batman costum. and I wot a Batman Boock. and I wot a sagu. and I wot a bik.
Billy

Dear santa I mut a cris crus crash. and a suig. and a boik boil corv

Dear senukloz i wot a mokrinthrol cor and a biek and rolbraz and a moveu and a buk and a radeo and a kpudr and a kat ebrd and a orezint and a thokbord and a dezejir and a lukeduk and a tyler

Dear Santa I wot a nant bik and a rabbit and a jepj rpkj and a olvopkj and a dog and a cat and fish keshia

Dear Santa I wot a yak bak. And I wot a pupey.
And I wot a PET Bird.
Michael

Dear satucos i wot a babbe. and rabs. and a LOT of tos, to. agj and sof victoria

Dear Santa I wot a rabbit And a Fish And A cat And a new bike kayla

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing all right and Mrs. Claus and the littl helpers too. How do you deliver all the presents in one night? I Love how you fly. When you come to my house, please bring me clothes and a coloring book and bring my brother Chris a CD player. My mom wants a diamond necklace and dad and Benny J. a gold necklace. Please bring Michelle skates and Audra and Crystal some shirts.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Priscilla

Dear Santa,
I see you soon. Santa claus how much does "you" wife weight? Santa you are so pertry. I am glad that Chrstmas is coming soon. There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for mom a jewelry box, for mom and dad a couch, for my brothers a TV. Please bring me a walkie-talkie. Please bring me Barbie Please bring me a computer, Please bring me Trampoline. I will give you a pepsi and brownies.
Love,
Kimberly

Dear santa,
I hope you are not hurt or sick on December 25, 1996. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? I like your magic. There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for moma perfume, for Dad a cologne, for Nancy a stuffed bear, for Stocca Tibber Jabber. Please bring me action figures, race track, soldiers and 2 remote control cars. I'll give you chocolate chip cookies and milk
Love
Dwight Hoedebeck

Dear Santa
How are the reindeer doing, are they fine? Santa you are fat because you look fun. and I like your hat.

I can't wait to Christmas come. I am proud to go to Santa Claus and take pictures. There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for grandma a ring, for David a motorcycle, for Vince a truck. Please bring me a bike and bring me a go cart. Please bring me a motorcycle. I am going to leave a glass of milk Santa I am doing good in school.

I will buy you cookies, love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I hope the elves are fine. Are you fine? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus?

Santa I like you because you love little children. I like your hat and boots!

There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for mom a watch. for dad a shot-gun, for Kevin a B-B gun.

Please bring me a watch and a BB gun and a walkie-talkie. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Chris Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.
I want a toy rabbit.
I want a toy velveteen rabbit.
I want a toy threg trak.
I want a computer.
I want a seesaw.
I want a wago. I love yuo.
Kealie

Dear Santa)
I want a play football.
I want a velveteen rabbit.
I want a toy rug.
I want a parrot.
love,
Austen



We hope the glowing Spirit of Christmas will brighten every day of your holiday and its holy light always shine in your heart. Thanks to all.

Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

SWEET TIDINGS TO YOU

Hope your holiday is filled with lots of sweet surprises. Serving you has been a real treat for us.

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GROCERY-DELI

Greetings!

May the spirit of Christmas be always at your door, just as you are always welcome at ours.

Happy holidays, everyone. We look forward to serving you again in the year to come.

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Coleman



Dear Santa please bring me

Boca Fellors

Dear Santa,
I want craft stuff, a gymnast barbie, a doll that has green eyes and brown hair or a doll that walks or speaks. And also Santa, I would also want some toy pet puppies in a package or the kitties. And also Santa, anything else you think I should have. And Santa, I forgot one more thing—a "tickle me" Elmo for my little sister Jessy. And Santa, say thank you to the elves for making all the toys. Santa, this is my favorite time of the year.

Love,
Shelby Anderson, age 6
(as dictated to her father Joey Anderson)
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Santa,
I hope your Rudolph is Ok. How do the elves make the toys. I love the way your whiskers are. Please put my sister present under the tree. Can you bring my mom a car? Can you bring me some pants and clothes for school and winter.

Please bring me something to do in my house cause theres nothing to do over at our house. Can you bring me clothes.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Crystal I. Camacho

Dear Santa
I hope you are not sick. May I come stay with you? I love you. I like the way you make me laugh. I am happy for Christmas. I love you. There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for mom a ring, for dad a knife, for Megan a doll. Please bring me a toy and a doll and a barbie and walkie-talkie. Santa, I will leave cookies and milk. I will be very happy at Christmas.

Love,
Monic Cortez

Dear Santa,
I hope you do not have a cold. Can I feed the reindeer at your house? I Like your whiskers very much. Bring for others food, water, and toys. For me bring money, toys, books. For dad bring a radio, For mom bring clothes, for Chet bring a remote control car.

I will be so happy Miss Billing will never get on me a gen.
Merry Christmas,
Justin

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? What do you feed the reindeer? I think you are wonderful Santa Claus. When you come bring shoes and clothes for old people. For mother bring her furniture. Please bring me and Michelle Wetsel some skates. I'm very very happy. We all Love you very much.

Love,
Joshua

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Claus flying? I've always wanted to ask you what you feed your reindeer? I think you and your reindeer are wonderful. When you come to my house. Please bring D. v. a stress ball and Donnie a cat and a dog. For Bill, for my family my dad would like some pants and my mom a gown. As for my brother, he would like a band. As for me I would like a B. B. gun, a football and a hedgehog. I will be so gladder then rainbows.

Your best friend,
Trey Holt

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine at the North Pole. How do you fly?

I think you are kind. When you come, please bring T. J. a gocart. Bring my mom a candle. Will you get me a four wheeler and a gocart?
Love
Ben

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing good? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How do you do magic? I want to thank you for coming to my dad's work.

Will you bring others toys and clothes? Will you bring kitchen stuff for mom? Bring my dad a tool box. Bring my brother a radio. Please bring me a puppy and sleeping bag. I will be so happy I will give a dig hug next time I see you.

Love,
Kaylee

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a "My-Size Barbie" for Christmas. She can wear large size clothes. Please bring Chance a stuffed toy puppy. Mom would like to have a pretty new dress. Thank you for all these gifts and be very careful in your sleigh.

Have a safe trip.
Love,
Ashley Reiger

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pet three step snake. I would like a real race horse. Another thing I want is a motorcycle. Help the poor get a home.

Love,
Gregory Jake Strengh

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a 3 CDA and a boombox. I would like a Nintendo. please give me a helmet, knee pads and shoulder pads. If you can, I'd like a skateboard. Merry Christmas to all of the people at Ranger Park.

From your friend,
Abraham Dancy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a NFL football. Then I want new hightop shoes that light up. Then the last thing I want from you is a remote controlled car. Don't forget the poor people.

Love,
Carl Sims

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I would be pleased to have most of my family here at Christmas. I'll like to have an art set too. Would you and Mrs. Claus sign this paper and send it back? Don't forget any of the children of the world.

Merry Christmas,
Harmony S. Herring

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas because my brother always takes my bike apart. Another thing I want is a go-cart. Sometimes I'm bored and I wish I could have a puppy to play with. Santa don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Vanessa R. Hull

Dear Santa Claus,
One thing I want is a motorcycle for Christmas. Next I would like some more Nintendo games. Then I want some more money. Merry Christmas everyone.

Love,
Colt Alan Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want roller skates, helmet and pads. I really like skating.

I hope Julie and Clint have a good wedding.
Love,
Bianca Dean

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Christmas.
I would like a new bike for Christmas.

It would be fun if I could have some new skates. Also please bring me a new trampoline. Don't forget the other children in the world.

Love,
Brigitte Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a bike. I would also like a computer that has the Network on it. Can you get my dog Fabian a collar? Don't forget the other children.

Love,
Jessica Pelton.

Dear Santa Claus,
I just want three things this Christmas. The one thing I want the most is a stereo. One other things is some CDs. My last wish is a happy Christmas for everyone too. Thanks a lot.

Love,
Marcus Logan Lacy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a radio with a C.D. player just like my brother. Then I want some steel toe boots. Please bring me a remote control car. Please don't forget the other people.

Love,
Bobby Hale

Dear Santa Claus,
The first thing I want for Christmas is a ten-speed bicycle. Next I want a pink Doodle Bear. The thing that I want most is Donkey Kong Country Three Dixie Double Trouble Super Nintendo game. Don't forget about all of the other children in the world.

Love,
Raine B. Bacon

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you get me a weight set for Christmas? Then will you please get me a remote car too? Can you get me a Tasmanian devil clock. Please get me a new back pack. Can you please give all of my friends a Happy Christmas. Thank you!

Love,
Ryan Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus,
I could use a basketball goal and I would like it if you gave me basketball too. I would also like a skateboard. Please give the Homeless something too because everybody should get something for Christmas.

Love,
Peyton Crawford

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Christmas. The one I really want is a computer. Please add some discs too, especially the Barbie clothes disc. I also want a Holiday Barbie and the biggest teddy bear you can find. One more thing, please give Jennifer Cortez and her family a Christmas gift.

Love,
Kathy Wheeler

Dear Santa Claus
I wish for a Super Van City. I also want a Criss Cross crash set. I wish for peace all over the world.

Love,
William Laviolette

Dear Santa Claus,
I want everybody to have a Merry Christmas even if they don't have many things. I would like a horse. I would like a saddle and a bridle.

Love,
Mayra Dean

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? How can the reindeer fly? Santa I love you because you give toys.

I like Christmas because it is a reindeer is Dancer. Santa I like your special time for love. There are red suit. I can't wait until things I like you to bring for Christmas. There are things I'd like others: For my mom perfume, for you to bring for others: for mom a dad cologne. For Chrystal jewelry, music box, for Dad a fishing pole, for John walkie-talkie. Please Please bring me a spider man, bring me a computer, rollers skaters superman, remote control car, and size 1, finger nail fun kit, and a real ring with a ruby stone.
Happy New Year!"
Daisy Bolds

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a T.V. and a new V.C.R. for Christmas. I want a Super Nintendo game please! I'd like to have a lot of presents. I wish a Merry Christmas to everyone in the world.

Love,
Zane Fikes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bike for Christmas. I would like new clothes too. I wish people in China could get Christmas presents too.

Love,
Rudy Enriquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football for Christmas. Could you also get me a basketball and basketball hoop. I would like it if you could also give people that can't get anything some presents too.

Love,
Durinda Dael Puckett

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like to have a four wheeler because my mother or father would not buy me one. One other things I a little trampoline so I can jump and not fall off. My very last thing is a football. I am going to practice so I can play football when I grow up. I would like to tell the children that their dreams will come true.

Love,
Jesse Sue Hensley

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like all the little children of the world to have a Merry Christmas. I would like a puppy that is real cute. The next thing I would like to have is a computer with two computer discs. Lion King and Barbie are the ones I like. The last thing is that I would like to see 101 Dalmations the movie.

Love,
Raelee Ann Watson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some football clothes for Christmas. Then I want some Tasmanian Devil toys too because they are fun to play with. A ring is one more thing that is really special to me.

Love,
Stevie Stembridge

Dear Santa,
I hope you are not sick. How is Mrs. Claus? Santa you are so loveable. I am glad it is 20 days away until Christ mas. There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for my mom a computer, Dad a car bed, for my friend a doll that is breakable china, for my brothers at t.v. Please bring me clothes and jewelry and perfume and makeup fingernail fun kit. I will be so happy and I will give love to you. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will be so excited to jump to the moon.

Love,
Tracy Hale

Dear Santa
How are you Santa? Which How are you Santa? Which I like Christmas because it is a reindeer is Dancer. Santa I like your special time for love. There are red suit. I can't wait until things I like you to bring for Christmas. There are things I'd like others: For my mom perfume, for you to bring for others: for mom a dad cologne. For Chrystal jewelry, music box, for Dad a fishing pole, for John walkie-talkie. Please Please bring me a spider man, bring me a computer, rollers skaters superman, remote control car, and size 1, finger nail fun kit, and a real ring with a ruby stone.
Happy New Year!"
Daisy Bolds

Dear Santa
I hope your elver are feeling good and your reindeer feeling good too. How do your reindeer fly. I think you are rind. Please bring a car for Billy. Bring a big big swingingset for the family to share. I want a skates, and goocar, and four wheelers too that will make me jumpp up in the sky.
Merry christmas,
T. J. Johnson
Jimmy

Dear Santa
I hope you are fine. Santa how does the deer fly? Santa I like you in that pretty suit. I am so glad because Christmas is coming soon. There are things I'd like you to bring for others: for mom a bed, for gramom a couch, for Annt Frances a chair. Please bring me a barbie and earnings and a barbie car and a computer. I will leave you a cookie and some brownies. I am happy.
Love,
Jelisa Kirven

Holiday Greetings

Wishing you peace and health for Christmas and the New Year

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Merry Christmas

The simplest things in life are still the most wonderful, and we'd simply like to say, thank!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

Pearce Veterinary Clinic

Season's Greetings

From all of us

BFI Waste Systems™

Joy to All!

It's our pleasure to know and serve you.

Coleman County State Bank
118 West Pecan - Coleman

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Deck The Halls!
 May the beauty of the season surround you, and may your holiday contain all the treasures of love, health and peace.
 Merry Christmas and many thanks for making our year sparkle

The Treasure Hut
 Billie, Montie, Lane



Glad Tidings
 May the blessings and spiritual glory of the season be yours.

Williams Tire Store & Automotive Center
 Coleman, Texas



Greetings
 To all our friends: Have the very Merriest Christmas. Many thanks.

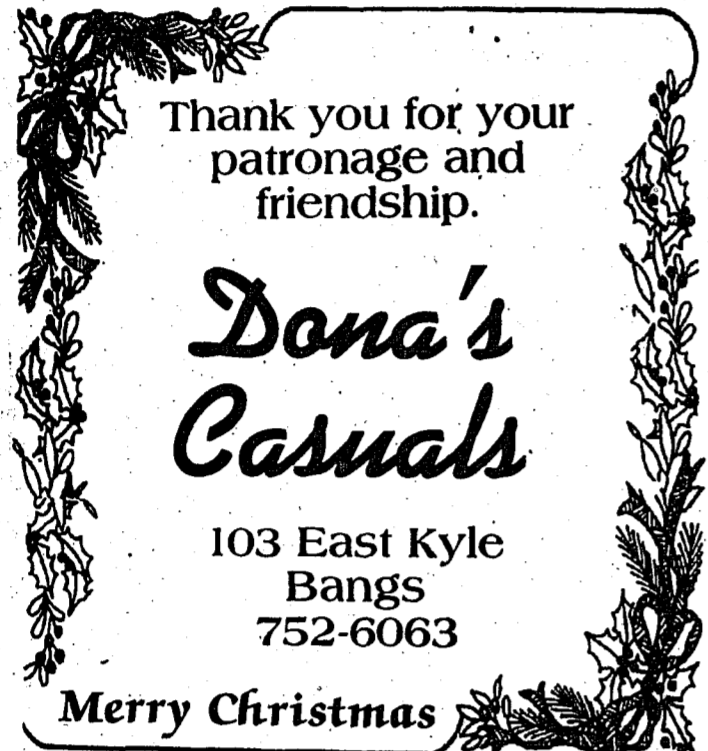
D & R Automotive
 200 E. Pecan - Coleman - 625-5140

SING WE ALL NOEL!



In the spirit of Christmas, we'd like to offer a chorus of thanks and good wishes to our kind friends and neighbors.

J E STEVENS CO
 Commercial Ave. - Coleman



Thank you for your patronage and friendship.

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Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 Hope your holiday brings you carloads of happiness.

CARQUEST Auto Parts



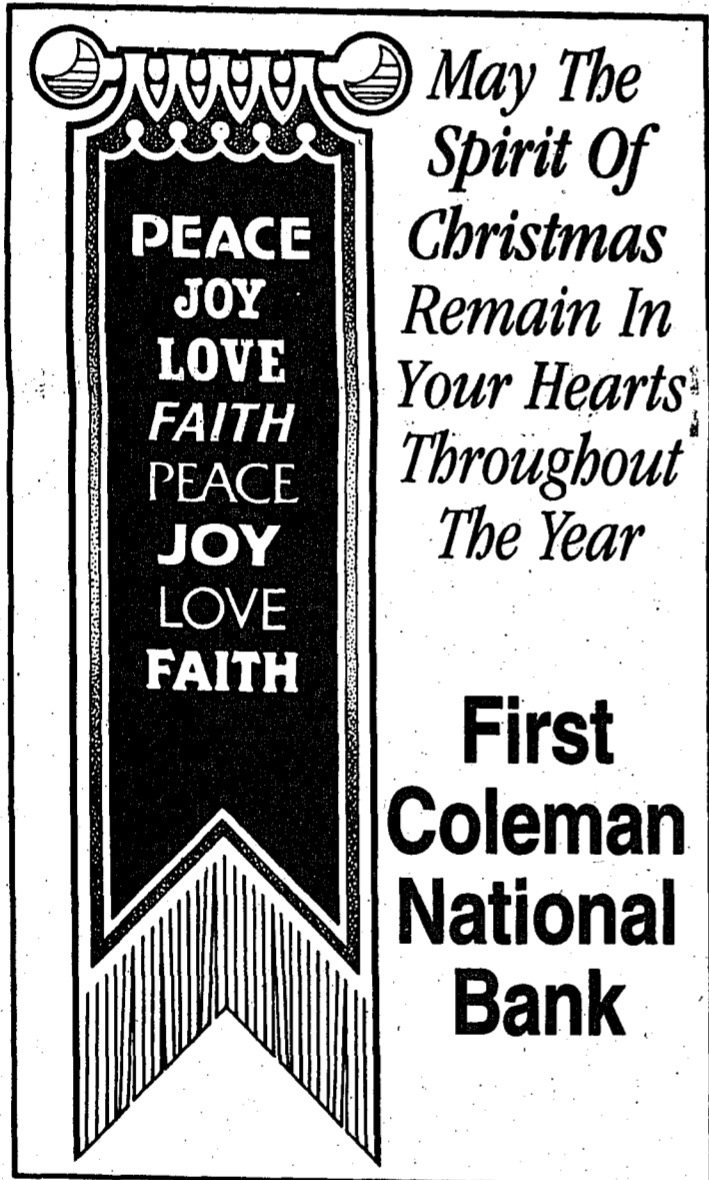
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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from everyone at Thrift Mart Foods. We truly appreciate your patronage.

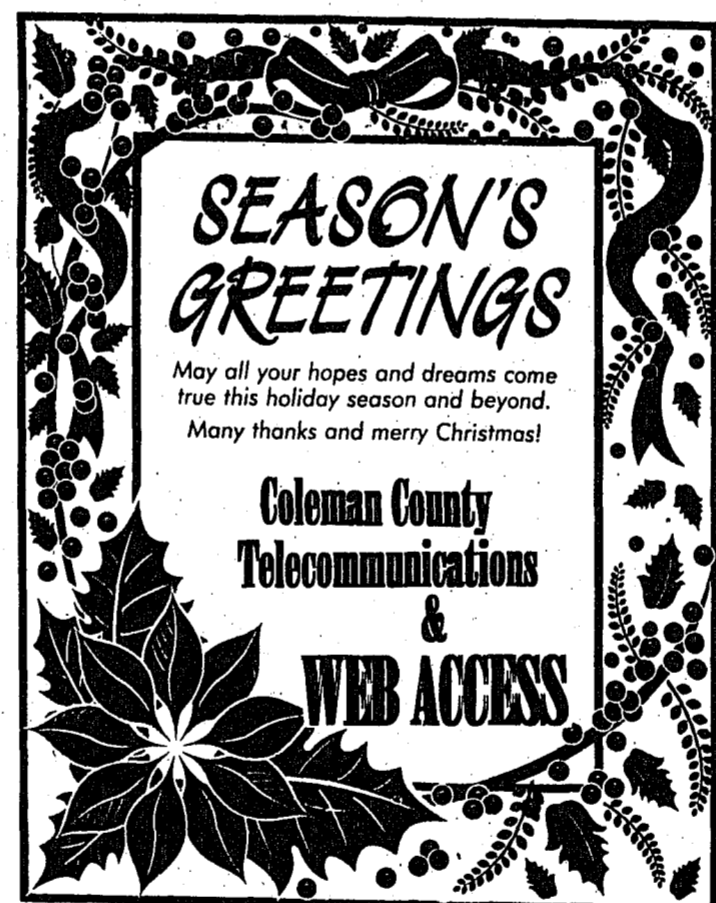
Thrift Mart Foods
 Santa Anna & Bangs



May The Spirit Of Christmas Remain In Your Hearts Throughout The Year


**PEACE
 JOY
 LOVE
 FAITH
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First Coleman National Bank




SEASON'S GREETINGS
 May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond. Many thanks and merry Christmas!

Coleman County Telecommunications & WEB ACCESS




Heav'n and Nature Sing!
 Merry Christmas to our friends. The nice association we have with you is one of the many things we have to be thankful for.

PHILLIPS DRUG



Wishing you peace and joy at Christmas and the very best in the new year.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative



PEACE, JOY & HAPPINESS, ALL!

Tom & Sally Walker
 Billy & Patsy Bartley, Eddie & Velma Deal, Margaret Reeves, Clarence Smith, Corene Adams, Helen Jones, Ann Hargett, Lupe Hubbard, D'Ann Tisdale, Billy McCorkle, Pat Vanpel

Walker Funeral Home
 Coleman

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!

Countywide Insurance
211 Commercial • Coleman • 625-4126
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&

Coleman County Home Health, Inc.
211 Commercial • Coleman
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Peace On Earth
May the love of God smile upon you at Christmas.

HENDERSON FUNERAL HOME
Santa Anna & Coleman

Donnie & Christina Henderson
Todd McMillan
Jim Hays, Clarence Smith,
Lee Ray Huggins, Richard Cupps



Best Wishes For A Healthy, Happy Holiday

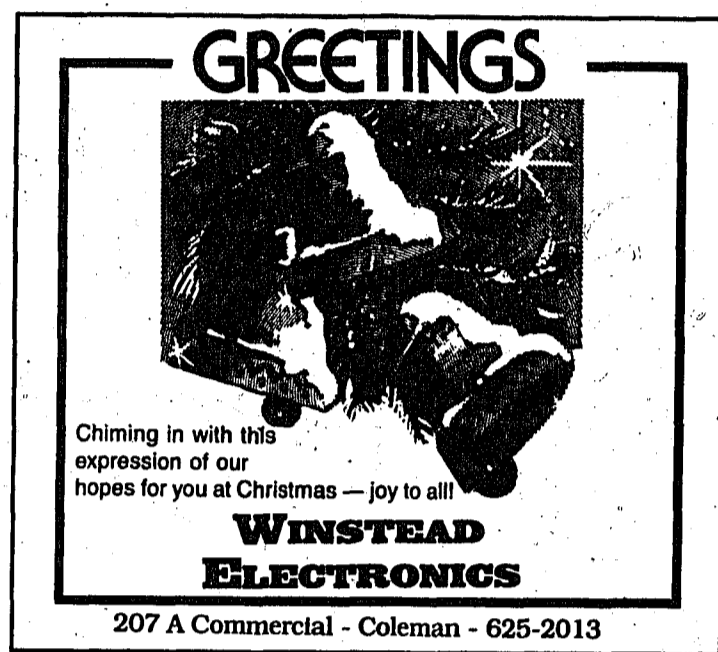
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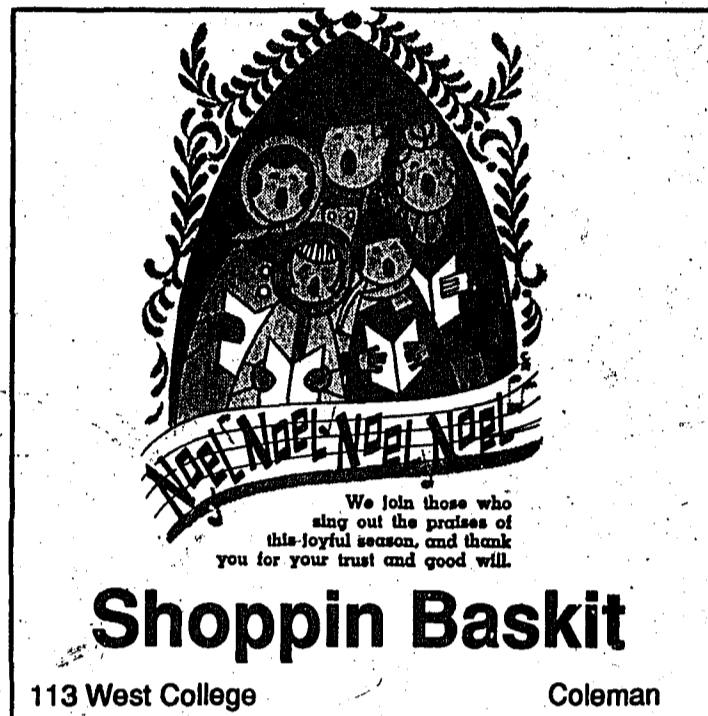
Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

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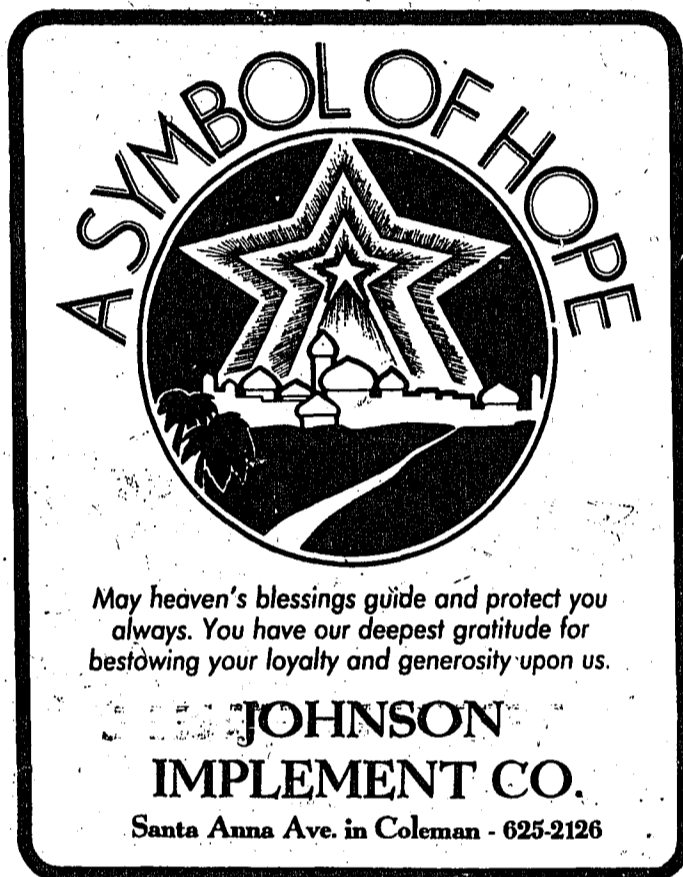
We join those who sing out the praises of this joyful season, and thank you for your trust and good will.



A SYMBOLE OF HOPE

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

JOHNSON IMPLEMENT CO.
Santa Anna Ave. in Coleman - 625-2126



Rejoice
May the blessings of the holy season fill you with peace and joy.

Sharon Guthrie
Sharon's Beauty Salon



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

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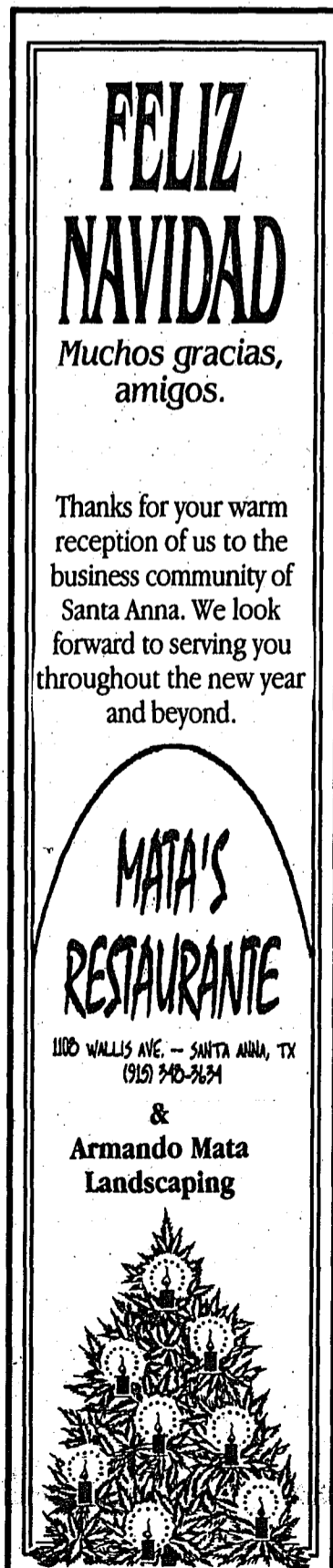


FELIZ NAVIDAD
Muchos gracias, amigos.

Thanks for your warm reception of us to the business community of Santa Anna. We look forward to serving you throughout the new year and beyond.

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(915) 342-3634

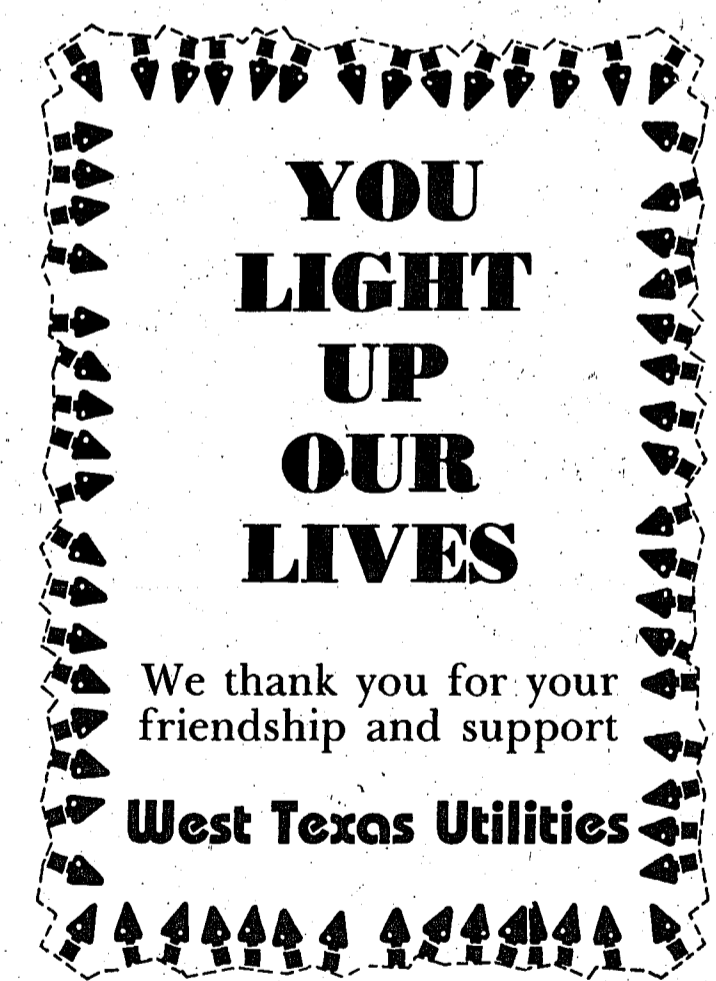
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YOU LIGHT UP OUR LIVES

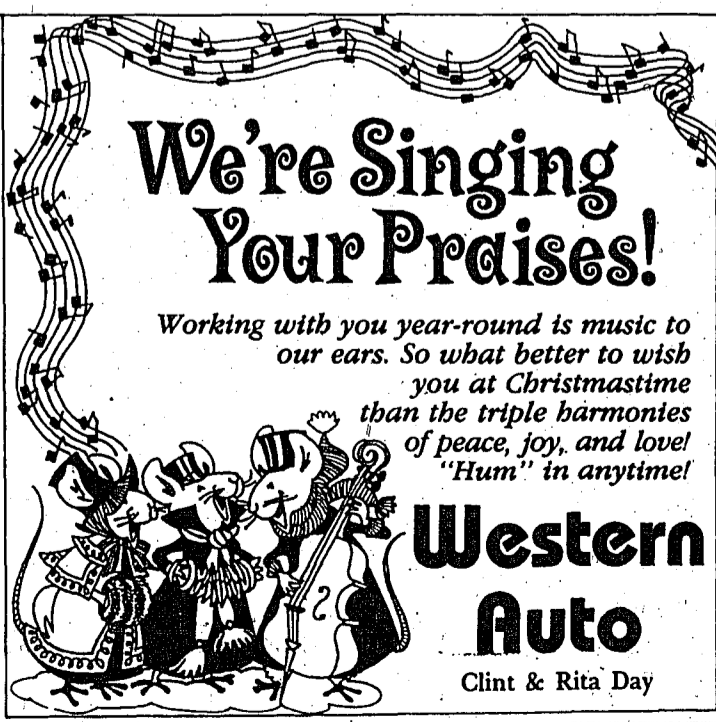
We thank you for your friendship and support

West Texas Utilities



We're Singing Your Praises!
Working with you year-round is music to our ears. So what better to wish you at Christmastime than the triple harmonies of peace, joy, and love! "Hum" in anytime!

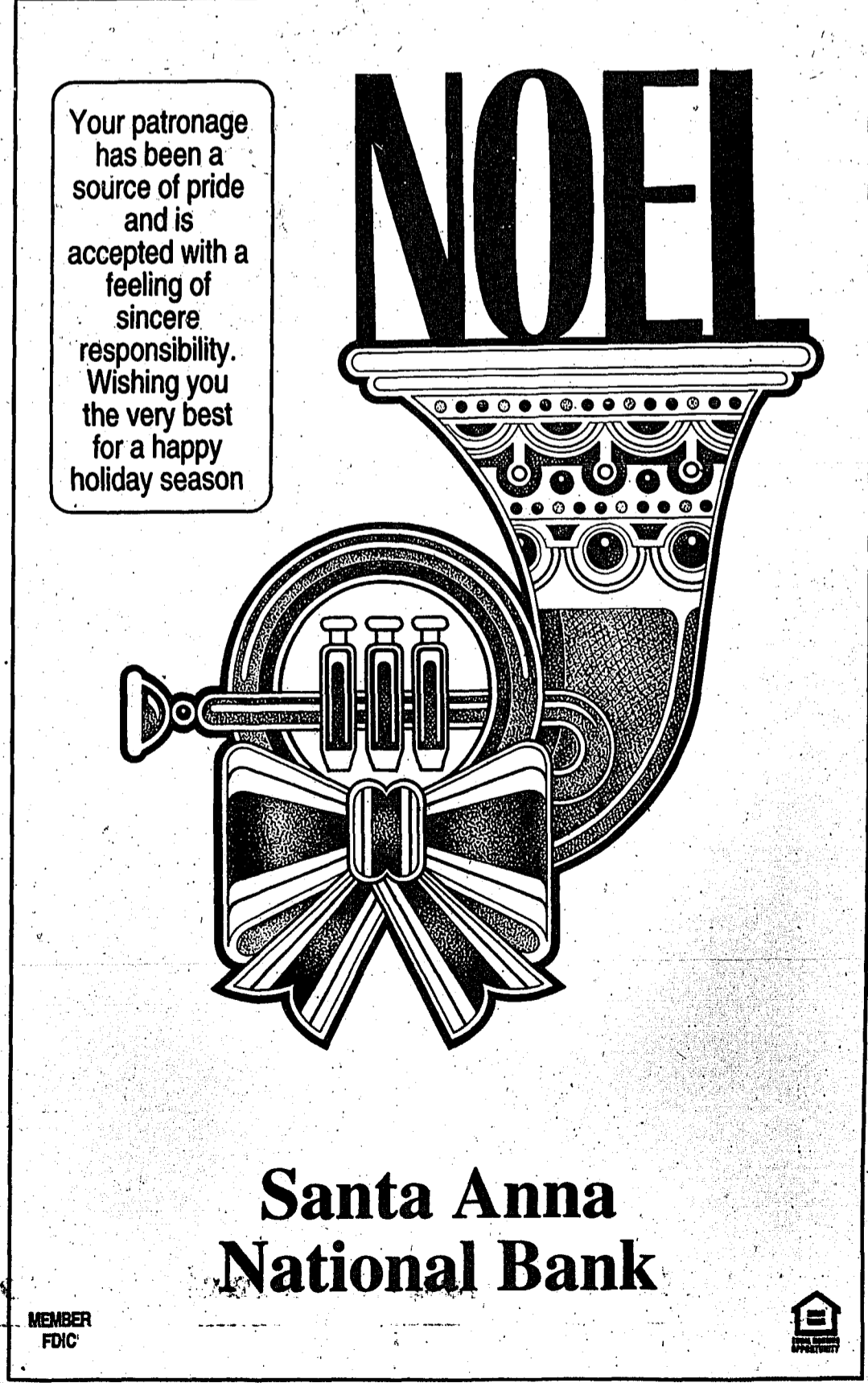
Western Auto
Clint & Rita Day



Your patronage has been a source of pride and is accepted with a feeling of sincere responsibility. Wishing you the very best for a happy holiday season

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DECEMBER 24 1996



Ranger Park Inn resident, Bulah Aldridge, had a visit from Santa during a Christmas party held there last Friday afternoon.

Were You There?

By Alice Anna Spillman

Rather than the regular library column I have some thoughts on this and that.

It was the coldest day of the year—so far—that Sunday morning and there was a rainy mist. The building had not heat and so many windows had been broken. The very small crowd was warm. The choir was good, the Mexican American choir won our hearts and all those freezing cold preachers gave very warm messages. When cowboy hats were passed the people were generous. Once again the town has provided funds for needy strangers who pass this way.

Quite a few people lined the street the first Friday afternoon in

Quite a few people lined the street the first Friday afternoon in December. The parade they saw was very small. Anyone can decorate a bicycle or walk along like Billie did. Cars are more trouble but don't take much time—almost

no money if you pile on stuffed toys and pretty girls and handsome men. Cardboard signs are easy to make. Floats take lots of time and cooperation not too much money. Any class, church organization or group of friends could get together and plan one. Give everyone an assignment and meet a few hours early to put it together. The Cowboy Christmas Float had a chairman who planned it and several who did jobs—1. ask to use a trailer; 2. ask a person to be on the float; 3. ask a driver; 4. some make signs; 5. someone cut cedar; 5. someone gather old wood for fire and plants to decorate. Meet two hours ahead to put it together. Now they were fortunate that Guthrie Trailers let them use a

trailer. It didn't have to be new and lots of people would be glad to cooperate—just need to be asked. Mr. Slagle likes to use his chain saw and so he cut the cedar and also furnished his pickup and drove. There are lots of fine men and boys with pickups who would be happy to help. David Key went looking for wood and plants. I made signs and Willard Allen said yes—not if reluctantly. He brought his rope, chaps, bed roll and old saddle. He also thought that all a cowboy would want for Christmas might be a new saddle. He asked Mr. Jacobs and he graciously provided a brand new saddle under the sock. These good men and some women put together a float in a hurry. Everyone had a job and did it. Couldn't there be 10 or so floats and lots of kids on bikes next year? Not big prizes but it's fun and you have given something to the community.

The Lions Pancake Day provides money to help buy eye glasses for kids who need them. Helps disadvantaged or diabetic children go to summer camp, gives money to scouts. All here in town.

The Community Cantata was provided by men, women, boys and girls who gave several weeks of their time so that this community could enjoy a few celebrations of Christmas. It was lovely. There are some wonderful voices here.

Open Houses have been at many places downtown. Some people gave time, decorations and food for community enjoyment.

Were you there?

Texas Christmas Tradition

O Tannenbaum! German immigrants brought the Christmas tree concept to Texas. In 1845, settlers in Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels' new colony trimmed native cedar trees as they had decorated fir and spruce in Europe. The next year, when some 120 moved on from New Braunfels to found Fredericksburg, the tradition was continued there.

The United States got Texas as a Christmas present in 1845 although the gift was four days late. On December 29 of that year, Congress accepted the constitution of the new state of Texas. That marked Texas' formal entry into the Union.

Yes, Bethlehem is in Texas. It's a hamlet in Upshur County, Bethlehem also survives as the name of sites in Angelina, Bowie, Cass, Collin, and Marion counties, while Bethlehems in Smith, Van Zandt, and Milam counties have disappeared.

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FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

'What I Would Serve For Christmas Dinner'

By Father Val Peter For News USA

(NU) - Christmas is a special time. It is so special a time. We asked our students here at Boys Town to write a little essay about what they would serve for Christmas dinner.

If I could serve Christmas dinner, I would serve loving, caring, giving, forgiveness, thankfulness and familiness. —Martha, age 11

I would serve one cup of love, two cups of enjoyment with a drop of kindness and five drops of tender loving care. —Lavell, age 12

I would make a love pie. To make a love pie you have to have the Christmas spirit. First you get crust. Then you put a lot of hugs on it. Put a layer of crust on top of the hugs and then put a kiss on top. —Fred, age 11

For Christmas dinner I would serve turkey and stuffing. One thing I wouldn't make is liver. —Alicia, age 10

What I would serve for Christmas dinner is both love and food. First of all, the best thing is sweet love, delicious hugs, finger-licking conversations and breathtaking fun. Don't forget outrageous laughing, cheerful crying, happiness, joy, playing and singing. —Tykeisha, age 12

I would make a love cake for Christmas dinner. It would be for my mom. The cake would have five cups



of pure love, two cups of hope, four cups of laughter, and six cups of angels. —Tina, age 12

I would first sit down and think of what to cook. Ah! I have it. A big fat turkey. But the turkey would probably get burned, the stuffing would be fried up, the pickles might get

holly and the jam might be gone. We wouldn't have egg nog. Oh, I've got another solution. I go to the store, but the store is closed. I have! How about a nice seafood dinner at Red Lobster. That would be perfect! —Matt, age 13



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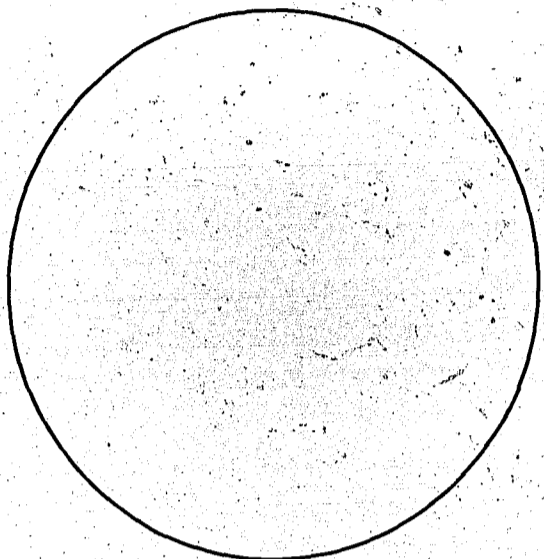
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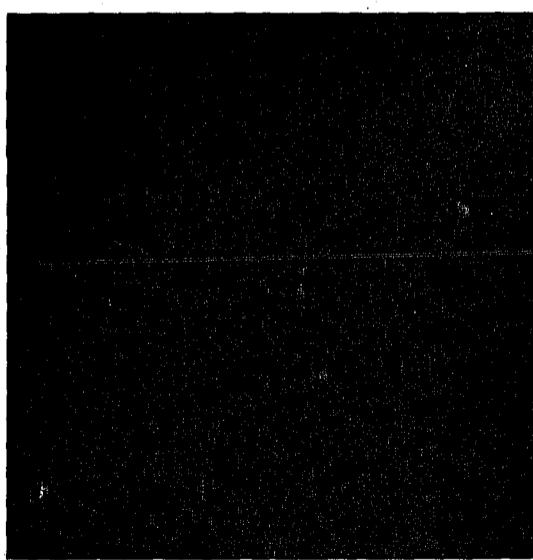
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