



# Santa Anna News

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Melissa Buse was named Most Valuable Player and also named to the All Tournament Team at the Santa Anna Varsity Tournament held this past weekend. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROY BUSE)



Kendall Davison was named Most Valuable Player and also named to the All Tournament Team at the Santa Anna Varsity Tournament held this past weekend. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROY BUSE)

## Opera House Under New Management

Dub Franklin, a Santa Anna native, has taken over management of the Opera House Restaurant.

Franklin plans to feature his home smoked mesquite Barbecue and other home cooked foods. He will feature Senior Citizen plates at a reduced rate. He also plans to dress up the tables for Sunday diners.

Regular hours will be from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. The restaurant will be closed on

Tuesdays for in house dining, but will offer take-outs for Tuesday lunch time. Take-outs are also available any other day of the week.

Helping with the cooking chores will be Franklin's mother, Opal Dixon and his wife, Beth, will assist when she is available from her other job.

Franklin is planing a grand opening at a later date and asks that you watch the newspaper for details.

## Open House Held for New Rockwood Post Office

By MRS. JOHN HUNTER

ROCKWOOD—Mrs. Bettie Duus, Rockwood Postmaster, hosted an open house at the New Post Office

Saturday, December 20, at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Refreshments were served, coffee, punch, cookies and other

goodies, by Minnie Bray, Postmaster Relief; Mrs. Duus toured Mozelle Williams, Rural carrier, and Tony Watson, contract carrier, and regular patrons and visitors from San Angelo, Santa Anna, Coleman and Whon.

As you recall Rockwood was first called Camp Creek community, then after lots of bickering it was called Discord in 1889 and the name was accepted and used until 1893, when it was named Rockwood, with Mrs. Mary Wainwright as first postmaster (Mrs. Wainwright was possibly the first widow in Rockwood.) Other postmasters named are: Leonidous L. Shield, 1901; Arnos Vice and Dussie Vice, 1902; Linnie Blackwell, 1904; Jorhn R. Lankfort, 1905; Andrew C. Thompson, 1905; Wm. I. Day, 1909; Benj. F. Sullivan, 1910, until his death; Eula Steward, (Eula Williams) until retirement in 1958; Vivian Steward, 1958 to retirement in 1980; when Bettie Duus was appointed.

Historically speaking, the dates on our new post office are very exciting as follows: Evan Wise built a frame building on this lot and sold it to Johnnie Steward and Bun Snider, running a garage; others using the building were Bill Steward and William Estes; the building burned, and the present brick building was built by Edgar Hodges in 1945 and sold to Cecil Davis, who operated a garage and gas station. The next garage men were Cecil Day and James Sluder.

Woodrow and Voncel Estes opened a grocery store, in 1954, after about 2 years they sold to Jack and Elec Cooper for a garage and gas station in 1958, Jack drew out in 1963; Elec and Rose Cooper operated the business until retirement in 1982, when he sold to Tony Davis; davis moved to Santa Anna after some two years; the building was closed until the Duus family purchased the building in 1985—hence the modern, comfortable convenient New Post Office for Rockwood.

## Police Report

This month has proven to be another busy one for the police department according to Police Chief Craig Terry. The department has covered five accidents involving motor vehicles and have had one injury with the Santa Anna ambulance making a run to Brownwood Regional Hospital on it.

There have been eight reported incidents of a criminal nature, and also several burglaries. The latest of which was the Western Auto Store where their safe was removed through the back doors on the 14th of the month. Because of this incident and some related to it, the police department has called in the Texas Rangers to help in solving them. In light of this, the department has

taken measures to increase coverage of the town with additional manpower during certain periods of the week.

Also, this month, the department has obtained a new reserve officer. His name is Glen Spinks, and both he and his wife, Vikki, have moved to Santa Anna and have established residence here. Glen is a certified police officer with the State of Texas and is a very welcome addition to the department.

The police department wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and every citizen a "Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year" with hopes the new year will be a much better and more prosperous one for the entire community.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Presbyterian Church will have its annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24th. Traditional Christmas carols will be sung by the congregation and special instrumental music provided. A flute solo and a xylophone solo will be presented.

All lights will be extinguished except for a single candle symbolic of the Light of the World. Individual candles will be lighted from that candle and passed on to neighbors.

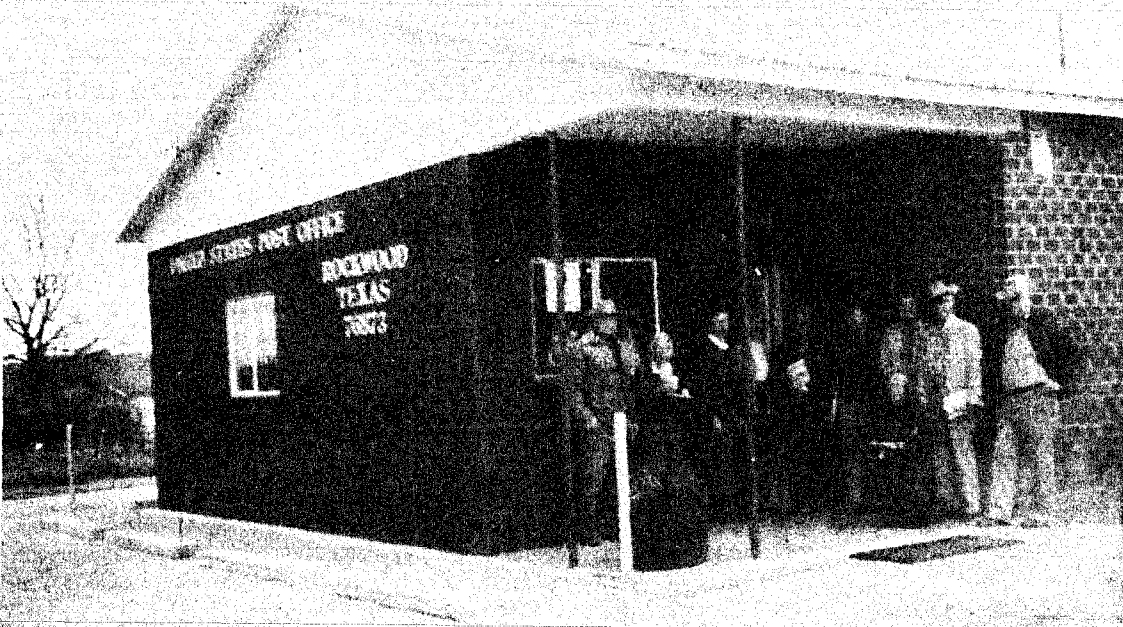
These services have been impressive and meaningful in years gone by. A special invitation is extended to everyone to participate.

## City Hall To Be Closed Over Holidays

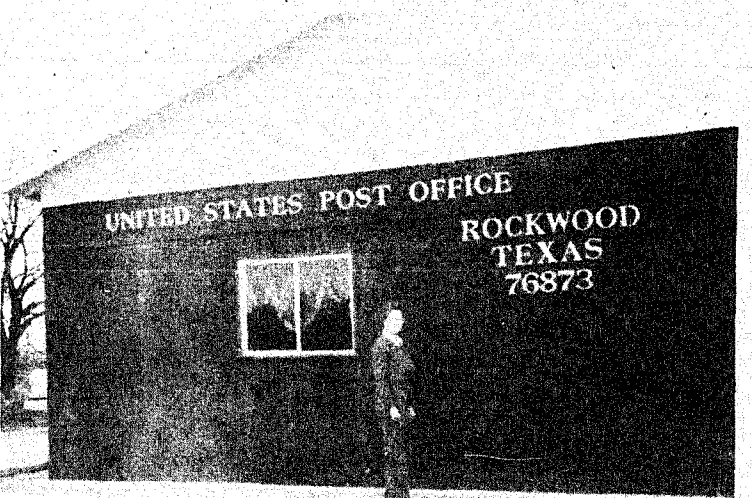
The City Hall will close at 12 noon on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and will remain closed until the following Monday, Dec. 29.

If problems arise, water customers may contact Thelma Brooker on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 24 at 348-3301. On Christmas Eve and thereafter Freddie Miller may be contacted at 348-3755 or Rusty Wells at 348-3681.

Mrs. Wristen urges citizens to keep this information for reference, should an emergency arise.



The New Rockwood Post Office with a group of patrons waiting at the entrance. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. John Hunter.)



The New Rockwood Post Office with Post Mistress Bettie Duus, facing main street in Rockwood. The sun hasn't shone since the move to the new building and the picture was taken on a cloudy day. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. John Hunter.)

## 41 Traffic Deaths Expected

The Department of Public Safety is estimating that 41 traffic deaths will mar this year's peak holiday travel periods in Texas.

"Christmas and New Year's should be two of the best times of the year for everyone, but each holiday season, many traffic deaths that could have been prevented occur on our roads and highways," said DPS Director Jim Adams. "Our intention in reminding Texans of the grim possibilities is not to sound a discouraging note as people prepare their travel plans, but to encourage driving safety by showing what could happen. I hope our estimate proves to be too high."

During the 54-hour Christmas holiday period, an estimated 23 persons may die in traffic accidents in the state, Adams said.

The estimate for the New Year's

period, which also is 54 hours, is 18 traffic deaths.

In 1985, because of the day of the week on which Christmas fell, the prime travel period was 30 hours long. During that time, 15 persons were killed in traffic mishaps. Two other persons later died of injuries suffered during the period, bringing the final 1985 Christmas death toll to 17.

Last year, 17 persons died in traffic accidents during the 54-hour New Year's period, with seven later deaths making a total of 24 fatalities associated with the period.

"The way to help make this year's estimates inaccurate is to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages before driving or while behind the wheel and hold driving speeds down," Adams said. "Those two steps will go a long way toward

keeping drivers from having a traffic accident. But, if worse comes to worse and you are in an accident due to the carelessness of another driver, your chances of survival will be greatly improved if you are wearing your safety belt."

This year, the DPS Operation Motorcade period will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 23 and continue until midnight Christmas Day. The New Year's counting period will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 30 and continue through midnight New Year's Day.

During both periods, as part of the Department's Operation Holiday effort, additional Highway Patrol Troopers will be out to assist motorists and enforce traffic laws, with particular emphasis on DWI arrests, speeding and safety belt violations.

## Lone Star Ready For Winter

DALLAS—Residents in Texas and Oklahoma have already had a taste of cold weather, and colder weather can be expected in the weeks and months ahead. Again this winter Lone Star Gas Company's residential customers can anticipate economical, reliable gas heat even on the coldest days of the winter season.

"We don't foresee an exceptionally long, cold winter this year," says Jack Cole, Lone Star's chief gas controller. "We anticipate a relatively normal winter based on forecasts from the National Weather Service."

In the event Lone Star customers experience a prolonged period of bitter cold weather, it is possible that some gas service to certain large industrial and electric generation customers might be temporarily curtailed.

"This does not mean that Lone Star does not have the gas to serve all its customers," Cole explains. "It simply means that our pipeline system is efficiently designed to carry less than a peak-day load, thus lowering customers' cost of gas service."

"Industrial and electric generation customers agree to permit natural gas cutbacks on predetermined schedules during high customer demand periods," Cole says. "By cutting back gas to these customers, we are protecting our human-needs customers."

On the days when Lone Star customers require more than normal amounts of gas because of cold weather, gas is withdrawn from ten active underground storage sites located throughout the Lone Star service area.

In addition, a new 36-inch pipeline from East Texas will greatly in-

crease the company's capacity to move gas into the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This new line is expected to be completed in late December.

"Besides the additional gas available to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, the new line and other planned system improvements will provide additional advantages for Lone Star customers," says Walter Thomas, vice president of Lone Star's engineering division. "We will be able to withdraw more gas from storage at a faster rate and will see a significant reduction in cutbacks to interruptible customers."

Construction on the new line began this past summer. It runs nearly 60 miles linking East Texas production areas to Lone Star's 30-inch pipeline network at Ennis. Lone Star's share of the cost for the line was estimated at \$14 million, with remaining costs shared by Valero and Dallas-based Texas Utilities Fuel Company.

Deaths

Duane Williams, 59

Duane Williams, 59, of San Diego, California, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 1986 after a short illness. Services were at the El Camino Chapel in San Diego, with burial in the Veteran's Cemetery at Riverside, California. He was the son of the late Willie and Westley Williams.

Survivors include his wife, Clara, of San Diego; two sons, Doyle and Dickie; one daughter, Shirley Hickman; five grandchildren, all of Angelton, Texas; four brothers, J. E. of Santa Anna, R. C. of Collinsville, Okla., Roy of Chicago, Ill., and Stanley of Broadview, Ill.; three sisters, Nina Crudell of Addison, Ill., Odessa Romig of Tiffin, Ohio, and Kathryn Warren of Bellwood, Ill.

He attended the Whon and Buffalo schools and was a World War II veteran.

Check It Out

Merry Christmas!!! Read during the holidays!!!

Research shows that the amount of reading students do out of school is consistently related to gains in reading achievement... (yet) most children don't read very much during their free time. In one recent study of fifth graders... 50 percent of the children read books for an average of four minutes per day or less, 30 percent read two minutes per day or less and fully 10 percent never reported reading any book on any day. For the majority of the children, reading from books occupied 1 percent of their free time, or less. In contrast, the children averaged 130 minutes per day watching TV, or about one-third of the time between the end of school and going to sleep.

-From: BECOMING A NATION OF READERS

The Santa Anna Library column has been named and the person who won the contest for naming the column was Missy Bryce. Missy is a seventh grade student at the Santa Anna Junior High. Missy will receive a book for naming the column.



Missy Bryce

Audrey Wright Visitors

Visitors with Audrey Wright this past weekend were Lynn and Jerry Wright, Nicole and Justin of Mason; Phil and Judy Chambers, Aimee, Randy, and James Doyle of Abilene; Bill and Clara Gibson, and Deborah of Early; Greg Gibson of New York; Tex and Pat Wright, Alys Pelton, James and Cindy Pelton, Chrystal and Jennifer and Danna and Stephanie Turner, all of Santa Anna. The group exchanged Christmas gifts on Sunday afternoon after having Christmas dinner with Mrs. Wright.

The Christmas Story

BY DON RUTHERFORD

There are many stories and traditions around Christmas. There are stories about the Christmas tree first being used in Germany. There are stories of St. Nick in the Dutch and the German language. There are traditions around the lights on the Christmas tree and mistletoe being hung. But the Christmas story, the REAL Christmas story is not about lights but about love; not about a tree but about a stable; not about St. Nick but about a man named Jesus Christ.

Luke proclaims the story as love shown, a son given, a king living and a world being redeemed.

Jesus Christ became the first Christmas day gift. He was not wrapped and put under a decorated tree but He was stripped and put on a Roman tree of death.

With His coming we have the right to believe. With His dying we have the opportunity to receive. With His second coming promised we have hope for the future.

Long ago, there ruled in Persia a wise and good king. He loved his people. He wanted to know how they lived. He wanted to know about their hardships. Often he dressed in the clothes of a worker or a beggar and went to the homes of the poor. No one whom he visited thought that he was the ruler.

One time he visited a very poor man who lived in a celler. He ate the course food the poor man ate. He spoke cheerful and kind words to the man. Then he left. He came back and identified himself as the king. How surprised he was. The king thought the man would ask some rich gift or favor but instead he said, 'You left your place and your glory to visit me in this dark and dreary

place. You ate the course food I ate. You brought gladness to my heart. To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself!!!

The King of Glory, the Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself to you and me. The Bible calls Him "the unspokeable gift."

There is a poem I would like to share with you. It is called "What a Night."

That night when in the Judian skies  
The mystic star dispensed its light  
A blind man moved in his sleetp  
And dreamed he had sight.

That night when shepherds heard  
The song of host of angelic choring near  
A deaf man stirred in slumber's spell  
And dreamed he could hear.

That night when over the new-born babe  
The tender Mary rose to lean  
A loathsome leaper smiled in his sleep  
And dreamed he was clean.

That night when in the manger lay  
The Sanctified who came to save  
A man moved in the sleep of death  
And dreamed there was no grave.

Think About It: Jesus came to this earth that you and I might enjoy the fellowship of God lost back when Adam and Eve sinned against God. Jesus lived that we might enjoy living. And He died that we might have hope beyond the grave.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RUTHERFORDS

Winners In Pecan Show Announced

The 1986 Coleman County Pecan Show was held last Tuesday, December 2nd in the J.A.B. Miller Building on the Courthouse square. The pecan entries were down this year, but that was expected because the pecan crop in general for this past year was not very good.

The winners for the show were as follows: For the In-Shell Division Champion Pecan was John Dix with a Mahan variety. Reserve Champion belonged to Gertrude Williams with a Burkett. Other In-Shell variety winners were Baker Rudolph, 2nd-Burkett; JoAnn Owen, 1st-Choctaw; Hurschel Dunn, 1st-Comanche; Hurschel Dunn, 2nd-Mahan; Lisa Priddy, 1st-Other In-Shell; Charles Baker, 2nd - Other In-Shell; Baker Rudolph, 3rd - Other In-Shell.

In our Shelling Division, the Champion pecan belonged to Hurschel Dunn. This was a Western

Schley variety. In our Native Division, the champion was C. M. Huckabee and Reserve Champion belongs to Johnny Harris.

Officials of the show would like to congratulate these people on their awards this year and remind them and others that now is the time to start thinking about that champion pecan for next year.

PECAN FOOD SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

There were 22 entries in the Pecan Food Show this year: 13 pies, 5 cakes and 4 cookies.

Winners were as follows:  
PIES - Gwen Roberts, 1st place; Colette Tabor, 2nd place; Marsha Snider, 3rd place.

CAKES - Gwen Roberts, 1st place; Gertrude Williams, 2nd place; Betsy Davis, 3rd place.

COOKIES - Betsy Davis, 1st place; Wanda Ragsdale, 2nd place; Gwen Roberts, 3rd place.

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**Greetings**  
The exchange of Christmas greetings among friends is one of the happiest traditions of this season. We extend our greetings to all of you... along with a heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. John Bester  
Mrs. O.R. Boenloke  
Mrs. Tom Rutherford  
Clara Capps

Thoughts From Our Pastors

By Claude Davison

Pastor of First United Methodist Church

The word leaped off the page into my mind. I guess I'd sung the hymn a thousand times before, but it just that moment captured my imagination.

We were in an ecumenical service of Christmas worship. We were standing while the organist played the introductory measures to Joseph Mohr's beloved "Silent Night, Holy Night." I glanced at the top page to the name of the composer of the hymn tune, Franz Gruber, and the name of the tune: "Stille Nacht." Then beside the tune was written: "Irregular."

That word referred, of course, to the meter of the tune, but the thought came to me: here is a remarkable description of the Incarnation! The Word become flesh, the birth of Christ was irregular, HIGHLY IRREGULAR! Certainly quite unusual and most unexpected. The poet expressed it this way:

They were looking for a king  
To slay their foes and lift them high.  
Thou can't a little baby thing  
To make a woman cry.

Maybe that's why Christmas is such a great time for us. It tells us anew that God comes to us in most unusual ways, that a wonderful surprise always awaits around every corner!

May you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Friendship Luncheon Travel To Ulvade

The beauty of the Christmas season was truly alive at the Friendship Luncheon on Thursday.

The room was alive with poinsettia, and the tables were covered with cloths and napkins of the season. A large and savory ham was the table attraction, decorated with fruits, as the many ladies arrived with dishes to surround the table several claimed credit for the cooking of the ham, which was obtained locally and one man said it was his culinary art which had prepared it. Around 40 people were present for the meal. Raymond Balke was asked to give the table grace as he arose, he asked Ollie Pembroke and Doris Griffin from the kitchen area and Pat DeWitt to come stand with him as he played Santa Claus and presented these three ladies with Christmas gifts from the members and told of their tireless efforts in keeping this luncheon club in operation. Four plates were filled from the table goodies and carried to four of the shut-ins. A beloved member, Jessie Benton, who is making her home in Brownwood now, was back with us and Bessie and Claudine Brown's friend, Maggie Ruth Stokes of Talpa were guests. Mr. Balke announced that there would not be a meal on Christmas Day, but the domino game on Tuesday would be in session. All departed saying see you next year.

Last Monday, Mrs. C. C. Gilbert and daughter, Tomma McHalek of El Paso and nieces, Nan Creele of Dallas and Esther McHalek of Fredricksburg and sister, Lorena Wells went in a van driven by Nan Creele to visit a sister, Cornelia Copple and other relatives in Ulvade, Texas. Cousins, Lena Faye Blaylock and Sylvia Casey joined them there from San Antonio. A very enjoyable family get-together. The group returned Wednesday.



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Medicare Hospital Insurance Deductible Up

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible, the amount a Medicare hospital patient is responsible for when he or she first receives inpatient services in a benefit period, will increase to \$520 in 1987. The 1986 deductible is \$492.

Also scheduled to increase are the per-day amounts patients are responsible for after specific lengths of stay in a hospital of skilled nursing facility.

After 60 days of inpatient care in a hospital during a benefit period, Medicare will pay for all covered costs except \$130 a day. The 1986 figure is \$123.

For each reserve day, Medicare will pay for all covered costs except \$260 a day. The 1986 figure is \$246.

After 20 days of care in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare will pay for all covered costs except \$65 per day. The 1986 figure is \$61.50.

The basic monthly premium for Medicare medical insurance will be \$17.90, an increase of \$2.40 over the 1986 figure of \$15.50. Some people

will pay more than this rate because there were periods they could have had this protection but did not.

The monthly premium for hospital insurance for people who are not otherwise eligible will be \$248 in 1987. The 1986 figure is \$214.

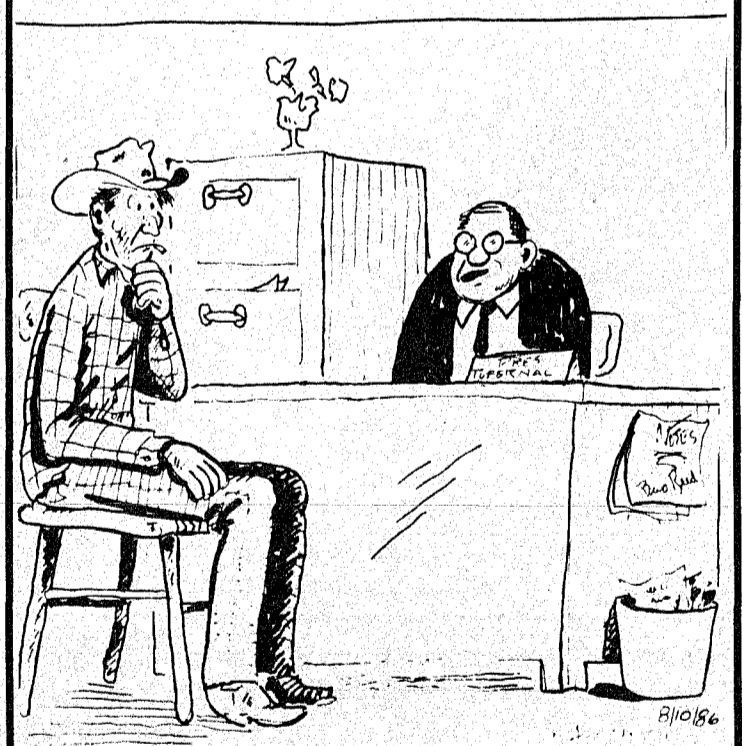
The medical insurance annual deductible will remain \$75, unchanged from 1986.

More information about Medicare and Social Security can be obtained at the Brownwood Social Security office, located at 300 N. Main, Brownwood. The telephone number is 646-7533.

Almost all Social Security matters can be handled by phone. Medicare questions or filling of Medicare claims can be taken care of by calling toll free 800-442-2620. You may file an application to establish your eligibility by calling 915-646-7533 in Brownwood.

A representative of the Brownwood office visits Santa Anna once a month on the first Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



"No Jake, we don't give dishes for premiums, just 40 head of heifers or 2 oil rigs!"

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# Dear Santa.....



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Santa shared his answers to some of the letters he received from local children. Not all letters were received by Santa and answered by Santa in time to be printed in the newspaper. All Santa letters received in this office appear in this paper.)

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a Centurian, the one that goes in water.  
I want to give you some cookies and milk.  
I love you Santa.  
-Jason  
Son of Cynthia and Franklin Lewis  
Dear Jason,  
Thank you for your letter. I'm pretty sure you have been a good boy, but I'll have to check my list. The elves have been hard at work making your toys. I will be looking forward to the milk and cookies. The reindeer are finally in shape for the long trip to your house. Bye for now.  
-Love Santa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Josh Daniel. I have been a good boy.  
For Christmas I want a remote control car, a real football, a pellet gun, a new pick-up for Daddy, a new car for Mama, a bow and arrow, and an Aggie jacket for sister.  
-Josh Daniel  
Son of Ronnie and Suzan Daniel  
Dear Josh,  
Thank you for your letter. I enjoy hearing from you. I read your letter to the elves and Mrs. Claus.  
How is the weather in Santa Anna? Is it possible for my sleigh to land on the mountain?  
Mrs. Claus has cleaned my suit and everything is nearly ready, there isn't much time til Christmas.  
I will try to get you something nice.  
-Love, Santa

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl all year.  
I want a dream glow Barbie, corn silk Cabbage Patch, a popple, and Baby Talk.  
I will leave your cookies  
-Love,  
Rickie Runyan  
Daughter of Bob and Judith Runyan  
Dear Rickie,  
Thank you for your letter. I am glad to see you have been a good girl.  
The elves have been busy this year. I even have a few more elves because we have so many on our list.  
Mrs. Claus has been baking her plum pudding.  
I will try and get you something nice.  
-Love, Santa  
P.S. I will be looking forward to the cookies.  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a popples and a pound puppy, and a corn silk cabbage patch kid.  
Santa I hope you give me my toys  
I love you Santa Claus.  
-Kristen Keeney

Dear Kristen,  
Thank you for your wonderful letter. It is good to hear that you have been a good girl this year. The elves have been very hard at work making your presents, I am sure you will like what I give you. I think the reindeer are in shape for the long trip to your house. Bye for now.  
-Love, Santa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stephen. You bring me an alpie and will you get a talking Bible. Please get my brothers and sister something too.  
-Thank you,  
Stephen Cochran  
Son of Brenda Cochran  
Dear Stephen,  
I enjoyed reading your letter. Have you been a good boy this Year? All the reindeer and elves say Hi. Hope you have a good Christmas. And I think you'll get something good this year. Be good until next year.  
-Love, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I would like a soccer ball and a Santa's coloring book.  
-Aaron,  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lane Guthrie  
Dear Aaron,  
Have you been a good boy this year. I will do my best to get you the presents that you asked for. All of the reindeer and elves say Hello. Be good until next year.  
-Love, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
My name is a Amanda Kae Lishka. For Christmas I would like to have a corn silk Cabbage patch and two more Gem Dolls, with the Gem Stage. My sister would like a kiten ste with dishes. Thank you and Merry Christmas.  
-Love,  
Amanda  
Daughter of Terry and Gayla Lishka  
Dear Amanda,  
Thank you for your letter. Right now all the elves are busy making presents, and Mrs. Claus is busy baking. Have you been a good girl this year? Have a Merry Christmas.  
-Love, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a truck, car, gun, pony, and a puppy.  
My sister, Daisy wants a doll, nickles, train, kitten, TV and a belt.  
My sister, Eve, wants a doll, bike, car, ring, doll house, and a swimming pool.  
My sister, Brenda, wants a horse, hamster, bird, swimming pool, car, bike, kitten, and a puppy too.,  
-Billy  
Dear Billy,  
Thank you for your letter. I can see you have three sisters. Have you been a good boy this year? I hope so.  
The elves have been hard at work.  
Mrs. Claus is baking her plum pudding, I can hardly wait for a piece.  
I will try and get you something nice.  
-Love, Santa

**Opera House**



## GREETINGS

During the year, in the rush of events, we tend to forget how important our valued friendships are. But now, at this Holiday Season, with its feeling of warmth and sincerity, the true meaning of our relationship becomes apparent to us all.

In this spirit, it is a great pleasure to extend to you and yours the sincerest best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year of Hope, Promise, and Peace.

From All Of Us At  
**Santa Anna Funeral Home  
and  
Emergency Medical Services**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like some warm boots with fur on inside, jeans and sleepers. We love you Santa.  
-Love, Monica Balderas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for Santa Claus to bring me some pajamas, long johns (size 4-5), a toy of some kind, some powder, cologne, bubble bath and some skates and some boots. God Bless you.  
-Love, Elena Balderas

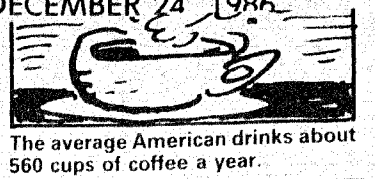
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like some western boots like my dads, football jersey (Dallas Cowboys), clothes, sleepers. Have a safe Christmas.  
-Love, James Balderas  
Dear Elena, Monica, and James,  
I sounds like you are expecting a cold winter. Santa wears warm clothes when he flies his reindeer.

I'll put the elves to work on some winter clothes and lots of toys for all.  
-Love, Santa

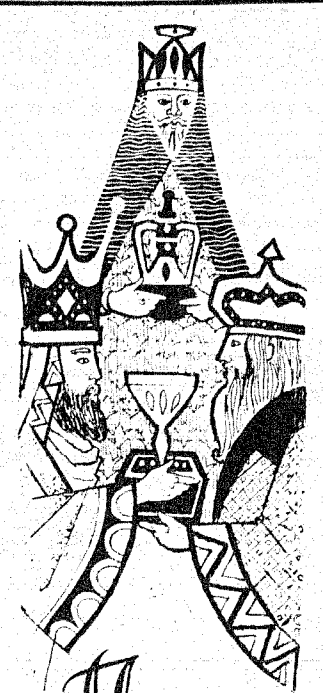
Dear Santa,  
I hope you will bring me a 'oy or something else maybe to but my da' doesn't want me to have a doll.  
-Beth Eisenhower

Daughter of Dorothy and Jimmy Eisenhower  
Dear Beth,  
Thank you for your letter. Have you been a good girl this year? I hope so.

This year we have some fast reindeer so we should be on time.  
I will try to get you something nice. I'm sorry your Dad doesn't want you to have a doll.  
-Love, Santa



The average American drinks about 560 cups of coffee a year.



**Peace**  
GOODWILL  
TOWARD MEN

**Patterson Ins.  
Agency**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
As joy and laughter fill the air during the Christmas season, we wish to take a moment to add our best wishes and thanks.  
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I would like a remote control car and a bb gun for Christmas. I have been a pretty good boy. Well, I would take something else instead. Please don't forget my sister, mom and my brother.

-Thank you, Marcus  
Son of Vivian McDowell  
Dear Marcus,

Thank you for your letter. I am glad you have been a good boy this year. All the elves have been hard at work making your presents. I'm sure you'll like everything you get this Christmas. I am sure going to bring your sister, mom and brother nice gifts too. Bye till next year.

-Love, Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been real good this year. For Christmas I want a new GI Joe and a homan and a new super friend and new hot wheels. I love you,

-Jonathan  
Son of Mark and Vicki  
Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for our letter. I have been busy this year. We have been working hard.

I am so glad you have been a good boy. I like to hear that.

I will try to bet you something nice this year.

-Love, Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I want for you to get me a new bicycle. I also want for you to get me remote control race car. My pet dog wants a sweater and also a dog basket. My little sister wants a rocker

-Love, Lee Keeney  
Dear Lee,

Hi, how are you? Thank you very much for your letter. Have you been good this year? I will try to get you something good this year, ok. Rudolph and the reindeer say Hi. See you next year.

-Love, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I love you and I want something for Christmas. I want a toy and one that can cry and a girl cabbage patch.

-Love, Shavawn  
To Santa, from Shavawn  
Dear Shavawn,

Thank you for your letter. I enjoyed reading it. I love you too. Have you been a good girl? I hope so.

Mrs. Claus has made the elves new green suits. They have pointed caps and the trim is red. The elves look very good in them.

I will try and get you something nice.

-Love, Santa

Dear Santa,

I would like ten thousand dollars, a walkie talkie, race track with cars.

-Joshua  
Son of Harry and Margaret  
Throgmorton  
Dear Joshua,

Thank you for your letter. Have you been a good boy? I hope so. I read your letter to Mrs. Claus while she was baking and she enjoyed hearing from you.

We have been very busy packing the sleigh and tending the reindeer. The reindeer eat a lot in winter.

I will try and get you something nice.

-Love, Santa

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for the candy that you gave out during the Christmas Parade.

I want a black Barbie, a Watchdog, A Big Bird that talks, and little people too. I also want a Garfield.

Tell Mrs. Santa Claus and the elves and the reindeer hello.

-Love, Stephanie Turner  
Dear Stephanie,

Thank you very much for your letter. Have you been a good girl this year? I just got finished polishing Rudolph's nose, boy is it shiny. The

elves and Mrs. Claus and also the reindeer say Hi. I'll do my very best to get you something good this year. See you next year.

-Love, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I want a ninja skateboard and seven moties so me and Alan can put them together. And I want a Rambo. And I want some resellers.

-Love, John Woljevach

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a glove, sticker book, jewelry, stickers, and other things! I will try to make cookies and milk, but...Reece might eat them! If you have time, would you please write back?

-Love, Sally McIver

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a new bicycle with hand brakes. I'm hoping for a remote controlled Robot. I also want a toy motorcycle and a club house. I want a toy box full of toys and a lot of hot wheel cars and trucks. I want a toy car that runs on batteries. I really want a jam box and cassettes. I want a sweater and pants. I want a football.

-Love, Ben Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pople for Christmas. I also want a puppy for Christmas day. And a stuffed reindeer doll. Have a Merry Christmas.

-Love, Beatrice Estrada

Dear Santa,

I want a new train and a new football. I want a new pet dog and cat. I want a baseball bat.

-Love, Johnie Lawhon

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me a drum and I want you to bring me a 22 magnum. And I want you to bring me some camouflage coveralls.

-Love, William Loyd

Dear Santa,

These are the three things I want for Christmas. One thing is a Cabbage Patch preemie and a Prize pople. And a tropical Barbie.

-Love, Bertha Frausto

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Corn Silk Cabbage Patch Doll. Also I want some new Barbie. I want some new tenny shoes, a dress, and some pants and a top. Plus a hair drier and curling iron.

-Love, Renee

Dear Santa

I want to have a trip to the North pole this Christmas day. And I want a new bed and close and a saxaphorn and two GI Joes and the karate kid set with the fight ring. But will you eat the cookies and drink the milk I leave you.

-Love, James Jones

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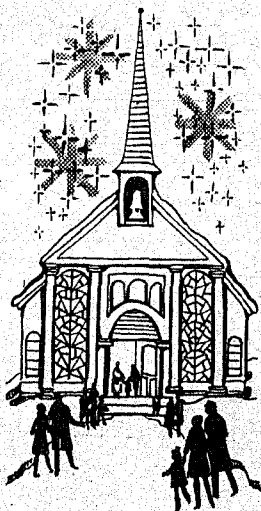
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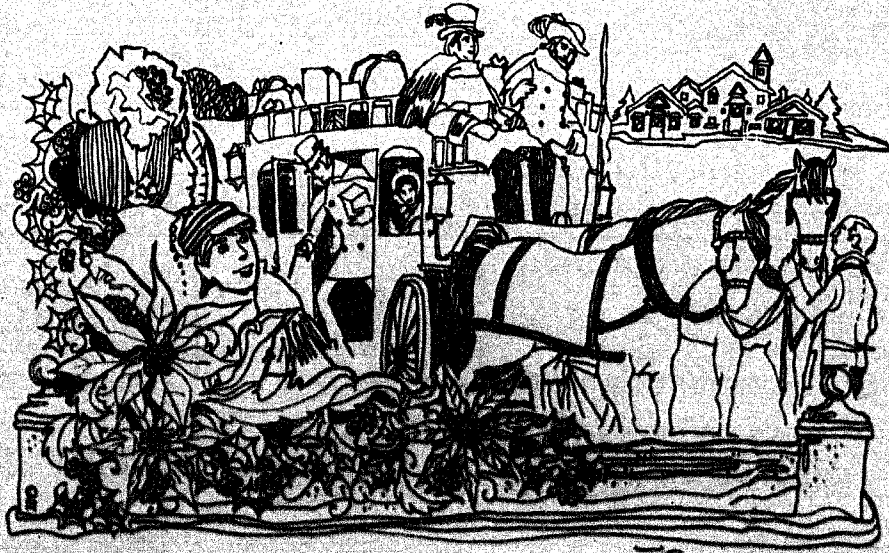
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# GREETINGS

At this festive time of year it is our tradition to express the gratitude we feel for the privilege of serving our fine customers and friends.



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Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. I want a bike, and a bike for my sister and brother. And I want some g.i Joe men and Rambo.

-Jeremy

Dear Santa,

How are you, I am fine. Don't get sick so you can bring me my presents. I want a remote control jet, a sleeping bag, a three wheeler, a man that throws balls at me so I can bat them. I want a gym set and some GI Joes. Please don't forget me on your list.

-Shane Watson

Dear Santa,

I would like a pair of boots, a car and a sword. A red and red, and for my sister I would like doll that talks and a new Sunday dress, a necklace. For my mom a pretty dress, a pretty ring. Thank you very much Santa.

-Jason Trichel

Dear Santa,

I want my family to be together. I would like to have one He man.

-Calvin Brown

Dear Santa,

I like you Santa. I want a dolly called My Kid Sister, a stuffed duck, a stuffed bear. I want a stuffed storfon Crismas. I want a stuffed boll. I want a stuffed dog for cris.

-No Signature  
From Mrs. Bowker's Class

Dear Santa,

I wish I could have some wrestlers. Santa can I have a wrestling ring. Santa I want big foot, the car to play with.

-Chris Guerrero

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? I hope you two are O.K. How are your reindeers and Frosty? Is your sled ready to come where I will be? I will see you at Grandma's and Grandpa's house. Here is what I would like you to bring me, some coveralls, western boots, some new tennis shoes for school, a Joh Deere trator, belt buckle, and a old-fashion car belt buckle. Tell rudolph hello too. Hope his nose is still bright and red. Santa take care and see you on Christmas morning. Hugs and kisses.

-Love, Zackary Lawhon

Dear Santa,

I lefe out a gift from the letter I wanted a ray gun and I wanted a cross bow. Thank you, Santa

-Justin Okes

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a big bike. Please bring Cindy a big doll.

-Love, Melissa Wristen

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want a barbie, a teddy bear, a little piano, Oh yea, I want a real gold necklace, a baby doll with a bottle and last of all I want a pink bike. Bye Santa!

-Yolanda Frausto

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Eterna, 3 Centurions, a stuffed animal and some candy in my stocking. Thank you for my gifts.

-Love, Tony Abernathy

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a doll that can cry and a cabbage Patch.

-Love, Sharlotte Sims



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Santa Letters

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25  
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Reece McIver  
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Scott Findley  
Glenn Hancock  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Steele

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28  
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Rice  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29  
Paula Blanton

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30  
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Charles Wetsel  
Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kellar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31  
Laddie Hernandez  
Steven Blanton



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Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a Big 4 wheeler, and a little motorcycle. And I want everyone to have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. And I would like to have a big truck.  
-Thank you, Patrick Asher  
P.S. I Love You.  
-Patrick Asher

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a bike, trucks, cars and for everyone two have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
-Henry Jr. Loper

Dear Santa,  
I want to see you Santa Claus. Remember I have my mommy and daddy. I want a trapper keeper and a shotgun.  
-Love, Devin Brand

Dear Santa,  
I want some boot and a cowboy hat and a truck and a gun and a bike and a puppy.  
-Love, Lupe Castillo

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby taly and some tapes for my computer. I would like to have some other things to but I can't thank of them right now. So just bring me any thing else you think I need.

There will be cookies and milk for you on the table. Have a good Christmas  
-Love, Briana Horner

Dear Santa,  
I want a box of Rambo's. Then next thing I want is a remote control dune buggy. Third I want a remote control loader. Finley I want a toy basket ball goal.  
-Love, Tim Abernathy

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and a play machine gun, also a BB gun that is real.  
-Love, Josh Robertson

Dear Santa,  
I would like some clay this Christmas. I would like a picture of you. I would like some new crayons that say bu. Say hi to Mrs. Santa. Good By, Santa Claus  
-Love, Rosa Suarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cricket for Christmas and a picture of you. And most of all I know that Jesus was born on Christmas and I want you to write me a letter back. Watch out! My dog might bite you. You need to come through my door.  
-Love, Darbi Neff

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog for Christmas. I wish you Merry Christmas. I will leave you some cookies. Would you tall Mrs. Santa I love here. I love you to.  
-Love, Dora Padilla

Dear Santa,  
I would like a teddy bear and a Barbie doll for Christmas.  
You will find cookies and milk on the table and give my sister a Barbie Doll. Santa tell Miss Santa helo.  
-Love, Brandi Bible

Dear Santa,  
Please write me back. Oh, I want an atari please.  
-Love, Scott Watson

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control train and a cabbage patch kid boy and a VCR.  
-Love from, Randy DeLeon

Dear Santa,  
I want some rings for Christmas. On the table you will find some cookies and milk and one more thing Merry Merry Christmas. Would you tell Mrs. Santa HI. Write back before Christmas.  
-Love, Ami Beal

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirtbike and a robot and a computer for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. You will find cookies and milk on the table. My Christmas tree is in the dining room. Please right me back. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Please tell Mrs. Santa hi.  
-Love, Chris Cheaney

Dear Santa,  
I would like a microscope. And some new clothes. And some new shoes and some socks.  
-Love, Albert Villarreal

Dear Santa,  
I wish for six books. I wish for a Cappage Patch Kid. Then I wish for new clothes.  
-Love, Cassie Diamond

Dear Santa,  
I want a Popple for Christmas and I want a doll and a Barbie Doll. You are going to have to go through my door.  
-Love, Ruby Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and sticker, and a Barbie Doll for Christmas. Love Santa.  
-Love, Maricela Siller

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want an electric bike and a walkie talkie, a real bb gun, stuffed toy, a bike and some money. Some candy, and now and a dog and a cat and a computer with games, and vcr with tapes, I would like a star for the tree and a drum and a coke, and a wite Christmas tree, and a real elf and a candy cane.  
-Love, Kenton Brixey

Dear Santa,  
What want is a Barbie Doll and a bick and a oven set and a little love from mom and dad.  
-Love, Rachael Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I want a stove and a Barbie doll set and a talking doll that talks and a play stove and a refrigerator. You have to go through my door.  
-Love, Tammy Loper

Dear Santa,  
I want a new football and a big new radio for Christmas.  
-Butch

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a new bike and a horse. I would like a new spark plug for my motorbike. I would like to see a movie today at school at 12:30.  
-David Herrod

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Cricket doll. The thing I want most of all is a new room. Thank you!  
-Love, Elsa  
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
I want a \$100 for Christmas and some skates for Christmas and I want a trampoline and a Teddy Rax-xpan and I love you Santa Claus.  
-Thank you, Latosha

Dear Santa,  
I want a stereo. How are your reindeer? I am just fine how are you? And I love you very much and I hope you get here safe, and I hope that your reindeer get here safe to. I hope I get my stereo safe.  
-Love, Brandi Martin

Dear Santa,  
I would love to have a pot-porri for Christmas or an alarm clock. Rings would be nice. Money is ok to receive. At Motts they have clown china dolls. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
-Love, Dawna

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you get me a Cabbage Raker for Christmas. That is all I wish for and I wish a happy merry Christmas to you.  
-Love Asucena

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a bike, I wish I had a soccerball and a baseball. I wish I had a new car and some new shoes and some shirts.  
Happy New Year.  
-Love, Ricky DeLeon

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a remote controlled race car. I also want a He-man figure. I want a new bike. I want a four-wheeler.  
-Lee Keeney

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a go-cart. I want a trampoline. I want a remote controlled car. I want me a ball. Would you bring me a remote control train.  
-Cecil Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me and my brother and sister a bike. Please bring me a remote controlled train and a remote controlled their wheeler please. And some new clothes. And some other thing.  
-Jason Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a pet and a dirtbike. I want some school paper and a mother bike with mag tires it should be a torbow bmx. I want a football set, and a He-man set. I want a globe and more colors.  
-Love Chris

Dear Santa,  
What I want is a bike. And I also want a doll that can talk and that all I wanted.  
-Leticia Frausto

Dear Santa,  
I have a pit bull dog. I wish for a remote control car. I wish for a stuffed animal. And I wish for a dog.  
-Love, Shane Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I love you. You are a good Santa. We will get you a pretty toy and watch my dog. It will bark at you but do not be afraid. I want a ball and a 22 and I want to see you and I want a bat and a ball and I want a doll me.  
-Love, Demond Robertson

Dear Santa,  
I want a microscope and a 222 with a scope and a strap and a BMX bike and a racing car and a soccer ball.  
-Love, Mark Yancy

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a bird and a doll named Cricket and a jogging suit. I wish for a fish and a T.V. in my bedroom. I wish for a hamster too. So I guest that's all.  
-Love, Devin Cook

Dear Santa,  
I want a pound puppy, bike and a truck.  
-Casey Herring

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a wagon, pound puppy and truck. Thank you.  
-Derek Little

Santa Claus  
I have been a good boy this year. Please breg me a computer and a typewriter. I love you!  
-Love, Randy Chambers

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a new choo-choo train and I want a TV and I want a remote control airplane. I have been a good boy this year. And I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
-Love, James Chambers

(Editors Note: These two letters were received from Abilene and the writers are Audrey Wright's grandsons.)

Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good boy this year. I would like to have a toy gun. Please remember all the other good boys and girls and my Grannie Wright this Christmas.  
-Love you,  
Justin Wright, Mason, Tx.



Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I want a megaphone and two sets of pom-poms and a pound puppy and a pound cat and a popple.  
-Nicole Wright, Mason, Tx.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Teddy Ruxpin, doll clothes, a bicycle, and a new exercise Barbie and a Work-out Barbie. My sister, Jennifer, wants a Teddy Ruxpin like mine and a Big, Big Bear so he can sit by her and listen to her. We have both been good girls this year.  
We also want our PaPa to come see us.  
-Love,  
Chrystal Pelton

Fannies  
Funnies

BY FANNIE GILBERT  
The little girl had been giving her mother a hard time all morning. Finally her mother said, "Please behave yourself. Don't you know that every time you misbehave I get another gray hair in my head?" "Oh, my!" the little girl said, "you sure must have been a bad little girl. Just look at all the gray hairs grandmother has!"

Sonny: "Mom, don't you think that was nice of Mrs. Logan to give me all thata fudge candy?" Mom: "Yes, Sonny, and I hope you were real polite to her, like a little gentleman." Sonny: "I couldn'ta been politer to her than I was, Mom. I told her I wished pop had met her before marrying you."

"Do you have a bright future?" said the girls father to his prospective son-in-law. "Sure do," nodded the young man. "Unless your daughter lied about how rich you are."

Most trees take five years to produce nuts, but not a family tree.

There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist-The taxidermist leaves the hide.

Jo Ann's Kut & Kurl

Merry Christmas

Wagon Wheel Cafe

GREETINGS

Once again, the holiest and the happiest of all seasons is with us, inspiring all with its message of joy and peace. To you, at Christmas, our fond greetings.

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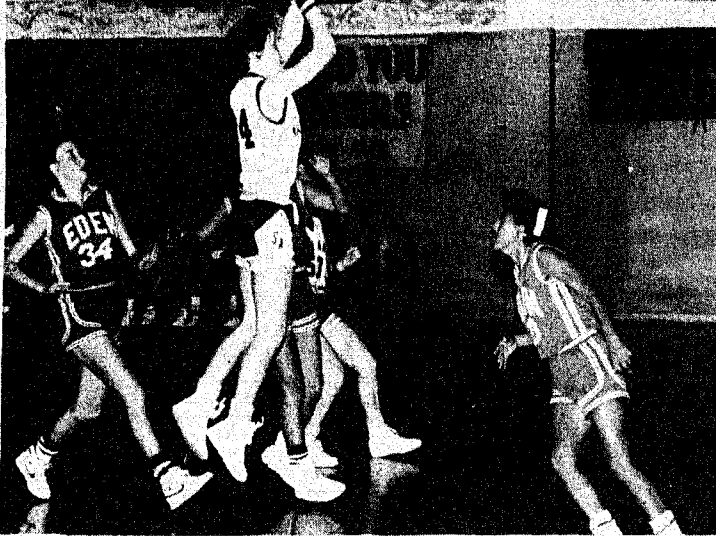
In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

Texas Ranger Motel

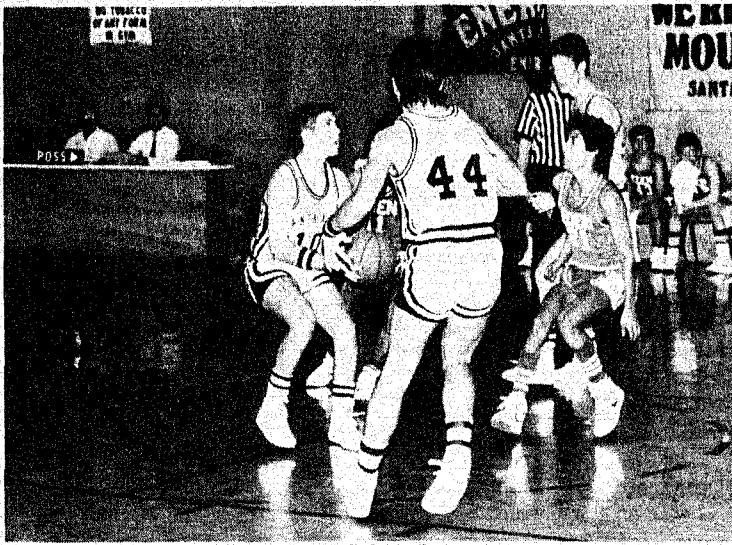
CHRISTMAS  
Greetings

As voices ring out with holiday cheer, we'd like to join them in wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Coleman County  
Electric Coop



Shannon Brown, shooting the ball, was named to the All Tournament Team at the Santa Anna Varsity Tournament held this past weekend. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROY BUSE)



James Hartman, No. 10, was named to the All Tournament Team at the Santa Anna Varsity Tournament held this past weekend. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROY BUSE.)



Irma Castillo, shooting, was named to the All Tournament Team at the Santa Anna Varsity Tournament held this past weekend. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROY BUSE)

*Merry Christmas and the Best of Health*

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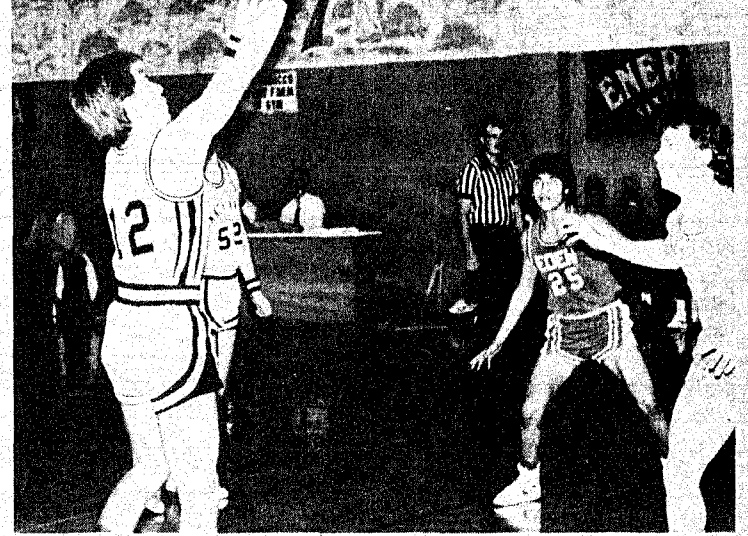
The Santa Anna Girls Basketball Team came out of the Santa Anna Tournament winning all three games that they played. The record for the tournament for all four girls teams playing was Paint Rock, 0-3; Rising Star, 1-2; Blanket, 2-1; and Santa Anna 4-0.

The scores for the tournament stand as follows: On Thursday, Paint Rock lost to Rising Star, 57-43 and Santa Anna won over Blanket, 32-26. On Friday Paint Rock lost to Blanket, 46-37 while Santa Anna won over Rising Star, 51-30. On Saturday Rising Star won out over Blanket, 48-38 and Santa Anna slipped over Paint Rock, 43-42.

Girls making the All Tournament Team were Laura Bearden of Rising Star; Tricia Sparks and Julie Banks, both of Rising Star; and Shannon Brown and Irma Castillo, both of Santa Anna. Melissa Buse was named Most Valuable Player.

The Santa Anna Boys Basketball Team did as well as the Girls Team, winning all three of the Tournament games. The record of the teams playing in the tournament stand as follows: Blanket, 0-3; Rising Star, 1-2; Paint Rock, 2-1; and Santa Anna, 3-0.

The scores for the tournament stand as follows: In the Thursday games Paint Rock won out over Rising Star, 64-50 and Santa Anna won over Blanket 66-59. On Friday Blanket lost to Paint Rock, 49-38 and



Eddie Tomlinson, No. 12, was named to the All Tournament Team at the Santa Anna Varsity Tournament held this past weekend. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROY BUSE)

Rising Star lost to Santa Anna, 63-59. On Saturday Blanket lost to Rising Star, 51-35 while Santa Anna won over Paint Rock, 60-58 in overtime.

Boys making the All Tournament Team were David White of Rising Star; Sam Newton and Venencio Cuevas, both of Paint Rock; and James Hartman and Eddie Tomlinson, both of Santa Anna. Kendall Davison of Santa Anna was named Most Valuable Player.

The Varsity Girls have a record of 5 wins and 7 losses so far. The scores of each game are as follows: Santa Anna 38, Christoval 25; Santa Anna 35, Winters 44; Santa Anna 40, Bronte, 52; Santa Anna 35, Baird, 41; Santa Anna 20, Bronte, 38; Santa Anna 54, Rising Star, 30; (The next three games were played at Baird Tourney) Santa Anna, 31, Clyde, 38;

Santa Anna 31, Jim Ned, 58; Santa Anna 54, Eden 46 in overtime; (The next three games at Santa Anna Tourney) Santa Anna 32, Blanket, 26; Santa Anna 51, Rising Star, 30; and Santa Anna 43, Paint Rock, 42.

Leading Scorer for each game is as follows: Christoval, Melissa Buse, 10 pts; Winters, Diana Castillo, 10 pts; Bronte, Diana Castillo, 10 pts; Baird, Irma Castillo, 14 pts; Bronte, Shannon Brown, 8 pts; Rising Star, Melissa Buse and Maria Moreno, 12 pts. each; Clyde, Melissa Buse, 14 pts; Jim Ned, Melissa Buse, 24 pts; Eden, Melissa Buse, 24 pts; Blanket, Shannon Brown, 9 pts; Rising Star, Shannon Brown, 18 pts; and Paint Rock, Irma Castillo and Silvia Castillo, 12 pts. each.

The Santa Anna Varsity Boys Record is 5 wins and 7 losses for the season. The scores for each game are as follows: Santa Anna 30, San Saba 58; Santa Anna 35, Winters, 75; Santa Anna 44, Bronte 59; Santa Anna 29, Bronte 50; Santa Anna 54, Rising Star 58 in overtime; (the next three games played in Baird Tourney) Santa Anna 39, Clyde, 60; Santa Anna 58, Baird 49; Santa Anna 46, Breckenridge 75; Santa Anna 55, Eden 50; (the next three games played in Santa Anna Tourney) Santa Anna 66, Blanket 58; Santa Anna 63, Rising Star 59; And Santa Anna 60, Paint Rock 58 in overtime.

Leading scorer for each game is as follows: San Saba, James Hartman, 7; Winters, Joey Anderson, 11; Bronte, Kendall Davison, 11; Bronte, Joey Anderson, 10; Rising Star, Eddie Tomlinson, 17; Clyde, Eddie Tomlinson, 13; Baird, Kendall Davison, 21; Breckenridge, Kendall Davison, 12; Eden, James Hartman, 15; Blanket, Kendall Davison, 14; Rising Star, Kendall Davison, 27; and Paint Rock, Kendall Davison, 31.

The next games are on Tuesday, December 30 against Lohn at the Home Courts. JV Boys will play at 5 p.m.; Varsity Girls at 6:30 p.m. and Varsity Boys at 8:00 p.m.

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## Dreaming Of A "Lite" Christmas

If you're dreaming of a "lite" Christmas that won't require a New Year's resolution to lose unwanted pounds, nutritionists with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service have the following suggestions:

- +Substitute ingredients to reduce fat and calories. Use low-fat dairy products and cut back on the sugar and fat in holiday cooking. Many recipes can be adjusted without a noticeable difference in taste.
- +Change cooking methods to reduce fat. Start by staying away from fried foods. Steam, bake, boil or broil instead of frying. Use low-calorie, no-stick aerosols or no-stick pans that require no fat for cooking. If you're making gravy for a holiday feast, skim off the fat.
- +Eat more fiber. Fiber will satisfy your appetite without adding a lot of calories. Eat plenty of fresh fruits

and vegetables, whole grains and cereals so you won't want to fill up on rich desserts and other high-calorie dishes.

- +Eat slowly and reduce the size of your portions. Since it takes about 20 minutes before your stomach will feel satisfied, take at least that much time to eat your first helping. Then, perhaps you won't feel the need for seconds or thirds.
- +Do some "calorie-banking". If you anticipate a big splurge at one meal or party, save up some extra calories by eating nutritious, low-calorie meals for several days in advance. Then treat yourself to the special occasion without worrying about the extra calories.

The Extension nutritionists add that these practices are appropriate year-round and when coupled with regular exercise, can help you stay within a beautiful weight range.

## Texas Pioneer Celebrates 106th Birthday



Mary Neely

HUDSPETH COUNTY, TEXAS)—Mary L. Neely, West Texas pioneer, will celebrate her 106th birthday on December 28, at her ranch home about 75 miles downriver from El Paso.

Last year, December 28, 1985, her 105th birthday, was proclaimed Mary Neely Day by Governor Mark White. The proclamation said: "Her long and rich life exemplifies the pioneer spirit that tamed the wildest parts of Texas." In 1984 the State Senate passed a resolution honoring her.

The inspiring life of Mary Neely began in 1880 in Comanche County, Texas, where she was born to Frank and Lucretia Holmsley. Her father was a frontier doctor, and she was his assistant during her girlhood. She used this early medical training for the next several decades, ministering to the needs of family and neighbors in isolated West Texas communities where there were no doctors.

At age 22, she married Joe Holmes Neely. Their honeymoon was a three-month trip in a covered wagon to New Mexico, where several months later their first child, Joe, Jr., was born. They moved back to Texas to manage a ranch where Mrs. Neely faced rattlesnakes, panthers, and outlaws. She had to rope wild cows to get milk for the family to drink.

In 1905, the Neelys moved to Dell City, Texas, where they managed another ranch for ten years. Their second son Tom was born here. In a final move, the family bought several sections of land west of McNary, near the Rio Grande, about 75 miles downriver from El Paso. They made the move in wagons and a Model T Ford, according to Mrs. Neely, "driving cattle eight or ten miles a day, keeping them out of bogs and arroyos, dodging flashfloods."

At that time, the border was a

haven for Pancho Villa's band and rustlers, and the Neely's newly acquired house was full of bullet holes. Their ranch was a success, providing them with the necessities, plus cattle, hogs, cotton and mohair to sell.

Wherever she lived, Mrs. Neely used her medical training, treating broken bones and wounds, and acting as midwife for her neighbors on both sides of the border.

In addition to grueling work-heavy outdoor ranch work and keeping a frontier household going—and acting as the only medical help within miles, the 4'11" Mrs. Neely found time to read aloud daily to her children. The family valued education, and Mrs. Neely has continued her reading, study and intellectual correspondence throughout her life.

Her husband died in 1952, and for several years, Mrs. Neely—known as "Grandma"—continued to run the ranch by herself. She now has sold or leased portions of the ranch, but she still lives in their original adobe ranch house with her son, Joe, 85, a retired Navy career officer, and his wife. Her younger son, Tom, 81—a

## VA News

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q—My first husband died of service-connected causes and I received VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) until I remarried. My second husband recently died. Can I regain my eligibility for DIC payments?

A—Yes. DIC benefits based on the death of a spouse may be restored if the subsequent marriage ends through death, divorce, or annulment.

Q—I may join either the National Guard or an active Reserve component. What educational assistance is available to me from the VA?

A—The Selective Reserve Educational Assistance Program provides educational assistance for eligible persons who enter the National Guard or a Reserve Component during the period July 1, 1965 through June 30, 1968 and who agree to serve six years in the Selective Reserve.

Q—What are the specific requirements for eligibility under the Selective Reserve G.I. bill?

A—The Reservist must have agreed to serve six years in the Selective Reserve; have completed at least 180 days service in the Selective Reserve; be a high school graduate or have obtained an equivalency certificate of high school completion and have completed Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), if required.

retired Hudspeth County judge-lives in nearby Sierra Blanca. Tom calls himself "the baby of the family." The Neely brothers joke about who will take care of their mother when they die.

This year, Tom reports that his mother is doing extremely well. "We think she is doing real well for somebody her age," he says, "but then nobody is sure how somebody her age is supposed to be doing." Unfortunately for someone who has always been an avid reader, her eyesight is failing. "People read to her," Tom notes, "but it's not the same."

On past birthdays, Mary Neely has received greetings from such notables as Governor Bill Clements, President Carter, and President Reagan. Last year, she garnered much statewide publicity regarding Governor White's proclamation of Mary Neel Day. Tom Neely says she has saved all her news clippings and is very happy about the recognition. However, Mrs. Neely is not interested in celebrity as much as she is in spiritual and intellectual progress. She enjoys discussing books that interest her, and her philosophy of life and death.

She has many friends and relatives, and quite a few are expected to visit her this year in honor of her 106th birthday.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Merry Christmas To All

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 Boys Scouts, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 Lions Club, noon Cub Scouts, 4:00 p.m. 1st Baptist Church CLC Basketball SA vs Lohn, There, 5 p.m.

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By Annie Mae Brimer

## LIVING CENTER

Thelma Whitehead visitors were Stena Mitchell, Sarah Stewart and Mildred Shaffar.

Edna Wells visitors were Jackie Jennings, JoAnn Hale and Carrie Hale.

Minnie Greer was visited by Alma Webb.

Vista Cox visitors were Ethel Stubblefield, Nell Arnold, Maggie Ruth Stokes, Sarah Stewart, Claudine Brown, Minnie Greer, Thelma Whitehead, Edna Wells, Mildred Shaffar and Skipper Hollinger.

## NURSING HOME

The Melody Makers visited Tuesday afternoon and sang for an hour. It was a beautiful program. The residents enjoyed the singing of Doris and Les Aderholt, Wanda Wallace, Allene Needham, Virginia Wood, Lorene Wynn, Gladys Creek, Neal Smith and Myrtle Chapman.

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Lindley, Mrs. Nolan, and Mrs. Keeney sang for thirty minutes Tuesday evening.

The flowers are beautiful that Bangs Drug Mart sent. The residents enjoy them so much.

The residents were delighted to have Kathy Wiegand and Patsy Starr bring the students of the Adventist Church School to visit and present a Christmas program Tuesday morning. Thanks to much for including us with this treat.

We had the most beautiful birthday party Thursday afternoon. The Valera Baptist Church sponsored the party. Geneva Baxter, Helen Laws, and Helen Smith brought Angel Food cakes. John Hunter and Herbert Houser sang for the entertainment as Myrtle Chapmas played the piano. Helen Laws, Christine Watson, Claudine Brown and Jeanette Brock served refreshments to May Tyson, Donald Young, Nell Mulanax, Norval Wylie, Vera Shield, Dicy Dowe, James Dixon, Myrtle Bruton, Mary Hoffman and Vista Cox of the living center and a large number of residents and guests. We appreciate every act of kindness shown to make the party such a fun time. Thanks a million.

Thank you Henri Etta Gilbreath for the box of candy; we are enjoying it so much.

We were so happy to have Santa make his annual visit Friday afternoon. He took gifts and visited each resident on each hall that could not come to the dining room for the Christmas Party and get their gift from under the Christmas tree. Santa greeted each resident at the party and handed out candy. After the

refreshments of cookies and punch that Mildred Galloway, Pauline Eubank and Angell Hamm provided were served. Santa distributed gifts from under the tree to all the other residents. Loretta Cochran, Wanda Morris, Myrtle Chapman and Mr. Cochran provided entertainment to a large number of residents and guests. This was the best Christmas Party we ever had.

Thirty-two first grade students and their teachers, Coyita Bowker, Dorothy Harris and bus driver Angie Hernandez presented a beautiful Christmas program Friday morning to a large number of residents. It is so wonderful to have the young people visit the nursing home. We just love it.

Lucy Billings visitors were Lena Faye and Otto Irby, Ernest Clark, and Clovis and Claris Billings.

Opal Maples visitors were Ethel Stubblefield, Nieves Guerrero, Henry Cornett, Dorothy Eisenhower, Billie Simons and Saterine Akin.

May Tyson was visited by Jo Tyson.

Clara Traylor visitor was Gladys Day.

Dominga Diaz visitors were Sammie Espita and boys, Ofelia Vela, Bessie Quiroz and Samuel.

Johnnie Thompson visitors were Mary Beth Hall, James Thompson, J. T. Thompson, Tom and Della West.

Stena Mitchell visited Cleo Canady and Ivy Sparkman.

Clarinda and Nancy Menges visitors were Fannie Gilbert, Ann Spencer, Dorothy Alsbrook, Murrel and Betty Menges, Mrs. Keeney and Henry Cornett.

Jessie Thate visitors were Hugh and Nell Thate, Kenneth Thate and George Thate.

Myrtle Bruton visitors were Raleigh and Sandra Bruton, Sharon, Allen and Ben Bruton.

Karen LaMond visitors were Betty and Nadine McClellan.

Eunice Stout visitors were Annette and Bill Lenefeld.

Ivy Leist visitors were Woodrow Baxter, Frank and Ruth Baxter.

Marie Hill visitors were Glenda Keeney, Ruby Parker, and Julian Whitley.

Net Reis visitors were Hall Hagler, Clinton Reis and Juanelle Hagler.

Nell Mulanax and Beulah Hyden visitors were Doris and Les Aderholt, Christine and Fred Watson, Kenneth Mulanax, S. D. and Lula Belle Conner.

Earl Chapman visitors were Elgean Harris, Edyth Hosch, Bette Henderson, Dick Longbrake, Loretta Cochran, Garland and Annie Mae Powell, and Rev. Claude Davison.

Estelle Todd visitors were Hubert and Misty Todd, Ernest Clark, Clinton and Net Reis, Jerry and Helen Todd and Maggie Ruth Stokes.

Dois Wagon visitors were Wanda Daniel and Fawn Wagnon.

Cora Mikeska visitors were Charlie Joe and Dell Mikeska.

Millard Thomason visitors were Margaret Bowman, Lucile Smith and Lugenia Thorp.

Frances Eckert visitors were Alma Marrs, Virginia Turney and Norma White.

Margarete Hill visitors were Gladys Day and Ruby Howard.

Frances Tucker visitors were Pete and Winnie Rutherford, Anna Puckett and Archie Tucker.

Estelle Simmons visitors were Nell Arnold and Eldred Simmons.

Ovie Jenkins visitors were Claris and Clovis Billings, Wayne and Anna Mae Jenkins, Lena Faye and Otto Irby.

Mary Jane Shields visitors were Misty Morris, Loretta Cochran, Sheila Jones, Brenda Cochran, Toni Cochran, Wanda Morris and Stevie Cochran.

Nyla Simmons visitors were Jim and Dorothy Eisenhower, Ann Puckett, Myrtle Chapman, and Vicki Green.

La Dona Estes visitors were Audie Conner, Louise McClellan, Betty Day and James Estes.

We are so happy Vera Shields is back from the hospital. Her visitors were W. D. Scarbrough and Pauline Eubank.

Otis Hale visitors were Ruby and Clem Shanks, Ninnie Boatright, Avelene Bowers, Britney Bowers, and Fannie Gilbert.

Jim Daniell visitors were Gladys Day, Ruby Howard, Edyth Hosch, Bette Henderson, Joe Taylor, Jimmy and Dorothy Eisenhower, Henry Cornett, Mrs. Dick Baugh and W. D. Scarbrough.

Mary Phillips visitors were Angell Hamm, Doris and Les Aderholt, Wanda Wallace, Lorene Wynn, Allene Needham, Virginia Wood, Gladys Creek and Neal Smith.

Ora Caldwell visitors were Charles and Jean Caldwell, Edyth Hosch, Mrs. Green, Betty Henderson, Jimmy and Dorothy Eisenhower, Edith Norris, Lucile Wylie, Dan and Bobby Caldwell, Lindy Gail and Mindy Sebesta, Albert Sebesta, Mary Helen Kendrick and Mark.

Norval Wylie visitors were Cullen Perry, Dick, Vivian and David Chaffin, Jewel Hosch, Ethel Williams, Pete and Winnie Rutherford, E. V. Hosch, Betty Henderson, Margaret Bowman, Lugenia Thorpe, Lucile Smith, Millard Thomason and

## Claudine Brown.

Linda Childress visitors were Louise Gordon, Sarah Bomar and Bob Gordon.

Faye Jewell visitors were Allan Jewell, Dexter Jewell, and Janice Wells.

Christine Sanders went to Ft. Worth to celebrate Christmas this weekend. She was visited by Pat Johnson and Juanelle Hagler.

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us.

## Martin Robbins, Coleman

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**GREETINGS**

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