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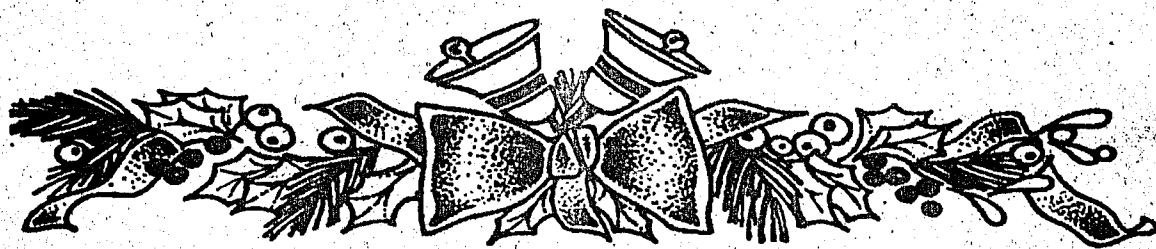
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Thursday, December 25, 1997



*Wishing You Peace And Joy  
As We Celebrate  
The Reason For The Season*



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**Birthdays  
&  
Anniversaries**

**DECEMBER 25**  
Christy Noel Strother  
Bob Runyan  
Mr&Mrs O.H. Watson \*  
Mr&Mrs. Guy Whisenant \*

**DECEMBER 26**  
Reece McIver  
Celeste Simmons  
Mr&Mrs Danny Wheatley \*

**DECEMBER 27**  
Scott Findley  
Mr&Mrs Larry Steele \*

**DECEMBER 28**  
B.D. Brock  
Manuel Frausto  
Beth Craig

**DECEMBER 29**  
Paula Blanton  
David Tidd

**DECEMBER 30**  
Mr & Mrs Danny Kellar \*  
Charles Wetsel  
Roy Lee Shields III  
Dalia Wetzel  
Mr&Mrs. James Hartman \*

**DECEMBER 31**  
Steven Blanton  
Graham Fitzpatrick  
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**JANUARY 1**  
Rocanna Barton  
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Cathy Gene Strother

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Pearl Bodine; a daugh-  
gene Musgrove of Dallas;  
several grandchildren; and  
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ndale, CA.  
He was preceded in death by his  
parents and one brother, William  
Earl Ragsdale.

**Santa Anna  
Nutrition  
Center Menu**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
BBQ brisket on bun, ranch style  
beans, potato salad and sliced  
peaches

**See The Lights**

If you haven't taken time yet to  
enjoy all the beautiful light  
displays and other yard Christmas  
decorations in our little town and  
surrounding rural areas, you need to  
give yourself this special gift!

**SUNDAY MORNING**  
"My New Favorite Verse"

**SUNDAY EVENING**  
Preaching From REVELATION  
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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

An alternative Children's Church  
(ages infant to 10 yrs.) on Sunday  
evenings - a separate worship  
designed for children.

**First Baptist Church**  
Marty Reed, Pastor  
915-348-3725

**COW POKES** By Ace Reid

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"Say Jake, I mean Santy, what I want for  
Christmas is that \$10 which a cowboy named  
Jake borrowed from me last Christmas!"

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**Check  
It Out**

By Alice Anna Spillman

The library will be closed  
Wednesday, December 24 through  
Friday, December 26. We will be  
open Monday, December 28.

Happy holidays from Ovella,  
Betty, Nell Myers and I. We are  
very grateful for all the donations of  
time and money and love you have  
given us this 1997.

If you are looking for a last  
minute gift that will last a long  
time, buy a book! There's one that  
will appeal to everyone. There are  
second hand books available here  
and in Coleman and Brownwood.  
Several stores carry new books.  
The latest Goosebumps should  
please any hard to please teenager.  
Give men in your family westerns,  
mysteries or how to repair books.  
Mothers seem to like historic fic-  
tion and cookbooks. A gift certifi-  
cate so they can select their own is  
a hit.

Celebrate the ending of this year.  
Start a clean slate for 1998.  
**RETURN YOUR OVERDUE  
BOOKS.** Look in your book-  
shelves to see what you may have.  
Children out of school can return  
these. They may even feel good  
about it.

I've often been asked about the  
hot dogs in sauce that have been  
served. Try it for new years. Call  
it Lucy Dogs:

1 jar of chili sauce  
1 jar of red current jelly  
Melt together. Add a pound of  
cocktail size wieners. Heat thor-  
oughly. Good the next day. 2 jars  
each should marinate 3 pounds of  
hot dogs.

Betty recommends Dr. Dean  
Ornish's Program for Reversing  
Heart Disease that Margaret (Peggy)  
Hensley gave to the library. Since  
most of us over ate over the holi-  
days, this may be good for us all.

Betty used one of the recipes and  
made a pretty red and green dish for  
our open house. Betty poured pints  
of bean dip into a bowl then covered  
with green pea guacamole. Then  
topped it with tomato salsa.

The guacamole is high calorie  
with fat so Dr. Ornish eliminated  
that problem. Here's his recipe:  
3 cups green peas fresh or frozen  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 cup red onions  
2 teaspoons minced garlic

**Fishing  
Lake Ivie**

**Merry  
Christmas**

Wishing you  
peace and joy as  
we celebrate the  
birth of the  
fisherman of  
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Christmas Day.

Open until noon New  
Year's Eve. Closed  
New Year's Day



**Fourth Grade Gives Proceeds From  
Play To Santa Anna Ministerial Alliance**

Santa Anna fourth graders presented the play "A Pound of Miracles" to the student body, parents and visitors last Friday morning. For several weeks prior to the play each class collected pennies for the play and those attending were asked to contribute at least a penny for admission. The students collected over \$400.00 which they presented to the Santa Anna Ministerial Alliance. The weight of the pennies was 167 pounds. Pictured above presenting the money are fourth graders Logan Lacy, Rudy Enriquez, Bianca Dean, Kathy Wheeler and Rainey Bacon, teacher Janet Neff and Marty Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church and president of the Santa Anna Ministerial Alliance.

**NEWS Office  
Closed For  
Vacation;**

The NEWS office will be closed  
from Wednesday, December 24  
through Friday, January 2.

Everyone is asked to drop news  
items through the slot to the left of  
the door.

You will receive paper the  
Thursday, January 1, however,  
since the paper is actually being  
printed earlier, some of the current  
events may not be included.  
Anything which may occur during  
the time we are closed will appear  
in the January 8 issue of the  
NEWS.

The staff of the Santa Anna News  
is taking this opportunity for some  
vacation and spending the holidays  
with family.

1 teaspoon cumin  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne  
If the peas are fresh steam to  
crisp stage, frozen defrost. Puree  
the entire mixture in blender or food  
processor.

A good recipe for watch parties or  
for watching TV New Year's Day.  
Meet you back here in 1998!

**Methodist Church Announces Christmas  
Eve, New Year's Eve Services**

The Santa Anna First United  
Methodist Church will be holding a  
Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. on  
Christmas Eve.

On New Year's Eve the Church a

**WARNING  
TO ALL MINORS!!!**

Starting January 1, 1998, an individual who is younger than  
18 years of age commits an offense if the individual:

Possesses a cigarette or tobacco product, or purchases, con-  
sumes or accepts a cigarette or tobacco product.

Also, an individual who is younger than 18 years of age  
commits an offense if he or she falsely represents himself or  
herself to be 18 years of age or older by displaying proof of age  
that is false, fraudulent, or not actually proof of the individual's  
own age in order to obtain possession of purchase, or receive a  
cigarette or tobacco product.

Violation of this law is punishable by a fine not to exceed  
\$250.00.

Some examples of this law are:

1. If you are under 18 and riding in or driving a vehicle that has a pack of cigarettes or a can of snuff in plain view, then you and any other individual under the age of 18 (that is in the vehicle) are committing an offense.
2. If you have a pack of cigarettes in your purse or a can of dip in your pocket and you are under the age of 18 then you are committing an offense.
3. If you are under 18 and you are smoking or dipping, even a very small amount, you are committing an offense.

If you are under 18 years of age this is your **WARNING!**  
Don't violate this law or you will receive a citation. Respect  
your body, don't use tobacco, don't smoke.

The Santa Anna Police Department will be enforcing this law  
beginning January 1, 1998.

**Presbyterian  
Church Plans  
Candlelight  
Service**

The Santa Anna Presbyterian  
Church will hold a Candlelight  
Service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.  
The public is invited.

**City and County Maps Available At Local Businesses**

Through a project of the Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce, various local  
businesses are making available free of charge or at minimal cost, maps of  
Santa Anna and Coleman County. Be sure to pick one up.

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Mr. Magoo (PG)  
Thurs, Dec 25 - Thurs, Jan 1  
1:00 3:00 5:00 7:10 9:20

Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13)  
Thurs, Dec 25 - Thurs, Jan 1  
1:30 4:45 7:15 9:45

Titanic (PG-13)  
Thurs, Dec 25 - Thurs, Jan 1  
12:45 4:30 8:30

Scream 2 (R)  
Thurs, Dec 25 - Thurs, Jan 1  
1:15 4:30 7:00 9:40

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Sincerely,  
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Dear Editor

Editor's Note: Our recent pictures of the Sealy hospital and then the article regarding Camille Shield's birthday has stirred up interest in years gone by. A reader brought to our attention this letter which appeared in the Santa Anna News in June 1984 as a reminder of what Santa Anna once was.

I read with great interest your "Off the Cuff" with today's issue, June 21, because of Joe Haynes remarks about my father, Lee L. Shield. I remember vividly watching the men build the dam and ripping it to keep it from washing away. I, too, was born in 1897, over the old rock Dry Goods Store which papa owned (among 18 other businesses!). That dam was Santa Anna's first water supply.

Previous to that, our water supply was a well in the middle of the street square, by papa's livery stable and what later became Joe Mathew's garage. I have a picture of the well taken by a Mr. Chambers--the only photographer then in Santa Anna.

Among the crowd in the picture were Stafford Baxter, Uncle Rome Shield, my brothers, Leon and Jo, and the Hubert Band boys, my mother's brothers. They were the organizers of the first Mountain City Band: Frank, Harry and Raymond Hubert. There was a few years ago still standing behind Grandpa Hubert's house on the side of the mountain, a gazebo where they held Sunday concerts. It is behind the house on Mountain Street that has the garage flush to the street. My mother later died in that house.

I can't imagine why Papa had a "big six-shooter" on at that time since Santa Anna was a law-abiding town by then.

Papa's first store, after moving from Trickham, was in the gap of the mountain. Later, when the railroad came, he moved to near the depot and built a wooden store. When his business began to grow, he built the rock store with rock quarried by Mr. Perry. It was Mr. Perry who carved the rock urns above the store that has been moved to Saledo, Texas. It was fascinating to watch Mr. Perry work with those rocks behind what is now the Ford Barnes house.

It was in a cave (now demolished) that Juanita Hunter, Jody Mitchell and I used to cook mulagatauney stew, and have picnics.

Santa Anna was an ideal place to grow up in. Burgess Sealy, Nettie Griffin and I often talk about it, since we were raised next door to each other. Burgess has made an enviable record for his life and so has Nettie. She is the most erudite person I know.

Sincerely,  
Carmille Shield Wallace

From all of us

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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

**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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**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.

**Best Fried Chicken**

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Coleman

**Glad Tidings**

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

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

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Tom and Sally Walker  
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Clarence Smith, Corne Adams, Helen Jones, Ann Hargett,  
D'Ann Tisdale, Billy McCorkle, Pat Justice

**Walker Funeral Home**  
Coleman

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

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

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Peace on Earth  
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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.

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# Dear Santa, Please bring me.....

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a duck that floats in  
and a set of Legos.

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I want a Big Barbie with a  
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llerina dancer.

Love,  
Ranee Cupps

DEAR SANTA,  
I WANT A FOOTBALL AND A  
DOG AND A CAT AND A BIKE  
AND A HOLEHOP  
AND A TURTLE STEPHEN

dear santa i love you ana i want a  
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Dear Santa,  
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DEAR SANTA I WANT A TOY  
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A TOY REMOFE CONTROL  
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costume with teeth and atoy snake  
michael jordon toy and a cat for my  
sister and a choo choo train.  
jordan to santa'

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a bike and some skates. I  
want a hockey game and a cassette  
tape with Christmas Music like  
Jingle Bells. I'd like a real horse  
too.

Love,  
Harlie Anderson



Dear Santa Clause  
I have been a very good boy this  
year. Please bring me a Tickle Me  
Elemo and some new cars to play  
with and I want a new black bike  
with training wheels, and Please  
bring me a play gun. My sister and  
I will be at my mamaw's and papa's  
house. Please bring my toys over  
there.

Love,  
Kenneth McMillan

I want Santa to bring me a  
computer and a Barbie doll who has  
hair hanging all the way down to  
her feet. I really need a Barbie doll  
that has hair that changes colors  
when it gets wet, and a dal that  
blows bubbles out of her head and a  
toy baby doll is good.

I want to tell Santa that I love  
him.

Love,  
Heather McMillan

## 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

### 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!

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Dear Santa,  
I want a my size Barbie, roller  
skates, and a Pocahontas doll. I  
need new shoes and socks. I lost  
all my socks. Please bring my  
mama a X-mas tree cause we don't  
have one. Santa please bring Jason  
a desk. Tell your wife, Mary, that I  
love her and I love you, too.

Love,  
Brittany Anderson

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a Teddy Bear  
and a Power Ranger Doll. A toy  
snake would really make mama  
happy. I need a Jack in the box,  
too. I love you, Santa. Thank you  
for all the presents. I have bee a  
really good boy.

Love, Austin Martin

Dear Santa,  
I really need a BB gun, a giga pet  
with a dog and a play RoboCop  
would be fun. Thank you Santa.  
Also I want a spinning bird that  
spins on my finger.

Love,  
Dustin Weiss

*Greetings*

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

### 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.

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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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May the  
warmth of the  
season  
embrace you.

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Christmas  
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Happy  
New Year**

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**Merry  
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The Very Best  
New Year**

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the holidays.....  
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and good fortune and  
enjoy the season!

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### Seasons Greetings

Thanks to our customers  
for your patronage and  
confidence throughout  
the year. We are looking  
forward to serving you  
in the coming year.  
Wishing you peace at  
Christmas and a very  
happy new year.

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# Dear Santa, Please bring me.....

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gocart for Christmas. Have a wonderful flight and a safe ride. We all hope you get to everybody on earth. Please bring my mom a diamond ring.  
Love,  
Troy Weiss

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a C.D. play fr Christmas. The next thing I want is a Nintendo 64. That's all I want from Santa. One more thing please help people who need things.  
Love,  
Abraham Dancy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to help my Aunt Sylvia look for a tree for Christmas. I want that Jumanji game for Christmas. Then I want one more thing that is Monopoly game so I can play it. I also want a Giga pet so I can play it too.  
Love,  
Monica Cortez

Dear Santa Claus  
The first thing I would like is a new born baby. Then I want to have a 5,000 bead set. I want to get one more hole in my ears pierced one more time. I would like to wish for my aunt's arm to get better. I wish all a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Tracy Hale

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to help the people that are poor and don't have a home. For Christmas I want a Sega Saturn game called Sonic Blast game. Then I want a Gigapet that's called Salom the Cat.  
Love,  
Rolando Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some clothes for Christmas. I also want a computer. May I have a phone too. Could you get a doll called Casey Cartwheel for my little sister?  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Chelsea Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus  
How have you been? How is your wife Mrs. Santa Claus? I hope the elves have a great Christmas! For Christmas I would like a computer and a slot so I could put them in my computer to play games. Could I have a little Mermaid? Her name is Ariel. Did you know my mom had twins?  
Love,  
Megan Ruiz



Dear Santa,  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a JP command center, Van Adidas suit, purple batmobile that turns into boat and a plane, toy story computer game and laster fight game.  
Love Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a gray computer and a tv and vcr that is green and red. How is Rudolph doing? Meery Christmas to all and Happy Now Year. Meery Christmas Santa claus. Love Sierra Herrod

Dear Santa,  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a puzzle. It has Minnie and Mickey. I want a cell phone it is green and I can take my phone anywhere I want! I want a walkie-Talkie. Thank you Goodbye.  
Sincerely  
Martika Whaley

Dear santa,  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want the c.d. champagne super Nova and a playstation and even a T.V. from Jarod to santa.  
Best Wishes  
Jarod Jones

Dear santa,  
I will write a Letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want I want a puppy for Christmas. I want a Superwoman action figure. I love you and Mrs. Santa, too.  
Chris Warrick

I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a speed bike. Please bring me a whistle-football too.  
I Love you, Santa  
Jonathon Evans

Dear Santa  
I will write a letter to tell you what I would like for christmas. The first thing I would like to have is a My size barbie that dances and I can wear her clothes.  
Next I would like is a real talkng Bubba that says 100 words. Next thing I would like is a walky talky with Barbie sounds. Then I would like some sparkle Barbie, roller blades.  
But there is one little question how is Rudolph doing? But the best thing on my list is the evryone has the merriest christmas ever. Next thing is that I get the movie Anestasia and the Anestasia Barbie. Also I would like an under ground swimming pool. See you on christmas eve.  
Love  
Rebekah  
Reed

Dear Santa.  
I want to write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want love. The second thing I want for Christmas is a Big Barbie jeep that I can fit in. But mostly I want Diaper surprise.  
I wish I could see you Santa and Mrs. claus signed  
Dani Stegar

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please give me a remote control car and a roping dummy. Also I want A ping pong table. Please bring my mom, dad, brothers, nephew and my sister-in-law something. Remember the people who don't get gifts,  
Love,  
Trey Holt

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a fingernail design kit. I also want a Barbie with long blond removeable hair. I would like to see my mom for Christmas. And I wish Dexter a Happy Birthday.  
Love,  
Daisy Kay Bolds

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

Sharon Guthrie  
Sharon's  
Beauty Salon

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
Wishing a very merry season to all of our friends.  
Thank you for your support.

**Pearce Veterinary Clinic**  
Trickham Road - Santa Anna  
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To our many good neighbors we offer our sincere best wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

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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!

**COLEMAN COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**

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

**Coleman County Electric Cooperative**

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# Dear Santa, Please bring me...

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



*Wishing you an old fashion Christmas with love and joy as you gather with family and friends. May the new year bring you much happiness. We truly appreciate your business.*

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Sonny & Nora Hall

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JOY  
LOVE  
FAITH  
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FAITH

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

**First Coleman National Bank**

Dear Santa,  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a cell phone, a football and to see my brother. I want a 20 speed purple bike and a new friend.  
I Love you, Santa  
Jason Anderson

Dear Santa,  
I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a pink and Blue bike and a pair of rollerblades and new nike shoes. I also want a green diary and my size Barbie.  
Love Keshia Wirts

Dear Santa  
I will write a letter to tell you about what I want for Christmas. I want a Barbie Anastasia, red powder makeup and lipstick, the movie Anastasia and one more question how is Rudolph doing?  
Love  
Becca Fellers

Dear Santa,  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a ten speed bike. I also want a pair of Nike tennis shoes and a suit.  
Your truly,  
Demitrus Reese

Dear Santa from Billy  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a buss like the one on toy store another I want is a guitar the colors are covrn boncolors the last thing I want a toy car that runs by a control  
Love  
Billy Kuykendall

Dear Santa  
I want a Barbie phone please. And a Barbie tape and some clothes. A bear too.  
Sarah Pelton



Dear Santa,  
I will write you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Hanson T-Shirt and roller blades and Nike shoes a barbi and a diary. Santa and a swimming pool. I want a purple bike and a blue computer. I want a brown horesl want it real.  
Santa please bring me those thing's.  
I Love you Santa.  
Love Kealie L'shae Tomlinson

Dear Santa  
I will write a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Barbie and it wears a pink dress and red bike and nintendo 64 and get Mr. Nixon a car and Mrs. Hernandez a swimming pool.  
Your friend  
Terrence Jackson

Dear Santa,  
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*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.  
**Western Auto**  
Clint & Rita Day



**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** John 1:29  
*May you be blessed with peace and understanding throughout this holy season.*

**Coleman County Broadcasting Systems**

*Peace On Earth*  
May the love of God smile upon you at Christmas.

**HENDERSON FUNERAL HOME**  
Santa Anna & Coleman  
Donnie & Christina Anderson  
Todd McMillan  
Clarence Smith, Leo Ray Higgins  
Dobbia Davis  
Raymond Jones, Richard Cupps

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

**Coleman County Farm Bureau Insurance**  
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The first thing I want santa to bring me is a barbie and then I want walky talky and then I want him to bring me remote control Under my christmas tree are two surprises one is for my mom and dad. Santa comes down my chimney and says hello he sees me i wonder what he put under my chirstmas tree i wonder and i wonder  
Adelaida

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want boots for chistmas.  
Your friend,  
Joanie

DEAR SANTA, I want my size barbie and I want a barbie and I want a boy barbie and I want a dog and I want a bear and decorate our tree and it is prety and I love the tree.  
Molly

Dear Santa Clause  
I've been a very good girl this year! Please bring me a Barbie with long hair that changes colors in the water and I would like a purple Bike with training wheels. And I would like a computer for my brother and I. I will leave cookies and milk for you at my Mamaw's and Papa's house.  
Love,  
Heather McMillan

Santa,  
I want 2 whistle footballs and a water jeep. I'd like some jet skis, too. I need a shotgun so I can go hunting with my dad. Please bring a surprise for my mom and dad-something new. I've been a good, good boy. You can ask my mom and dad. Thank you for bringing me lots of toys.  
Love,  
Jordan Evans

# Dear Santa, Please bring me.....

Dear Santa Claus,  
The first thing I would like is a girl's bike. I wish for a computer, and a disk too. The third thing is a CD player and a CD disk. Merry Christmas to Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Love,  
Kimberly Lawhon

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish I could have a collection of books called Goosebumps. The other thing I wish for is a Sega Saturn. I wish my dad could find a better job here and my mom could have a new car. I want my nephew Dane Ray Parker, Jr. to have a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Kyle Culver

Dear Santa Claus,  
for Christmas I want a Gameboy, Shoes, and a bike. I hope all the reindeer are ok. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

love,  
Michael Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a nice bike and a giga pet that I saw at Walmart. Would you help the poor people get food and have a place to live. Will you bring Kelsey a Doodle Bear.

Love,  
Josh Rivera

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope I get a Daredevil 500. Could you get me an Explorer Kit. Some action figures would be nice. Blitzen is my favorite reindeer. Say hi to him for me.

Love,  
William Joseph Laviolotte

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have a nice day when you are giving lot of toys to us. The thing I want most for Christmas is a big doll to play with. I ask for a doll last year but I did not get one. Please remember me this year. I also want a bear that I can sleep with. Lashawn wants a new pant suit. Can you make my wishes come true?

I love you Santa  
Jelisa Kirven

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to get a remote control car. I would like some new Nike shoes. I would like some Nike shirts and a Nike wind suit too. I hope you are able to get everywhere this Christmas.

Love,  
Ben McIver

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Tv, a go cart, a Super Sega. Have a great ride and have fun. Please bring little Alex drivable Jeep. I wish you a Merry Christmas. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,  
T. J. Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gigga pet and some shoes that I saw at Target in Abilene. I want to help my mom cause she had a baby boy. I wish I could see my grandma and grandpa. I especially want to see my dad Even though I want to see him I can't because he lives in Houston.

Love,  
Crystal Camacho

Dear Santa Claus,  
What I want for Christmas is a Whiz Ad computer and anew bibke. I really want a Giga Pet. One more thing I want is for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,  
Audra Hubbard

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a C.D. player. I also want a computer. I would like the hair wrap braid kit. If you can I would like you to give Olga Guerrero a daimond bracelet, Benny Guerrero a tool set, Chris Guerrero a Tommy Hilfiger T-shirt and Benny Joe Guerrero a keyboard for playing music. I wish you a Happy Christmas Eve and I hope you get all the presents delivered that night.

Love,  
Priscilla Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus,  
This is what I want for Christmas this year. First I want a little white puppy. Next I want a T.V. with all the channels that it could have. Now I want to wish for my grandmas. I wish she could get anew red car. I want it to be just like her old one. I hope everyone has the Merriest Christmas ever. I want you have a Merry Christmas too.

Love,  
Michelle Wetsel

Dear Santa Claus,  
These are the three things I want. I would like a ten speed bike for Christmas. Next I would want a playstation. I like for my family and the Guerreros to have a Happy Holiday.

Love,  
Dustin Deleon



Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a C.D. player for Christmas. Next I want a computer for Christmas. I also wish I had a race truck. The last thing I want is a bike. I want to give someone else something especially my little sister who wants a radio.

Love,  
Chris Silva

Dear Santa,  
I want a Hot Wheels race track, the Lost World race track with T-Rex, and a hot wheels garage. I would also like a paint set because I draw a lot. Also I need a soft football.

Thanks,  
West Tucker

Dear Santa,  
I will write a letter to tell The first thing I would like to say is "I hope that you are doing fine at the North Pole. Please let all the children in the world have a nice Christmas with family and friends. What I will like for Christmas is a Dodge Dully and a Nintendo 64 for me and my brother.

Thank you  
Victoria Kimberly Bernal

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a new bullrigging and a new glove. I also wish for peace on the earth. These are the things I wish for.

Love,  
Justin Johnson

**GREETINGS**

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

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**TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS**

WE'RE PLEASED AND PROUD TO SERVE FINE FOLK LIKE YOU, AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT. WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS AND EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD. NOEL!

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203 Commercial Ave - Coleman

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

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Thank you for your patronage and friendship.

**Jammy's STEAKHOUSE**

Clint & Rita Day

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Merry Christmas

Joy to All!

It's our pleasure to know and serve you.

**Coleman County State Bank**

118 West Pecan - Coleman

**YOU LIGHT UP OUR LIVES**

We thank you for your friendship and support

**West Texas Utilities**

Peace & Joy At Christmas and in The New Year

May the light and love of the season shine on you.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To All!

**WINN PHARMACY**

203 E. BAKER • BROWNWOOD  
ROY JOE & KATE HARVEY  
FRANCES MALONE

**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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## Santa And Mrs. Claus Hear Children's Christmas Wishes

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited children at the Santa Anna Elementary last Friday morning during the class Christmas parties. Santa is pictured above receiving a big hug from a little lady while Mrs. Claus is busy hearing from several children what they would like to find under their tree Christmas morning.

### Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

We received a good rain on Saturday. Measurements recorded here from an inch up to almost three inches. It all fell slow and will be nice on the grain, for that we give thanks.

Royce and Wanda McIver were at Buffalo Gap the first of last week and visited with their son Britt McIver and family.

Visitors with Leona Henderson during the week were Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Majors of Brownwood, Pat McClatchy, Novella Stearns and Mary Lea Mitchell. Ray and Jodie Henderson of Ozona spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with her.

Sally McIver of Austin spent several days visiting with her dad and his wife, Terry and Helen McIver. Those that came by for a while were Brent Beal and Edgar Mullins. Grady Clay McIver of San Angelo visited on Sunday.

Visitors with Mrs. Gertrude Martin the past week were Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Majors, Mary Lea Mitchell, Annie Lou Vaughn, Earlene Dockery and Paul Martin and Colt.

Linda and Preston Grey of Georgetown spent the weekend with

her parents Reba and Elvis Cozart.

Those that were with Ray and Bobbie Dean and Wyndham for an early Christmas dinner over the weekend were Dinah Barrillieux and family of Duncanville, Marie Warwick and family of Cedar Hill, Casey Dean and son Jared of the Dallas area and Kit Dean of Comanche.

Leona Henderson visited Sunday afternoon with Talmadge and Laverne McClatchy.

Reba and Elvis Cozart had supper with Annie Lou Vaughn on Tuesday night. Ray and Joyce Kirk visited on Friday and Leona Henderson visited Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening Earlene Dockery and Annie Lou Vaughn visited at Bangs with her sister Mary Ola Woods.

News is short this week. It may be that everyone is getting ready for the holidays that are coming up and should have more next time.

Merry Christmas to all.

## Kellar Leaving CCTC

Danny Kellar, general manager of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative for the past 16 years will be leaving his post.

Kellar submitted his resignation to the cooperative's board of directors in a meeting last Thursday and expects his last day on the job will be in mid-January.

Kellar has accepted the position of general manager of ETEX Telephone Cooperative which has offices in Gilmer, which is located in East Texas, just north of Tyler.

While with CCTC Kellar has seen many changes in the cooperative's operation. With the installation of fiber optics there has been a conversion to 100% digital switches in all of the area offices;

Coleman County Telecommunications which includes Coleman County Broadcasting Systems, Coleman County Cellular and Web Access, has been established and now on firm footing.

Kellar remarked that the operation, with the leadership of the board, is a lot stronger and getting ready for the 21st century. He said he will have mixed feeling about leaving all the wonderful people he has worked with here and the friends he and his wife Jean have in the community and area, but the new job offers a new challenge, and new opportunities.

The CCTC board has not yet named a replacement for the local managership.

## Rudolph Story Brought Joy To Creator

On a December night in Chicago several years ago, a little girl climbed onto her father's lap and asked a question. It was a simple question, asked in children's curiosity, yet it had a heart-rending effect on Robert May.

"Daddy," 4-year old Barbara asked, "Why isn't my Mommy just like everybody else's mommy?"

Bob May stole a glance across his shabby two-room apartment. On a couch lay his young wife, Evelyn, wreathed with cancer. For two years she had been bedridden; for two years, all of Bob's income and smaller savings had gone to pay for treatments and medicines.

The terrible ordeal already had shattered two adult lives. Now Bob suddenly realized the happiness of his growing daughter was also in jeopardy. As he ran his fingers through Barbara's hair, he prayed for some satisfactory answer to her question.

Bob May knew only too well what it meant to be "different." As a child he had been weak and delicate.

With the innocent cruelty of children, his playmates had continually goaded the stunted, skinny lad to tears. Later at Dartmouth, from which he was graduated in 1926, Bob May was so small that he was always being mistaken for someone's little brother.

Nor was his adult life much happier. Unlike many of his classmates who floated from college into plush

jobs, Bob became a lowly copy writer for Montgomery Ward, the big Chicago mail order house. Now at 33 Bob was deep in debt and depressed.

Although Bob did not know it at the time, the answer he gave the child on his lap was to bring him to fame and fortune. It was also to bring joy to countless thousands of children like his own Barbara. On that December night in the shabby Chicago apartment, Bob cradled his little girl's head against his shoulder and began to tell a story...

"Once upon a time there was a reindeer named Rudolph, the only reindeer in the world that had a big red nose. Naturally people called him Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." As Bob went on to tell about Rudolph, he tried desperately to communicate to Barbara the knowledge that, even though some creatures of God are strange and different, they often enjoy the miraculous power to make others happy.

Rudolph, Bob explained, was terribly embarrassed by his unique nose. Other reindeer laughed at him; his family was mortified. Even Rudolph wallowed in self pity.

"Well," continued Bob, "one Christmas Eve, Santa Claus got his team of husky reindeer—Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen—ready for their yearly trip around the world. The entire reindeer community assembled to cheer these great heroes on their way. But a terrible fog engulfed the earth that evening, and Santa knew the mist was so thick he wouldn't be able to find any chimney.

Suddenly Rudolph appeared, his red nose glowing brighter than ever. Santa sensed at once that here was the answer to his perplexing problem. He led Rudolph to the front of the sleigh, fastened the harness and climbed in. They were off!

Rudolph guided Santa safely to every chimney that night. Rain and fog, snow and sleet; nothing bothered Rudolph, for his bright nose penetrated the mist like a beacon.

And so it was that Rudolph became the most famous and beloved of all the reindeer. The

### Cleveland Chats

—By Clara Cupps

Mr. Tom Molden of White Settlement near Fort Worth died Wednesday, December 17. He was the husband of Margie (Fleming) Molden. He will be laid to rest in the Cleveland Cemetery. No date has been set yet. He was the son-in-law of Mrs. Thelma Fleming.

huge red nose he once hid in shame was now the envy of every buck and doe in the reindeer world."

Little Barbara laughed with glee when her father finished. Every night she begged him to repeat the tale until finally Bob could rattle it off in his sleep.

Then, at Christmas time he decided to make the story into a poem and prepare it in book form illustrated with pictures, as a gift to Barbara. Just as Bob was about to put the finishing touches on Rudolph, tragedy struck. Evelyn May died. Bob, his hopes crushed, turned to Barbara as chief comfort. And, despite his grief, sat at his desk in the quiet, lonely apartment, and worked on "Rudolph."

Shortly after Christmas morning, Bob was asked to a holiday party at Montgomery Ward. He didn't want to go, but his associates insisted. When Bob finally agreed, he took with him the poem and read it to the crowd. First the noisy throng listened in laughter and gaiety. Then they became silent, and at the end, broke into spontaneous applause. That was in 1938.

By Christmas of 1947, some 6,000,000 copies of the booklet had been given away or sold, making Rudolph one of the most widely distributed books in the world, and Rudolph a Christmas legend.

Our condolences goes out to the family.

Carmilla Baugh had her Christmas dinner Saturday night. Attending were Naomi, Dixie Joe Bible, Nancy Lee Lowry, Will and Kayla of Bangs.

Jerry Ellis dropped by this parents the Cecil Ellis' several times the past week. Bryce visited Saturday and Cathy dropped by Wednesday. Jamie came Saturday morning from school at San Angelo.

A. C. and Lou Pierce had their Christmas tree Saturday night and Sunday had their Christmas dinner. Those attending were Jacky Pierce, Davida Pierce, James and Cindy Pelton, Jennifer, Jessica and Chrystal, Troy Pierce, David Coyle and Gary Geeslin.

I talked to Lee Ray Huggins Sunday. He sounded good. They have had a lot of company. Syble had gone to the nursing home to visit.

Cathy Ellis said Sunday she still has a cast on her ankle but can walk on it now. She is doing well but has two more weeks to go before the cast comes off.

Tex and Pat Wright visited Juanita and John Naron Thursday.

I visited Winnie Haynes last Thursday. Always a pleasure to go see Winnie.

LaDell Morris said Sunday her mother was doing pretty good.

Kathleen Avants has been up to visit her mother twice the past week. She took her little grandson Brody Tibbits with her.

Charlie Ray and Maria Fleming spent Friday night with Thelma. They all attended Tom Molden's memorial in Fort Worth Saturday.

Hope all you had a good rain. We got 2-4/10th. It was a soaker. Fields are standing in water.

Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.



## Santa And Mrs. Claus Visit At Bank Open House Monday

Santa and Mrs. Claus were in town Monday visiting at the Santa Anna National Bank open house. The couple were also seen here waving at sometimes startled passers by from in front of the bank. There quite a few double takes as travelers passed through town.

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