Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from San I

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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF
Santa in Columbus!

Visions of sugar plums will dance in your head when you visit the Santa Claus Museum in Columbus, Texas….
THE ONLY SANTA CLAUS MUSEUM IN THE SOUTH!

Mrs. Hopkins was born in May 1913 and received her very first Santa at 6 months-old. Her extensive collection includes Santas made from a wide variety of materials such as cast iron, china, basket weave, corn shucks, bottle glass, magazines, fabric, dough, and wood. She collected Santa music boxes, Santa containers, Santa dolls, Santa dishes, Santa ornaments, and Santa photos.

The Santa Claus Museum was created in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, an avid collector of Santas of every shape and size.

Additional Santa collections from the community have been recently donated to CHPT and the Santa Claus Museum. With the addition of these collections, more than 2,500 Santas deck the halls of the Santa Claus Museum, bringing joy to all those who seek the Christmas Spirit.

Make plans to jingle all the way to Columbus this holiday season to visit the Santa Claus Museum. While you’re there, be sure to visit the unique shops and antique stores throughout town, grab a bite to eat and a cold beverage at one Columbus’ many delicious restaurants. And, if you get too tuckered out from all the holiday hubbub, this quaint historic Texas town offers several comfy lodging options to rest your head for a long winter’s nap. It’s a holly jolly good time!

SantaMuseum.org  (979) 732-8385
According to the Book of Luke in the Bible, on the night Jesus was born, an angel appeared before shepherds tending their flocks and said to them, “A Savior has been born to you.” It must have been a beautiful night for those who witnessed that baby lying in a manger.

This month, St. John Lutheran Church is bringing that night back to life with a reenactment of the Nativity scene 5:30–7:30 p.m. December 7–8 at the church’s retreat center in Bellville.

The church’s living Nativity began in 2017 when Jonathan Mollenkopf, former St. John’s music director and San Bernard Electric Cooperative member Vicki Morlock to head up the project.

“The first year was simple with just the Nativity,” Morlock said. “Each year, the ‘carpenters of Bethlehem’ have added to the scenes that are depicted as visitors drive through in order to enhance the visual presentation.”

The living Nativity is performed by volunteers from the Bellville area depicting various scenes of the foundational Christmas story.

“I have been a part of this event since it began,” said SBEC member Sandra Nelius. “I look forward to the living Nativity every year, and the retreat center is a perfect setting to enjoy this experience.”

Upon arriving at the event, visitors are greeted by census takers (as in the Bible) before driving through a reproduction of ancient Bethlehem, where they see villagers carrying out their everyday activities. After the excursion through Bethlehem, they are greeted by a choir of angels announcing the birth of Jesus, witness shepherds tending their sheep in a field and then arrive at the living Nativity, where the wise men can be seen approaching the manger—all this while the story is narrated on their car radios.

Charles and Grace Crawford of Bellville have visited the living Nativity scene before, arriving early to get a prime spot in line. They were impressed by the experience.

“The participants in their costumes, live animals and the settings displayed authentic scenes, which brought thoughts of the happenings of our savior’s birth,” Grace Crawford said.

SBEC member Cecilia Evans said her family was also transported by the performance.

“Last year was our first time driving through the living Nativity,” she said. “It was an amazing family experience, just like driving through a movie. Our family will be going every year from now on.”

That’s the reaction Morlock hopes families will have as they visit this year’s live Nativity.

“It is our hope that this community event will continue to develop into a lasting tradition for not only Bellville but the surrounding areas and involve more of our local churches,” she said. “We’ve been given this gift of a child born in a manger, so why not bring it to life each holiday season and share it?”

St. John Lutheran Church invites you to listen to and witness the story of Jesus’ birth as it unfolds. The church’s retreat center is located 3.6 miles from Bellville at 4740 Highway 36 N. The free event runs only the first full weekend of December. Create lasting memories by bringing your family and friends to celebrate the reason for the season at this live Nativity.
THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

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YOUTH TOUR

JUNE 17–26, 2020

You’re a Texas high school student. You’re smart; you have big dreams. Maybe you’ve never been out of the state, and maybe you’ve never flown on a plane, but you want to travel—experience a big city, visit historic landmarks and meet people. Sound like you? Then the Government-in-Action Youth Tour is your tour.

Apply by January 17.
Download your application at sbec.org.
Follow us on Instagram at SBECYouthTour.

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Power Tip
Save on your holiday energy bill by using LED lights. Traditional incandescent bulbs consume 70 times more electricity than LEDs.
New and Improved Co-op Connections Program

SAN BERNARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE HAS BEEN A PART OF your community for more than 75 years. While providing reliable electric service is the core of our business, we’re always looking for new ways to bring value to our members.

One of the value-added benefits of being part of our cooperative is the Co-op Connections program, and we recently gave the program an overhaul!

You still have access to all the same great, money-saving features, but we’ve expanded the number of deals available to you, added a user-friendly mobile app and created an offer redemption process that’s easy to use on the go.

What Is the Co-op Connections Program?
The Co-op Connections program is a free discount program for our members. When you sign up for Co-op Connections, you can save money on hotels, event tickets, prescriptions, doctor visits and more.

You also have access to national discounts from some big-name brands, such as Sprint, Dish Network, Uber, Six Flags and many others. And we’re continuing to partner with local businesses to provide discounts at the places you shop here in our community.

In total, there are more than 25,000 businesses across the country that offer discounts through the Co-op Connections program, and co-op members are saving lots of money. Through prescription savings alone, Co-op Connections users nationwide have saved more than $100 million.

Try Our New Mobile App
In our original Co-op Connections program, you had to carry around a plastic card and show it to local businesses to get a discount. But there’s no need to carry around a physical card anymore. All you have to do is download the Co-op Connections app from Apple’s App store or Google Play.

Through the new app, your card displays right on your phone. To redeem an offer, just show the merchant the discount listed in the app.

Of course, if an app isn’t your style, you can always print a deal from the Co-op Connections website and take it with you to get a discount at a local merchant. You can even print out a Co-op Connections card from the website if you prefer to have something tangible in your purse or wallet.

Check Out the Discounts
To participate in the Co-op Connections program, all you have to do is create a free account. You can create an account by downloading the mobile app or visiting connections.coop. Once your account is set up, you’ll have access to all the money-saving deals available through the program.

Interested in offering a Co-op Connections discount at your business?
The Co-op Connections program is a smart way to get customers in your door. By participating in the program, you’ll introduce your business to our members plus the other more than 32 million members of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Participation in the program is free. We simply ask that you offer a discount on your products or services to members of San Bernard EC and other participating cooperatives. In exchange for your participation, we’ll promote your discount to our members.

Once in the Co-op Connections system, you can directly manage the discounts offered by your business, change your discount as often as you wish, restrict how often it can be used and even access analytics that show how many people viewed your deal.

To learn more about the program, visit sbec.org or connections.coop.
FOR SALE

CATTLE—Top quality breed pairs of heifers and young cows. Call (979) 865-3804.

HUNTERS EAR CORN—Call (713) 823-3434.

AIRPLANE PROPELLER—Wood, 9’4”, one piece. Call (979) 484-2276.


COINS—Four rolls of 1940 “S” wheat pennies; one roll 1943 steel wheat pennies; two rolls war “V” nickels (1900-1912). Call (979) 942-9021 or (979) 732-1872.

PAINT—High-quality exterior paint, all color coded to Behr (Comfy Beige) Satin. Three gallons Sherwin Williams Emerald; 4 gallons Behr Premium Ultra, 1 gallon Behr Premium Ultra oil-based paint; all 8 gallons $250. Also, aluminum pickup topper, 8 ft., $150. Call (979) 865-5725.

TOW DOLLY—Like new, less than 5,000 miles, $500. Call (281) 515-7438.

ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE ITEMS—Three head Hamilton Beach milkshake mixer with three metal cans, $545; ball wicker rocking head, $325; two-seat childrens school desk, $295; wood chicks crate carrier, $150; farm corn sheller, $295. Call (281) 639-4049.

FURNITURE—Oak roll-top desk, reproduction, 46x5x42x29, comes in four sections, top, 2 sides and privacy panel, storage, 7 pockets and drawers in top, two standard and one file drawer per side, very good condition, $250. Child’s highchair, mid-1950s or earlier wood reproduction (tray swings overhead), excellent condition, $75. Retro ’60s sewing machine cabinet, drop lead side that lifts up to use for cutting, etc.; storage for machine plus two drawers, oak finish in good condition, $50. Call (979) 865-8442.


LOWREY PALLADIUM ORGAN—Excellent, like-new condition. Equipped to record and/or play CDs and 3-inch discs. Bench with tufted seat and back. Drawers on both ends of bench. Accessories: original manual, microphone, karaoke, ear buds for silent play, five blank CDs, four 3” discs, two dozen-plus published Lowrey Music books and training books, computer screen with 750 prerecorded songs and background accompaniment, can record your own music. Dimensions: 4 ft. H by 55 in. W by 42 in. D. Owners are moving and cannot take organ. Valued at $10,000, asking $8,500. Call (979) 581-3115 or (281) 942-9021.

MOVING SALE—Seven registered Angus cows, fall calving, calving ease. One registered Angus bull calf, 12 months old, excellent genetics. Spreader-seeder with point hookup, like new, $400. Lincoln arc welder with long leads, $350. Lyfe Tyme brand barbecue pit, 40”x16”, make offer. Call (936) 581-3115.

VARIOUS—Small chest freezer, $40; electric double oven stove, $50; sliding mirrored closet door, $15. New Ulm. Call (409) 960-4578.

TWO BURIAL PLOTS—At Memorial Forest Cemetery off I-10 and Eldridge. Two side-by-side burial plots surrounded by large shady trees. Located in section 1, lot 121, spaces 7 and 8. Each valued at $8,495. Will sell both for $8,500, a 50% savings! We moved from Houston and must sell. Call (281) 375-8394.

CEDAR WARDROBE—Purchased in early 1950s with two doors, 61”Hx36”Wx21”D. Call (979) 877-7257.

MOBILE HOME—14’x56’ mobile home in Sheridan, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Great shape, remodeled with 200-amp breaker box, PEX plumbing. All appliances included: w/d, ref, stove, cent. ht/AC. Will make a great weekend home or deer camp cabin. Contact larry132rs@gmail.com for pictures. Leave callback number.

WANTED

PIGEONS—Preferably nonferal breed. Call (979) 733-2455.

ANTIQUES—Want to buy old/antique gas pumps, guns and brass cash register. Please call Richard Noack at (979) 865-3098.

DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME—Small to medium square footage, will move. Call (979) 877-7257.

ELECTRIC PEA SHELTER—Call (713) 724-5090.

TRACTOR PTO-DRIVEN CEMENT MIXER—Call (979) 865-8820.

LAND PLANE—6-ft.-wide land plane with three-point hitch, adjustable scarifies and angled grading blades adjustable for depth, pitch and blade wear. Call (979) 865-8820.

SERVICES

FREE WILD HOG REMOVAL—Use dogs, experienced, will travel. Call (832) 715-1130.

ADVERTISE IN THE TRADING POST

SBC members are invited to submit ads for the Trading Post to P.O. Box 1208, Bellville, TX 77418 or lsanford@sbec.org. However, no commercial business ads will be accepted. Ads are placed on a first-come, first-served basis, and we reserve the right to refuse any ad. Please submit your ad by the 20th of each month. (If you submit an ad by December 20, it will appear in the February issue.) Your ad will be published in two consecutive issues, then deleted. If you want the ad to run another two months, you must resubmit the ad. The ad will not exceed four consecutive months.