

12 Days of Christmas Events in Texhoma

12. Christmas Tree Workshop. Hosted by Glittered Studio, Altus, OK. Dec. 7

11. Mars Star Party. 3 Rivers foundation, Crowell, TX. Dec. 16

10. Breakfast with Santa. The Refinery, Vernon, TX. Dec. 2

9. Santa 5k Run. Altus Women's Track, Altus, OK. Dec. 9

8. Snapshots with Santa. Electra Hospital, Electra, TX. Dec. 7

7. Snyder Christmas Parade, Downtown Snyder, OK. Dec. 3

6. Christmas in the Fair Barn. Tillman County Trade Day, Frederick, OK. Dec. 9

5. Santa Rosa Belles Appreciation Concert. Santa Rosa Belles. Vernon, TX. Dec. 3.

4. How the Grinch Stole Christmas -movie. Frederick Arts Council Frederick, OK. Dec. 2.



*Justice Service League of Vernon, 2016 Christmas Float
Photo courtesy of Linda Stewart.*

3. Vernon: Christmas on the Western Trail

12th Annual Christmas on the Western Trail Lighted Parade will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. downtown Vernon. Parade will include floats, antique autos, marching bands, riding clubs, motorcycle clubs, and horse drawn carriages. There will be booths on the courthouse square all day featuring food, games, arts and crafts and a 50/50 drawing.

2. Altus: Candy Cane Cash Give-Away

December 16, 2017 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Main Street Altus' annual "Candy Cane Cash" kicks off Sunday, November 12, at the Holiday Open House. Drawing is Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 AM in front of the Altus Municipal Auditorium at 200 E. Commerce!

1. Frederick: Christmas Parade & Give Away

This year's Christmas Theme is "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child". The parade will be held December 14th at 5:30 pm in downtown Frederick. The Frederick Chamber Bucks drawing will be immediately following the Christmas Parade at the KYBE Studio. \$2000 in Chamber Bucks was given away in 2016! In addition, the Parade Magic vendor show will be located at 120 N. Main (next door to KC's) before, during and after the parade.



*"Santa's Sleigh"
Courtesy, Frederick Chamber of Commerce*

SWRE Manager's Report

Merry Christmas from SWRE

Santa Claus, gingerbread cookies and cold weather are all around us. This can only mean one thing – it's Christmas time! The holidays represent a time of excitement and family gatherings. As we run through the seamless array of holiday parties and get-togethers, don't forget to make time for reflection and appreciation.

As I began my own reflections for 2017, I was quickly reminded of my approaching one-year anniversary of moving from Georgia to Southwest Oklahoma. Throughout this year of transition, I have met a lot of wonderful people, including many of you who are reading this. I've also had the opportunity to work with an amazing team of individuals here at SWRE, as well as folks within the cooperative community. I am extremely thankful for each and every one of our members and employees and I look forward to the opportunities of 2018.

I would also like to take this time to express how grateful I am for my wife, my children and our church family. My wife and I are beyond blessed to live and work in a community full of such generous and welcoming people. The move from Georgia would have been much harder without all of our kind neighbors and new friends.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who thinks 2017 has presented several reminders of how fragile life is. Between natural disasters and national tragedies, we have all been reminded that tomorrow is not a promise and therefore the present must be cherished. The holidays are an excellent time to practice doing just that.

As the holidays approach, I hope that you too, will take this opportunity to look around at those who matter most to you. Spend time with the ones you love and be present as new memories are made. We all have plenty to be thankful for, if only we will stop and notice.

With all of this in mind, I'd like to wrap up the year by wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas from Southwest Rural Electric. We look forward to serving you all in the new year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kenneth E. Simmons



SWRE employees give back



During the month of October, SWRE employees were hard at work donating their time and money. Through a second “Bucket Challenge” employees raised \$447 towards Breast Cancer Awareness. Through voluntary donations, the employee group gave a combined total of \$1030 towards cooperative employee families who were affected by Hurricane Harvey earlier this year.



Breast Cancer Awareness

\$447



Hurricane Harvey Coop Families

\$1030

What's Cookin' in the SWRE Kitchen

Scalloped Potatoes & Ham



Ingredients:

- 3 pounds Russet or Yukon Gold Potatoes, Washed Thoroughly
- 2 Tablespoons Butter
- 1 whole Yellow Onion, Diced
- 3 cups Diced Ham
- 1-1/2 cup Half-and-half
- 1-1/2 cup Heavy Cream
- 1/4 cup Flour
- Black Pepper to Taste
- 1 cup Grated Cheddar Cheese
- 1 cup Grated Monterey Jack Cheese
- Chopped Parsley (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook butter, onions in skillet for 1-2 minutes, add ham and cook until heated. Set aside.
2. Combine half-and-half and cream in a microwave-safe container and nuke 1 minute. Whisk in flour and black pepper. Set aside.
3. Combine cheeses. Set aside.
4. Slice potatoes into very thin slices. Layer 1/3 of the potato slices in the buttered casserole dish. Sprinkle on 1/3 of the ham/onion mixture, then 1/3 of the cheese, then pour on 1/3 of the cream mixture.
5. Repeat this twice more, ending with a sprinkling of cheese and a pouring on of the rest of the cream mixture. Cover dish with foil and bake for 40 minutes.
6. Remove foil and bake for an additional 20 minutes.

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