



Saturday Night at the Movies! The Texas Theater was alive with laughter last Saturday as people enjoyed the movie *A Christmas Story*.



him there. Exchange phone numbers and promises to call
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n't wait to get her hands on the baby doll she got Alisa.

And so it went this Christmas day of all Christmas days. After opening presents and a muffin breakfast John of Dallas helped Old Cowboy feed the animals and hay the few cows left on the place. Meanwhile Celine and Sarah prepare a Christmas day feast. After all joining hands and saying grace they all sat down to dinner together including a couple of ranch hands that still worked for Old Cowboy, yes, basically rescued like everything else on this place and this was as much a home as they had ever known. Laughter and kindred friendship filled the old ranch house, a day that everyone would remember.

The rest of the day was magical for all. The day though cold and snow blanketed everything the sun came out and made for a nice day. Old Cowboy turns all attention to the kids. Horseback rides atop Horse. They love it because they held the reins; Horse just walked right behind Old Cowboy. All the animals, it was like a petting zoo here, well except Bob. Sledding down a snow covered hill as laughter filled the small Texas valley. Countless snowball fights...the building of a snowman and snow angels...and a gallon of cocoa around the fire pit outside.....It was just the best day ever for all

The phone did not ring Christmas day.....

The next day Old Cowboy drives into town early and picks up a water pump for the car and some newfangled nontoxic antifreeze. Old Cowboy stops by the Dr's office, walks in and tells the receptionist..."Tell doc Hensley I'll call him tomorrow about the tests" "don't call me"...."Yes Sir" she replies..."hope you had a nice Christmas" as Old Cowboy turns and leaves.....

Coal oil lamp for a drop light he goes about the task of putting it on. By the time

John from Dallas gets out there Old Cowboy is ready to fire it up. "We do things early around here city boy" Old Cowboy smiles as he hands John from Dallas a small box of left over bolts and washers. "Always happens, I always have a few left over...don't know why just happens" Old Cowboy says as John from Dallas offers "Oh sure, of course, yes thanks..." "Purring like a kitten Sir, thank you."

The smiles forced now. Christmas over and the car fixed it's time for them to go... It was too magical to come to an end. Sarah packs them a lunch complete with two \$100.00 bills for napkins. Old Cowboy fills the tank out of the overhead and checks one more time under the hood....Hugs, more tears and promises to write. Alisa would not let go of Old Cowboys neck. She would forever remember this man and did not want to leave

May you have the spirit of Christmas, which is hope, and the heart of Christmas, which is love. May all the days of Christmas be merry and bright and the New Year be filled with peace, love and happiness.

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