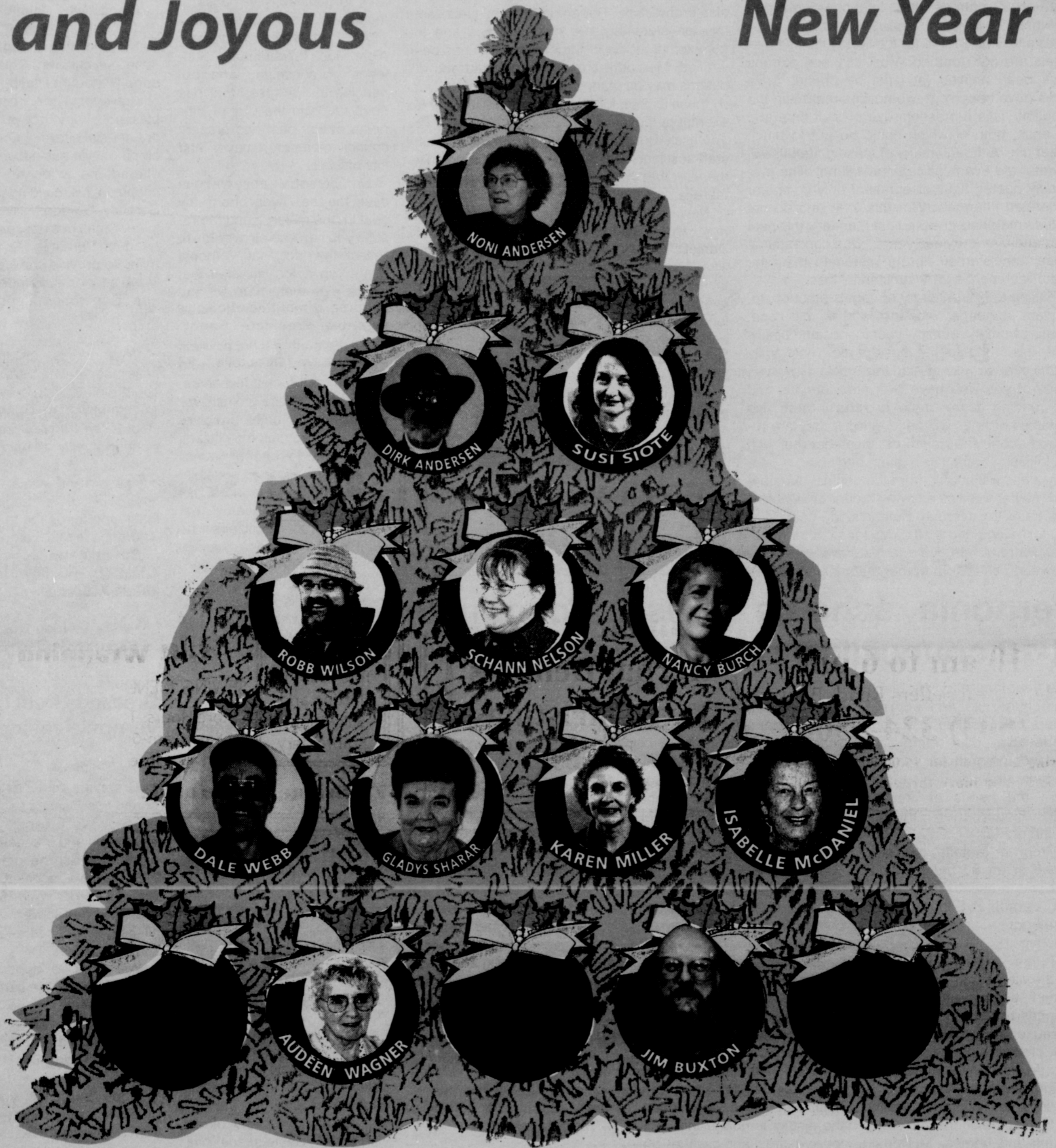


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Hardly anything worthwhile happens in small towns that does not have the unmistakable mark of volunteerism, The INDEPENDENT is no exception. As we complete the 15th year of our community newspaper, we know our readers recognize that the quality and character of The INDEPENDENT is enhanced by the efforts of the volunteers named above, who contribute their time, effort and talent to broadening the scope of the paper. We thank them for their assistance.

Also pictured above are employees Susi Siote and Schann Nelson. Susi handles the office and classified advertising. Schann is a reporter whose primary areas of responsibility are the City of Banks and Banks School District.

Recognition and many thanks must also go to the advertisers who make this community newspaper possible. Without their support, the newspaper simply could not exist.

Noni & Dirk Andersen, Editor & Publisher