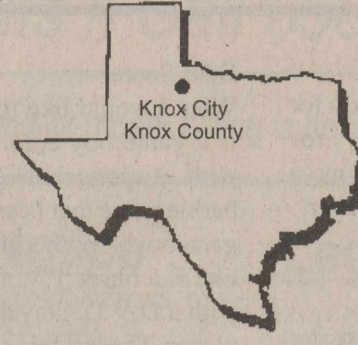


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MERRY CHRISTMAS



The merchants and individuals placing greeting messages inside this special edition of the NEWS wish you and yours the very best for Christmas and the holiday season.

All of us here at the NEWS extend a wish that the true meaning of Christmas prevail, that your Christmas be filled with the joy of Christ.

Stacy, Dave & Scooter Thompson ~ Billye Angle

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year. This year I want a big screen TV for my family. I want a Scooby Doo movie and Lio and Stitch movie. I also want brat dolls names Yasmine and Cameron.
Have a safe trip. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Jasmine Lerma

Dear Santa,
How are you, Santa? I am fine. Thank you for giving me what I got last time. This year I want a scooter, a Samantha doll, and a Polly car for my Polly's. Also for Christmas I want a radio and a Bratz Styling Head.
Love, Emily Espinosa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am ok. What I want is a Barbie cash register. I would also like a McDonald's cooking set. That is all.
Love, Rosie Woods

Dear Santa,
How are you? I like what you brought me last year. I hope your reindeer are ready for Christmas. I would like a electric, plastic balloon.
Love, Jenny Beth Harris

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you ready for Christmas? I am ready for Christmas. Will you bring me a TV with a VCR and CD player.
Love, Haley Ledesma

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am great. Thank you for the bike you gave me last year. This year I want a DVD player, the new Toby Keith CD, a computer, a pellet gun, an X-Box, and a game for the X-Box.
Love, Blayne Styles

Dear Santa, I tried to be good this year. Please may I have a G.I. Joe and a new bicycle. I would also really like a James Bond shirt with this whole body walking and it rocks as he walks.
James Bond is chasing another guy on it.
Love, Tylynne Bernal

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Game Cub with Louigees Mansion game, some ninja Blue Guys, and a Shark Bark Race Car Track. I am trying to be good. I am making very good grades in school. I work hard.
Love, Zach Carter

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a game boy color or advance with a spongebob game and a barbie game that I can play on my gameboy. Another thing I would like is a black T.V. for my room with a D.V.D. player and V.C.R. player. The last thing I would like for Christmas is a cheerleading doll called Kacey.
Love, Makayla Harrington
P.S. Will you please kiss my mom under the mistletoe?
P.S.S. I'll leave the front door open and some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for christmas. I want a new bicycle and a big white board like the teacher has. Also a pair of rollerblads. I hope you can afford all that. I hope that I get what I want for christmas.
Love, Lacey Pierce
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk to eat on your way back home.

Dear Santa,
I wish I had waight. The long ones and the short ones to. All I want dragonball Z cards.
Love, Luther McCrary

Dear Santa,
I want an Allen Iverson poster, jersey, visor and cap. How is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen? But most of all Rudolph. Another think I want is a lot of Winnie the Pooh stuff. I really want the Polly Fashion set too. I want a light thing that when you calp it turns stuff on and off. Please will you get me something? I'll leave you a picture like last year.
Yours truly, Destini

Dear Santa,
I would like for christmas a red cool BMX bike with painted fire flames, a play station two with four controllers and the game backyard football for my play station two. A new game for my game boy and some hit clip. A black laptop with a mouse. I really want a Dragon Ball Z costume of Goku.
Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,
This year I would like hunting bigs with a parka and 70 Gauge 2 shot Duckload. I will give you an extra cookie.
Your friend, Zack Shaver

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CITIZENS BANK welcomed friends and customers last Thursday during their annual Open House held in the bank lobby. Leona Burkham coordinated a delicious Christmas refreshment table for those stopping by during the day for the annual event.

(NEWS digital photo)

ORIGINAL RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO JOHNSON MELON CORP.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID COUNTS presented the original House Resolution presented during the 1997 Knox City Chamber of Commerce Watermelon Festival to Donald and Kay Johnson of Johnson Melon Corp., center of photo. Shown at left is chamber executive director Marla Hawkins. The resolution, signed the late Bob Bullock, then President of the Senate; and Pete Laney, Speaker of the House, designated Knox City as the 'Seedless Watermelon Capitol of Texas'. The operation is a tremendous boom to the Knox City economy during season.

Our special thanks to all of our dear friends for the lovely flowers, delicious food, phone calls, prayers and many kind deeds shown to us during our time of sadness. We were comforted by seeing and being near our longtime friends and neighbors. May God bless you.

Lou Hodges
Amanda Chestnut & family
Jay Hodges & family
Geo. E. Hodges & family
Clara Hansen & family
Anne Underwood

Knox County Hospital to offer classes in CPR

Knox County Hospital is now offering CPR classes for individuals as well as groups.

This hospital has eight instructors of Basic Life Support. A CPR class is scheduled for the third Monday of each month through 2003.

Special classes for groups will also be available.

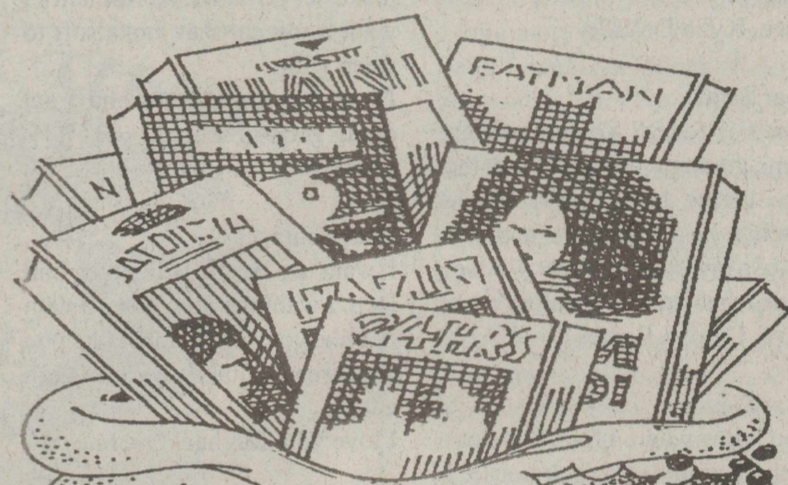
For questions or scheduling, call Knox County Hospital, 657-3535, Karen Stiewert RN, Director of Nurses; or ask for Sheila, Jan or Linda.

Last week's News out there 'somewhere'

Yes! We did print a paper last week - like we do every week! However, something in the postal system went wrong and they are floating around out there 'somewhere'.

Local Postmaster Lynda Hill has done everything in her power to see where the postal bags are and why that have not reached their destination. Officials in the Fort Worth office are also continuing their quest for trying to retrieve them.

The News left the Knox City Post Office as usual on Wednesday, December 11.



Christmas Video Rules!

- * We will close at 6:00 P.M. December 24 and be closed CHRISTMAS DAY.
- * We will reopen on Thursday, December 26.
- * All Tuesday rentals will be due back in on Thurs., Dec. 26.

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NOTICES, ETC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, liable and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Unsolicited photographs will be considered at a charge that will be determined after the picture is viewed. At this time, we do not accept photos by e-mail or on computer disk. We will accept actual photographs or 35mm negatives only.

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This newspaper is not responsible for errors in more than one edition. Claims will not be considered unless made within 72 hours of publication. No allowance will be made when the error does not materially affect the value of the advertisement.

NEWS DEADLINE

All items intended for each week's edition must be received in the NEWS office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Mondays. Items submitted after the deadline will be held over for the following week. All items submitted are subject to holdover for future editions, depending on size, content, and available space.

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The office of The Knox County News will be open as follows: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday-Sunday

Note: Since we are a small business with a full time staff of two, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.



SEASON'S

GREETINGS

Merry Christmas

Shea, Saylor (center), Stratton (top), Scott, Stuart (bottom left), and Spencer from Scott Edmonds Auction Company

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My house is at Texas. I want a Barbie car, blocks and some new clothes, please.
Love, Cassidy Correll

Dear Santa,
I have some cookies and milk. It will be on your special plate and in your cup. You are the only one who can use it. I want a Play Station 2, Air Snairs and an X-boy for my brother.
Love, Payne Stanfield

Dear Santa,
I live in Knox City, Texas in a white house with a gray roof. You can't miss it. For Christmas, please bring me some clothes, a car that has a remote control, and some toys.
Love, Ligon West

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a carrier, and a stroller. I have some cookies and milk for you.
Love, Kylie DeVille

Dear Santa,
Where is Santa? You are at your home getting ready to fly p in the sky. Please bring me a Magie Kitchen so I can cook a pretty cake so my Daddy can eat it. Also, bring a baby cat with colors on it.
Love, Caitlyn Baxter

Dear Santa,
You know where I live. I live out in the country in a rock house, I have two donkeys, one horse, sixteen puppies, and two dogs. I want a saddle blanket, boots and a new hat.
Love, Spencer Edmonds

Dear Santa,
I want makeup from the grocery store and I want some dancing shoes and a Leap Frog that talks. I live in Knox City, Texas and my house is orange.
Love, Calista Rocha

Dear Santa,
I want a dragon ball Z toy and dinosaur and army men and new race cars plus a Gumball machine.
Love, Miguel Espericueta

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a CD player because my sister has one so do I. Next I want a Trampolen because it's fun jumping on it. Thin I want a Volleyball net. My sister was playing Volleyball and I would like to learn and play with it.
Love, Camille Ward

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a necklace, and some pairs of earrings. I would like some rollor blades, size three too. I would like a volleyball net with a volleyball. And last a labtop with lots of games on it. Thank you.
Love, Whitney Collins

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year of 2002 I would like some shotgun shells so I can shoot and hutn. Can I have some 243 shells too? Please I need them really badly. I also want some rollor blades I think I'm old enough to try them out.
Love, Brandon Bradley

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that is purple and has kinda sparklie hair and her shoes are real soft. I want a Barbie doll that has wings and kinda like a ballet dress and you can kinda move her a line behind her to make her do ballet. At Romain's I want a toy cat that looks soft to sleep with.
I have been real good and I am doing good in school.
I love you, April Graves

Dear Santa,
I want an Army helicopter and jeep. I want the men that go with it. I like you very much. I like you because you make toys and laugh a lot.
I love you, Michael Overmeyer

Dear Santa,
I want a skate board and a toy motorcycle. That's it.
I have tried to be good.
I love you, Zachary Rodriquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I like to play with the dolls you brought last year. I am five years old. My name is Ariel.
For Christmas I want a computer and a doll.
Your friend, Ariel Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I live in Seymour and go to school in Knox City. I like to do worksheets and play on the computer. I like to play outside in the sandpile.
I want a baby kitty, a race car that has remote control, and a go-cart.
I love you, Santa, Zayne Styles

Dear Santa Claus,
I like centers at school. I am six. I like reading and playing games.
I want a toy register, a fire truck and a toy bus.
I love you, Adrian Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a helicopter with a remote and a airplane and a race car track and a toy lawnmower and a little motorcycle and a football that you throw and when you catch it, it goes rrrrr. I want a truck that hauls cars that you can drive off and on. That's all I want.
I love you, Nathan Moya

Dear Santa,
My name is Keelie. I am five years old. I am in Kindergarten. I wish for a new bicycle with a horn. Make sure it has streamers. I wish for a new choo-choo train and I wish I had a stuffed bunny rabbit.
I love you, Keelie Ellen DeVille

Dear Santa,
There is a little doll on TV that says "Kelley, Kelley, you're so soft and cuddly" that I want. I want a Polly Pocket that you can sparkle her house. I want a Barbie doll that has a lip gloss ring and blonde hair and if it is too high you can bring me one that has a little ice cream maker and we can really eat the ice cream.
I have been real nice. I like you because you always say Ho, Ho, Ho.
I love you, Andrea Lynn

Dear Santa, I want the dress that is blue and has yellow and orange on it. I want an orange and green dress. I want a pink and purple dress. I want a baby doll with clothes and a toy chair.
I have been good.
I like you, Essence Ward

Dear Santa,
I want a bunny rabbit and a little girl and a toy house and a bike and a Barbie doll and that's all.
I have been good.
I love you, Michaela Martinez

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley Meinzer and I am 5 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a real drum set, an electric guitar, and a karaoke machine. I am going to leave you a gingerbread man and milk.
Your friend, Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton Meinzer and I am 2 years old. I have tried to be good this year, but with an older brother it sure is hard. I wish you would bring me a drum, a motorcycle, and a Bible. We will leave you a gingerbread man and milk.
Your friend, Dalton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an X Box with College Football. I would also like a Play Station with James Bond.
Love, Ty McLemore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Play Station 2 and a James Bond game for it. I would also like a Hot Wheels Goo City and a Hot Wheels Octo Blast. Pleae bring my little brothers and little sister some toys, too.
Love, Stratton Jack Edmonds

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Spiderman Web Blaster, the movie "Monster Inc.", and a new bicycle. Also I would like a punching bag. Thank you for the gifts last year.
Love, Trey Tidwell

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a teddy bear, and a toy with Santa and reindeer that you can take off. I would also like a Gocueu that lights up. I love you!
Bye, Stran Jonathin Jackson



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This holiday season is not like any other. So, this year give the gift that will give to your loved ones year after year after year.

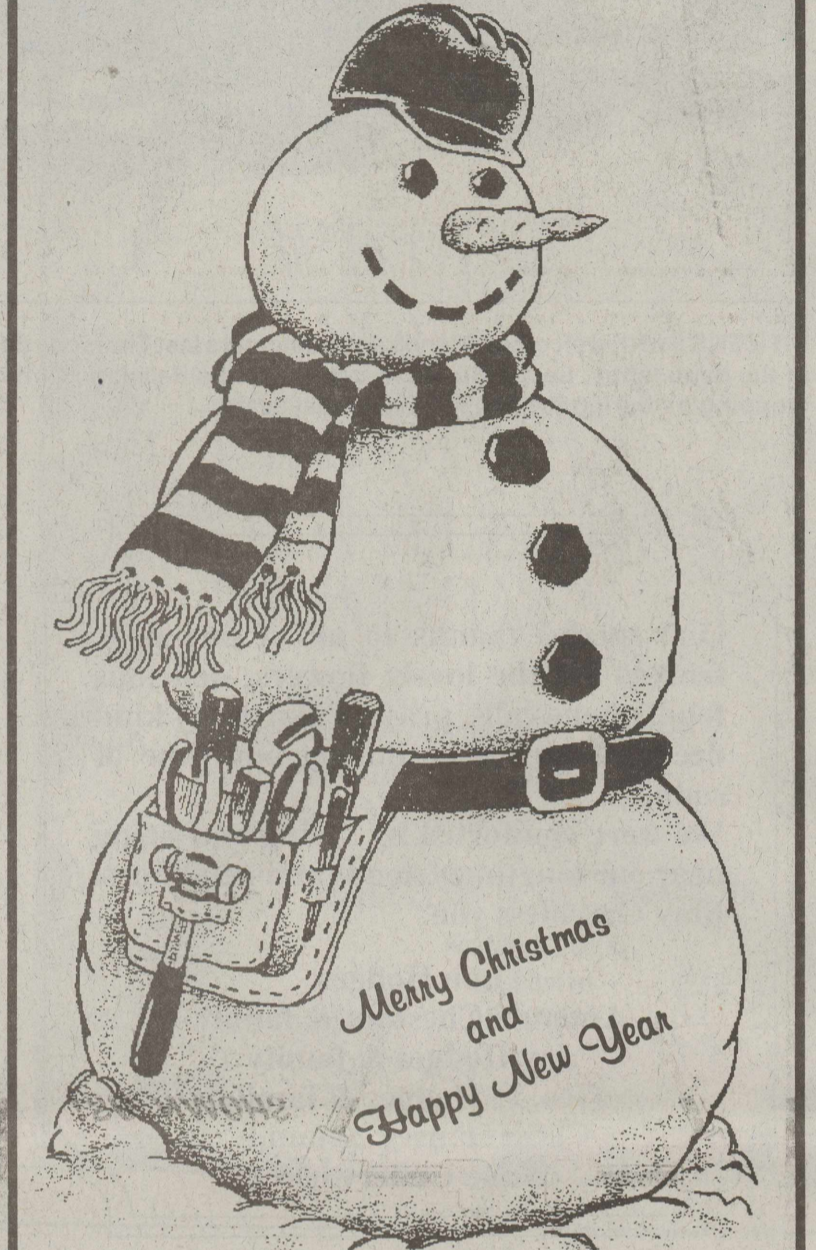
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

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Barbara and Joe

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I saw you at Wal-Mart and at the mall. I sat on your lap and I said I wanted a prize. I got my picture taken with you. Please bring me a puppy dog, a new computer game, and some new clothes.
Love, Mati Ledesma

Dear Santa,
I want a pink Leap Pad, a Dora backpack, and a little bitty playhouse. I will leave you some Oreo cookies to eat and some milk.
Love, Shailee Manning

Dear Santa,
I saw you at the mall and I said I wanted a trampoline with a net around it. I would like two Barbie phones, too.
Love, Brylee White

Dear Santa,
I want t remote control dirt bike, a little basketball goal and a little ball this big, and a Patriot jersey. Do you like hot chocolate and meat? Come to my house.
Love, Wes Hutchinson

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, some Leap Frog books so I can learn to read, and a car. I can feel my mama's baby. Next year, my new baby will need some things, too.
Love, Avery Frausto

Dear Santa,
I want a big, pink Barbie bike and a Barbie house with another Barbie. I saw you with a big, white beard hanging down really long and a big hat. You had big red boots on and the elf had big, pointy ears and a greens uit on and a little bell on top of his hat.
Love, Grace Tidwell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I want a pair of skats because I'm good on wills. Onther thing I want is a radio case I like to lsten to music. One more think I would like is a DVD.
Love, Kaley Ainsworth



FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS of Kelly Hutchinson busily prepared for last week's Elementary Christmas Program along with each of the other elementary classes. One of the highlights of the evening was the Theme Basket Auction. A total of seven baskets, shown behind the students, were designed and assembled by students and teachers. Scott Edmonds graciously auctioned the baskets. (NEWS digital photo)

'December Nights, December Lights' theme of Knox City Elementary Christmas program

"December Nights, December Lights" was the theme at Knox City Elementary School Thursday night, December 12. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles were on hand to lend support as Pre-Kindergarten through fourth grade, dressed in their holiday finery, sang and performed numerous Christmas carols to a packed audience. Familiar tunes such as "Silver Bells" and "Feliz Navidad" were sung as well as songs that were not familiar like "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, You Are Much

Too Fat" and "It's Almost Time For Christmas".

A new addition to the evening was the Theme Basket Auction. The students, parents and staff at Knox City Elementary decided an additional PTO fundraiser was necessary in order to purchase playground equipment. A total of seven baskets including gardening, bath and body, picture frames and candles, baking, gift wrap, Dad's, tea party, were designed and assembled by students and teachers. During the program,

Scott Edmonds graciously volunteered his time and talent by auctioning off the baskets.

Supporters of Knox City Elementary are grateful to those who volunteer their time and show their support in so many ways throughout the school year. Special recognition to Scott Edmonds for conducting the auction.

Knox City Elementary will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 20, at 12:50 p.m. Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, January 6.

WE'RE PIPING IN...

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A STREAM OF WONDERFUL BLESSINGS COMING YOUR WAY.

THANK YOU FOR THE OVERFLOW OF KINDNESS YOU'VE SHOWN US!

JERRY'S PLUMBING

Merry Christmas

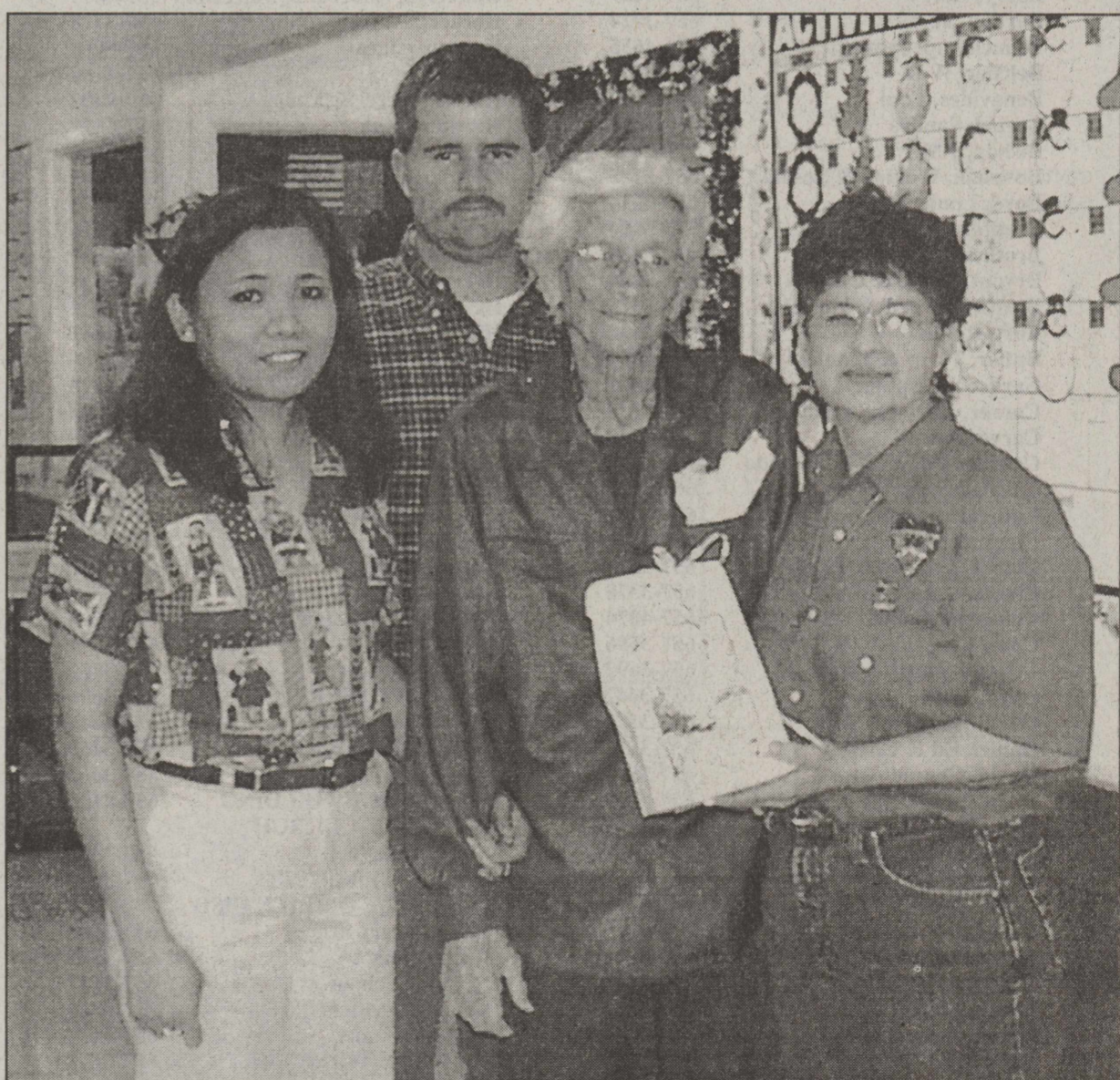
Santa's on his Way!

JACK & ROMAIN'S GRANDCHILDREN from left, Spencer, Shanna, Stuart, Garret, Christine, Angela, Saylor and Stratton.

We will be OPEN Sun., Dec. 22, for your last minute Christmas shopping.

- Gift Suggestions -
WYMAN MEINZER's new book 'Desert Sanctuaries'
BOB MOORHOUSE 'Pitchfork Country'
SUPER TOYS - SUPER FRICES! •• LITTLE GIRLS Christmas Sleepwear
TOMMY HILFIGER Clothes will be arriving soon . . . check with us!

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PRESENTING CHRISTMAS GOODIE BAGS to residents of the Brazos Valley Care Home last week was the Brazos Quilting Guild, represented by Betty Bailliff, shown at right. Accepting the generous yuletide bags were from left, director of nurses Sandra Logsdon, administrator Jason Hall and resident Ruby Lee Collins. (NEWS digital photo)

The Knox County News will print an edition next week, it will be in the mail on Monday, instead of Wednesday.

All advertising and copy for next week's paper will have to be turned in by this Friday morning because of our schedule changes due to the Christmas holiday being in the middle of next week.

The News Office will be close at the end of business on Monday, December 23, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 30.

KC News renewals due by January 1

January renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

Subscription prices are \$22.00 for Knox and adjoining counties, \$25.00 elsewhere in Texas and \$28.00 out-of-state.

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Melba Pharr is Haskell hospital employee of year

Knox City resident Melba Pharr was named 'Employee of the Year' by the Haskell Memorial Hospital at their annual Christmas party held Friday night.

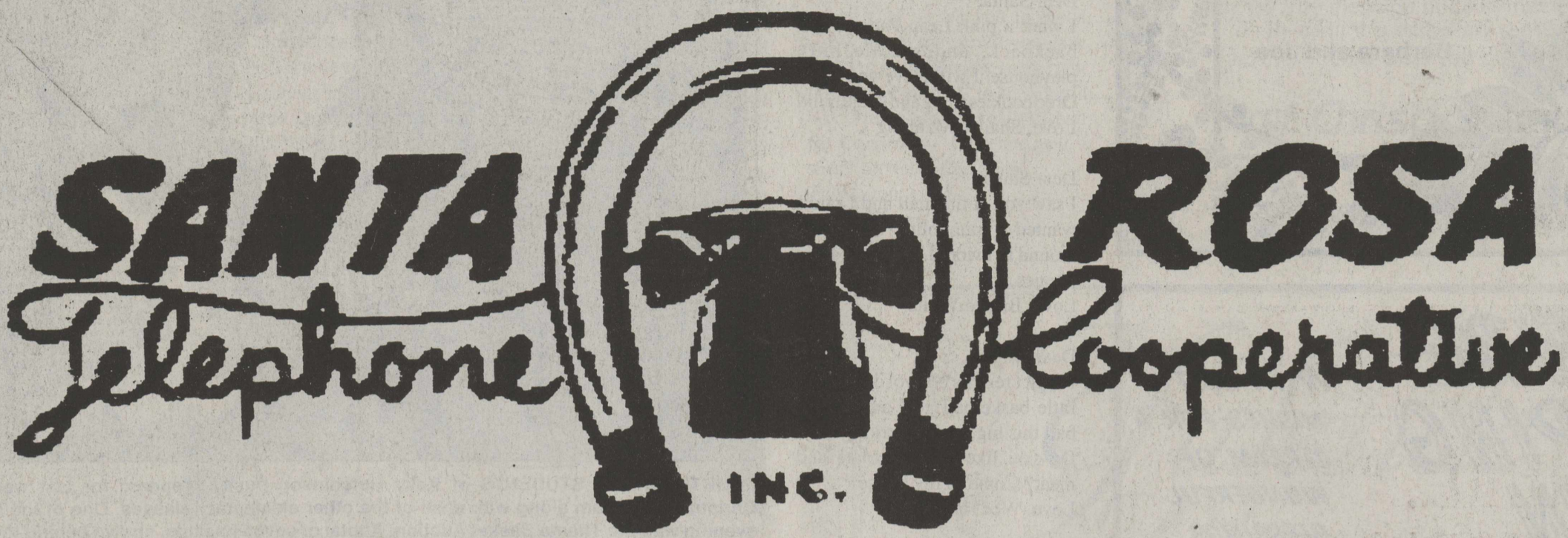
Voted on by the hospital employees, Melba is director of nurses at the Haskell hospital where she has been employed for nine years.

Melba helped establish and organize the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies.

O'Brien Coop has ginned 9373 bales

O'Brien Coop Gin had ginned 9,373 bales as of Monday noon.

Tommy Chapman, gin manager, said he is "guess-tamating" approximately 25,000 bales will be ginned as the season is about one-third over.



Knox City's Santa Rosa Telephone customers who have 'made the switch' as of Tuesday, December 17, 2002

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And Throughout The Year...
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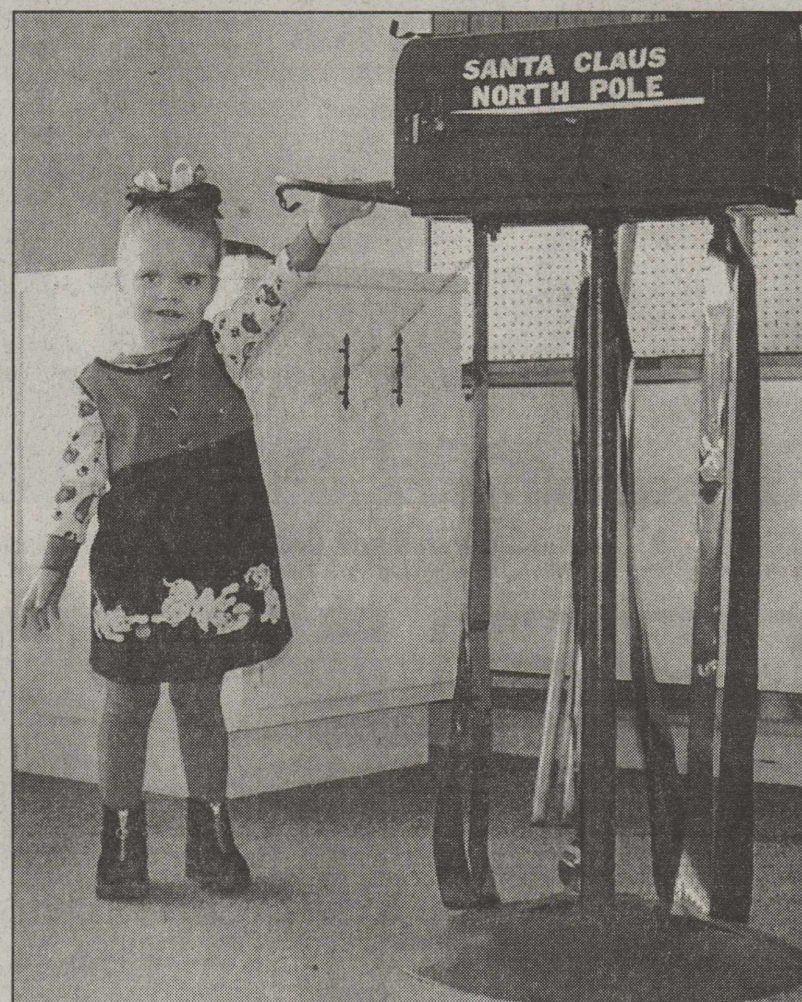
Carson's Pharmacy
657-3210

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a sweet girl. May you please bring me a beautiful bike that has a water bottle holder and a backpack, a gray scooter, 3 new NBA basketballs, a lot of makeup, brats-the girls with a passion, nail designer with nail polish, my favorite show Spongebob Squarepants on movie, 2 red collars, a new football, and Lilo and Stitch the movie.
Love, Tiffany

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy, I want some Hot Wheels. How are your reindeer? I hope they are doing fine. How are you? I hope that you are doing fine. Don't forget to give presents to my pets. My friends are doing good, too. Did you send your elves to get a little Christmas tree? And it's pretty with necklaces on it. And if you did that's fine.
From, Trent

Happiness is ...
mailing letters to Santa



MAILING THAT ALL important Letter to Santa is three year old Tancy Davis, daughter of Misty Davis. (NEWS digital photo)

Dear Santa,
How are you, the elves, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I'm good, For Christmas this year I want: The Pollyfashoin Sparkle house, all kinds of nail polish, a robot that does stuff for you, a little fake Santa, a big big Pollyfashoin doll, 2 Bratz, 2 cars that come with them, that house for them too. YU-GU-OH cards and a Pollyfashoin mall.
Love, Reagan

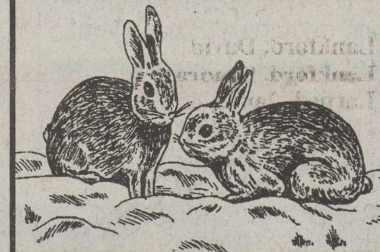
Dear Santa,
This year I've been wanting some stuff for my dog Max and I. Here are some things that I want. I want a Road Rage Bike with blue flames. My dog wants a friend he can play with. I need a Game Boy Advance with exiting games. But what Max and I want the most is a dog suit that I can fit. Thank you for talking to me. Merry Christmas.
Love, Anthony



*Happy
Holidays*

*At Christmastime, we join
you in giving thanks to the Lord for
his many fine creations
both large and small.*

**Dillon
Greenhouse**



**We're Not Toying
Around... *When we say,*
"You mean a lot to us!"
We wish you all the best, because you are the best!
*Merry Christmas!***

First Ag Credit, FCS
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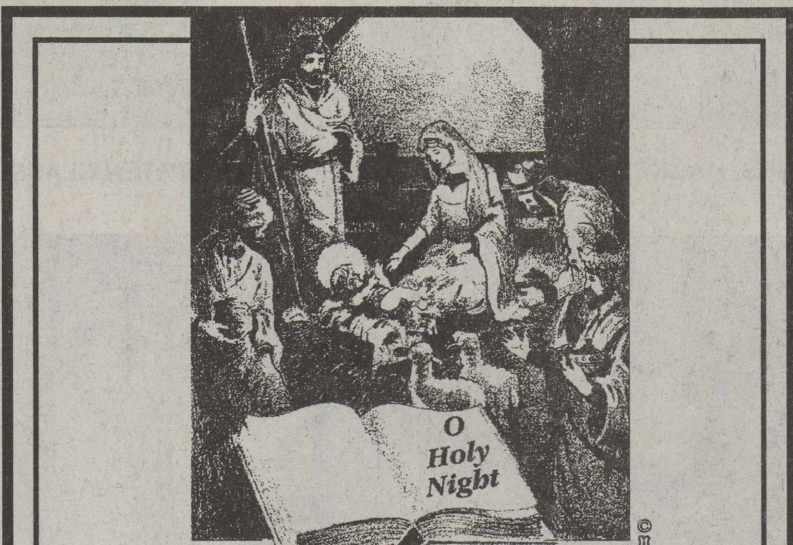
THIS CHRISTMAS MAY GOD OPEN
OUR HEARTS TO HIS LOVE
OUR MINDS TO HIS WONDERS
OUR EARS TO HIS VOICE
OUR LIVES TO HIS PRESENCE.

"This is love, not that we loved God; but that He loved us and sent His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." I John 4:10

*The Folks at Smith Funeral Home
Knox City - Rochester*



Letters To Santa



**Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth peace, good will toward
men.** Luke 2:14

Knox City Foursquare Church
Paul Chambers, Pastor

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a mountain bike, a scooter, and a four wheeler. I would also like a birddog and a drum set. Thank you for all the things you brought me last year.
Love, Jonathan Rodriquez

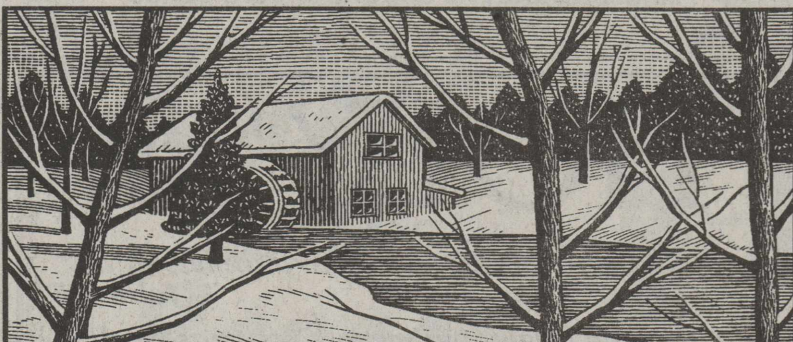
Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you and your reindeer are ready for Christmas. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. This year I want an Easy Bake Oven, so I can bake a cake. I love you.
Love, Allison Lynn

Dear Santa,
How are you? All I want is a skateboard, a basketball goal, roller blades, and a remote control car that goes fast.
Love, Hagen Hutchinson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. Thank you for bringing me presents last year. My sister and I are ready for Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a baby doll that comes with a car seat. I would also like a go-cart please.
Love, Chasity Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I loved Christmas last year. Thank you. This year I would like a Brat Barbie, a scooter, a bicycle, a Brittany Spears CD, a nail polist set and a trampoline.
Love, Megan Martinez

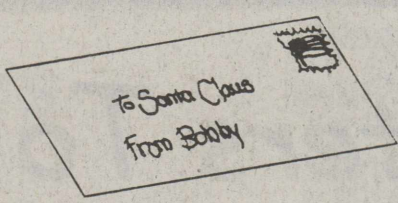
Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I hope you and your cool flying reindeer are set for a trip. Thank you for all the things that you brought me last year. I would like a CD player and some music CDs such as Usher, Romeo and Little Bow Wow.
Love, Quinten Burt

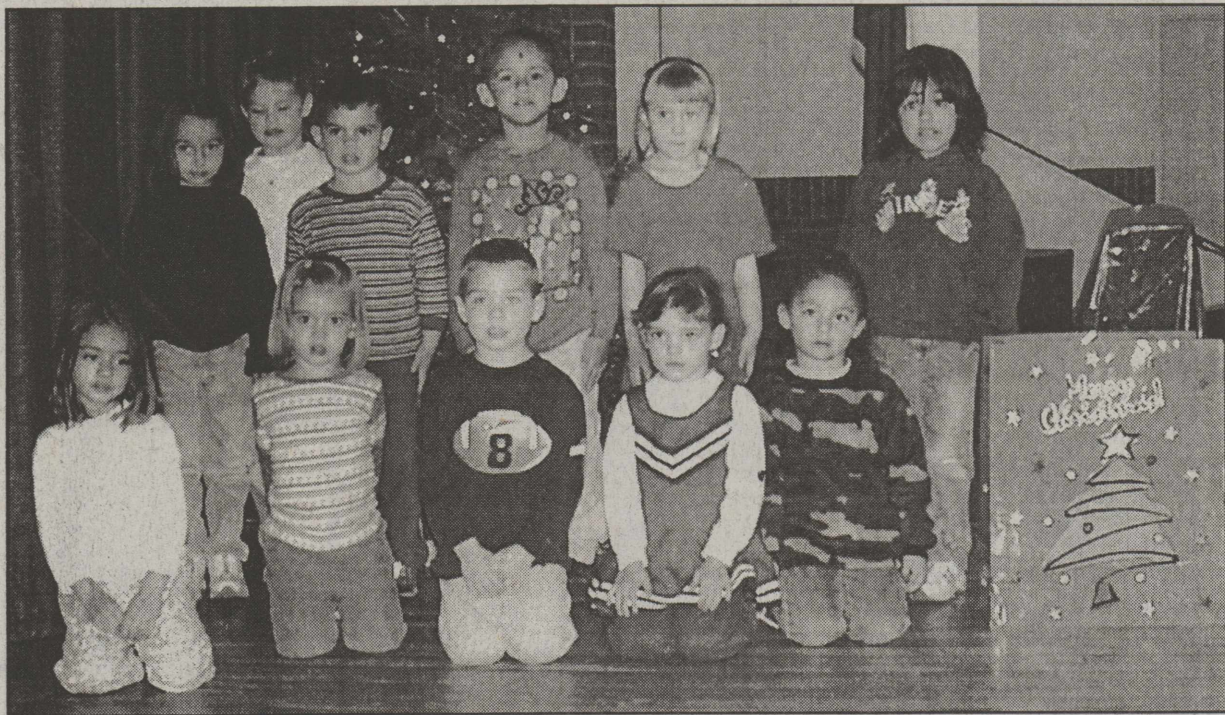


**BLESSINGS
OF THE
SEASON**


*When a blanket of snow embraces the land,
The beauty we see is the work of God's hand.
Each snowflake unique in its own special way,
Reminds us that soon it will be Christmas day.
So give thanks to the Lord for the birth of the Savior.
May you always enjoy both His love and good favor.*

**Rolling Plains
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Happiness is ... 
mailing letters to Santa



MRS. BOWEN'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN MORNING CLASS

Letters To Santa 

Dear Santa, This year I have been a good girl. I would be happy if I had my whole family for Christmas eve and for Christmas. I want a Polly Fashoin sparkle house. And I want the new sparkle nails that you can put together and you put the nail polish on a dill that has a circle on the side and you put the nail polish on it. And a long nightgown that has a picture of you and Mrs. Claus and the elves. New sparkle gloves that has my name on them and don't forget about my sisters and my brother and cousins. And the Polly Fashoin mall. And a pretty blue and red computer. Thank you for considering my letter. Love, Nicole



MRS. HACKER & MRS. URBANCZYK'S KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Dear Santa, I've been pretty good this year. Would you mind if you dropped off a few things. May I have an Xbox with the game Spider Man, two controllers and a memory card. Please can I have Sonic Advance, game boy game. Don't forget my cats, Smokitty wants a pillow and Creme puff wants a toy mouse. Milk and cookies will be waiting for you at our house. Tell all the reindeer that I said Hi. Love, Kyle



MRS. BROCKETT'S SECOND GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa, How are you, the elves, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? For Christmas I would like some dark purple, glittery blue, and yellow nail polish. I also want the Polly fashion sparkle style house, a robot that does stuff for you, and some size seven skates. That is all I want. Have a nice trip! Your friends, Cassidy Carter P.S. I will leave you a present, some cookies, and a glass of milk.

Dear Santa, Plses can you give me for Christmas is a red and blue bike. And a nintendo sixty-for. And I want a airplan that I can control. And Yo-Go-Ho cards. And a hundum that I can build. And I wish you a marer christmas. Your friend, Santos Espinal

Dear Santa C. First of all I would like to thank you for what I've gotten in the past. This year I would like a pacman world 2 vidio game for y PS2, please. I would also like a can of silly string in my stocking and anything else you can think of. I appreciate it very much! Seasons Greetings, Landon Lynn

Letters To Santa 

Dear Santa, Last night we did a Christmas program at school and I sang very well. I like the song "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and would like th CD. I would like a new bike, the game Candyland, and some roller blades. I also would like a My Size Butterfly. Love, Kelsey Vasquez I hope you have a good Christmas.

Dear Santa, Everyone thought we sang good last night in the school Christmas Program. We all worked hard! Santa, I love you! I hope I get some presents! I would like Play Station 2 with a James Bond game and Game Cube with Mickey Mouse's Adventure. I would like rollr skates too. Thank you! Love, Chris Richardson

Dear Santa, I know you are a very busy man and all but you are most all kids favorite man You work on watching all kids so you can decide who's naughty or nice and I try my best to be nice. But what I want this Christmas is a pure black playstation 2 with Dragon Ball Z for play station 2 and Kingdom Heat so I can be happy and my sister can to. Please remember to go to my nanny's house cause I like seeing her happy. And also please bring my dogs, Pogo, Skooter, and Wizard some chew toys so I won't feel bad when there at the doro being said cause I hate seeing anything sad. Thank you for everything you've done for me and my family! Thank you! Love, Jarek




FIELDS OF CHRISTMAS
D•O•R•E•A•M•S
Hope the season brings a bumper crop of dreams come true!
Johnson Melon Corp.
Kay, Donald, Dwayne, Lorie Brad, Dustin & employees

Retirement Reception
John Rector
County Executive Director for the Knox County FSA office will be honored with a Retirement Reception Monday, December 30, 2002 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. 1101 East Main, Knox City
After 34 + years of dedicated service to the producers as well as the agency, John is calling is quits! He began his career in Menard County as their CED in 1970 and then moved to Knox County in 1975, where he has been the CED the past 27 years. His last day will be January 3, 2002.
Come join us and help us with him well in his 'retirement years'.
Cards may be sent to the Knox County FSA Office at P.O. Box 758, Knox City, TX 79529

YOUR PLACE FOR Holiday Shopping
Prices Effective Wed., Dec. 18th thru Tues., Dec. 24th

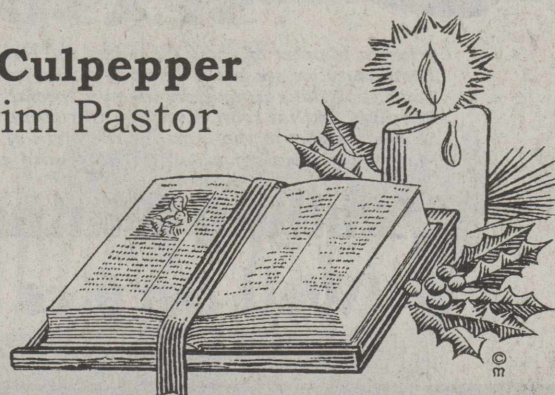
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HOLY NIGHT WISH

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Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.

O'Brien Baptist Church

Troy Culpepper Interim Pastor

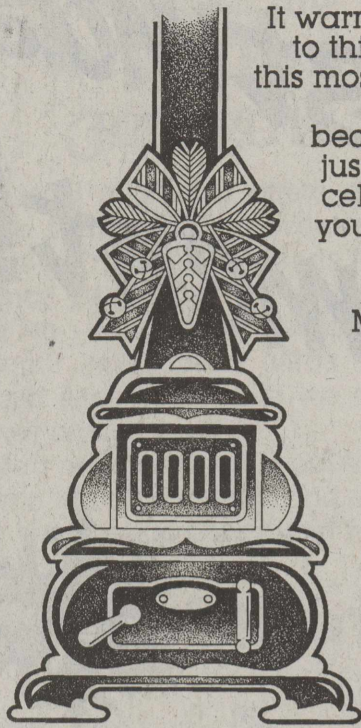


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WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



It warms our heart to think of you in this most wonderful of seasons, because there's just so much to celebrate, and your friendship is one of the reasons!
Merry, Merry Christmas!

Bill Neal
District Attorney



Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me an X Box 2, a Hot Wheel Goo City and may I have a Hot Wheels Octo Blast. I have a happy time with my toys you brought me last year.
Love, Schelby Houck

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Kerby Game Boy Advance, a Icee Maker, and some of Britney Spears clothes. I have been very good in school. I have tried to work hard and learn a lot. I am learning to read very well. Please bring my brother Chris a Play station with a game.
Love, Courtney Taylor

Aging center lunch menus

December 23rd thru 27th

Monday, December 23 - Ham and cheese sandwiches, ranch beans, ehips, cookies and fruit.

Tuesday, December 24 - Closed. Christmas Eve.

Wednesday, December 25 - Closed. Merry Christmas.

Thursday, December 26 - Salisbury steak with gravy, buttered rice, green beans, whole kernel corn, light bread, ice cream.

Friday, December 27 - German sausage, sauerkraut, blackeyed peas, salad, cornbread, dessert.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, a Barbie car, and a Barbie house, I will leave you chocolate cookies and chocolate milk.
Love, Katelyn Carrizales

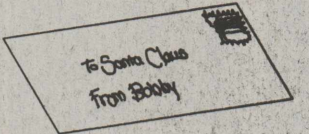
Dear Santa,
I would like an Octopus Blast, please, a tractor, and a motorcycle. I saw you at Knox City where I will be. Please find me.
Love, Isaac Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, an Octopus Blast, and a Winnie-the-Pooh game for my computer. I have a Christmas cookies and some milk for you.
Love, Aaron Arriata

Dear Santa,
I want a saxophone, some drums, and a horn. Please bring them so my brothers and I can have a band. You gave me some presents and I sat on your lap when I saw you.
Love, Michael Toliver

Dear Santa,
I love you. I'll have a cookie and some milk when you come to my house. I have been good. Please bring me candy, a backpack and a toy.
Love, Jordyn Eaton

Happiness is . . .



mailing letters to Santa



THREE YEAR OLD Kristopher Stafford was among those mailing Letters to Santa last week at the News office. He is the son of Kim and James Earl Stafford. (NEWS digital photo)

Take The Holidays By **STORM!**

Hope your holiday forecast calls for a heavy accumulation of goodwill, along with a blizzard of merriment!

You have our deepest gratitude for your loyal support. Happy holidays to everyone!

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AWAY IN A MANGER



May your home be blessed by the glory of His love this holy season, and may His good graces follow you wherever you go.
Merry Christmas and many thanks.

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Enjoy the Good Times at Christmastime

May all good things await you and yours in this wonderful season of fun, memories and magic. We hope all of your fondest wishes for happiness and success are granted during the holidays and beyond.

We appreciate your kind support and friendship throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

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Joe Lopez ~ Birdie Helton
Mike Plume

In The **Spirit** Of The **Season**



God bless you and yours at this holy time of year.

FROM THE STAFF AND RESIDENTS OF

BRAZOS VALLEY CARE HOME

Letters
To Santa



MRS. VACEK'S FIRST GRADE CLASS



MRS. HARRINGTON'S THIRD GRADE CLASS



MRS. HUTCHINSON'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS

Happy Holiday Season

OUR CHRISTMAS
"STATEMENT!"



We like to give credit where credit is due.
So the first order of business
is giving special thanks to you.
You've shown us your friendship
in so many ways.
Now it's our turn to wish you
The very happiest of holidays!

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Seasonings Greetings



Our special of the day is to wish you a very special holiday season. Hope you enjoy being at our place, as much as we enjoy serving you!

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Bud Conner and Employees
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We will be CLOSED all day Christmas Eve and all day Christmas Day

Vernon College sets dates for 2003 registration

The regular registration date for classes being offered for the spring 16-week semester at Vernon College on the Vernon campus is January 8, 2003.

Students may register from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Osborne Administration Building.

Classes begin for the spring semester on January 13, 2002.

First-time students should fill out an Application for Admission, have high school or college transcripts sent to the registrar's office, have TASP scores on file, and make an appointment with a Vernon College advisor to have their trial schedule signed.

For students who cannot attend classes on campus, 55 classes are available online for the spring 2003 semester. For Internet classes, students are required to attend an orientation and make contact with their instructors by the first day of classes. The schedule for Internet class orientation can be found in the class schedule.

The Application for Admission, schedule of classes, and registration information can be found on the Vernon College Web site at www.vernoncollega.edu. For more information, call 940-552-6291 in Vernon or 940-696-8752 in Wichita Falls.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Just for Christmas I want 2 things. I would love to have my mom here for Christmas. And a CD case holder.
Love, Adrian Flye

Happiness is . . .
To Some Kids From Santa
mailing letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. So I want you to do a favor for me. I want a Shrinky dink, a big bike, a Ice maker, and TV, Raido, CD's and a CD player. Thank you very very much Santa. And Merry Christmas. And tell the elvs thank you too.
Lots of love, Sabrina Benavides

Dear Santa,
As you know it December and everybody is shopping for Christmas decorations. And on Christmas night when you reindeers ring their bells I would like a new drumset. With my name, Zakery, on it in red fancy handwriting. I would also like a new cd of Van Halen. You'll see me in bed on Christmas night.
Sincerely, Zakery York
P.S. The cookies will be extra good this year.



THREE YEAR OLD Carson Lewis was all dressed up in his Christmas best when he came in to the News office this week to mail his letter to Santa ! He is the son of Clint and Tonya Lewis.

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a Hip Clip, a microphone and a cell phone. Thank you, Santa! Please bring my brother and sister some toys, too!
Love, Laquita Roberson

Dear Santa,
Merry, merry Christmas. Please bring me Shark Bark Bark, a computer and a game.
Love, A.J. Rubio

Dear Santa,
I am six. I play on my skateboard. My name is E.J.. I jump on my trampoline you gave me last year. I want a bike. I want a bird.
I love you, E.J.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me two Leap Frogs and a pink toy. I live in Knox City, Texas.
Love, Sherree Hulme

Dear Santa,
You say, "Ho, ho, ho" and you bring us presents. Please bring me a Barbie, some clothes, and some candy.
Love, Ladeja Horton

Dear Santa,
My name is Craig Thompson. I am five. My favorite stuff to eat is macaroni and cheese and pizza. I like to play with my dogs. I like to go in the house and play games and do my work in the classroom. I want an action man and a Castle Grey Skull.
Thank you, Santa!
Craig Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been playing with my dogs. I go to school. I'm in kindergarten. I love you. I told you what I wanted at the mall.
I want a trampoline, a real cry baby and roller skates. Remember my friends at school.
I love you, bye!
Leighen Pepper

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? I have been good. I love you, Santa. Please bring me some race cars, a tent, and a Zebra. Thank you for all the gifts last year.
Love, Jerico Thompson



"Behold, the Lamb of God."
John 1:29

Thanks to those who donate items, as well as those who buy. God Bless You.

Knox County Hospital Auxiliary



CHRISTMAS, 2002

AT
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WE PAUSE
TO EXPRESS
APPRECIATION
TO THE FRIENDS
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Anthony Logsdon
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Merry Christmas

Here's hoping your season gets off to a flying start, and brings much joy throughout!

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Donna and Stan Wojcik

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a talking Buzz Lightyear, and a computer. I went to Knox City and I saw you. There were some balloons.
Love, Baylee Bohannon

Dear Santa,
May I have My Size Repunzel, My Size Butterfly, and a purse. I had my Christmas program last night. I sang very well. It was fun!
Love, Cassandra

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Justin and I'm three years old. I would like a motorcycle, and a dirt bike. I also want a toolbox with tools so I don't have to borrow Daddy's. He gets upset when I forget where I put them. Could you please bring me two chainsaws too, so I can help Daddy. Will you bring Papa a gun and Nannie some rooster stuff. Would you bring Amanda car stuff and Jessica guitar stuff. Would you take Grandad a gun? Would you take Brian a new bow and arrows, a gun and a knife? Would you take Rebel some nets so she can catch more crabs in the ocean? Cathy and Toby need girl stuff. Would you take Mamaw two knives and a big gun? I don't think Daddy needs anything, but he likes motorcycles. His old one

Dear Santa,
I sang Rudolph last night in our program. It was really fun. Please bring me Ashley Dolls this year. I would also like magic tricks, and a computer toy. Please bring my brothers some camouflage clothes.
Love, Taylor Bohannon

Dear Santa Claus,
I know that you're the spirit of Christmas so I love you even more than my school mates. Really I want to give a present to you, but besides that there are other things. All I want from you is a trampoline. But I don't want a trampoline if you can get me the second Harry Potter CD rom for my computer.
Love, Alanah Lee

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year, and this is the last Christmas by myself before my lieelt sister or brother comes, so please bring me lots of toys. I want spiderman webblaster, a yellow hot rod with a blower motor, spiderman playstation 2, a Kenny Bernstein dragster and a Larry Dixon dragster.
Carson Lewis

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a TV for Christmas. I would also like an everyday color kit, an icy maker, and Mommie's Lieelt Patient.
Love,
Selena Benevides

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine and I have been very good. May I please have a lap top computer, some sea shells, a scientist kit, and a large cage with tubes for my hamsters. That's all.
Love,
Blayne Bradley

is broken. Jonathan isn't getting anything because he doesn't believe in you, but can you think about it and maybe bring him something anyway. Would you bring Mom another camera so she can take my picture? Would you bring the dog toys and Kitty Cat toys, and Hammy a toy too. Mom's going to make you cookies and I'll leave you some. The reindeer can have some too. They'll be chocolate chip. I've been pretty good. Bye!
Justin Rainwater

Dear Santa,
I was glad to see you in Knox City. I love the pencil you gave me. I'm in the terrible two's right now, but I've tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a basketball for Christmas. I'll leave you a snack on the coffee table.
Thank you,
Preston Lynn



**"Honor All Men.
Love the brotherhood.
Fear God. Honor the King."**

James 2:17

May the true message of Christmas be heard by all in this and every season.
God bless you all.

First Christian Church
Steve Pepper, Pastor

O Come Let Us Adore Him

**Christmas Eve Service
8:00 P.M.**

You are welcome to come join us for Christmas Eve mass, preceded by carols.

Midnight Mass will be at
St. Joseph's Church, Rhineland

**Santa Rosa
Catholic Church**
Father Leo Schloemer, Pastor

Fireside Greetings



This season's treasures are so abundant. We hope you are blessed enough to partake of them all. Thank you for your ongoing patronage.

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Tommy Chapman, Mgr.

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at Christmas*

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SEASONS



GREETINGS

In this celebration without stop, we'd like to start... by saying thanks for all your kindness and support.

Greetings to all!!

Merry Christmas

GREETINGS

Best Wishes
From

Shirley Barretto MD

Imran Rao MD

Feras Hamadeh MD

Kevin Finley DO

Mark Bingham PA-C
and Staff of the

Knox County Hospital Clinic

JOY TO THE WORLD



Hope the Christmas season brings a world of happiness to all our friends. We are grateful for your patronage throughout the year.

Eagle Tubing Testers

Matthew Sr., Estella,
Matthew Jr. & Caitlyn
658-3290

have yourself
a merry little
christmas!

To all of you who visited us this past year, go our very best wishes for lots of good cheer.

CITY MOTEL

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Thanks for
reading the
NEWS...

A Golden Time

**Brazos Valley
Care Home
658-3543**

605 Avenue F, Knox City

A study in the Archives of Internal Medicine maintains that living wills can save about \$60,000 per patient in medical costs. Researchers studied 474 patients who died in a hospital during 1990-92. Bills for those without living wills were three times as high.

Currently only one medical school in the entire country, out of 126, has a full-fledged department of geriatrics: Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York.



Letters
To Santa



Letters
To
Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you and your reindeer are doing fine. My name is Kristopher Stafford, and I am 3 years old. I would like to have a bicycle and a helmet to go with it. Also, I would like some tools so I can help my daddy. I have tried really hard to be good! If you can,

please bring my sister, Kursten, a CD burner. I liked seeing you at the mall.
Love you,
Kristopher Stafford

PS - I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear HoHo,
Hi and Merry Christmas. Thank you sooo much for all the goodies that you left last year. This year has been a very big year for me. I not only learned how to use the big girl potty very well, but I got a baby sister too. I've tried very hard to be a very good girl, but please remember that I'm only four months out of the terrible twos and now am in the tornado threes. My wish list this year is pretty simple. Mommy says that I have "Dora the Explorer" on the brain. So anything Dora would be neat. I love baby dolls and would really like to have a diaper bag filled with all that stuff that Mommy carried around for Baby Tannah. My Barbie dolls could always use new clothes and shoes and stuff I promise that I will try and put it up when I'm done playing with it.

Thank you for letting me sit on your lap. I know last year I cried and wouldn't sit on your lap. But you know being 3 does let you be a little more brave.

Baby Tannah got Mommy to help her write a letter but just in case she messes it up she needs some clothes, don't forget MoMo, Mommy and Tabby. Will you please leave our stuff under the big tree, that's where you'll find the cookies and milk. Oh yeah watch for the candles in the fireplace and be extra quiet cause if you wake up Baby Tannah she'll cry and Mommy won't be too happy with you. Tell the Reindeer to look for the sparkles on the ground. I almost forgot if you listen to me during the day I finally learned the yelling part of the KC School Song "Never Fall", "Never Fall", Hooray", "Go Boy Hounds".
Love, Tancy

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Skylin and I've been a good little girl this year. All I want for Christmas is lots of toys and candy. Oh, don't forget my little sister, she wants toys too. But No Candy! Mommy said she's too little to eat candy, so bring her some baby food. OK! Don't forget to fill up on cookies and milk before you leave.
Love,
Skylin Ledesma
XOXOXO

'TIS THE SEASON FOR US TO SING.



Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

**David Neal, DDS
and Staff**

Munday, Texas

May the story
of Christmas
bring joy to all.

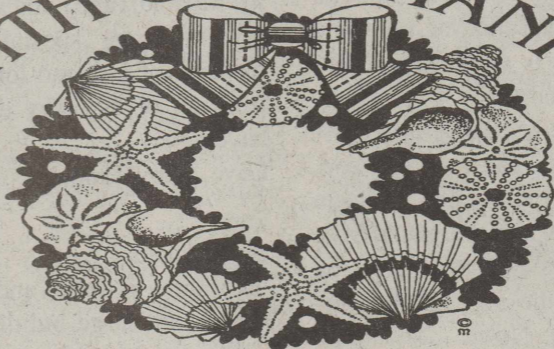


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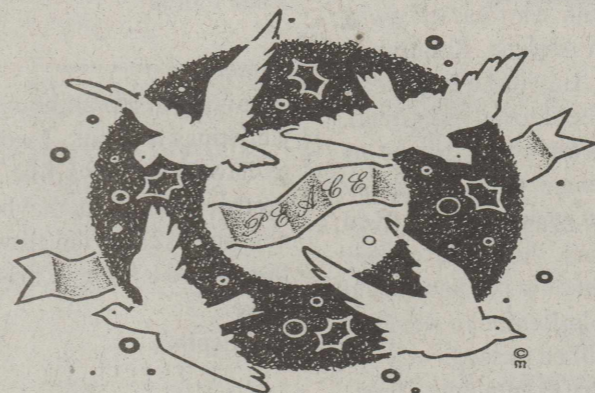
WITH OUR THANKS



To all our valued patrons we extend our warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas and a prosperous year.

Jessie's Service Station

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Joy TO THE World!

May your dreams take wing and may your joy know no boundaries this holiday season.

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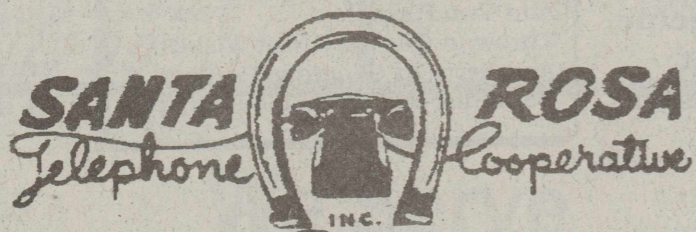
Todd, Eric, Emily and Missy
658-5508

Happy Holidays
to our many new friends
and neighbors in Knox City!

We appreciate the tremendous
response you have shown us!

Wishing you Happy Holidays!

Your friends at



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To all our cherished friends,
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and peace
this Christmas
and
always

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HAPPY
HOLLY DAYS!

Thank you for doing
business with us!

**Knox County
Cleaners**

We will close Christmas Eve
at 2:30 - Open Dec. 26 & 27

O'Brien Happenings

By Audie Johnston

Here and There - Angela Roberts, student at Tech in Lubbock, spent the weekend with her parents, Donnie and Diane Roberts. She attended church service Sunday and enjoyed a good Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch.

We have several from O'Brien and around in the care homes around. Demp Emerson, Ranzy Herring, Hope Poe in Munday's care home, Clara and Troy Hanson in Rice Springs in Haskell and Evelyn Underwood, Ivan Rowan and Bessie Duncan in Brazos Valley Care Home. They all need our prayers especially here at Christmas time.

My neighbors, Aaron and Felipe Sanchez, are home from college for the holidays.

Cliff Banner of Hawley spent Saturday with his mother, Billie Walker and brother, Joe Banner, and Cliff and his brother put a new sliding door on their mom's garage.

Dan Talbot went to Abilene Fri-

day and entered the hospital for a few days of special care for his ailing problems. Marilyn visited him Sunday and he's doing OK.

O'Brien Baptist Church members and friends enjoyed a good Thanksgiving and Christmas meal Sunday. There was plenty of good turkey and dressing, ham and all kinds of good vegetables and desserts. All enjoyed a good sermon by Bro. Troy Culpepper and good singing by Donnie Roberts and good piano music by LaUna Hester.

Claudale and Jean Barnard were back in Lubbock Sunday for doctor's appointments on Monday. They will spend the night with their grandson, Jon Bryant and wife Lindsey. They need our prayers.

Eddie and Claudia Bryant were honored Sunday to have granddaughters Hadlee and Cecylee Hicks of Hawley spend some time with them having fun and get good exercise while playing.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I'm new at this cause this is my first Christmas. I've already told you when Mommy took me and sister to see you that all I wanted was my two front teeth. Since I pulled that fuzzy thing on your face, is that why it hurts so much to get my teeth. Sorry, I didn't mean to pull it but it look so soft. Mommy and Momo say that I need new clothes I am growing so fast. I am sitting up really good so I would like to have something neat to play with while I am sitting up. I was wondering if you might could help me to move forwards instead of backwards when I'm on the floor playing. Thank you so much for all that you've given my big sister Nancy cause I really like all the stuff she doesn't play with anymore.

Sorry about the slobber but you know if you'd go ahead and give me those teeth I wouldn't slobber so much.

Well I can't wait to get my hands on all that wrapping paper.

Merry Christmas fuzzy man don't forget about Mommy, Nancy, MoMo and Tabby and also Santa give my extra special Nanny a blessing of lots and lots of love from all of us lucky enough to have her.

Love, Baby Tannah

Dear Santa,

My name is Isaac and I want a Octablast, large building blocks and army toys. I would like for you to help my mommy get a car so she can come and see us. You and your reindeers, Mrs. Clause have a very nice Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love, Isaac Flores

Santa,

This is my first year knowing what Christmas is about. I would like to have some toys like my big brother Isaac and maybe some new outfits cause I'm growing too fast. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, J.C. Espinal

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would like a remote control car, a Nintendo, a computer, and a VCR so we can watch movies. I would also like a telescope and a new bag for my stuff. Maybe even a remote control robot and bike. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love Always, Jose Espinal

Santa's on his Way!

Let Us Pray For Peace On Earth

Together we can make it work.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

First United Methodist Church

Claude McKiddy Pastor



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our many blessings, but we'd be remiss if we didn't say how much we celebrate our friendship with you and we truly value your ever-loyal patronage. Here's to hoping that we continue to share more wonderful moments ahead.

Bill Wilson Motor Co.
Haskell, Texas

WISHING YOU A CHRISTMAS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

Tis the season of dreams. Thank you for your patronage this past year.

We will be CLOSED
December 24, 25 and 26.

Kathie's & Jack's
Kathie, Jack & Justin
658-3848

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green

Twelve days and counting-that's how long til the big day arrives. And all too soon all the plans we've made, shopping we've done and all the other things that throw this time of year into a "tail spin" will be history. And the hustle and bustle, let's not forget the real meaning of Christmas and remember to thank Him for the many blessings we enjoy daily.

Now a great lot of news today. I've seen Clayton Conner and Ashley Cartwright home from college. I'm sure there are others whose path's haven't crossed with mine this week.

Sadness for the Joe Riggins family. Their house was badly damaged by fire last Monday night (Tuesday a.m. actually). Initial reports were that is probably started from sparks from a wood burning stove. No one was hurt thanks to smoke alarms alerting the sleeping family and we know everything else can be replaced so bad as it was, it could have so much worse. For those who don't know, the house is the original Judge Stevens house and now belongs to the school. Most of the damage was interior, smoke and water plus lots of windows had to be knocked out so firemen could get in. I have not hears where the Riggins will be staying. This past week until Christmas vacation for the children, they have been staying with Pam and Dennis Duke.

Word was received here this week of the death of Claudene Davidson, former Benjamin resident. She and her husband, Sid, ran "the picture show" many years ago and since his death she has resided in the Houston area. Her funeral was Monday in Wichita Falls.

Sympathy to Jim Dillon and family. Jim's father passed away on Wednesday in the Fort Worth area.

Here 'N There - There's a little fixing up here in town. Peppy Bolanoes is getting some work

done on his house. Some indoor remodeling and repair. And Clodell Duke is getting a carport build. And I took a "tour" of the county Monday night and saw lots of beautifully decorated homes and yards. Rhineland had some outstanding displays which tells me not everyone is as lazy as I am. Getting something together like that takes lots of time and work but it is so pretty and enjoyed by many.

I saw Darla Santisteven Thursday night and she said their son, Eric, is in the Army now and is in Afghanistan. Eric graduated from high school here and entered the Army in June and left for Afghanistan Nov. 29. The Santistevens still have their place here but stay in Munday most of the time. She also said her mom, Verlene Norwood, was in a Wichita Falls hospital undergoing some heart tests.

My sympathy to the family of Ruth Griffith who passed away Tuesday in Abilene. Ruth was a sweetheart. Having known her all my life, I feel I lost a real friend. She was always glad to see us when we went to the Munday Care Home where she had lived several years. And was always interested in how my family and her friends in Benjamin were doing. She will be missed.

The annual Community Christmas program. The "traditional Christmas story" as held Sunday night, the 15th, at the Church of Christ. It featured scripture readings by some youth of the community, congregational singing and the actors in the story were young folks representing each church in town. John Gillispie, Baptist pastor, gave the invocation and Claude McKiddy, Methodist pastor, gave the closing prayer. Each child present was given a bag of Christmas fruit, nuts and candy as they left and refreshments were served in the basement of the Baptist Church.

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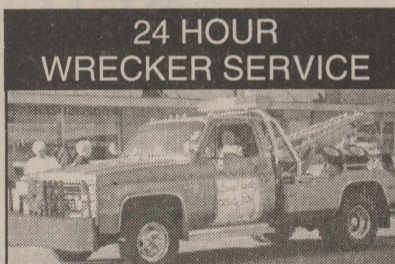
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11-28 tfc 16

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12-19 1tc 245

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MIKE SHEEDY
10-29 tfc 52

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BRAZOS VALLEY CARE HOME is now taking applications for kitchen help. Please apply in person at 605 S. Ave F, Knox City. 10-31 tfc 22

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	WHERE	TEAMS
Nov. 12	Aspermont	4:00	There	JV, Var.
Nov. 15	Seymour	4:00	Here	JV, Var.
Nov. 19	Aspermont	4:00	Here	JV, Var.
Nov. 22	Motley Co.	6:30	There	Var.
Nov. 21-23	Crowell JV Tourn.	TBA		JV
Nov. 26	Rotan	4:00	Here	JV, Var.
Dec. 3	Chillicothe	4:00	There	JV, Var.
Dec. 5-7	Haskell Tourn.	TBA		Var.
	Goree JV Tourn.	TBA		JV
Dec. 10	Archer City	4:00	Here	JV, Var.
Dec. 12-14	Rule Tourn.	TBA		Var.
Dec. 20	Rotan	TBA	Here	Var.
Jan. 10	Archer City	4:00	There	JV, Var.
Jan. 14	Paducah*	4:00	There	JV, Var.
Jan. 21	Munday*	4:00	Here	JV, Var.
Jan. 24	Crowell*	4:00	There	JV, Var.
Jan. 28	Paducah*	4:00	Here	JV, Var.
Jan. 31	Munday*	4:00	There	JV, Var.
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