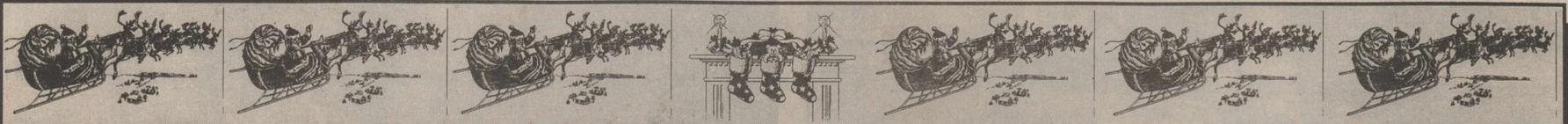


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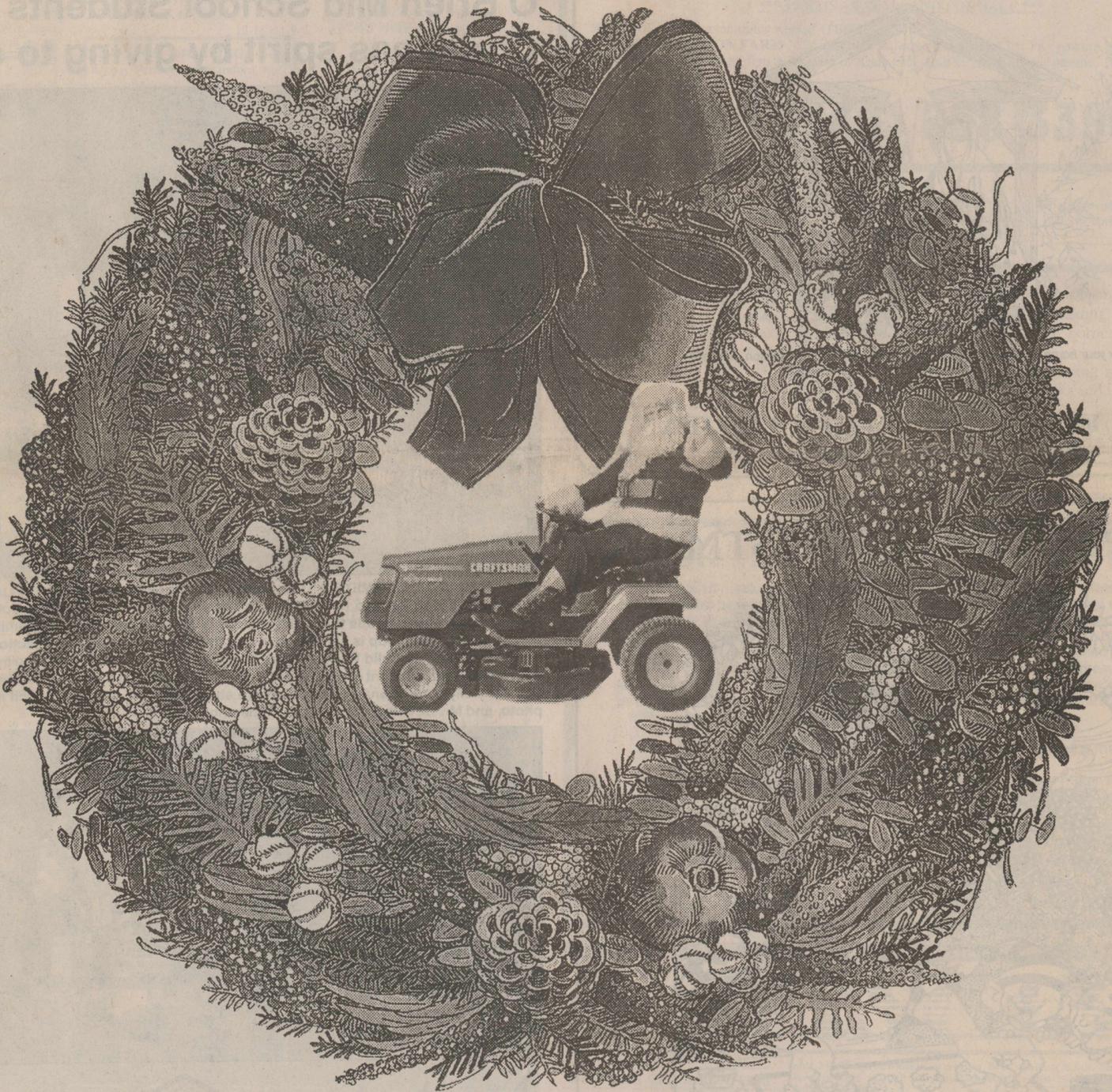
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Special 1997 Christmas Edition - Filled With Warm Holiday Wishes And Letters To Santa



The merchants and individuals placing greeting messages inside this special edition of The Knox County News wish you and yours the very best during this Christ Filled Christmas Season.

Looking inside this edition, one will find lots of Christmas items that relate to kids. From the letters to Santa Claus, to Santa letter class photographs and parade photographs, it's evident that Christmas is still for the kids. We would also like to say a special 'Thank You' to so many who helped to make this the very best Christmas ever for the families served by the Knox County Child Welfare Board. The response to the need was overwhelming, and insures a happy holiday for so many more area families and children.

All of us here at the Knox County News extend a sincere wish that the true meaning of Christmas prevail, that your holiday be filled with the joy that comes from truly knowing Christ.

Stacy, Dave & Scooter Thompson ~ Billie Angle

Merry Christmas from Santa



SANTA CLAUS MADE HIS OFFICIAL ENTRY into Knox City during the Christmas Parade as he drove this miniature train full of area children. Jolly old Santa seemed to be really enjoying himself as he traveled through the parade route, waving and talking with everyone he saw along the way. Santa promised to return to Knox City late on Christmas Eve, to deliver toys after kids are asleep. He wanted to remind children that he really likes those cookies and milk left out for him!! (NEWS Photo)

KC Lions Club helps others for Christmas



BRINGING IN TOYS FROM THE KNOX CITY LIONS CLUB to donate to the Knox County Child Welfare Fund, these members of the club were photographed in the News office after supplying the toy collection with a second load of toys donated by the local Lions. Shown from left to right are James Patterson, Charlotte Patterson, and Francis Dear. The organization also collected canned foods for food baskets and raised cash that will help the Knox County Child Welfare Board buy more Christmas presents for needy area children. (NEWS Photo)

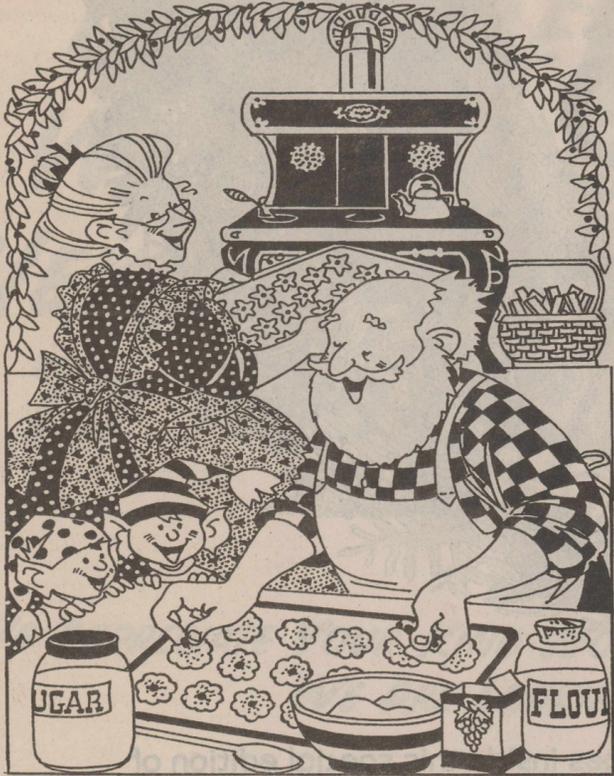
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O'Brien Mid School Students display Christmas spirit by giving to others



STUDENTS AT O'BRIEN MID SCHOOL were busy in the past few weeks as they prepared for Christmas by completing projects to help others. In the photo above, the Student Council is shown with a collection of canned goods that will be placed in food baskets for needy families in the area. In the bottom photo, the group is shown in front of the NEWS office with a collection of toys for donation to the Knox County Child Welfare Fund. All students at O'Brien participated in the projects, with the delivery left up to student council members, who represented their fellow classmates. Teachers Kent DeVille, Kelly Bartley and Judy Burnett are shown with the student council members in the above photo, and Mr. DeVille is also shown in the photo below. (NEWS Photos)



HALLELUJAH!

At this special time of year, we offer our thanks and join with you in celebrating the birth of our Savior. May the gift of His love fill your home and heart this holiday season.

First Baptist Church
Knox City, Texas
Johnny Johnson, Pastor

New Community Center dedicated in honor of long time housing board member Doug Meinzer



GATHERING DURING THE RECENT DEDICATION CEREMONY of the new Community Center Building at the Knox County Housing Authority, Doug Meinzer (at right) was honored by having the new meeting facility named after him. A long time member of the Knox City Housing Authority Board of Directors, Meinzer has been faithful in his service to the authority. Shown (left to right) with Meinzer are fellow board member Roland Marion, Housing Authority Manager Renita Raynes and Lea Reeves, who also serves on the Board of Directors. (NEWS Photo)



DOUG MEINZER (above photo) proudly displays the plaque presented to him during dedication ceremonies of the new Community Center Building at the Knox City Housing Authority. Housing Authority Manager Renita Raynes (photo at right) sits in her office at the Housing Authority office. In the far right photo is Debbi Gross, Housing Authority Clerk. (NEWS Photos)



Job search skills workshop set here Jan. 9

A Job Search Skills Workshop is scheduled in Knox City for Friday, January 9, at the Texas Department of Human Services, 606 East Main in Knox City.

Peggy Cummings of Career Stop in Abilene will deliver the workshop.

This workshop is provided at no charge to the community and will be from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break.

The workshop delivers the following information needed for a successful job search including (1) how to make the job search successful faster, (2) increase confidence and self-esteem, (3) create a list of over 30 skills and learn how to show them to employers, (4) build a resume to show employers how to meet their needs, (5) find out how to obtain job leads and (6) understand how to deal with "problem" questions in an interview.

Interested parties should contact the local Department of Human Services in Knox City at 940-658-3524 and Haskell office 940-864-2694.

Merry Christmas to you and yours

Merry Christmas to my many customers and friends.

Katrine King
Hairstylist at
Appearances

1997 Christmas Edition

The NEWS office will close on Wednesday, December 24 and remain closed through Christmas day and on Friday, December 26 to allow our family time to enjoy the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Monday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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!

Merry Christmas 1997

JERRY'S PLUMBING

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Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor
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Steve Pepper, Minister
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City
Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor
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A Special Gift...

Heaven and Christmas have different meanings for me this year.

The year of 1997 has truly been one I will never forget. For all of us who have lost our precious loved ones this year, this Christmas season is one to live on memories.

Referred to as "the most happiest time of the year" by Scooter, we have continued our tradition of decorating and gift-wrapping as a tribute to Daddy who loved the holiday more than life itself. His face would light up at the thought of playing Santa and seeing the News office windows fill with Christmas presents benefiting the Child Welfare. Most of all, he loved the season and time spent with his family. We did too.

One of the greatest gifts I will receive this Christmas season is a column written by Dr. Billy Graham. Mom saw this in a daily newspaper, titled "We should know others in Heaven..."

The song lyrics of "I Bowed On My Knees" say "as I entered the gates of that City, my loved ones all knew me well, they took me down the streets of Heaven, the scenes they're too many to tell..." Some do not believe we will know each other in Heaven; however, being one who has always has, I found great comfort in Dr. Graham's remarks.

A lady wrote to Dr. Graham asking the question, "Do you think we will recognize our loved ones in Heaven?" She further went on by saying, "I know the Bible says we will have new bodies that will be perfect and never grow old, but does that mean we won't recognize each other? I worry about this, since my husband died just a year ago and I long to see him again."

Dr. Graham replied to her by saying, "The Bible gives every indication we will recognize our loved ones who are in Heaven, and you should take comfort in that fact."

"This is seen in various passages in the Bible. For example, when Jesus was transfigured before some of His disciples and His Heavenly glory shown through, they still recognized Him. They also recognized Moses and Elijah who appeared with Him, although they had been dead for many hundreds of years (see Matthew 17: 1-13). Paul declared that in Heaven "... I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (1 Corinthians 13: 12). King David took comfort in the fact he would be reunited with his dead son: "... Can I bring him back again? I will go to him ..." (2 Samuel 12:23).

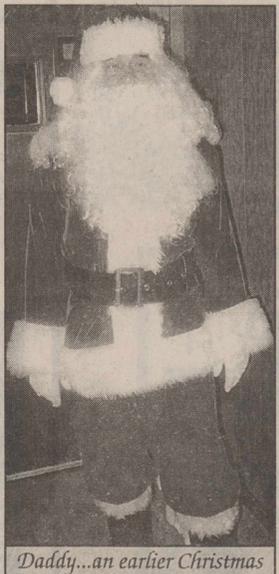
He ended by saying, "Rejoice that your loved one is now in Heaven, safe from all pain and illness forever. Rejoice in the reunion you will one day have with him. But most of all, rejoice that you know Christ, and that some day you will be with Him in all His glory."

I thank my heavenly Father for the gift of my earthly Father and all of the love of life he has shown me and our family. People have told me that time is a great healer. I'm sure someday it will be. In my life of 40 years, I've never been away from Daddy for over four to five days at a time. At this point for me, each day is harder than easier, as it is the longest I've ever been separated from him.

Living on faith and a promise from God, I do know that this separation is only temporary. And remembering Paul's declaration, I know he will know me.

I know Daddy is having his best Christmas ever with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

I love you, Daddy. Merry Christmas... Your daughter, Stacy.



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LOOKING AS IF THEY WERE HAVING A GREAT TIME during the Knox City Christmas Parade, Chamber of Commerce Manager Doris Crownover is shown here assisting the official parade announcer, Pastor Vergil Ichtertz of the First United Methodist Church. Both did a superb job and deserve a lot of thanks as the annual Christmas Parade once again went off without a hitch. (NEWS Photo)



GOLF CARTS were popular parade vehicles during the Christmas Parade this year, with this entry in the annual event by the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary 'Pink Ladies.' This award won the first place award in the individual category of the parade. (NEWS Photo)

To hit the nail right on the head...
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 Happy New Year, 1998

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**LETTERS
 TO SANTA**

Dear Santa,
 How are you, Santa? I would like a bike, some roller skates and a Size Me Barbie. I have been a good girl and have worked hard.
 Love, Mea Abila

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me some toys. I would like a doll.
 Love, Brittany Taylor

Dear Santa,
 I would like a bike. I want a dog house for my puppy. I already wrote one at home.
 Love, Tyler Johnson

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph and all the other reindeer doing? I hope they are fine. Santa will you please bring me fish and a fish aquarium. I also would need fish food for the fish. Please bring my sister Courtney a fire truck. Don't forget the cookie and milk on the table.
 Love, Kayla

Dear Santa,
 How is the North Pole? Is it really cold up there? I want a bike for Christmas. I also want the helmet and knee pads to go with the bike just in case I fall down. Would you please bring my sister a baby doll because she really wants one real bad. Thank you for the presents last year. Have a Merry Christmas.
 Love, Jordan Carter

Dear Santa,
 How are all your little elves doing? I am doing fine too. I want a doll that draws and picks it self back up when it falls. I also want a Bugs Bunny Coloring Book and a Choo-choo train. I also want one of those big cars that I can fit in and drive around.
 Love, Allyssa Carrizles

Dear Santa Clause,
 How are you and Mrs. Clause doing this Christmas? Are all the reindeer doing fine? How are the elves doing? I want those new Karate Fighters, the Jurassic Park dinosaurs and the Raptor Dinosaurs for Christmas. Don't forget the cookies and milk by the Christmas tree.
 Your friend, John Keith Edwards

Dear Santa,
 How are your reindeer? I would like a Barbie Jeep, Roller Blades and a doll.
 Love, Shenique Woods

Dear Santa,
 I want Upsy Daisy for Christmas and a Barbie Jeep. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
 Love, Makayla Harrington

Dear Santa,
 I want a trampoline so I can do flips. Also, could I please have a new Batmobile?
 I've been playing with my brother and helping my dad so you can see I've been good.
 I'll leave Oreos for you and some chocolate milk.
 Love, Brandon Bradley

Dear Santa,
 How are your reindeer? I've been good all year. I hope it snows on Christmas. Here's what I want for Christmas. I want a dog, a play station and a skull chainwallet.
 Noah Hedgecoke

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want toys. Santa Claus, I want some shirts, toys - cars, books, Santa Claus chair, Tennis shoes and a bunny phone.
 Thank you Santa Claus.
 Your friend, Eric

Dear Santa Claus,
 I care about you. I like you. I am 5 years old.
 I would like a book, a firetruck, a teddy bear.
 Your friend, Kishan

Dear Santa,
 I want some Santa Claus presents and a Barbie and a Teddy Bear.
 I've been a good girl and I've been sitting down watching TV. Could I sit in your lap sometime?
 I love you.
 Love, Lacey Pierce

Dear Santa,
 I want a car that I can get in and drive and a dump truck. I say you at the mall and I sat in your lap and talked to you.
 Love, Nicholas Estrada

Dear Santa,
 Is everything OK up there? Here's what I want: Nintendo 64, a football, a watch, and a baseball and bat.
 Love, Richard Saxon

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you doing? May I have a Phantom Ranger and a little Combine for Christmas, please?
 Love, Nathan King

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph doing? Will you bring me a Nintendo 64, Domino set, Lego set, dinosaurs, and a Battle Ship.
 Love, Andrew Inland

Dear Santa,
 How are your elves doing? I would like skates, doodle bear, a beanie baby, a tomygotchy and some clothes.
 Love, Shawna Favor



**BLESSINGS
 OF THE
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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,
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 May you always enjoy both His love and good favor.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
You are special. I want a toy radio, a puzzle, some paint, a book.
I've been good.
I love you, Derrick C.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Spiderman toy.
I am five years old and I live across the street from the school.
Your friend, Ivan

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie for Christmas a a boy Barbie. My mama and my daddy want an angel that goes around and plays different songs.
I will leave you marshmallows to eat and milk to drink.
Love, Breanna Riggins

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and baby stuff. I will leave you cookies and milk. Amber wants come makeup. Don't forget her. She's my favorite big sister.
Love, Whitney Collins

Dar Santa,
Thank you for all the things you brought for Christmas last year. Will you please bring me Giga-pets and bring my mom a ring. Bring my brother, Quintin, a beanie baby named Tuffy. Tell Rudolph and the reindeer that Sarah burt said "hi".
I love you, Santa.
Love, Sarah Burt

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good boy. How is Mrs. Claus. Thank you for the gifts last year. My brother said he would, please, like a real puppy. May I have a CD player. May I have a new bike, a computer, a Patriot's football suit, and a new radio.
Love, Derek Agraz

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl this year. Santa, please bring me a Giga-pet, a bike and a fishing rod. Please bring my family something, too. Bring my little brother, Darius, a tricycle.
I love you, Santa.
Love, Marquita Mayes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year long. I would like you to bring me easyback and a computer and a nanobaby.
Crystal

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. Please bring me a TV for Christmas. Please bring my brother and I a football and Dolphin football suits for both of us. Also a CD player.
I love you, Donny Gee

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Thank you for the bike last year. This year I would like a traveling CD player and maybe a NaNo Kitty. Also one Beanie Baby please. Tell the reindeer "Hi!".
Have a safe trip.
Love, Laura Harrington



PULLING A FLOAT FOR THE KNOX COUNTY AGING CENTER, A. P. Denton Jr. is shown here having a great time while sitting high at the wheel of his restored tractor. (NEWS Photo)



PROVIDING BEAUTIFUL, SMILING HAPPY FACES for the Knox City Christmas Parade, Sara Dillon (driving & waving) and Lauren Clonts are shown here in the Suburban that pulled the float from Citizens Bank through the parade route. (NEWS Photo)

O Holy Night

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

Knox City Foursquare Church
Paul Chambers, Interim Pastor

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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LETTERS to Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I want headphones and new shoes for my brother and a fourtyniner golt a which. new clothes and a book. a stero for Marce. I love you Santa.
Sandro

Dear Santa,
I want tyco tan trim, electric sharpener, nitendo 64 games, frogger for computer.
Love, Coby Logsdon

Dear Santa,
Are the elves busy making some toys? I want a Barbie House and ten barbies for Christmas. I also want new shoes and a coloring book.
Santa can you bring my mom some clothes and my dad some clothes to. I also want a Mickey Mouse go to school movie.
Love, Mayra Espinal

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a guitar for Christmas, a drum set for my brother, a flute for my sister.
Thank you, Santa. I will leave milk and cookies.
Scott Agraz

Dear Santa,
I would like a extra pass nerf football for my two brothes and me I would also like a Jerry Rice throw back and moterized boat. That's what I want for Christmas.
Love, Brandon Grimsley

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I am dong fine. Is Rudolph ready for Christmas? I hope so because I am ready for Christmas. I have been a good boy all year long. Santa will you bring me a tranasaurus Rex that is big. I also want a cowboy man that has a horse. Santa will you please bring some pretty earrings for my mom.
Love, Taaj

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep, my size Barbie, a bike with no training wheels, a fake dool and that's it.
Love, Shelby Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a game that can help you with your homework and has 200 games. I want a bike too, a video game, and a cop car. Pleae bring me some clothes and a speaker and two toy guns.
Robert Salasare

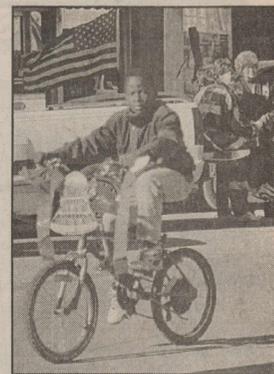
Dear Santa,
I don't want much this year. I just want a game called Pictionary Jr., a figure of Brett Favre that talks and a Cabbage Patch Bubble Stroller baby doll. I have been very good this year. Remember to go to my nieces and nephews houses and all of the other kids. Tell Rudoph and all of the other reindeer hello. Tell Mrs. Claus Hi ! Merry Christmas !
Katelyn Railsback

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. I saw one of your helpers at a store and I sat in his lap. He said, "Have you been good?" I said, "Yes. I've been nice to my brother and I've been doing what they tell me to." Daddy smiled.
My daddy said we'll leave cookies and milk out for you.
Love, Kaley Ainsworth

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Giga Pet, My Size Princes and Repunzle and a Dentist Barbie. I am 5 years old. My name is Brittney Gonzales.
Your friend, Brittney

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and would you say "Hello" to Mrs. Claus? I've been good this year! Would you please bring me a Space Shuttle Launch Mega Rig and a Gateway 2000 computer. We'll leave you a snack.
Love, J.C. Chappell
P.S. Could you bring my little brother a Construction Site Mega rig?

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja sword so I can Kungh-Fu my brother. I also want a Vultra Megazord. Order my daddy a compass and my mom wants a candle. I'll be in Phoenix during Christmas at Aunt Betty Sue's. Please bring me Turbo Weapons, too.
Love, Taylor Chappell



RIDING HIS BIKE through the Christmas Parade, Quinten Spells is shown here as he passed the Judges reviewing stand in downtown Knox City. (NEWS Photo)

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? I hope you are fine. Pleae bring me a real puppy. Also I would like a new bike and I want a remote controlled truck for me and a remote controlled Attack Cobra Helicopter. I also want a Bengals' football suit. Bring a CD player for my mother.
Love, Rico McCrary

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. Is everything going well. How is Rudolph doing and how is Mrs. Claus doing but but Santa I am not finished do you want to hear what I want. I want a Detroit lions jersey and a Dallas Cowboy jersey and a computer thats all. I will be back next year to see you and fill then good luck from your frind Timothy Sanders see you next year oh I forgot I want a mentendo sixty four see you next year by by
Timothy Sanders

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I would like a Bowie knife, Mega phone, a 22 gun, play station, and Sega Genesis.
Love, Joe Albus

Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves? I love what I got last year. I don't want that much this year. I would like roller blades, gymnastics mat, a paint kit, some dress up clothes and a Lisa Frank Extravaganza.
Love, Jessy Schur

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Rudolph? Thank you for all the things you brought last year. This year I want two Beanie Babies, a Giga-pet, a VCR and a Casey Cartwheels.
Love, Brittany Garcia

Dear Santa,
When I got my picture made with you, I asked you for a race car, remember? I need some round crayons for me to color with at home. I'll leave you some Schwan's cookies and milk.
Love, Landon Lynn

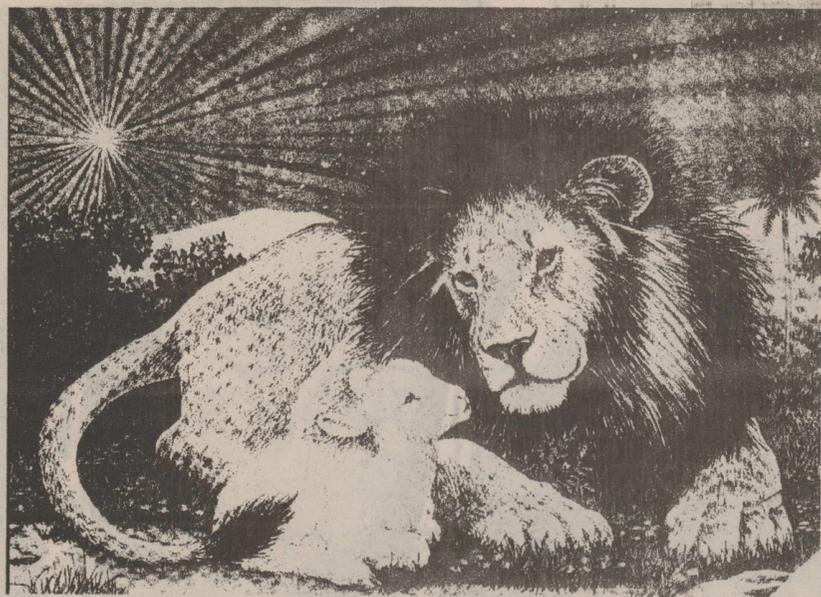
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God bless you and yours at this holy time of year.

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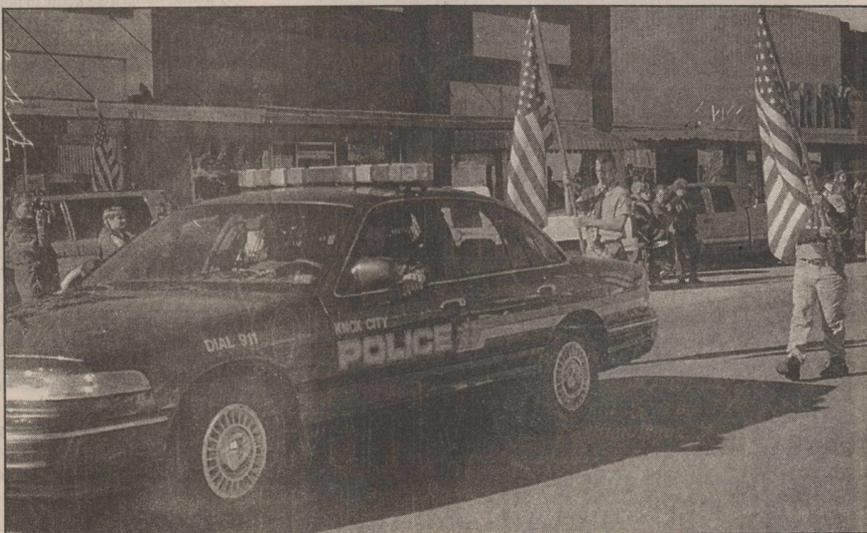
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Dwight Gothard



RIDING THE FIRST PLACE FLOAT by the First Baptist Church of Knox City in the Christmas Parade was FBC Pastor Johnny Johnson and his wife Janet, their two sons, Tyler and Braden, and other children from the church. (NEWS Photo)



LEADING THE CHRISTMAS PARADE, Knox City's new Police Chief, Harry Steen, was followed by Boy Scouts Landon Weiershausen and Caleb Carver, both carrying American flags. (NEWS Photo)



KCLION Don Hawkins is shown here with his usual smile as he drives the pickup pulling the Lions Club float through the Knox City Christmas Parade. Don is known throughout the land for his famous smile! (NEWS Photo)

Dances at Rhineland

Saturday, December 27
U-NO-CO.

New Year's Eve Dance
Wednesday, December 31
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9:00 to 1:00

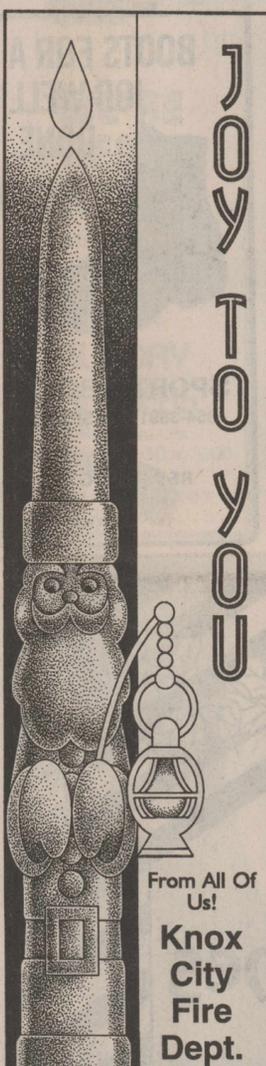
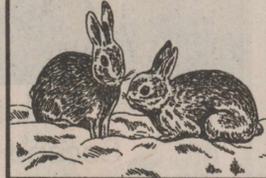
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Happy Holidays

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

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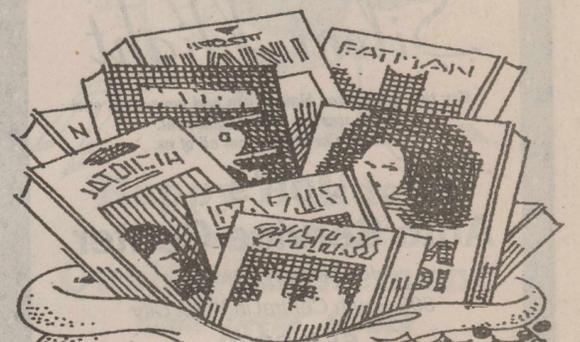
There's no place like home for the holidays, and we hope that yours is filled with love and laughter this holiday season.

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- * All Wednesday rentals will be due back by 7:00 p.m. on Friday.
- * WE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

1997

Merry Christmas

Best Wishes

From

Doctor Shirley Barretto

~

Doctor Imran Rao

~

Doctor Feras Hamadeh

and Staff of the

Knox County Hospital Clinic

HOLY NIGHT WISH

"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."
— John 1:5
Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.

O'Brien Baptist Church

Bill Trice,
Pastor



Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Brockett's
Second Grade Class

Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Bowen's
Morning Pre-K Class

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for Christmas. A book that tells everything about racing and pictures of the cars of all the racers that race today. And a little Jim Yates remote control car that I have to put the motor together. But you have to give me the parts.
Love, Grant Lewis
P.S. I would also like a flubber.

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly for Christmas. I want a playhouse to play with inside. Kennedy wants a rattle. This is her first Christmas so don't forget her. My mama wants a tea kettle to put on the stove and my daddy wants some new pets. I'll leave you some milk and cookies, chocolate chip cookies.
Love, Kelsey Ansley

Dear Santa,
I am 6 months old. I always have a big smile on my face and hardly every cry. But today I am a little fussy because I'm sick and in the hospital. Hopefully by Christmas day, I will be home and feeling better. So come and see me and bring me my first doll.
See you, Destiny Pierce

Dear Santa,
I'm an 11 month old baby girl and Momma and Daddy say I have been very good so far. For Christmas I NEED hair - any amount will help! I would like some books, a baby doll and a riding toy. Please bring Aunt Asha some good computer games and something special for Aunt Jennifer. Thanks for the early Christmas present for Uncle Kent - he loves that Harley.

I will be at my Mamma and Pappy's house in Knox City. We will leave you apple-cherry juice and Cherrios on the kitchen table.
Love you, Keelie Harrison

Dear Santa,
I want a mountain bike, the movie George of the Jungle, a ranch set and a dairy set.
Kiel Rowan

Dear Santa,
I am only 2 but I try real hard to be good. I love horses and I want a big toy horse to play with. I also want a doll that really licks a lollipop called "My lickety treats". I love you, Santa.
Emily Espinosa

Dear Santa,
I want a Giga pet and a rabbit, a California roller girl, a Casey central, a Talking Tommy.
Love, Adreanne

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Aaron McCrary. I am eight years old. Please bring me a slammer remote controll car, crash back car and nin. 64. I have been a good boy.
Love, Aaron

Silent Night

May this holy season blanket you and your loved ones with warmth and contentment.
Merry Christmas from all of us.

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Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Batman and Robin bike. It has training wheels. I am going to practice and take the training wheels off and I am going to ride a two wheeler. When I know how to ride it, I am going to put on my Batman costume and pretend I am on a Batcycle.
I say you in Comanche.
Love, Will Kuehler

When making out your Christmas gift list, don't forget the Knox County Child Welfare Board.

The kids are depending on you!!

Donations of a new toy or a \$5.00 monetary gift may be taken to the office of **The Knox County News** and left under the Christmas Tree in the front window.

\$5.00 donations may also be mailed to: **Juanita Wilcox**
509 S. Central
Knox City, Tx
79529

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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Michael Bartley ~ Joe Lopez
Birdie Helton

To all the people of Knox County

May the feelings of peace among all mankind be with you during this holiday season and throughout the years to come.

From everyone at the

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Texas Department Of Transportation presents awards to employees of Knox County Maintenance Section

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held their annual Safety Awards Banquet on November 21, 1997 at the Bairfield Activity Center in Clarendon, Texas. This banquet is held to recognize employees efforts in operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries for a period of one year.

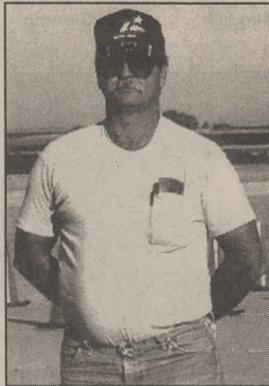
Members of the Knox County Maintenance Section who received an award were: Lee Bruce, Terry Hendlix, Leno Hernalidez, Ray Hudson, Pete Rocha, Jerry Branam, Gene Ward and Ronald Urbanczyk. Also receiving awards were employees of the Munday Area Office: Enrique Escobar, Greg Urbanczyk, Ricky Gonzales, Kirk Trospen and Mike Hosea.



CHILDRESS - Magdaleno Hernandez and Ray Hudson, of the Knox County Maintenance Section for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Maintenance Office in Munday, drove away with the two highest points in their section at the district Truck Roadeo held in October.

TxDOT sponsors the Truck Roadeo annually to recognize the skills of TxDOT truck drivers and to showcase the pride they have in the safe operation and maintenance of TxDOT equipment. Drivers are scored on two different tests. First, they are tested on how well they can spot safety defects on equipment. Then, they drive through an obstacle course designed to simulate truck maneuvers encountered during a normal workday. This year Hernandez and Hudson received a special award at the Childress District Safety Awards Banquet held in Clarendon, on November 21, 1997. Pictured: Ray Hudson.

Information about TxDOT is also available through the Department's World Wide Web site (<http://www.dot.state.tx.us>.)



ALYSSA CASILLAS

Baby pageant winner

Alyssa Casillas, 10 1/2 month old daughter of Mellisa Casillas of Haskell, was crowned and robed "County Supreme Princess" at the December 14 Abilene Kidz Pageant held at the Abilene Civic Center.

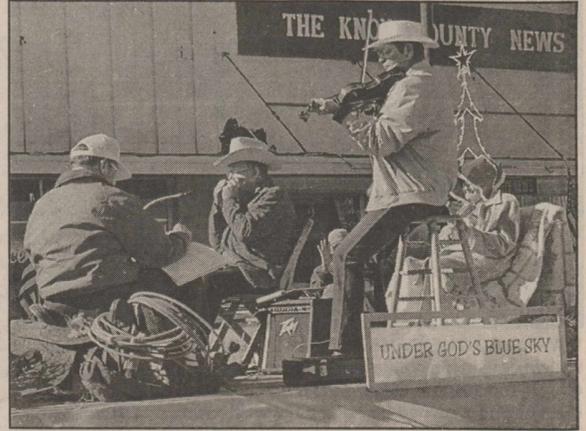
Alyssa is the granddaughter of Charles and Martha Casillas and Sammy and Camellia Wade of Haskell.

She is the great-granddaughter of Nettie Mae Watson of O'Brien.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

By Justin Parker

Last week was tough. We had semester tests all week. We had book reports to do for Mrs. Hedgecoke in reading. Our semester tests for Mrs. Hedgecoke were social studies, science, english and spelling. We had 2 other tests too. They were math and a music S.A. for Mr. Tucker. They weren't too tough. Last week wasn't just tests. We got to play our games that we made in enrichment. We had a Christmas party. We were looking forward to Christmas break and we would like you to have a Merry Christmas, too.



UNDER GOD'S BLUE SKY, these musicians entertained the spectators during the Christmas Parade on a float sponsored by the Knox County Aging Center. This entry won a second place award in the float category of the parade. (NEWS Photo)

Classic Christmas for kids campaign a huge success

With the last few installs being completed this week, Classic Cable is excited about the large number of toys collected for children this Christmas. According to Jennifer Hauschild, Marketing Manager, "Classic Cable started this special campaign November 1 and offered it through December 15. We had many customers thrilled to be able to help in our efforts to give to the less fortunate children this Christmas."

Classic offered a reduced installation fee if the customer would donate a new toy. In this company wide effort Classic Cable was able

to collect 3,190 toys all of which will be distributed back into the community in which they were collected. In the Knox City community, Classic Cable donated 14 toys to the Knox County Child Welfare Board who will see that deserving children in the community receive a toy this holiday season.

Classic Cable is working hard to be a good neighbor in the communities they provide with cable service. This Classic Christmas for Kids campaign is just one of the many ways they give support back to the communities.



Blessings to All

*There is a quite in the winter wood,
A silence that the soul alone can hear,
As if all of nature . . . knew and understood
The meaning of this Holy time of year.*

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greetings at
christmastime

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**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.*

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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!*

KnoxCityFlorist

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Beverly Munsell
Diane Roberts

'TIS THE SEASON FOR US TO SING.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING!

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BILL, DIANN, PAT & MICHELLE



WAVING TO THE CAMERA AND THE JUDGES, Oscar Mangis is shown here in his holiday attire during the Christmas Parade while driving his tractor. Oscar pulled a float sponsored by the Whittle & Paint Shop, owned by he and his wife, Leta. (NEWS Photo)



JUDGING THE CHRISTMAS PARADE, these distinguished judges from area newspapers seemed to enjoy themselves as they took notes on the winning entries. Shown from left to right are: Kelly Elkins from the *Stonewall County Courier* in Aspermont, Patsy Rodgers from the *Twin Cities News* in Rochester and Cynthia White from the *Munday Courier* in Munday. (NEWS Photo)

Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Delgado's Class



FIELDS OF CHRISTMAS

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Hope the season brings a bumper crop of dreams come true!

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Celebrate the
Christmas
Spirit

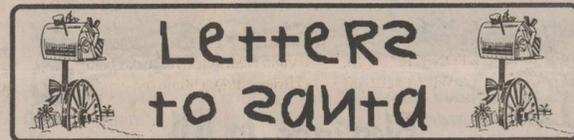
The word of God became flesh...
The Son of God became man...
The Lord of All became a servant...
The Righteous One now lives in men...
The Seated One is coming again!

Hallelujah to the only One who is worthy of all that we have... of all that we are!

Christmas Greetings
From The Staff Of
Knox County Hospital
HOMECARE



CHEERLEADERS from O'Brien Mid-School and Knox City High School rode this float through the Knox City Christmas Parade. Shown from left to right are O'Brien Cheerleaders Chere Pierce and Kimberly Hawkins, with Knox City High School Cheerleaders Jessica Fraser and Kim Grimsley. (NEWS Photo)



Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Barbie phone and bicycle. Also, a little red wagon would be nice. Don't forget my brother, Will.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Kristen Kuehler

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I want a little red wagon to pull my dogs around in my backyard.
I hope you and Mrs. C. have a great holiday.
Love, Tyler Renfro

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll and a book for Christmas. I have tried to be a very good girl this year. My baby sister, Andrea, would like some toys, too.
Landon, Andrea and I will leave some milk and cookies out for you. Thank you, Santa!
Love, Allison Lynn

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with a football game and a TV for my room. Please bring me a puppy.
Lee Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I'm really looking forward to Christmas. I really want a Seta, Crashback and a Dallas Cowboys, Jersey. I hope I get what I want this year.
Love, Johnny Nevarez

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Pierce. I am 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year but that is pretty hard to do. So could you still come to my house and bring me a red bike, a big truck and a rack track. Don't forget to bring something for my two brothers John and Ryan and my baby sister Destiny. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love you, Cody Pierce

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. I hope you bring me the present I want. I want a skateboard, roller blades and a puppy. I will keep some cookies on the glass table.
Amos Lerma

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Would you please bring me a giga pet, a Dentist Barbie doll and a Sega. Are your elves in good hands? See you next year.
Bridgett Billington

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year. I want a Barbie doll for Christmas. I also want a Baby Slip and Slurp. Santa I also want a toy with a toy Santa on it and a Baby go Bye-Bye. Thank you for the presents last year.
Love, Molly Agraz

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with a hunting CD Rom with birds and deer.
Chance Ainsworth

Dear Santa,
I will like a barbie doll it movie and its walk. she likes to walk.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. May I have a Beanie Baby, a Bengals' football suit, and a remot controlled monster truck. Will you please get my brother a Bengals' suit and get my sister a Barbie. Please give my dad and mom a football and some flowers.
Love, Tyler Grindstaff

Dear Santa,
I want a My Siza Barbie, and a Barbie Car, and a Baby doll with a bed. Sometimes I'm good but sometimes I'm bad. The devil makes me be bad sometime. I'm sorry when I've been bad, but I'll try to do better.
I love you, Brittany Grindstaff
P.S. I practice my ballet for you every day.

Dear Santa,
I want a My Siza Barbie doll, new house shoes (Snow White), a Barbie that lives in a house and some Barbie clothes for me to wear. I've been good. I've been playing with my friends.
I like you, Kate Rowan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? I am doing fine. I would like a color printer and a teddy bear. I would also like a little Dr. or Nurse set for hospital stuff. That is all I want this year.
Thank you Santa.
Love, Brittany

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy Bake Oven and a Tickle Me Elmo and a teddy bear.
Love, Rachel Ellis

Dear Santa,
I am three years old. I have a big brother, Nathan, and a little brother, Zachary. I try to be very good to both of them... I share my toys with them. I would like a green tractor for Christmas, some candy and a backpack for school.
I will leave some carrots under the tree for Rudolf and his friends. I hope the snow doesn't keep you away from Knox City during Christmas.
I love you, Anthony King

Dear Santa Claus,
Yesterday I was a good girl. I have some Pecan Sandies for you to eat if you get hungry and some milk to drink if you get thirsty.
Please bring me a Barbie and a Jumpolene and a bigger bike. I would like the bike to be Barbie Pink if you have one.
I'll try to be a good girl and help mommy clean up.
I'll be asleep when you come, please leave the toys under the Christmas tree.
I love you, Savanna Berrios

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things you brought me last year. Will you please bring me an Easy Bake Oven. Will you please bring my brother a computer and my mom a pair of earrings. Will you please bring my dad new boots. Oh yeah! How is Rudolph? I'm o.k. How are you Santa and Mrs. Claus? Well I have to go. Bye Santa.
Love, Sarah Jo Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a balloon, a Christmas tree, some new Reebok shoes, and some skates. I had the chicken pox. I've been good.
Your friend,
Kenyin Collier Thompson

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.

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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.

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Dec. 29 thru Jan. 2

Monday, December 29 - Meatballs with mushroom gravy, buttered noodles, hominy casserole, green beans, hot rolls, coconut pudding.

Tuesday, December 30 - Sliced ham, vegetable salad, butter beans, stewed cabbage, cornbread, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday, December 31 - Chicken and dumplings, peach half with cottage cheese, peas and carrots, hot rolls, cake square.

Thursday, January 1 - Closed for New Year's Holiday. No meals served.

Friday, January 2 - Fish fillet with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, steamed broccoli, sliced bread, fruit cobbler.

(All menus subject to change without notification due to conditions beyond the control of the staff at the Knox County Center. It is very important to notify the site manager in advance so that the visit will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen.)

Classified Ads - 658-3142

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FOR SALE - Four bedroom, two bath brick home, barn with 14 acres, greenhouse, two water wells, city utilities, barn and storage buildings. Call 658-3486.
11-7 tfc 26

FOR SALE - 501 South Fourth. Brick, three bedroom, two bath, two car garage, central heat and air, large kitchen, extra carport, storage building, shop building, storm cellar, fenced yard, covered patio, large lot, water well. Extra land available. Call 658-3841 to see. 6-19 tfc 42

HOUSE FOR SALE - Three bedroom, two bath, office, utility room, large kitchen with small built-in breakfast bar, living / dining combo with fireplace. Lots of extras. Also has fenced backyard and above ground swimming pool, two car garage, water well. Call 940-658-3612 or 658-5120. 8-14 tfc 45

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH CONCERN

The City of O'Brien water system collected one water sample during the month of November 1997 that contained Coliform bacteria. The City of O'Brien water system is required to submit a minimum of two water samples each month for bacteriological analysis.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Total coliform are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. However, the presence of these bacteria in drinking water, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes which distribute the water and indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea and possibly jaundice, and associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but may also be caused by a number of factors other than you drinking water.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact O'Brien Mayor Charlene Brothers at 658-3428.

For Sale

LEATHER RECLINERS from La-Z-Boy arrived too late for Christmas. Our loss is your gain! Now clearance priced to sell quickly. Lots of styles and colors. Kinney Furniture in Stamford. 12-25 tlc

ELECTRIC GUITAR: Fender Stratocaster Squier. Black and white. Comes with case and a Peavey amp. Great guitar in great shape. Great Christmas present. \$310 takes all. 1203 South Fourth Street. 12-18 2tp

YEAR END CLEARANCE starts Friday, December 26 at 10:00 a.m. Everything is on sale: sofas, love seats, chairs, recliners, tables, bedroom furniture, and dining room furniture. Quick free delivery as usual. Kinney Furniture in Stamford. 12-25 tlc

PIANO FOR SALE - Good condition. Call Lawri Lynn, 658-3320. 12-18 tfc 9

SEASON'S GREETINGS from Kinney Furniture in Stamford. May your holiday be filled with joy and the coming year be overflowing with all the good things in life. 12-25 tlc

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - \$70.00 cord. 658-3394. 12-18 2tp

THE END IS near for Kinney Furniture in Stamford. Yes the end of this great year is fast approaching and Kinney's is celebrating with a special sale on Spring Air mattress sets. All sizes of Spring Air bedding are reduced to half price! Quick free delivery and free disposal of your old bedding. 12-25 tlc

Notice

TO GIVE AWAY - Part airdale puppies. 658-3800. 12-18 2tp

BUYING LIVE RATTLESNAKES - Jan. 3, Jan. 24, Feb. 14. Pickups, Haskell - 8:15 to 8:50, Citgo Gas Station, East 380; Benjamin, 9:30 to 10:15, downtown area. 800-687-8373, Ronnie Herring.

Help Wanted

PENMAN'S CONVENIENCE STORE will be needed experienced temporary help during the first month of operation. Apply in person, 609 East Main, Knox City. 12-25 tlc 23

SHAPPARAL LIQUOR STORE is now accepting applications. Apply in person at the Shapparal, Hwy. 222, 13 miles west of Knox City, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Must be 21 or older. Contact Esther Conn. 12-11 tfc

Political Calendar

The following have authorized *The Knox County News* to announce their candidacy for public office.

State Representative, District 70
SCOTT MCLAUGHLIN (R)

Knox County Treasurer
PENNY (PARKS) GOODWIN (D)

Knox County Clerk
RONNIE VERHALEN (D)

Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 & 2
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Knox County Sheriff
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EL PROGRAMS PARA estudiantes talentosos en grados K-11 esta aceptando nominaciones en las escuelas Knox City-O'Brien CISD. Ultimo dia para aplicar para niños en el grado K es el 9 de enero. El examen sera conductado en enero.

Ultimo dia para estudiantes en grados 1-11 es el 27 de marzo con el examen conductado en abril. Formas para hacer una nominacion se pueden levantar en la

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I want a Spiderman Spider Blast, webs come out when you wear it. I also want a truck, a yellow one. I will leave a sandwich and some milk for you.
Love, Santos Espinal

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! Who are you? I go to kindergarten in Knox City.
I want a doll for Christmas. My sister wants King Skipper Barbie. My other sister wants a big doll that sucks pacifiers.
Your friend, Adrian

Dear Santa,
I want some crayons and a coloring book and a toy computer and some stickers for my book.
I live in Knox City, now, so come to my new house. I live with my Granny. Her name is Vickie Toliver.
Love, Latrell Woodson

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman car, a Dalmation Real dog, a Bateman suit and a fake bear. I'm trying to be good.
I like you,
M.J. Abila

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy, and games for it, some CD's and a CD Player, and a basketball. I've been good.
I'm your friend,
Rocky Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a TV and some Barbies. Just any kind of Barbie. I want some new clothes, too. I'm good.
Your friend, Sabrina Benevidas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I have been good this year. I want a Mermaid Barbie that can blow bubbles out of her crown. I also want some new Barbie shoes. Santa could you bring my dad a new t-shirt with sleeves and my mom a new set of ear rings.
Love, Jessica Ledesma

Dear Santa,
I want a hard hat and a clown. I like clowns, I want a roller skate doll. I've been good.
I like you, Laura Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a jewelry maker and a trampoline and some makeup. I've been good. Thank you.
I love you, Kristie Norton

Dear Santa,
I want a real computer because my sisters got one. I want a Barbie doll. I want an angel doll, too. I've been trying to be good.
Your friend, Holly McCrary

Dear Santa,
My mom is writing this for me because I am only 2, almost 3 years old. Please come see me and my brother, Tyler. We will be at Meemaw's in Brownfield. Please bring me Metal Molder, some cars, a guitar, scissors, and some marbles. Be careful riding in the sky.
I love you Santa,
Braden Johnson

Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Hacker's Kindergarten Class

Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Kight's Third Grade Class

Dear Santa,
Is everything good? Can I have a Nintendo 64, cowboy's cap, a remote control car, a hot wheel car and a cowboy shirt?
Love, Adan Silva

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeer? I would like a 22 Shot Gun, Nintendo 64, a bike and some targets to shoot at.
Love, Travis Hawkins

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a doll and blue pen that you write with. My sister, Essenbce, wants something to pay with in the bathtub. I will leave you cookies and lemonade.
Love, Camille Ward



ANOTHER GOLF CART entered in the Christmas Parade was manned by Wes Parker (at left) and Patrick Garcia. The pair tossed candy to the children lining the parade route. (NEWS Photo)

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

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John 1:29

May the light of love and joy shine on you and your family throughout the year.
God bless you.

Knox County Hospital Auxiliary

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May you have a song in your heart, during this and every season. We are ever-grateful for your friendship and ever-loyal patronage!

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Lucie Ray

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Merry Christmas to you and yours

Merry Christmas to my many customers and friends.
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MAKING A BIG CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHRISTMAS PARADE with their earth moving equipment, J.C. Eaton & Son, Inc. thrilled many area youngsters as their entry in the parade wound through the streets of our community. (NEWS Photo)



A PARADE WOULDN'T BE A PARADE WITHOUT A FIRE TRUCK, and the pride of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department was obvious to all those watching this bright red fire truck as it traveled through the Christmas Parade. (NEWS Photo)

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow.
Love, Joe Salazar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an airplane toy.
Love, Fernando Espericueta

Dear Santa,
Give me some Barbies, please. I love you. I want to be your friend.
Love, Shinisha Ward

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Greetings From The Thompsons

When your families gather near for the holiday season, take a few minutes to tell 'em how much you love them. Rejoice in all things the Lord has made possible and also thank Him for the love in your heart and guidance through life.

Merry Christmas
From our family to yours.
Dave, Stacy, Scooter & Stormy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing sants. How is Donner, Santa. I want to see you. Mary Christmas Donner and santa. And I am doing ok santa. And I want a gig-pat and ring and markers. Mary Christmas rudolf and cupid and comet and dancer and dasher and Blitzen and vixen and prancer. And I help rudolf have fun ok. And I help comet have fun. And I help Dasher have fun. And I help Blitzen have fun. And I help Vixen And I help prancer have fun. How are you doing Danner. How are you doing prancer. How are you doing rudolf. How are you doing cupid. How are you doing Blitzen. How are you doing Dasher. How are you doing Dancer. How are you doing comet.
Melissa Northrup



THIS ENTRY IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE was sponsored by G & L Tool Company of Knox City and gave the community an opportunity to see some of the heavy oilfield equipment the firm works with on a dialy basis in and around the Knox County area. (NEWS Photo)



DISPLAYING SOME OF THEIR HEAVY EQUIPMENT, Raydon, Inc. is shown here with their entry in the Knox City Christmas Parade. The local firm obviously did a lot of cleanup work to make the equipment look good for the spectators lining the parade route to enjoy. (NEWS Photo)

Glory To The Newborn King



A small cathedral outside Bethlehem marks the supposed birthplace of Jesus. Behind a high altar inside, is a cave. You can enter and admire the church... but also you may enter the small cave where an embedded star is in the floor. This star is where the Lord was born. There is one stipulation, you have to stoop down to enter this cave.

The same is true of Christ. You can see the world standing tall, but to witness the Savior, you have to go to your knees.

Psalm 95:6 "Let us bow down in worship."

We pray you know His love and His true worship,

The folks at Smith Funeral Home, Knox City



LOTS OF BICYCLE RIDERS ARE SHOWN HERE following the Knox City fire truck in the Christmas parade. (NEWS Photo)



A PARADE WOULDN'T BE A PARADE WITHOUT HORSES. Shown here are John Eaton and a lady friend of his from Wichita Falls as they rode through the Knox City Christmas Parade. (NEWS Photo)



MOVING SLOWLY THROUGH A PARADE ON A TOURING MOTORCYCLE can be a difficult chore, but Jeff Thane of Knox City is shown here making it look easy during the Knox City Christmas Parade. Not only was Jeff riding his motorcycle, he was also pulling a trailer with Travis Hawkins and Jordan McCown inside. This entry by Thane won him a second place award in the individual category of the parade. (NEWS Photo)



CITIZENS BANK SPONSORED THIS FLOAT in the Knox City Christmas Parade. The wish from everyone at Citizens Bank to the entire community was obvious: Merry Christmas! (NEWS Photo)



'ROCKING HER WAY' through the Christmas Parade, Leta Mangis of the Whittle & Paint Shop is shown here enjoying the many spectators who lined the parade route. This entry won a third place award in the float category of the parade. (NEWS Photo)



WINNING A FOURTH PLACE FINISH in the float category of the Knox City Christmas Parade, this entry by O'Brien Baptist Church featured children from the church and the voice of Donnie Roberts as he sang to the spectators lining the parade route. (NEWS Photo)



MAILING THOSE LETTERS TO SANTA, the Chappell boys, Taylor (at left), and J.C., are making sure that 'Ole Saint Nick knows what they want for Christmas. Every year the bright red mailbox is placed in front of the Knox County News Office so that area children can mail their letters to Santa. The letters also appear in this special Christmas edition of the News. (NEWS Photo)



Let Us Pray For Peace On Earth

Together we can make it work.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

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Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor



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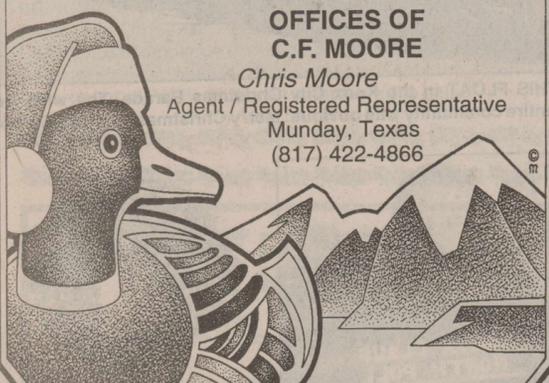
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Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Vacek's First Grade Class

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Mrs. Collins's Third Grade Class

Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Lierly's First Grade Class

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
 How are you and the reindeer doing? I am doing fine if you want to now. oh tell Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Uirtin, Comet, Cuped, Domer, Blixun. Well, will you please bring me three toys. I will tell you then I want a giga pet, a super nail creation, a bead magic. oh tell Dasher I wish I could see hin. oh Santa this is my favorit time of the year. oh tell Dasher I might give him a present it will be by Santas milk and cookies. tell the reindeer that I would like to see them to. oh tell Ms claus I siad high. tell her I siad Merry Christim.
 Merry Christmas Santa.
 Kayla Stewart

Dear Santa,
 Thanks for the other toys. How are the reindeer? I want a Forty-niners football suit. I also want a remote controlled helicopter and some new Nike shoes. Also a motorcycle bike.
 Love, Kyle Wilson

Dear Santa,
 I like the things you brought me last Christmas. This year I want a my size Barbie with a princess dress. Also I would like a Barbie dresser witha cassette. Please bring Samuel my bother a real puppy, a remote controlled car and Power Ranger stuff.
 I love you, Samantha Dena

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for last year's presents. This year I want a Casey Cartwheels, a Rugrat sleeping bag, a Newborn Diaper Surprise Baby, a Clueless phone and roller blades. More than anything else I want a REAL puppy. Please bring something for my mom, too.
 Love, Dannie Garcia

Dear Santa,
 I would like a purple remote controlled car and a piano for Christmas.
 I love you Santa, from Isaac Ruiz

Dear Santa,
 I am a four year old little boy who tries very hard to be good. Please bring me a big dinosaur truck. My sister, Holly, would like a pink car. If you have a candy cane, please leave it with my truck.
 I try to help mommy by cleaning up my room and keeping my toys put away.
 Thank you for being so good to all the boys and girls.
 Fly safely on Christmas eve.
 I love you, Luther McCrary

Dear Santa,
 Can I have a horse, motor scooter.
 Cody Wainscott

Dear Santa,
 Is it going fine I hope so. Say Merry Christmas to all of them. I wood like a go-cart, 49's suit, a bicycle and a nintendo 64. God bless you and have a Merry Christmas.
 Love, Sean Wilson



**"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

We're Not Toying Around... *When we say,*
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We wish you all the best, because you are the best!
 Merry Christmas!

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Our Thanks

As is evident by the size of this newspaper, it took quite a long time to put together. We worked throughout the weekend and put in some mighty long hours. We would like to thank the many advertisers who made this special Christmas edition possible.

And a special thanks to Ed and Patty DelValle of the Pizza Place across the street from the newspaper office for keeping us from starving, we do appreciate the offer for lunch and the special dessert treat you brought over!

Merry Christmas!



Carrollers, Rejoice!



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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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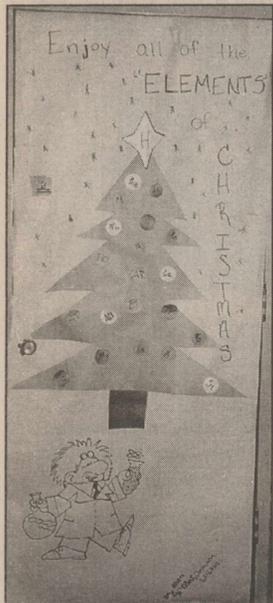


Santa's On His Merry Way...
Bringing Gifts Without Delay. And We'd Just Like To Stop And Say, We Wish You One Great Christmas Day!

We appreciate your ever-loyal support and patronage. Joyous Noel to you and yours.

Anthony Logsdon
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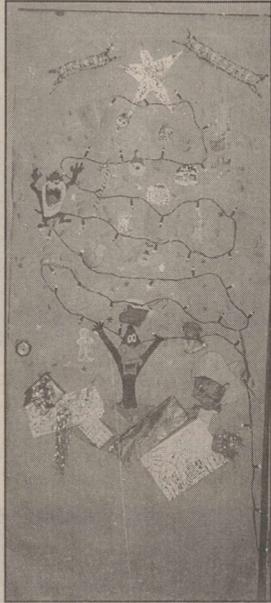
O'Brien Mid-School students decorate classroom doors for Christmas contest



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7th & 8th Grade



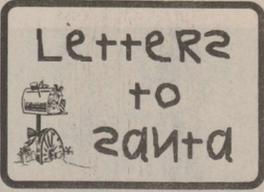
Mrs. Burnett's Class Door
Second Place Winner
7th & 8th Grade



Mrs. Hedgecote's Class Door
First Place Winner
5th & 6th Grade



Mrs. Chappell's Class Door
Second Place Winner
5th & 6th Grade

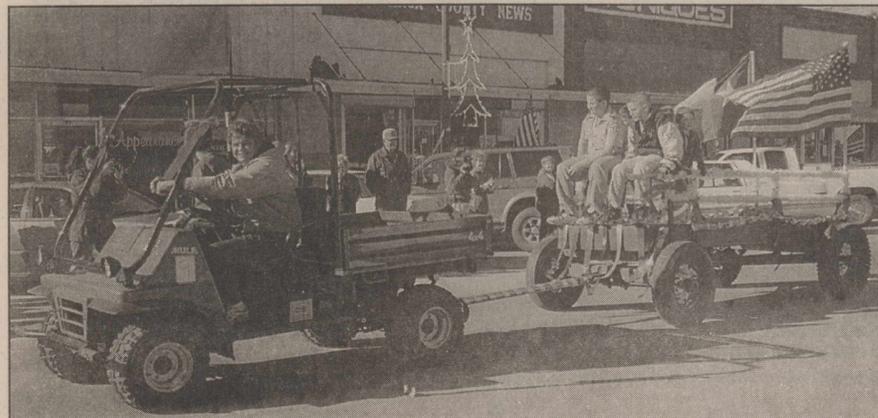


Dear Santa,
Hi, it's Jerod Daniel. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a Volcano Blowout, a hockey stick, Laser Tag, computer, Mouse Trap, sword, little motorcycle, boots, remote control truck and a pair of blue jeans. That's all. I'll pick you a rose and leave it in front of the fireplace. I'll leave you a candy cane and some cookies and milk. You can have a break at my house and watch TV.
Love, Jerod

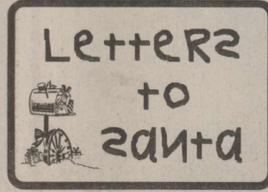
My Christmas List
I want a pair of Michael Jordan shoes, Lazer Tag, Ricochet with battery pack, Dallas Cowboys football, Deion Sanders jersey, speedometer for my bike, telephone, Nintendo 64 and Madden 97 and Mario Kart. Especially a Go Cart please. P.S. Please, Please, Please !!
Sincerely, Reece Daniel



WITH GIANT EYEGLASSES FOR ALL TO SEE, this entry in the Knox City Christmas Parade by the Knox City Lions Club featured all the projects the Lions support, such as the collection and redistribution of old eyeglasses to underprivileged children. (NEWS Photo)



RIDING A WAGON THROUGH THE PARADE, Boy Scouts Wesley Powell and Nathen Lierly are shown here as the scout entry passed the judge's stand in the Christmas Parade. (NEWS Photo)



Dear Santa,
I want a firetruck. I live in O'Brien and I have four brothers. Don't forget them.
Love, Miguel Espericueta

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control, battery four wheeler. It is a big one that I can drive out at the lodge. My mom is having a baby. Please bring baby clothes.
I've been a good boy; I've been minding. I've been bringing ice in. I'll leave you cookies and milk. I live in Knox City now.
Love, Zach Shaver

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Talk to Me Barbie, a Barbie that walks by itself and a toy Polar Bear. I've been good and make good grades. I do what Mama tells me to do.
I love you, Devon Flye

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a power ranger (the black one), and a toy car. I've tried to be good.
Your friend, Cameron Espinosa

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What would Jesus do?

A young woman asked an older man for a battery jump in a grocery store parking lot. He readily complied. After her car started, she told him she knew he would help her because he wore a WWJD bracelet.
For those unfamiliar with the initials WWJD, it is probably the hottest trend in American religious life. WWJD stands for What Would Jesus Do? That question was asked in Charles Sheldon's inspirational novel "In His Steps".
In 1992, members of Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, read "In His Steps". They wanted something that would trigger daily the Jesus question.
They approached a non-religious promotional-item company, seeking a reminder. This company produced the WWJD bracelet.
Two years ago, a Holland bookstore ordered bracelets. Last year, the company sold 250,000 bracelets. To date in 1997, four million bracelets have been sold. Four thousand stores carry the bracelet, up from 500 in March. This year alone, sales are over \$1 million. The bracelet has even gone global, and a WWJD Bible is in print.
God instructed the people of Israel to make the Shema central to their lives: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." They were told to think on these words at bedtime, to teach them to their children, to write them on their door frames and to wear them on their hands. (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9).
In a time when corporate logos and brand-name clothing communicate values and loyalties, the WWJD jewelry serves as a 1990s version of the Shema, telling others who we are. It reminds us to show our values through the decisions we make and actions we take.
WWJD is a positive trend worth joining. (Partial excerpts taken from The Baptist Standard)

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Thank you for a wonderful year !!
We will be closed for Christmas December 25, 26 and 27.
See you Monday, December 29. Happy Holidays.

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And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:2

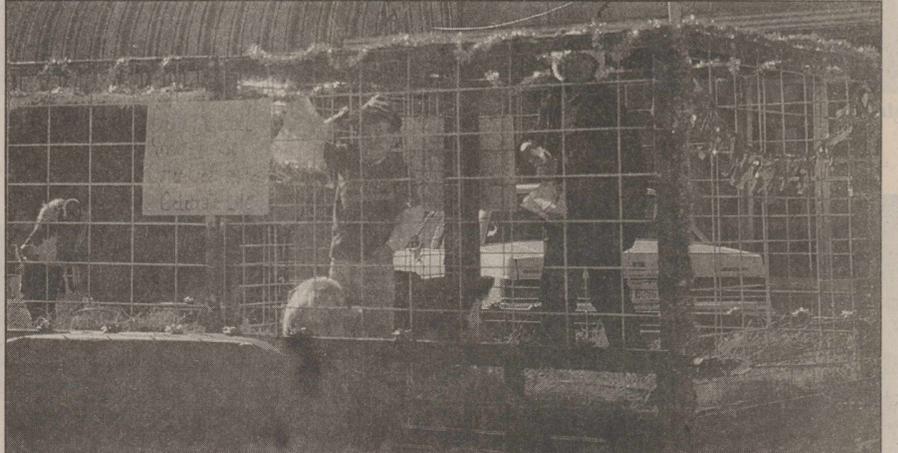
In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish everyone an abundance of peace, love and light.

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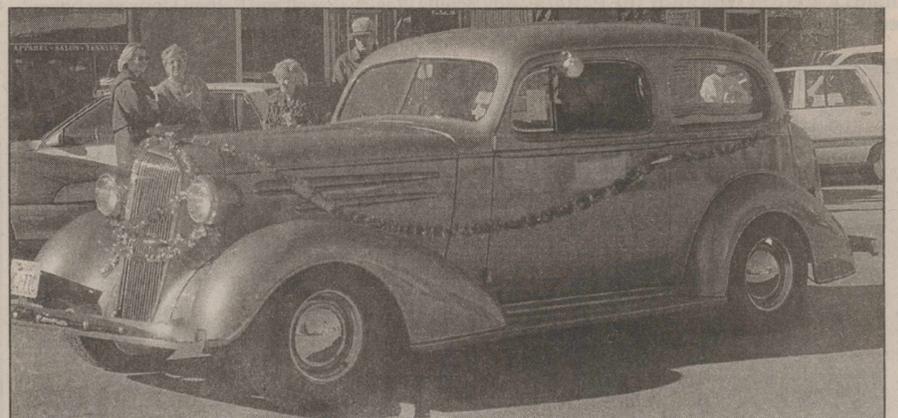
JC EATON SEEMS TO BE HAVING A GREAT TIME as he guides his decorated tractor through the streets of Knox City during the Christmas parade. J.C.'s float carried "Buddy the Bull," who was in Knox City's first Christmas Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Buddy was joined this year by his calf, "Survivor." The two children riding on the float were Rocky Smith and Christopher Eaton. (NEWS Photo)



RIDING A FLOAT WITH "BUDDY THE BULL" are Rocky Smith (at left), and Christopher Eaton. "Buddy" was in the very first Knox City Christmas Parade, and was accompanied on the float this year by his calf, "Survivor." The bulls are owned by J.C. and Janice Eaton. (NEWS Photo)



MAKING THEIR PENNIES COUNT, these young "bankers" seemed to be enjoying themselves while riding this float in the Knox City Christmas Parade. The entry was sponsored by Citizens Bank of Knox city. (NEWS Photo)



THIS OLD RESTORED BEAUTY was a hit with the spectators during last week's Knox City Christmas Parade sponsored by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. The car is owned and was driven by Elizabeth Grill of Seymour. (NEWS Photo)



SPONSORED BY THE KNOX CITY BROWNIE TROOP, this float was a crowd pleaser as it passed through the downtown business district during the Knox City Christmas Parade. (NEWS Photo)

Mailing those Letters to Santa...

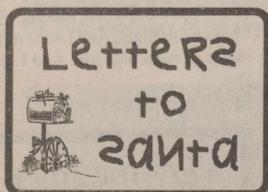


Mrs. Urbanczyk's Kindergarten Class

Mailing those Letters to Santa....



Mrs. Austin's Second Grade Class



Dear Santa,
Are you having fun? I have been a very good girl this year. I want a Nano-Baby and a computer for Christmas. Thank you for the presents last year. Santa please don't forget the cookies and milk on the picnic table.
Love, Lakin Hedgecoke

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you and your reindeer are fine. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me skates, a doll and a train.
Thank you!
Love, Alicia Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are all the reindeers and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope they are all fine. I want a Barbie, a play reindeer and a computer. I also want a remote control car, a dog, a cat and some new clothes. Will you bring my others sisters some new toys and clothes to.
Love, Kylie Hudson

Dear Santa Claud,
I love you. I want a monster truck. I hope non one is lost today, if there is give me a letter that says who is lost. I want a jeep truck, cop car, a fire turck and an ambulance.
Your friend, Derrick N.

Dear Santa,
Are you and Rudolph doing fine? I am doing good. I have been a really good little girl this year. So would you please bring me The Three Triplets and a little teddy bear. I would also like some Barbie clothes for my Barbies and have a Merry Christmas. Don't forget the cookies and milk on the table.
Love, April Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep. I want a puppy. May I want a bike? May I have a paintbrush? May I have a bear? May I have a clock?
Love, Tiffany McCrary

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing great. I can't wait until Christmas. Santa will you please bring me a puppy doll. I also want a puzzle and a little play house. Please bring my big sister a soccer ball and my little sister wants a stuffed dalmatian puppy doll.
Love, Samantha



AN EAGER CROWD of Christmas Parade watchers lined the downtown streets of Knox City as the start of the parade entered the business district. (NEWS Photo)



M-SYSTEM GROCERY STORE of Knox City sponsored Ricky Dale Smith and Joey Posey in the Knox City Christmas Parade.

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.

Wayne's 66
Wayne, Renella, & Larry
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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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BRINGING UP THE REAR OF THE PARADE and providing valuable traffic control during the annual Knox City Christmas Parade, law enforcement officers from throughout the county helped the Chamber of Commerce by keeping everything running smooth. Officers from the Knox City Police Department, the Munday Police Department, the Knox County Sheriff's Office, and the Texas department of Public Safety all volunteered to help. (NEWS Photo)

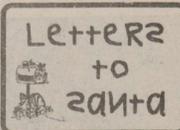


QUITE A FEW BICYCLES made their way through the Christmas Parade as area youngsters took part in parade festivities last week here in Knox City. Shown here are Sunny and Justin Parker, who won third place in the Individual category. (NEWS Photo)

Child Welfare Donations

The Knox County Child Welfare Board has received monetary donations from "Santa's helpers" including the Knox County Aging Center, the Knox County Hospital staff, David and Mary Counts, Brazos Valley Care Home, Knox City-O'Brien Schools (high school, mid-school, elementary), Girl Scouts, M System Grocery, Allsups Convenience Store, Steve Pepper, *The Knox County News*, Evelyn Underwood, James and Jan Frost, Ministerial Alliance, Pansy Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bland, Chamber of Commerce and Parade Participants, Sorosis Club of Benjamin, Benjamin Schools, and Classic Cable - Ronnie Bruce.

And many, many anonymous donors who donated toys, money and food.



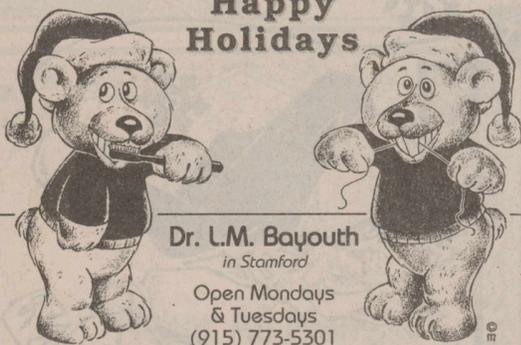
Dearest Sanna, I have been a good boy this year, (well sometimes I'm bad). But these are some of the things I want. I wanna a slide at daddy's house. Paint to paint with. The new Batman movie with Ice Man, a football, horsey stick, a wittle cowboy gun, baseball and a school bus. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Riley Albus

Dear Santa Claus, I hope the reindeer are well. I hope your mother is making cookies for you. I hope the elves are making toys. I want a flashlight. And I want roller skates. Have a nice trip. And I love you. Kyle Ray Harrington

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O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston

HERE AND THERE - Dempsey Emerson was in Anson Sunday to visit his brother, Jack Emerson and wife.

J.O. and Charlene Brothers spent a few days visiting with their son Jerry Brothers and wife Rosa and family last week.

Marilyn Talbot and Sue Stephens spent last Wednesday in Lubbock with Sue's daughter, Stefani and she returned home with them for the holidays and Scott is also home for the holidays.

Visiting Ranzy and Adelle Herring over the weekend were Junior Urbanczyk of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Herring, Garrett and Trent of Junction. They had an early Christmas while here and really enjoyed it.

Coy Hewitt returned home last week after having some surgery and testing made. He's doing real fine and told he could be on his tractor within 10 days.

Evelyn Underwood was transferred from Haskell Hospital to Rice Springs Care Home for a few days and will then to Abilene for some exams and x-rays on December 23.

Trish Roberts is home for the holidays with her parents, Don and Diane and sister, Angela. Trish is a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Last Tuesday night, Dan and Marilyn Talbot, along with Dwight Gothard, Vivian Hendrix and I were in Aspermont to see the beautiful Christmas decorations and went to Frazier's for a wonderful meal.

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

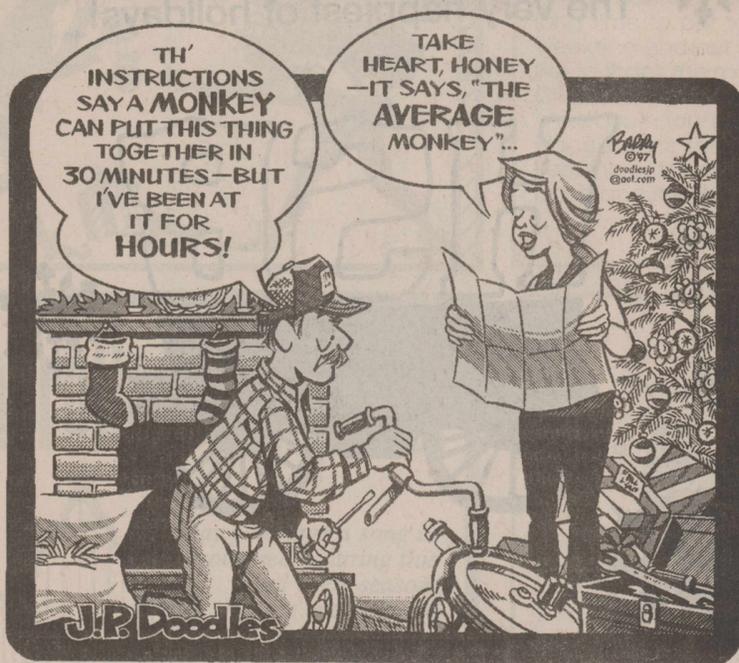
Christmas blessings to all.

THE MAIN STREET ATTRACTION

We will be closed Tuesday night, Dec. 23. We will be open Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Eve night and all day Christmas Day
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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

At **CHRISTMAS...**
May Your Field Of Dreams Be Ever Green...

To all our cherished friends, a very merry Christmas!

AT THE SPORT-ABOUT, WE CAN FILL THE CHRISTMAS WISH LIST FOR THE SPORTS FANS IN YOUR FAMILY!

SPORT-ABOUT

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Conrad & Betty

May the story of Christmas bring joy to all.

Merry Christmas

from Don, Marla, Lezlee, Kimberly & Travis

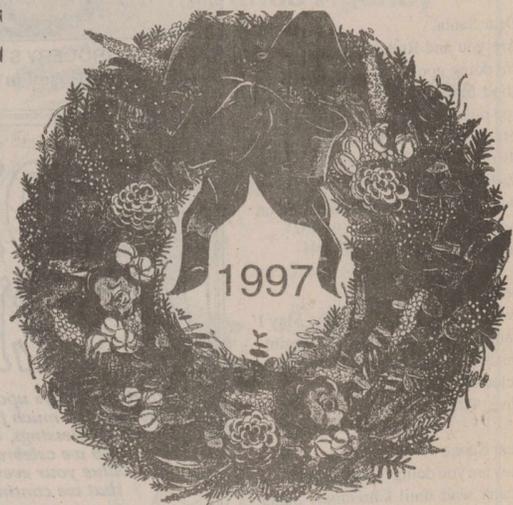


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A TERRIFIC CHRISTMAS ALL AROUND

Wishing a wonderful Christmas, To all of you good folks from us, With lots of love and laughter, This season and forever after! Thanks for coming 'round this year!

THE SUPPLY HOUSE



Terry, Kelly & Chris Bartley
Tommy Mangis ~ Terry Butler
Joe Clonts

Mailing those Letters to Santa...



Mrs. Bowen's Afternoon Pre-K Class

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Vanessa Solia. If I could had 4 things it be a Mickey shirt, Art Set, Soccer Ball and a Giga Pet.
Vanessa Solis

Dear Santa,
I would like a nana baby and a cowboy jacker and talk to me barbie and shoes and Devon wants talk to me barbie and my size Barbie and Mermaid that swins by itself and clothes and Jamie wants Barbie and talk to me barbie and clothes and Adela wants jewelry and clothes and a jacket and Chino wants clothes and Kristy wants a new car and clothes and Mary Ann wants clothes and furniture, and I will leave you cookies and milk. We love you very much.
April Herrera

Dear Santa,
How are you? I just want to know if you can get me these things please: giga pet-baby, computer, real talken bubba, Doodle bear, Rugrat doll, Nintendo 64 game. Thanks.
Love, Kursten Stafford

Dear Santa,
I want a giga set and a Nintendo 64. Marcus wants a playstation game.
Love, Zak Stevens

Dear Santa,
I want a crash back and trantum and fraidy cats.
Love, Sean

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like to have a trampoline. I would like some more gem stones. I am going to wish for the kids that won't get alot of presents for Christmas whatever theyw ish for.
Tiffany Wilde

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, Santa, I love you. Santa, I wold like a stereo and Nicholas wold like a nonobaby. My mom would like a bear. Nicholas love you and so does Joyce. Kristi and my mom and dad and so does Kristy and Stacy and Jennifer and Chris.
I love you, Santa.
Tabitha Short

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I am doing fine this year. I think I have been a good little girl this year. I want a Barbie House and some furniture to go with it. I also want a toy kitchen set and a computer. Have a good Christmas and don't forget the cookies and milk on the TV.
Love, Amber

Dear Santa,
I love you. Would you bring me Let's Play School, Flubber, Snow Mobile, Seado, and let Rebecca come home?
Love, Rechele Raynes

Dear Santa,
How are you at the North Pole? I would like a pet cat, a computer, a swimming pool, a stuffed animal and a ty Beanie Baby.
Love, BrieAnna Rios

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Barbie Jeep, Nike shoes, stereo, new clothes, and a television with cable.
Love, Ashley Garcia

Dear Santa,
I loved last year's presents. I would like a Nintendo 64, Motor Van for Barbie, Barbie Dream House, Let's Play School, and Take Care of Me Mommy.
Love, Candace Camille Carver

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I hope they are doing fine. Santa would you please bring me a race car tack with the cars with it and a Nintendo. I also want a dog and some clothes. Santa please bring my mom a pretty dress. Most of all I want a computer and some games to go with it.
Love, Samuel Deana

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Has Rudolph run away yet? Can you guess what I want for Christmas? I wish I could get a race car, a Sega Saturn and a jet. I would be delighted if you did bring them to me.
Your friend, Orrin Myers

Dear Santa,
My name is Tristin Montana Lain and I am 8 1/2 months old. I live in Guthrie, Texas. I really liked getting my picture made with you. I hope Jesus has a happy birthday and I also hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. My Christmas wishes are for a red wagon, some building blocks and toys for the bathtub. I would also appreciate some teeth so I can eat cookies. This is my first Christmas and I'm really excited.
Love, Tristin Lain
P.S. Please be careful. There will be come cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Tommy doll. A double-take set and Tommy's puppy, Spike where you hig hin and his ears go up. One of those little football players, a nutcracker, Risk the board game, the Rick CD Rom and a TV to go in my room. Army guys and that's all.
Love, Scott Fisher

Dear Santa,
I want a race car with control and a bike, and some Legos and a dog. I want my presents with candy canes. I want a computer.
Andrew Aguayo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North Pole? Is it really cold up there? I hope that Rudolph and the other reindeer are doing good. I want a robot and lot sof toys. I don't care what kind they are because I like toys.
Love, Christopher Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of boots. Mine are too little. And a Barbie doll, walkie talkie and an Easy-Bake oven.
Love, Carlie Rowan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I am doing fine. I want a bike for Christmas. I also want a San Francisco 49'er football.
Love, Lanny Coleman

Dear Santa,
My name is Kayla Hernandez. I am in kindergarten. I am six years old. For Christmas, I want a Barbie and some clothes fo rher.
Love, Kayla

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old. I want a Spider Wheel Blaster and a Giga Pet.
Your friend, Daniel

Dear Santa Claus,
I like your sleigh. How old are you? I am five years old.
I want a Barbie. I'll leave milk and cookies for you.
Your friend, Michelle

Dear Santa,
I like you sleigh. When is it going to be Christmas?
I want a dress-apart toy car and a lasor tag that has a short thing and a light. I'd also like one of those Giga Pets.
I am five years old and I go to school.
Love, Riley

A Golden Time

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A Maine physician says more and more men and women in their 40s and 50s are being treated for fractures related to osteoporosis. And he says the disease is more prevalent in heavy drinkers and smokers in that age range. That's because alcohol is "toxic to bone" and because chemical substances in cigarettes can interfere with normal bone regeneration. Osteoporosis is a progressive disease that causes victims to lose bone density. The disease causes about 300,000 hip fractures yearly.

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*O come, all ye faithful
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O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem*
— 18th Century Hymn

Peace to you on the Miracle of Christmas.

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Due to recent changes in the TNRCC Tire Recycling Program, the City of Knox City will be charged to dispose of used tires. Therefore, anyone bringing tires to the City Convenience Center will be charged a disposal fee. A fee of \$2.00 will be charged for passenger car tires, \$6.00 for truck tires and \$15.00 for tractor tires. These charges will be effective immediately.

For more information, contact City Hall at 200 North Central or call 940-658-3313.

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.

O'Brien Co-op Gin

Tommy Chapman, Mgr.



CHEERLEADERS from O'Brien Mid-School and Knox City High School rode this float through the Knox City Christmas Parade. Shown from left to right are O'Brien Cheerleaders Kimberly Hawkins and Chere Pierce, with Knox City High School Cheerleaders Jessica Fraser and Kim Grimsley. (NEWS Photo)



MARCHING AND PERFORMING at the head of the Christmas Parade, members of the Knox City High School Band, twirlers, and flag corps seemed to enjoy themselves while playing music for the many spectators who lined the parade route. The students are under the direction of Band Director Mark Tucker, who marched with them this year. (NEWS Photo)

WISHING
YOU A
CHRISTMAS
WITH ALL THE
TRIMMINGS

'Tis the season of dreams.
We thank you for
making ours come true!

Easterling's City Grocery
Rochester, Texas

Ramon Garcia makes hole-in-one December 16

Ramon Garcia made a "hole in one" on number two, Tuesday, December 16, at the Knox City Country Club.

Witnessing this accomplishment was Mat Verhalen.

**Letter To
The Editor**

Dear News Staff,

Words are so small when saying "thank you" for so many things the News office did for Child Welfare this Christmas season, the windows, for the tree and gifts, taking the time to take care of the "money box", the words of encouragement, spoken and printed, all the smiles given, by Dave, Stacy, Billye Bess and "Scooter" meant very much to me.

Sincerely and God Bless,
Juanita Wilcox



WALKING THE PARADE ROUTE next to the Knox City Lions Club float entry while handing out candy during the Knox City Christmas Parade, Lion Diana Casillas is shown here as the float passed through the downtown area. The float highlighted the many projects the Lions Club supports. The float was titled "KC Lions believe....Christmas is Giving from Volunteering." (NEWS Photo)

**Letters
to
Santa**

Dear Santa,

I want a ballerina dress that I can wear. I've been good. I clean my room and make my bed. Thank you for sending my presents.
Love, Tiffany Wertz

Dear Santa,

I want a ballerina dress that I can wear. I've been good. I clean my room and make my bed. Thank you for sending my presents.
Love, Tiffany Wertz

**Child Welfare
Donations**

The Knox County Child Welfare Board has received monetary donations from James and Charlotte Patterson, Vaughn Brooks, John and Ramona Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marion, John Eaton and family, Mary and Troy Powell, Orville and Frances Dear, Milton Simmons, the Knox City Lions Club, Ken and LaNell Williams, John and Barbara Rector, Evelyn and Carl Shelton, Knox County Aging Center, Chamber of Commerce, Chad Williams and Christ-

mas box donations.

Benjamin School students brought a new toy for child welfare recipients and for their efforts of bringing toys, got to see a faculty member receive a pie in the face!

A donation has been received in honor of:

Sammy B. and Winifred White on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 28, 1997, by Vic and Norma Lowry.

Donations have been received in memory of:

Mary M. Campbell
by Brian and Cathye Williams
and
Lucy Fulbright
by Brian and Cathye Williams.

Dear Santa,
how are you doing. Are you ready for Chismas. I am. I would like my cousin to have a nano and I would like a nano, california girl and a skateboard. I hope you have a merry chisimas this year Santa how is Rodolf the red nose raindeer can you visit us on chisimas eve.
Love, Tenikka

Dear Santa,
I am wondering about how you are doing. I am doing fine and could you pleas give me a playstaysion and some games for it and a Chigobulls watch, thank you if you give it to me.
(Unsigned)

Joyous Noel

Thanks to the community for your support!

Stanfield Hunting Outfitters
Knox City, Texas
Ron ~ Tony ~ Jeff ~ Michelle ~ Andy & Zack

**Region IX Education Service Center
Alternative Certification Program for Teachers
Public Service Announcement**

Region IX Education Service Center in collaboration with Midwestern State University and the Independent School Districts in Region IX is offering an Alternative Certification Program for Teachers for the 1998-99 school year.

- (1) Applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher with a 2.6 overall GPA. The target areas for the 1998-99 school year are **Generic Special Education**, Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, and **Secondary**, Grades 7-12.
- (2) Applicant must pass the math, reading, and writing sections of a state-mandated basic skills test (TASP). The last date for taking this test is February 28, 1998. Deadline for registration is January 30, 1998. Late registration may be made by phone prior to February 25, 1998. **The TASP test is a prerequisite for the ACP program and must be completed prior to being accepted into the program.**

Orientation sessions are scheduled at Region IX ESC, 301 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, Texas as follows:

January 15, 1998	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
January 24, 1998	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
February 9, 1998	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
February 23, 1998	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
March 17, 1998	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory before being accepted into the program. Interested individuals should contact Anjela Schlegel or Mary Ann Young at 940-322-6928 for more information.