





# Letters To The Editor

Accidents happen all year round and the holiday season is no exception. Holidays are a time of year when accidents occur more frequently. For example, there are motor vehicle crashes, falls, home fires, poisonings and injuries to children.

Why should EMS personnel care about holiday safety? Because most holiday accidents can be avoided. Your attitude (safety attitude) can make the difference between happy holidays and tragedy.

About half of all fatal car crashes involve people who have been drinking. If you plan to drive this holiday season, the best advice is Don't Drink! Never let anyone drive under the influence of alcohol. If you are hosting a party, ask non-drinkers to drive your guests home or let the guests stay overnight.

Decorations add to your holiday enjoyment and to your home fire risk. Be extra careful with Christmas trees, lights, trimmings and candles.

Don't let a fire ruin your holidays. Enjoy a safe holiday season. Make a special effort to protect yourself and the people you care about. It's one of the best gifts anyone can give.

Bill Cloyd  
WTC Ambulance Service

I would like to thank Bob's Fairway Foods and Brookshire Brothers for their support and help on our Pancake Supper.

William C. Cook  
Pancake Committee Chairman  
VFW Post 2033

As Commander of Robert M. Pate Post 2033 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I wish to thank all of the people of Tyler County for their help and support in attending our Pancake Supper, making it a wonderful success.

Thanks again.  
Myles L. Humphris  
Post Commander  
VFW Post 2033

We wish to thank every one who expressed their love and concern during Dad's illness, girl's death. Your expressions of concern, visits to the hospital, flowers, cards, food, and prayers helped make this difficult time much easier.

Thank you for your love and support.  
The Family of Vernon Turner

Dear Editor:  
Santa Claus is asking all the residents of Tyler County to share the joy of giving this Christmas Season.

The Bank of East Texas, Citizens State Bank, First National Bank of Woodville, First State Bank of Colmesneil, Jasper Federal and Southeast Savings & Loan have put name tags on their Christmas trees for you. Just pick a tag and share your gift with a special boy or girl.

Santa asks for all gifts to be returned to the banks before closing on Friday, Dec. 16, and thanks

all those for helping the children of our community have a happier Holiday Season.  
Blain Clow  
Tree Of Lights

Words cannot express the love we have for all you wonderful folks of Tyler County.

Your prayers, cards, flowers, financial gifts, and other remembrances have meant more to us than words could ever express.

Because there would be no way to individually thank you without possibly omitting someone, we have chosen this way to say thanks, God bless each of you, and we love you, from the bottom of our hearts.

We wish you a glorious Christmas and a blessed New Year. We hope to thank each of you personally very soon.  
Steve and Vera Benthall

We the family of Charles Lee (John) Graham would like to express our thanks to the many friends and relatives for your kindness and consideration during this time of loss.

May God bless you in our prayer.  
Lucille Graham and family  
Diane Mashaw  
Semi-Weekly

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unique in many ways, people who work unselfishly to make life better for others, those who have experienced pain and hardship but beat the odds and those who recall the history of Tyler County from first-hand experience.

"The community wants to know more about these people," said Morrison. "It wants to know more about Tyler County and... with the semi-weekly Sunday and Thursday editions we'll have the ability to tell them more."



Receives Award-The Middle-Texas Restaurant received the Beautification Award Monday, from the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce. Humbley Klosson presents the award to Carrol Dis, while chamber members and restaurant employees look on. Staff photo by Mike Mills

## Briefs

### Caroling

Dec. 18 at the village. Events include do-it-yourself crafts for children, a village tour, Christmas stories readings, and a surprise visit from Santa driving a horse and buggy.

Also highlighted is music by the Heritage Band and a sing-along.

For free admission, children are asked to bring a wrapped gift (specify if the gift is for a boy or girl, and the age group).

### Movies

The Allan Shivers Library will hold its regular bi-monthly movie at 4 p.m. today, at the library, with Christmas movies being featured.

### Party

The Heritage Village Christmas party will be held from 1 until 5 p.m.

## Awards

### Lilleys Have New Girl

Denise and Rickie Lilley announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Lynn Lilley. She was born at Tyler County Hospital Friday, Dec. 2, at 2:57 p.m. She weighs 8 lbs. 3/4 oz.

Jenna has a brother, Ryan age 9, and a sister, Rachel age 6.

Grandparents are Frances H. Lilley of Woodville and Mrs. Robert L. Salmon of Dallas.

### Presentations

Presentations were made to Gil Tibb, left, by Billy Rose, Woodville area manager of Southwestern Bell.



Presentations check-Gil Tibb, left accepts a \$2,000 check from Billy Rose, Woodville area manager of Southwestern Bell.

### A Little Light Please

"Will There Be Any Room?" When a new baby is due, many things have to be done. First, arrangements have to be made for clothing. And then, a special bed must be provided. Toys are often bought and displayed in the nursery area and friends and family are notified of the prospective arrival. And, when the most inconvenient time arrives, the baby will be born.

Such was the case for Mary and Joseph, also, Joseph had to go to Bethlehem on business. Not wishing to leave Mary alone, he took her with him. When they arrived, the city was virtually overflowing with people. And, of course, it came time for the baby to be born. Poor Mary suffered on the back of a donkey while Joseph tried desperately to find them a place to stay. One door after another was closed to them. Until finally, one innkeeper took pity on them and gave them a place in his stable.

Today, the preparation for Christmas seems almost foreign to the first one that began quietly in a stable over 2,000 years ago. Recently, I asked some sixth-grade students to write a short essay on "the best Christmas present in the whole world." We had just finished practicing for our Christmas pageant. Many of them had a part in the Nativity scene. Nine out of 10 students answered, "Nintendo." None of them answered, "Baby Jesus."

Almost every home in America will have a Christmas tree this year. Underneath it will be gifts for family members. Around it will be decorations of many varieties in the kitchen. A feast of delicious delights will be prepared. And perhaps, on the top of the lovely tree there will be a single star. Perhaps, it will serve as a reminder of that star long ago that shone on a lowly stable, because there was no room in the inn.

And when it comes time for us to celebrate Christmas this year, I wonder if anything has changed for Baby Jesus. The schedule of Christmas activities is so full that perhaps we should stop and ask, "Will there be any room for Jesus?"

### Christmas Tree Trimming Set For Doucette

The people of Doucette are invited to come and help trim the tree at the Doucette Union Church Community Center.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. Everyone is asked to bring a decoration for the tree.

"We will have fun and sing Christmas Carols and there will be the good old Holiday treats for refreshments."

Presentations will be exchanged by kids 12 years and under. Please make a check, boy or girl. The price is left to your own discretion.

Anyone wishing to help pay for Christmas Carols, contact: Susan Franklin, 283-2550.

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By Sue Hendrick  
"Will There Be Any Room?"  
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