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K. C. Pinterest Addicts Swap and Shop

I used to consider out of date or old furniture, clothes, and even tires to have not much value and was anxious to get rid of the items

Then I came across a website on face book, called K.C. Pinterest Addicts Swap and Shop. I began looking at the site and was really impressed as to what you can do with old, unwanted items. This is a group of very talented women and men who can make the so called "ugly duckling" into a beautiful duck.

One example is: taking an old sled, pictured to the right, and make it into a wonderful holiday yard or house decoration. Not only is it fun, and something your children can help you with, it looks good and gives you a feeling of pride and accomplishment.

I have seen ladies take an old table, paint it a beautiful color, give it new life and something that they are proud of. It's absolutely amazing what these ladies can do!



Pictured above is an old wooden sled made into a beautiful decoration

Men, take your old tires, paint them bright and cheerful colors, put sand in them and you have a great sandbox for the kids.

Mason jars can be painted and be made into great jars to hold pens, pencils, crayons, etc.

Old picture frames can be painted, take the backing and glass out, and used for displays around the house.

Your old picket fence can be painted white, take the pickets apart and make signs like the Believe sign on the sled in the picture.

The railing on baby cribs can be painted. with non toxic paint, lean it against the bathroom wall or bedroom wall and use it as a blanket or towel holder.

The lady who created this site is Renea Faulds and this is what she said: "I always joked that I was a Pinterest Addict to my family and friends.

However, I really never felt like I had the time or chance to really ever

do any of the projects. I came across some old milk jars on a local swap, thought they were really neat. I bought them and got on pinterst and found a way to paint and decorate them. I wanted to sell them on a local swap page and really didnt find one that fit the pinterst theme. I figured, why not start a swap page for other Pinterest Addicts like me? So, I jumped out there and before you know it, we are a year into the page and have close to 8,000 members now. I have met many great people over the course of the year and we now have started having Pinterest Addicts craft fairs for our group members. We plan to have another one in Feb/March. Here is the link to our craft fair fan page too: <https://www.facebook.com/KCPinterestAddictsVendorEvent>

This is a great group of women who are willing to help you learn how to upcycle your items. Thank you Renae this site has been a blessing! More pictures and ideas on page 8.

Wellington/Napoleon Band, High School Jazz Band and Choir visit the Groves

On Thursday, December 11th, Mr. Derek Twombly (band) and Ms. Linley Tate (choir) took our HS jazz band and Choir to the Groves in Independence to perform for residence. Also, students from Mr. Twombly's music appreciation and music theories classes got to sit in and listen to music

therapy with patients with dementia. These students had been studying the effects of music on the minds of those with dementia and Alzheimers.

It was a terrific experience on humanity for everyone!!

Picture 1- band performing
Picture 2-choir
Back row- Danielle Davis,

Morgan Fox, Erin Clavin, Ashlyn Mitchell, Carla Heldberg, Amanda Grumke, Allison Russell, Ellen Reismeyer
Front Row- Megan Schnittker, Jessica Garton, Gessica Mulvey, Abbie Soendker, Mariah Hammond, Samantha Kirchoff, Mikayla Clavin
Picture 3- students

interacting with patients- Dylan Brockmeyer and Travis Rick
Picture 4- students interacting with patients- Devin Jump, Aaron Parker and Drew Bunch



First Baptist, Buckner, Mo. presents the Living Nativity

First Baptist Church, Buckner, Mo. has sponsored a Live Nativity Scene every other year for the past six years.

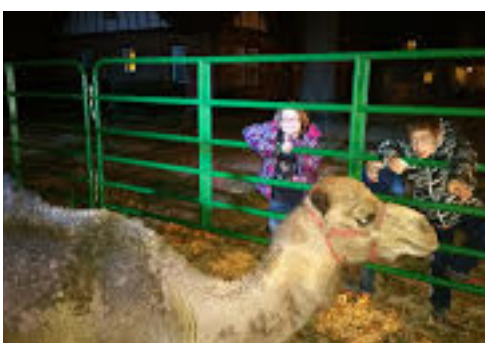
Church members and friends play the characters, dressed in authentic costumes, depicting what was worn back in that time period.

A live stable of animals including a camel, goat, sheep, cattle and a donkey are present for the children to enjoy.

Hot coco is served and this is a great learning experience for all who



Pictured to the left is Gabby the Camel, who is part of the Live Nativity Scene sponsored by First Baptist Church, Buckner, Mo. Above is Mary, Joseph, the three wise men, baby Jesus and of course Santa. who stopped by to visit with the children. Photos by Debbie Bunting



attend.

The children love the animals and are taught a wonderful story about Jesus's birth.

The church has already booked the animals for next year and are looking forward to sharing this very meaningful experience with everyone who attends.

First Baptist Church is located on Hudson Street near downtown Buckner and would like everyone to visit with them. They have an excellent pastor, Sunday School program, for all ages, Church services, and nursery is provided.

First Baptist Church phone number is 816-650-5632.

"Please come worship with us" is something that the church members invites everyone to do.

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Obituaries

Keith James Riner

Keith James Riner, age 41, of Buckner, Missouri, born December 2nd, 1972, passed away on Saturday, November 1st, 2014 in Oak Grove, Missouri.

Keith was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Raymond and Bessie Riner, and his maternal grandparents, Charles and Della Allen.

Keith is survived by his daughter, Johni Renee Riner and her mother, Racheal Murry of Oak Grove, Missouri; his parents, Floyd and Bonnie Riner of Buckner, Missouri; his paternal grandmother, Helen Riner

of Buckner, Missouri; his brother, Andrew Riner of Buckner, Missouri; and his sisters, Christy Hazelrigg and husband Barren of Odessa, Missouri, Ellen Hufford and husband Damon of Buckner, Missouri, and Amanda Riner of Raytown, Missouri.

He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Memorial service were held on Friday, November 7th, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Heart of God Fellowship located at 3720 Buckner-Tarsney Road, Buckner, MO.

Denise C. Lingard

Denise C. Lingard age 60, of Buckner, MO, passed away, Sunday, November 2, 2014 at her daughter's home in Lee's Summit, MO. Cremation was held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Speaks Buckner Chapel, 300 Adams St., Buckner, MO 64016 with visitation held after the service..

Denise was born December 17, 1953 in West Covina, CA to James Edward and Lila Mae (Tims) Davenport. She attended public schools in California and later graduated from Park College and received her nursing degree from Columbia College. She was a Registered Nurse and had dedicated her life to helping people. She had worked at The Groves Retirement Community and most recently worked for a local hospice organization. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, was a

KC Chiefs fan and enjoyed spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by; a daughter, Sheri Brown and her husband Mick of Lee's Summit, MO; 2 grandchildren, Emma and Lauren Brown; a sister, Patricia Klann and husband Bob of Mechanicsville, MD; 3 brothers, Richard Davenport and wife Irene and James Davenport, Jr. and his wife Sheridan all of Buckner, MO and Troy Davenport of Independence, MO and 3 nieces and 7 nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Woody Lingard in 1991. Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Suburban Chapel (816) 373-3600)

Stanton Thayer Brown Sr.

Stanton Thayer Brown, 88, died peacefully at his home on December 18, 2014. He was born in Independence, Missouri on January 31, 1926 to Ephraim and Ina (Barnett) Brown. In 1943 he graduated from William Chrisman High School in Independence, Missouri. He married Shirley Elaine Johnson on October 28, 1945. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Richard B. Brown and Emerson O. Brown and their spouses, sisters Elizabeth Henson and Ardyce Freeman and their spouses. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Elaine "Johnnie" Brown, sons Stanton T. Brown II, Joseph M. "Mike" Brown and his wife Linda, Timothy W. Brown and his wife Carol, David B. Brown and his wife Jennifer, a daughter Barbara E. Wiliker and her husband Ben, 13 grand children, 25 great-grand children and many nephews and nieces.

Stanton was a 50-year member of Buckner Lodge #501 A.F.&A.M. where he served as Worshipful Master Lodge in 1961 and again in 2011, and he served as Secretary of Buckner Lodge for many years. He was also a member of Buckner Chapter #280 Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Patron on three different occasions. In the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Stanton was appointed as District Deputy Grand Lecturer from 1967 through 1972, and was then appointed as the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He served as Grand Lecturer for twenty years after which he received the title of Grand Lecturer Emeritus. He was also a Past Master of the Missouri Lodge of Research.

Stanton T. Brown was very involved in many of the appendant Masonic Bodies including the York Rite, the Scottish Rite (Kansas City Valley), Ararat Shrine, Grand College of Rites, Societas Rosacruziana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Knight Masons, Philalethes

Society, National Sojourners and Heroes of '76, DeMolay Legion of Honor, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine and numerous others.

Stanton was a member of the Buckner Community of Christ Church and served the church in many different capacities over the years. Although he has held many titles in different organizations, his goal was service to his fellowman as evidenced by his volunteering and long time service in the community of Buckner. He has served as a mentor and example to many by showing a way to live honorable, respectful and useful lives. Titles will soon be forgotten, but service and love of his fellowman lives on.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Gentiva Hospice and all of the caregivers who made it possible for Stanton to pass in peace at home. Memorial donations can be made to the Buckner Area Community Service, Inc (BACS), PO Box 230, Buckner, MO.

A masonic service will be said at 5:30 p.m. followed by visitation from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at Speaks Suburban Chapel; 18020 E. 39th St., Independence, MO 64055. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at Buckner Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Suburban Chapel (816) 373-3600)



FAROL THOMAS BALDUS

Farol Thomas Baldus, age 74, Buckner, MO passed away Thursday, December 11, 2014 surrounded by his family. Farol was born December 22, 1939 in Buckner, MO the son of Noah Thomas and Katherine Edith (Campbell) Baldus.

He retired after 40 years with Lyons Diecasting as foreman and supervisor. Farol was a life long resident of Buckner. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing or hunting and loved his family. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shonna (Baldus) Burrus; and his parents. Survivors include his loving wife, Sandy Baldus of 55 years; daughter, Donna Thorpe and husband John; son, Donald Baldus

Victor D. Gragg

Victor D. Gragg was received by his Lord on December 13, 2014. He was born in Baring Missouri in Knox County on September 29, 1931, the third child of Jess R. Gragg and Violet Marie Hudnut. Victor is survived by his wife Norma and his two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Marcie, and Stanton and Robyn. He has four grandsons: Austin, Joshua, Zachary and Jacob, all of Independence. He has two granddaughters: Jessi Rodriguez and husband Dustin of Nashville TN, and Hannah Gragg, of Lone Jack, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Ramona

and wife Tricia; nine grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; brother, Wayne Baldus and wife Barbara; sister, Kathy Yokley; and additional nieces, nephews, and family.

Visitation was held from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Speaks Buckner Chapel; 300 Adams St., Buckner, MO 64016. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial followed in Oakland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakland United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arrangements: Speaks Buckner Chapel (816) 650-5555)

Cottrell and James Gragg.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Dec 16, 2014 at Speaks Suburban Chapel, 18020 E. 39th St. Independence, MO. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Dec 17, 2014 at the Chapel. Burial in New Salem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Victor D. Gragg Scholarship fund at the Fort Osage School District, as educating tomorrow's leaders was a lifelong passion. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.speakschapel.com. (Arr: Speaks Suburban Chapel 816-373-3600)



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From the Editor

It's hard to believe that another year is almost gone and Christmas is just a few days away. As we all plan for the holidays, sometimes we get caught up in the moment and allow stress to tear us down.

This past week has been a crazy one with doctors appointments, shopping for that special gift, baking, cleaning, decorating and the usual bill paying, working and cooking.

The computer program I use to publish the paper is being difficult and instead of throwing a fit, my usual way to deal with electronic devices, I have decided to be calm. After all, it's just a paper, no one is going to lose any sleep if it is a few days late.

I have decided to focus on the important things in life, family, friends and all the blessings we have. Believe it or not, it works. I was having trouble paying my light bill on line, so I asked for the help desk. A very nice young man answered and I explained my problem to him. He

politely asked me if my cookies were set correctly. Actually I told him I had not made cookies lately but they usually turned out just fine. He just laughed and suggested that he look into it for me and I could just pay over the phone. As we were finishing up the conversation my phone's battery was dying, so I went into the kitchen and got a new phone. I in turn tripped over a shoe, my glasses fell off and I landed on the divan. Guess I am not aging gracefully.

Through this whole episode I kept calm and decided that we were fortunate to live where we do, to count our blessings each day, value our family and friends and our pets.

As you sit down for your holiday dinner, take time to look around the table and realize how fortunate you are. You may not be millionaires but you have more wealth than you can ever imagine. Have a great week, Gretchen

Buckner Food Pantry receives \$500.00 donation



A \$500.00 donation was made in Lewis & Clark's name to the Buckner Community Food Pantry. Ruth Cox, did most of the shopping for the pantry, since she knows what items are most needed. A big thank you for the donation and to the people who work at the pantry, helping people in our community.

Drop off locations for The Gazette

- *Heating and Cooling Co. downtown Buckner
- *Wellington/Napoleon School
- *Metcalf Bank
- *Buckner Thriftway
- *Buckner Public Library
- *Buckner Elementary School
- *Levasy City Hall
- *Misty's
- *Laundromat in downtown Buckner
- *Paper box in 24 highway shopping center
- *Paper box on corner of S. Hudson and Washington street in downtown Buckner
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Storytime for Families – every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
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Adult Book Group -- Monday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.

January's book selection is *The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee* by Marja Mills. Copies are available at the Branch. Adults. Registration is not required.

Downloading eBooks for Kindle – Wednesday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to use MCPL's OverDrive system to download eBooks from our collection onto your Kindle. We will provide an overview of checking out eBooks, including hardware and software requirements, searching for a title, downloading, and transferring to a device. This program is a demonstration and lasts approximately 90 minutes. Adults and teens. Registration is not required.

Getting to Know Your Computer – Thursday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Does even thinking about using a computer give you a lost feeling? This 90-minute, hands-on session will guide you through some of the basics of making a computer work for you. NO experience is required. Bring your own laptop computer, or the branch will provide one for practice. There is an attendance maximum, so registration is required. Adults.

Village Crafters – Wednesday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m.

A new craft is presented every month, so come join the fun. Adults.

Registration is required.

Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 19 – The library will be closed.

Internet for Beginners – Wednesday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of internet use including basic terminology, how to get connected, and how to find what you are looking for online. This class will also cover printing and internet safety. Personal laptops and devices are welcome. There is an attendance maximum, so registration is required. Adults.

Microsoft Word for Beginners – Thursday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Whether you are writing a letter to a loved one or creating a resume, Microsoft Word can get the job done. This introduction will focus on how to create, save, and print a document and how to access various document templates available to Word users. Personal laptops and devices are welcome. There is an attendance maximum, so registration is required. Adults.

Tech Talks – Thursday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Whether you are a first-time computer user or have had lots of experience, there are always questions waiting to be asked about technology. Bring your questions to the branch, or just come to listen and learn. You may bring your own laptop computer or tablet. There is an attendance maximum, so registration is required. Adults and Teens.

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Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Elementary
is looking for a preschool teacher with a Baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education. This individual must be able to develop age appropriate lesson plans and use instructional materials that will enhance learning of all students. Experience with Project Construct curriculum will be given preference. Applications are available on the district website, www.wntigers.net. Send application and resume` to Melissa Register, Elementary Principal, 800 Hwy. 131 Wellington, MO 64097 or via email at melissa.register@well-nap.k12.mo.us.

Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Elementary
is looking for a preschool teacher assistant to aid in daily set up/clean up, supervision and other duties as assigned by the lead teacher. Qualifications include at a minimum 60 hours with at least 3 hours of early childhood, child development or child/family related coursework and experience working with preschool age children. Preference given to individuals with 2 year Associate degree in Child Care Education. Applications are available on the district website, www.wntigers.net. Send application and resume` to Melissa Register, Elementary Principal, 800 Hwy. 131 Wellington, MO 64097 or via email at melissa.register@well-nap.k12.mo.us.

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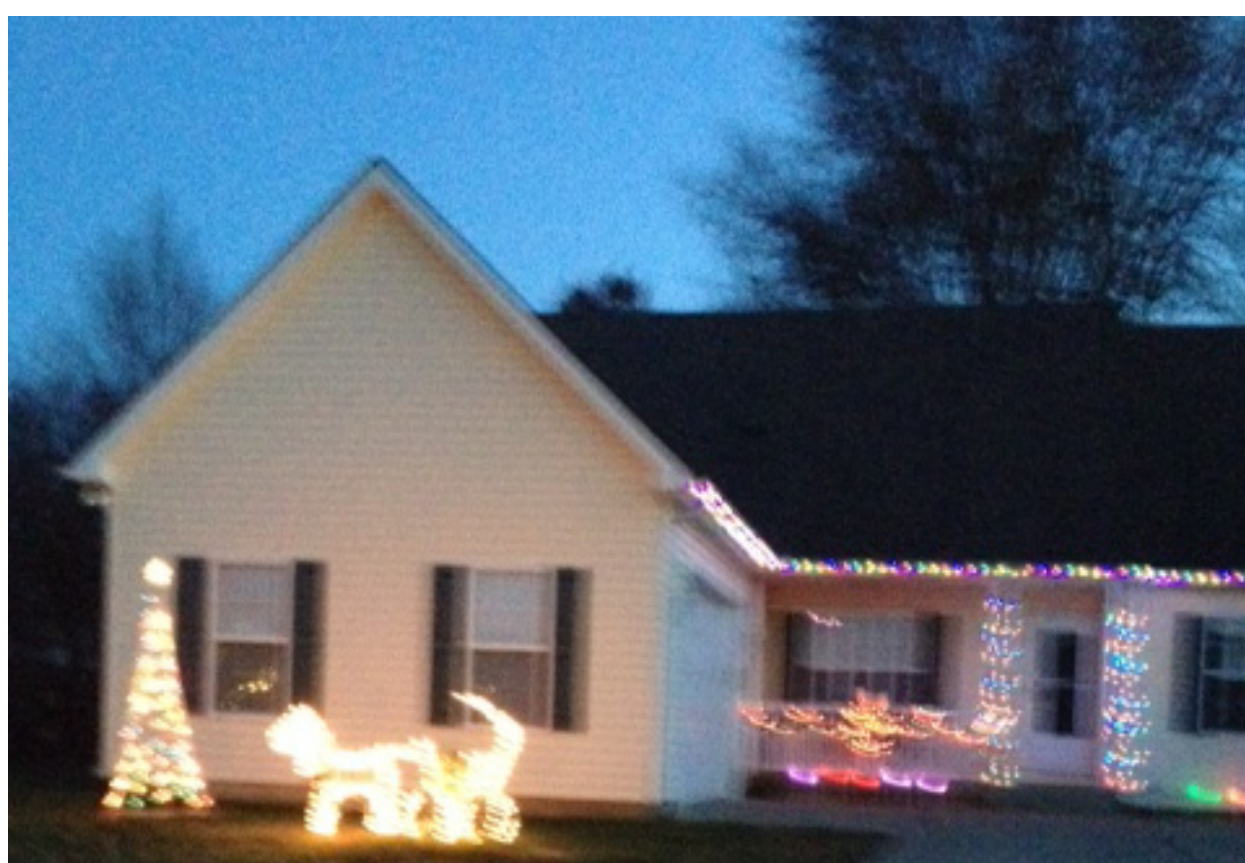
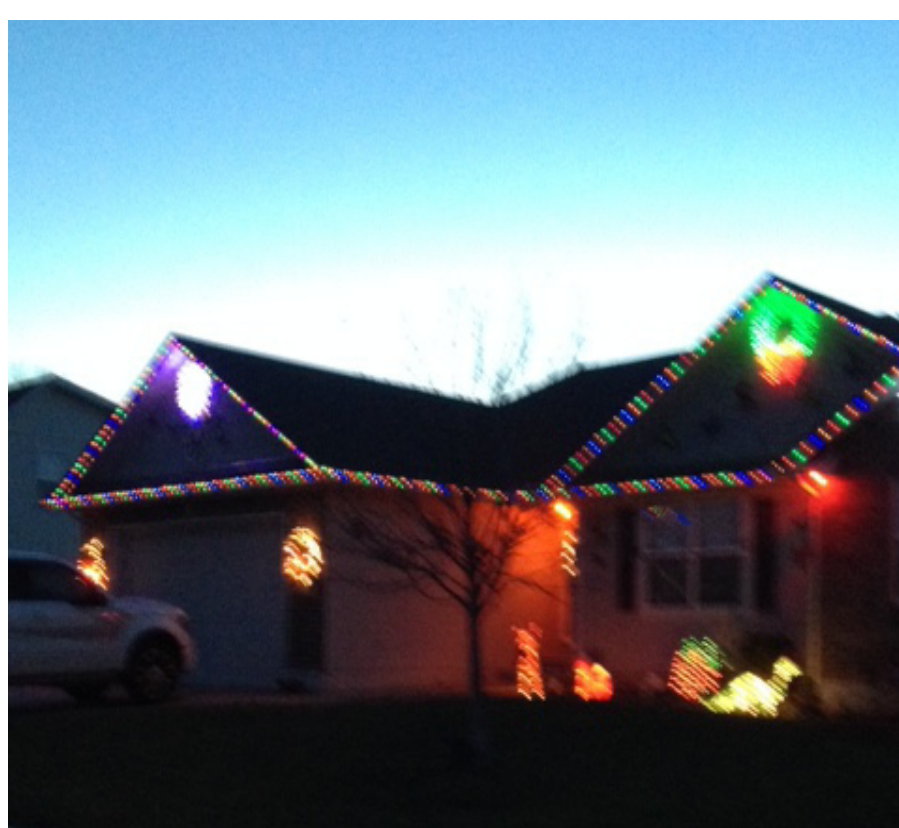
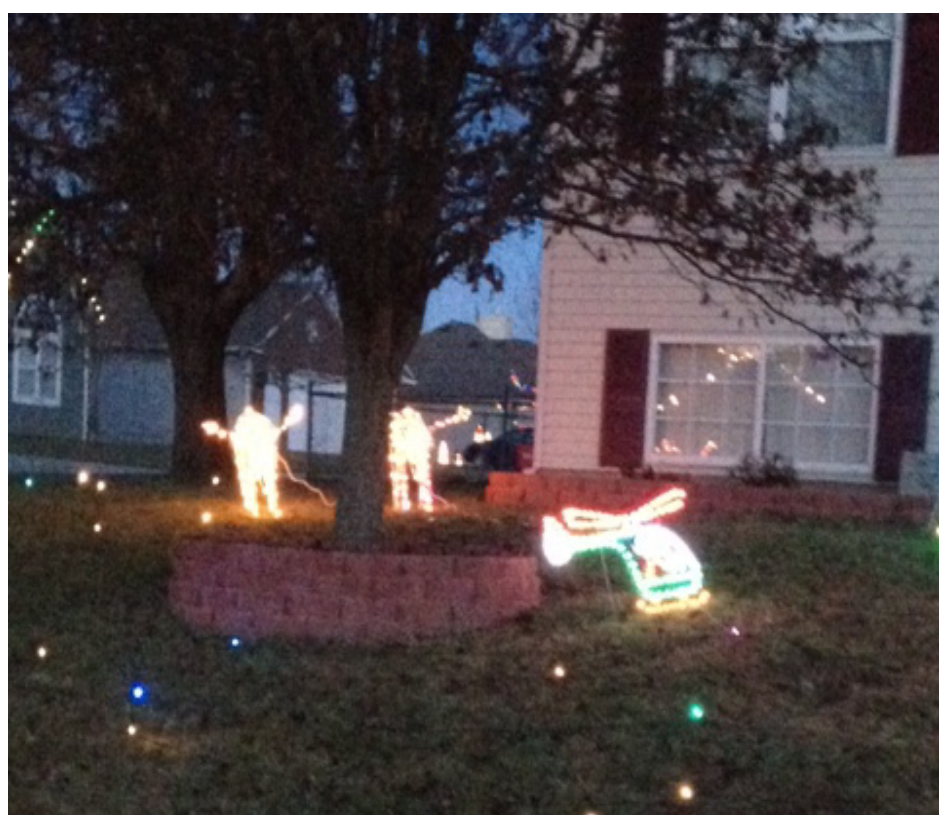
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Holiday Pictures in our areas



Pictures of Pinterest Projects

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L-R: A picture frame that has the glass and backing removed and is covered with red velvet ribbon and bows. Several blue ribbon picture frames, some wine bottles with Christmas ribbon and some with yarn around them for pretty table decorations. You can also put flowers in them. Center an old table from the 60's that can be painted in bright colors and would look great in a kids room. Left, an old milk can that has been painted white and you can put a design on it and dried silk flowers for decoration.



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