



**1997
EDITION**

THE ADAMS' CHRISTMASTIME GAZETTE

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



NATHAN CAPITALIZES AS SHANNON & KIM GO ON TOUR

Shannon sang with the Parkhills Youth Choir and Kim played the piano, as they toured to Florida this past summer. The tour included stops in various other southern states including Alabama and Louisiana.

At the same time, Nathan spent a week with his friend, Chris Eggert, who has moved to our nation's capital. Bobby's father was hospitalized during this time, so it worked out well for him to spend the time with his family in Paris.

SHANNON BEGINS HIGH SCHOOL AT JASPER IN PLANO

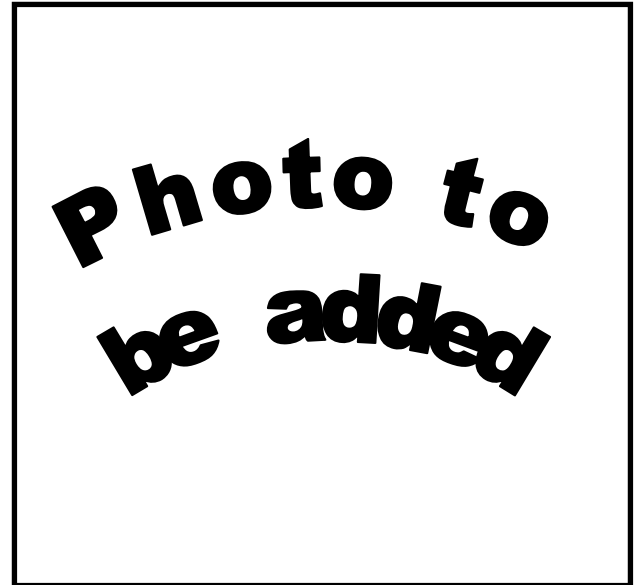
Shannon, 14, is taking Body Mechanics, English, Art, Geometry, Geography, French, and Speech. Body Mechanics is a preparatory class to try out for drill team next spring. Shannon has already performed one half-time routine with her class for a Jasper freshman basketball game. She will get to perform once more before try-outs. At church, Shannon went on a Youth mission trip to Laredo and to Youth camp at Alto Frio.

BOBBY TRANSFERS BACK TO SBMS; TRAVELLING DIMINISHES

Bobby finally has changed assignments at work and is no longer traveling internationally. The transition period during the transfer was extended due to the fact that Bobby was involved in a corporate reorganization at the same time. In fact, Bobby worked for around three months in Austin at SBC's research arm, Technology Resources, after leaving International Development and before finally ending up in Plano. Bobby is now enjoying his new job as Director - Network Development at SBMS headquarters.

THE ADAMS TAKE SKI TRIP IN UTAH

In January, the Adams went with their friends, Gary & Debbie Bennett (& Ryan) to ski at Snowbird, Utah. Shannon's best friend, Becca Smith also went with us. This was our first time to go skiing in about six years. We all had a great time.



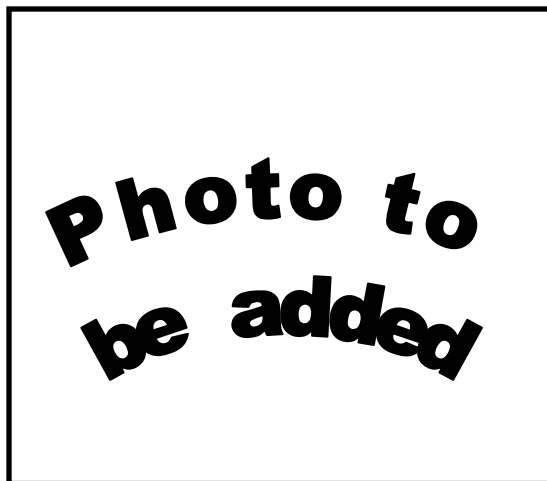
NATHAN IN FIFTH GRADE AT DAFFRON

Nathan, 11, has been involved with Odyssey of the Mind as an extra-curricular activity at Daffron Elementary. OM is a problem-solving program in which students must work together to creatively complete their assignment over the course of several months. Kim has been helping as a coach.

Nathan has also resumed his Tae Kwon Do lessons in Plano. He is now a purple belt, intending to take his next belt test (for a blue belt) in December.

THE ADAMS VACATION IN EUROPE

This past May/June, the Adams took a special vacation and visited Europe. They started out by spending a couple of days with their friends, the Meneley's, in northwestern Germany. Then they took their rental car and train to visit Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Paris and London. It was a fun and educational family time for the four of us. Nathan's favorite was Madame Toussad's Wax Museum. Shannon liked hearing all the British accents.



It's a new mailbox! This mailbox is where Bobby and Kim will be getting their mail now. The mailbox can be found at 4413 Castleglen Drive; Plano, TX 75093.

MATTHEW 28:20

God has blessed us during 1997. Even as some in our extended families have gone through hardships, He has been with our families and answered prayers. Included in this is Bobby's father, who had his right leg amputated in July. Since then, Bobby's dad is gradually learning to get by with the use of his walker. Bobby's niece, Tara, survived a serious car accident in October. Tara is now is very much on the mend.