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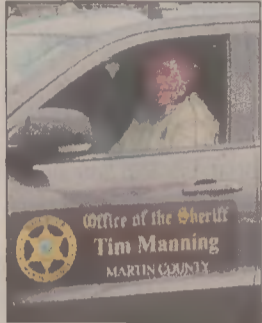


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## Parade



The Oak City Christmas parade wrapped up another season of parades throughout Martin County. **A8**

## Opinion



Enterprise & Weekly Herald Columnist Sarah Hodges Stalls says there is a time to say nothing at all. **A4**

## Santa Letters



The good little boys and girls of Martin County sent letters to Santa to tell him what they would like for Christmas. **B1**



**GOOD MORNING,**

Nellie Brown of Oak City  
Thank you for subscribing!

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# Eight file for commissioner

**THADD WHITE**  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

**WILLIAMSTON** – There will be a host of candidates seeking three seats on the Martin County Board of Commissioners. Six Democrats and two Republicans filed for commis-

sioner with one incumbent likely to seek re-election as an unaffiliated candidate.

Two incumbents – Dempsey Bond Jr. and Tommy Bowen – will seek re-election as Democrats. Martin County Board of Education member Gene Scott has also filed to seek a seat on the county commission along

with local business owner Mercedes Fornay, Hilton Keel Jr. and Emily Biggs.

Two Republicans have also filed. They are David “Skip” Gurganus and Jason Lewis. Both will automatically advance to the General Election as there are less than three candidates of that party.

Two candidates – incumbent Elmo “Butch” Lilley and Dean McCall – have filled out paperwork to began the process of filing as unaffiliated candidates through petition.

The only other local candidate is Democratic Register

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SARAH HODGES STALLS / Enterprise & Weekly Herald

County and state officials joined Martin County ABC Board members for the official ribbon cutting on the expanded Robersonville store on Dec. 13.

# Expanded ABC store cuts ribbon in Robersonville

**SARAH HODGES STALLS**  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

**ROBERSONVILLE** – The Martin County ABC Board held a ribbon cutting for their new, expanded location in Robersonville at 708 North Main St. on Dec. 13.

“It’s always great to see any type of expansion in any of our small towns,” said Chase Conner, Director of Martin County’s

Chamber of Commerce. “This will be a benefit to Robersonville and the county.”

County and state officials were on hand for the event. General Manager Lynn Sadler was excited to see the expansion project reach this point.

“We have had so many comments that we are carrying more inventory and have more selection,” according to Sadler.

“We have the same selection, but now you can actually see the product because of better display options.”

Sadler explained the newstore now has double the sales floor space and quadruple the warehouse capacity than the old store.

Conversations about a change

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# Prepare for winter weather - now

**LESLIE BEACHBOARD**  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

North Carolina officials are encouraging everyone to plan now for storms during the winter months.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared the first week of December as Winter Weather Preparedness Week.

Gov. Cooper encourages North Carolinians

to plan and prepare now, before potentially dangerous winter weather arrives.

“Now is the time to make a plan so that you and your family are ready when winter weather arrives,” said Gov. Cooper.

Gov. Cooper urges residents to monitor changing weather conditions by listening to



Winter weather can be fun, but it is also imperative to prepare for its dangers.

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# Only days left

## Energy assistance available for low-income seniors

**SARAH HODGES STALLS**  
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**WILLIAMSTON** – There are only days remaining for those 60 years of age and over to apply for the low-income energy assistance program in Martin County.

Federal funds are available to help senior citizens needing assistance with their heating costs.

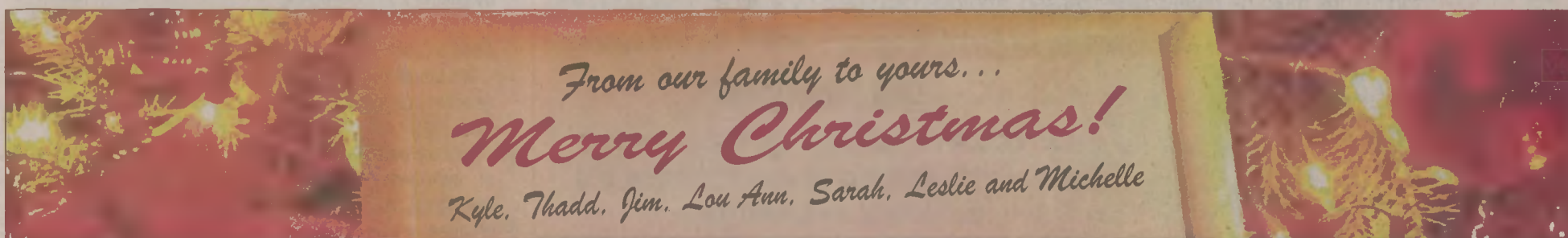
Applications are accepted at the Martin County Department of Social Services, 305 East Main St., through Dec. 31.

As the year draws to a close, Dec. 27, 30 and 31 are the final opportunities to file applications.

Letecia Erby, Director of Martin County Social Services, explained applicants should bring their identification and the staff members will help them complete the process.

Households with a person age 60 or older or a disabled person receiving services through the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services can apply through Dec. 31.

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From our family to yours...  
**Merry Christmas!**  
Kyle, Thadd, Jim, Lou Ann, Sarah, Leslie and Michelle