

ished all types of folk—office holders, community leaders and Focus Fans. We had such an overwhelming response that we cannot share each reply, but here are the ones we can fit.

Yvonne Shipps: I remember all of us getting up at two in the morning on Christmas Day to have Family Christmas with our dad who had to work a 14-hour day at the post office.

Dan Barrett: A couple of days before Christmas, my then teen-age daughter and I decorated from The Angel Tree, added food donated by Ramsey's Cafeteria, and helped a frail preening patient at Crook's Hospital and three generations of his family celebrate the holiday.

Mark Hitt: I remember Tom McAdams, my dad's law partner, giving us some sort of cow gift to remind my dad of his investment in a dairy farm which failed miserably.



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Chancellor John Weaver agreed with a settlement between Kings County and three outside attorneys who represented several deputies. The attorneys had asked the county commission to pay their fees for services delivered for seven retiring sheriff's department employees, but the commission decided to hire the firm of Hensley, Draper and Hagood to negotiate a settlement.

Originally the three attorneys had requested about \$100,000 and, later, \$150,000. The final settlement that was approved by Judge Weaver as presented by Attorney Rob Frost was for about \$97,000 with a mediator getting \$3,150.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell told The Focus that the settle-