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**Donate to soldiers**

**BY KIM FLETCHER**  
The United States Postal Service is currently accepting donations of new, unworn, and unused clothing, shoes, and accessories for soldiers in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The program is open to all U.S. citizens and is a great way to help our troops. Donations should be made to the American Red Cross, 1615 North Kansas Street, Liberal, KS 67242. For more information, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



**Thankful for family**  
Daughter's premature birth prompts deep gratitude

**BY KIM FLETCHER**  
The birth of a premature baby is a life-changing event for many families. For the Johnson family, the birth of their daughter, Emma, was a miracle. Emma was born at 28 weeks gestation and weighed only 2 pounds. She spent several weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) before being discharged. The Johnsons are grateful for the medical staff at the hospital who provided excellent care for Emma. They are also grateful for the support of their family and friends during this difficult time.

## NEW TWISTS

At Christmas Parade, brand new car will be given away and parade will start at 7th Street



**What are you thankful for?**  
Children answer with Memorial Library exhibit



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**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**THE 47th ANNUAL DOWNTOWN LIBERAL**  
The 47th Annual Downtown Liberal Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 7:00 AM. The parade will start at 7th Street and will travel down Main Street to 10th Street. There will be a car show, a parade float contest, and a raffle. The parade is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.liberalks.com](http://www.liberalks.com).



**Calif. boy with leukemia wows crowds as 'Batkid'**

**BY KIM FLETCHER**  
A young boy from California, known as 'Batkid', has become a local hero. The boy, who has leukemia, was seen in a police uniform and a mask, patrolling the streets of his hometown. The boy's actions were captured on video and went viral on the internet. The boy's mother said that her son had been inspired by the movie 'Batman' and wanted to be like Batman. The boy's actions have inspired many other children and have brought attention to the boy's condition.



**Police honor a local hero**

The local police department has honored the young boy for his bravery and dedication. The boy was presented with a certificate and a small trophy. The police chief said that the boy's actions were a true inspiration to the community. The boy's mother said that she was proud of her son and that she would continue to support him in his fight against leukemia.

**Chicago mayor, comic engage over pizza**  
Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and comedian Jimmy Fallon engaged in a friendly conversation over pizza. Fallon was in Chicago to promote his new TV show, 'Saturday Night Live'. The two men were seen at a pizza restaurant, where they talked about their shared love of pizza and their careers. Fallon said that he was a fan of Emanuel's and that he was impressed by his leadership. Emanuel said that he was a fan of Fallon's and that he was looking forward to working with him on the show.

**Celebration to mark end of Kan. Statehouse remodel**  
A celebration will be held to mark the end of the Kansas Statehouse remodel. The remodel, which began in 2009, is now complete. The new Statehouse is a modern and beautiful building that will serve the people of Kansas for many years to come. The celebration will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a tour of the new building, and a reception. The celebration will be held on Friday, November 22nd, at 10:00 AM. For more information, visit [www.ks.gov](http://www.ks.gov).



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