

TREE RECYCLING

The deadline for post-holiday contributions of discarded natural Christmas trees at three Johnson County parks has been extended until Jan. 31.

Collection sites: The northeast corner of the parking lot at the Marina at Shawnee Mission Park, 7900 Renner Rd., Shawnee; the Heritage Park Marina parking lot, 16050 Plumm Rd., Olathe, and the north side of the parking lot at the Marina at Kill Creek Park, 11670 Homestead Lane., Olathe.

Trees will be collected 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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NEW FURNACE DONATED TO NUNS

Olathe company warms up convent

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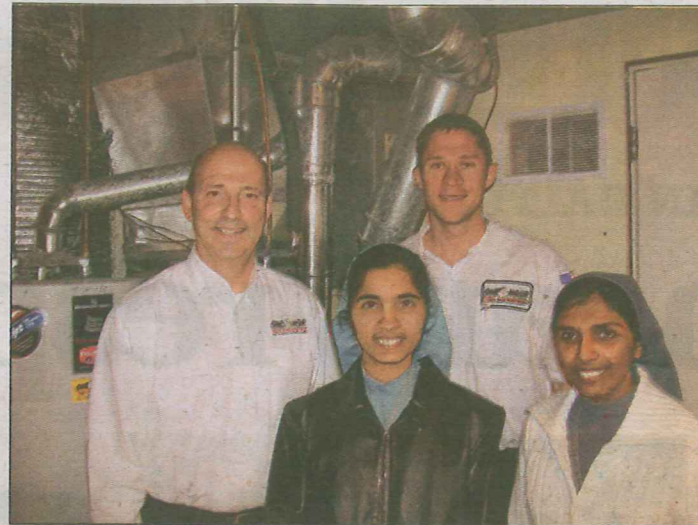
Imagine being without residential heat during the recent cold snap.

That's what nuns at St. Ann's Convent, 1901 E. Sunvale Dr. in Olathe, were facing when they learned that the 15-year-old furnace in their home needed to be replaced.

In stepped Olathe Heating and Cooling. The company, which had been looking for a family in need of a furnace as a holiday present, installed a new furnace at the home before the holidays.

"We are so happy to have a new furnace," said Sister Rose Manjula. "They discovered our furnace problem during their six-month service visit."

Because of safety reasons, the furnace had to be turned off prior to installation of new equipment, said Ramon Blachly, Olathe Heating and Cooling



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Ramon Blachly, owner of Olathe Heating and Cooling, left, and Matt Gower donated a furnace to the St. Ann's Convent in Olathe. Sister Rose Manjula and Sister Ann Saji are two of the three nuns who live there.

owner. "We had been looking for a furnace to for Christmas," he said.

"This was a great opportunity to give back to a group that does so much selfless work for this community." The company's technicians volunteered their time to install it for them, he added.

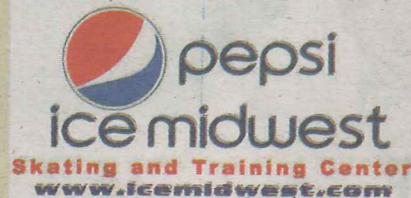
St. Ann's is home to several nuns from India who work as registered nurses at Villa St. Francis, a Catholic non-profit nursing home in Olathe. They are from a convent and school in India where 400 sisters live.

"The archbishop of Kansas City, Kan., invited us to come to Olathe to work in the nursing home," Manjula said.

Two of the original nuns who moved to Olathe have returned to India, and two additional nuns are coming to America soon to join the convent, she said.

Villa St. Francis, which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, pro-

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