

Basketball games

HASKELL
V G-B Eula Tournament
Dec. 27-29

RULE
V G-B Jayton Tournament
Dec. 28-30

Calendar

Christmas Eve service

Trinity Lutheran Church, Throckmorton Highway in Haskell, will hold their candlelight service Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share the worship service and beautiful music of Christmas.

Christmas Eve service

First United Methodist Church in Haskell will host their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service Sat. night, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Christmas mass

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will host Christmas Eve mass at 11 p.m. Christmas Day services will begin at 9 a.m.

Christmas Cantata

Greater Independent Baptist Church will present a Jesus Cantata Sun., Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. Elder W.M. Hodge of Mission Revival Center will bring a message during the service. Dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital and at Haskell National Bank from 1 to 6 p.m.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Jan. 2 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Flood donations

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance is collecting monetary donations for local flood relief. Donations may be made to P.O. Box 441, Haskell, Texas 79521. 100% of these donations will go directly to help the local flood victims.

Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured for children.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued for Haskell County. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis.

Memory tree

A memory tree has been established by Stamford Memorial Hospital Home Health Hospice for those wishing to memorialize a friend or loved one with a gift of \$5 or more. A dove will be placed on the memory tree in the foyer of Stamford Memorial Hospital to represent your donation. Donations may be mailed to Stamford Memorial Hospital Home Health Hospice, P.O. Box 911, Stamford, Texas 79533. For more information, call 325-773-2725.

GED classes

GED classes are underway at Haskell Elementary, Room 19, 306 S. Ave. G on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Testing is required to determine a student's level of knowledge. \$25 scholarships are available for as long as the money lasts. Classes are small and teaching is given on an individual basis.

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Merry Christmas

The Haskell Free Press

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THE REASON FOR THE SEASON—Among all the many colorful Christmas decorations glowing around the County Courthouse during the Christmas holidays, was the simple scene telling the wondrous, scriptural story,

complete with herald angel, shining star, babe in the manger, Mary and Joseph, the animals, shepherds and wise men from the east, come to worship the newborn king.

Fireworks celebration to be held New Year's Eve

The seventh annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Sat., Dec. 31. The event will again begin at 9:00 p.m., at the request of many who are sleepy by midnight.

The large load of fireworks will be set off by Jim Hollingsworth, his son-in-law, Scott Burgess, and Jim's grandchildren, on the Hollingsworth

farm between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6, at the intersection of FM 2407 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of County Road 146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 2407 for a mile east of County Road 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

The annual custom of the

celebration began in 1999, when a local article was published about Jim and his grandfather, William Edward Hollingsworth's discussion in 1944 about the change of the century that would be coming, and the celebrations that it would bring.

The five-year-old boy was heartbroken to know that his beloved grandfather would not be with him fifty years later, to witness the coming in of a new century. Jim vowed to celebrate in honor of his grandfather, nevertheless.

News wires picked up the story, and the article triggered an

overwhelming response among area grandparents. The older generation brought their grandchildren to witness the fireworks party Jim threw honoring his grandfather's memory, a half century after their talk. The roads were lined triple deep for miles around, as the crowd swelled to hundreds of people.

Now, each New Year's Eve, Jim Hollingsworth feels the presence of his granddad during the annual fireworks celebration. He invites everyone out to view the display, which will begin at 9:00 p.m., Sat., Dec. 31.

Donations being sought for Goodfellows project

This year, the Haskell Goodfellows Christmas program will help the approximately 51 families most devastated by the Lake Stamford flood disaster. To assist in this, Goodfellows is asking for donations of new space heaters, new small appliances, food and toys, or cash donations with which to purchase these items.

Goodfellows cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas, 79521.

Donated items may be delivered to the Haskell Fire Department, or to Haskell Inn, Haskell National Bank, Sport-About, State Farm Insurance, or to any Lions Club member.

The Lions Club will be working with the Haskell County Volunteer Organization to Aid in Disasters (VOAD), to distribute Goodfellows donations to Lake Stamford residents.

Goodfellows will also collect toys for the Haskell County Welfare Board.

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In honor of Allene Wheatley and in memory of Carl Wheatley, Ann Thomas Wilson and Adell Thomas by Jerry and Mary Ann Wheatley	\$400
Dr. and Mrs. William J. Kemp	\$25
Anonymous	\$50
In memory of V.P. Terrell and George and Lydia Moeller by Roger and Mollie Moeller	\$50
In loving memory of Truman Barbee by Louetta and J.W. Wallace	\$25
Eloise Perrin, in lieu of Christmas cards	\$50
Total this week	\$650
Previous total	\$600
Total to date	\$1250

Lighting, poster contest winners named

Winners in the Rule Chamber of Commerce Home and Yard Lighting Contest were: 1st, Marilyn Adams; 2nd, Lee Roy Wilson; and 3rd, Charles Helms.

Winners in the Children's Christmas Poster Contest were Early Childhood: 1st, Jessica Cruz; 2nd, Ryan Cooper.

Pre-Kindergarten: 1st, Angel Navarrete; 2nd, Kourtney Hertel; 3rd, L. J. Saucedo.

Kindergarten: 1st, Thomas Short; 2nd, Alexandra Cooper; 3rd, Christina Moore.

First Grade: 1st, Haden King; 2nd, Austin Redden; 3rd, tie, Chancey

Lewis and Alysia Hollabaugh.

Second Grade: 1st, Caleb Stowe; 2nd, Sam Lewis; 3rd, tie, Gabriel Baiza and Haley Macias.

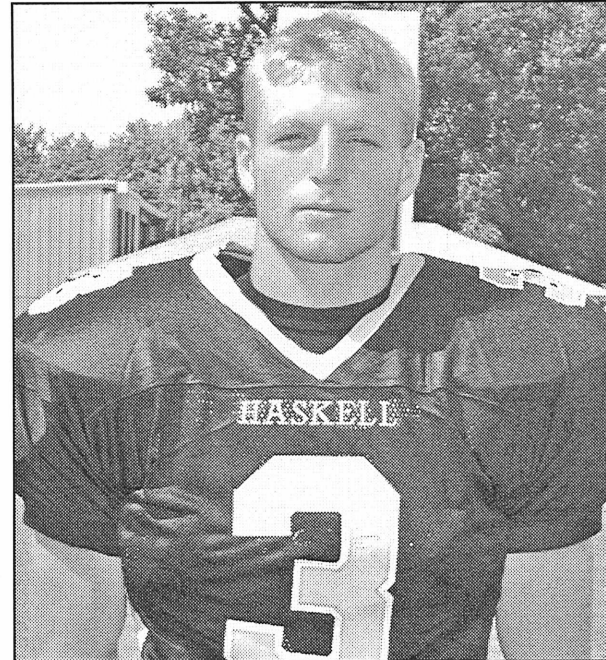
Third Grade: 1st, Keelie Deville;

2nd, Joseph Blackstock; 3rd, Nikki Flores.

Fourth Grade: 1st, Michael Perez.

Fifth Grade: 1st, Norma Camacho;

2nd, Taylor Clem.



ALL-STATE TEAM MEMBER—Josh Barbee, Haskell High School senior, was named the Class A All-State high school football Second Team running back by The Associated Press Sports Editors, based on regular-season performance. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Price increase

Significant increases in the costs of printing and postage, as well as other operating expenses, will cause price increases, beginning on the first of January, for the Haskell Free Press.

To continue bringing a quality publication, it is necessary to increase the price of a single copy issue of the *Haskell Free Press* to 75 cents, the first increase since 1991.

Full year subscription rates for Haskell County will be \$25.00, and for out of county, \$34.00. This rate has not been changed since 1996.

Display and classified advertising rates will also increase on Jan. 1.

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Part D enrollment and Medicare Part D premium assistance forms will be available at seminar.
 Refreshments will be available and a gift bag to all who attend.

Keep safety high on Christmas gift lists

The colorful ads are enticing, the lists long. Even children who have fought putting pencil to paper all year are spending hours revising and refining their wish lists.

It's the holiday gift giving season. Along with matching child to toy, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) urges those selecting gifts for children to keep safety in mind. "Just taking a few minutes to think about safety precautions could save a child from injury or death," said Tom Matherly of the DSHS environmental and consumer safety section.

Always read labels attached to toys or clothing, Matherly said, especially for age recommendations. A label will tell a consumer two critical things: if a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe.

"Even the brightest child should not be given a toy labeled specifically for an older child," he said. "Toys meant for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a younger child."

A quick test will help determine if toy parts are a choking hazard, Matherly said. "Take the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper," he said. "If the part can pass through the tube, it could choke a child."

Matherly also suggests that shoppers buy the appropriate protective gear to complement sporting equipment. "Always give a safety helmet with a bicycle," he said. "Or if you give skates, be sure to include a helmet and pads for the wrists, elbows, knees and shins."

Other tips are:
 •Be sure the instructions are understandable to the buyer and, when appropriate, the child.

•Look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, noses, buttons and other small parts.

•For an infant, buy large rattles, teething and squeeze toys that cannot get stuck in the child's throat.

•Do not buy toys with small parts or items such as marbles, small balls or balloons for children under 3.

•For children under 8, avoid electric toys with heating elements and toys with sharp edges and points.

•If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction cups or flexible, protective tips that stay secured when used. If your children receive arrows or darts, teach them how to play with them safely. Arrows and darts are not recommended for children under 5.

•Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately, before they become deadly playthings.

"Most of safe toy buying is common sense," Matherly said. "Make sure the toy is safe for the child's age, and that it is well constructed, durable and suited to a child's physical and mental development while still being appealing and interesting."

Additional information about toy and product hazards and safety is available on the DSHS Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/child.htm.



ALL DRESSED UP—Members of the Haskell eighth grade boys basketball team are: back row, l-r, Tracy Medford, Tyler Reese, Farit Gonzales, Ethan Frierson and Cody McClemore. Front row, Tyler Rodriguez, D.J. Masias, James Williams, Austin Marshall and Clint Hamilton.



LIBRARY STORYTIME—Local children holding Christmas decorations made during storytime at the Haskell County Library are: l-r, Jonathan Townsend, Jordan Westerman, Chambray Phemister, Heavenly Perez, Elise Townsend, Elizabeth Stowe, and not pictured, Justin Townsend. Paula Rennegarbe, their storyteller, is standing at the back.

Obituaries

Della Geraldine (Jerry) Strickland



JERRY STRICKLAND

Graveside services for Della Geraldine (Jerry) Strickland, 76, of Abilene were held Sat., Dec. 17 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Strickland died Mon., Dec. 12 at Mesa Springs Healthcare Center in Abilene.

Born Oct. 19, 1929, she was the daughter of Jess and Della Barton of Haskell. She married William Woody Strickland Feb. 20, 1951.

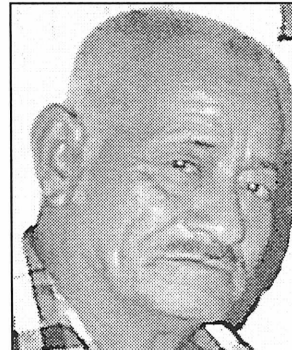
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy Cooper of Florida and Lynda Wittig of Arizona; four sons, Bill Strickland of Buffalo Gap, Mark Strickland of Katy, David Strickland of LaPort and Michael Strickland of Baird; one brother, Beuford Barton of Claremore, Oklahoma; fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

PD. NOTICE

Joe M. DeLaCruz



JOE M. DELACRUZ

Funeral services for Joe M. DeLaCruz, 61, of Haskell were held Tues., Dec. 20 at the Assembly of God Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. DeLaCruz died Sat., Dec. 17 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by Norma Hatley in 1995; and his grandparents, Brijido and Rosa DeLaCruz.

Survivors include his wife, Tomasita of Haskell; four sons, Joe and Crystal DeLaCruz and Albert DeLaCruz, all of Haskell, Richard and Mindy DeLaCruz of Knox City, and Robert and Rosie DeLaCruz of Pryor, Oklahoma; two daughters, Sandy Guzman and Velma and husband, Ronald Bendabout, all of Salina Oklahoma; three brothers, Brijido DeLaCruz Jr., Manuel DeLaCruz and Arthuro DeLaCruz; 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Virginia Carole 'Ginny' Line Kloog

Memorial services for Virginia Carole 'Ginny' Line Kloog, 50, were held Wed., Dec. 21 at First Christian Church in Haskell.

Mrs. Kloog died Fri., Dec. 16 at Carle Hospital in Champaign, Illinois, following a second stroke.

Born July 5, 1955 in Duluth, Minnesota, she was the daughter of Ted Davey and Joyce Line. She married Mike Kloog April 10, 1976 in Bemidji, Minnesota and they made their home in Brainerd, Minnesota. The Kloogs moved to Haskell in 1981 and to Effingham, Illinois in 2003. Her life was one devoted to caring for and nurturing children. She received an Associate's degree from Brainerd (Minn.) Community College in Child Development and was employed at the state school there as a Human Services Technician where she was the primary caregiver for the children on her ward and served as the ward 'parent.'

After they moved to Texas, She operated a daycare center in her home for seven years. Later, she was

employed at Paint Creek School for ten years where she taught art and other subjects. She also worked for two years as a teacher for the Head Start program in Haskell. She was baptized into the Lord as a teenager and was a long-time member of the First Christian Church of Haskell. She served her church and her Lord as a Sunday School teacher for 23 years, and as worship and song leader for 12 years. She had a beautiful singing voice, and often sang for community events, as well as numerous weddings and funerals.

Survivors include her husband, Mike; two daughters and a son, Larissa, Meghan and Mikey, all of the family home; several brothers in the Duluth, Minnesota area; numerous cousins and other family members; and many dear friends who will miss her sweet smile and vivacious personality.

Memorial donations may be made to the church of to the donor's favorite charity.

PD. NOTICE

Roseanne 'Rosie' J. Orndorff

Roseanne 'Rosie' J. Orndorff, 72, of El Paso died peacefully in her home surrounded by her loved ones Wed., Dec. 14.

Born Jan. 8, 1933 in Haskell, she was a local artist who contributed much to El Paso including founding, with Tita Sterling, "Art in the Park." She was an art teacher who loved to stain glass, oil paint and owned a framing and art supply business.

She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Lee Orndorff, Jr.

Survivors include her loving husband of 50 years, Charles Lee Orndorff Sr.; son, Mitchell Orndorff and his wife, Mary; daughters, Annette O. Schatzman and husband, Kevin J., Stephanie Snodgrass and husband, Thomas; and nine grandchildren.

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DISTRICT OFFICERS—At the Double Mountain FFA District annual banquet, Mon., Dec. 12, Haskell FFA Chapter members Faith Silvas, right, and Samantha Lopez, both freshmen at Haskell High School, were elected to the District Officer Team. The students were required to take an officer exam, do a personal interview with a panel of three judges and give a speech in front of 120 people. Both students have been involved on the Jr. Chapter Conducting team. Silvas has also been involved on the Public Relations team. Both will serve a one year term and will be up for reelection next December.



MRS. JEFFERY NEAL BLANKS

Candlelight ceremony unites Sharp, Blanks

Autumn Braid Sharp, daughter of Roy and Rebecca Sharp of Abilene, and Jeffery Neal Blanks, son of Terry and Susan Blanks of Haskell, were married, Sun., Dec. 18, in an evening candlelight ceremony at the Logsdon Chapel on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Dr. David Miller of Hendrick Home for Children officiated at the ceremony, along with the bride's grandfather, Rev. Ronnie Freeman of the First Baptist Church of Trent.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a full train, embossed with crystal and pearl beading around a fitted bodice featuring a sweetheart neckline and back.

She entered the chapel during the singing of "The Brides Prayer," an original song composed by her sister, matron of honor Daron Hughes of Trent. The bride's father also sang during the ceremony, and Rev. Freeman pronounced a prayer of blessing over the couple.

Bridesmaids were Andrea Senseman of Houston and Shiloh Shugart of Merkel, both cousins of the bride, Holly Pruitt, Katherine Holden and the groom's cousin, Misty McMeans.

Flower girls, Callie Freeman of Merkel and Hannah Foster of

Haskell, lined the bridal aisle with rose petals. Meagan and Hannah Freeman of Merkel served as junior bridesmaids, passing out rose petals to guests at the reception.

Serving as best man was the groom's younger brother, Brad Blanks of Haskell. Groomsmen were the groom's older brother, Matt Blanks of San Antonio, Tom Fouts, Dan Fouts, Kyle Michaels and Eben Nelson. They also served as ushers for the event.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Windsor Hotel Grand Ballroom in Abilene. Guests enjoyed an evening of candlelight, desserts and dancing, along with special selections sung by the bride's father and sister. The couple was escorted from the festivities in a white limousine.

The bride is a summa cum laude communications graduate of Abilene Christian University, and is employed as news anchor with KTXS Television in Abilene. The groom is employed at Condeley & Company in Abilene, and will be entering the masters program in business accounting at ACU this fall.

Following a wedding trip to the Caribbean at St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Jones County.

Births

Chris and Brittany Williams of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Clyne L'Shae Williams, born Dec. 8 at 9:10 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 17 inches long.

Her brother is Creed Williams. Maternal grandparents are Michael and Debra Bartley of Haskell. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Kathy Shelton of Ranger.

Amaya Renee Fernandez, daughter of Marcus Fernandez and Crystal Torres, was born at 6:30 a.m., Dec. 17 at the Seymour hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her big sister is Destini Paige Fernandez.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torres of Seymour and Meribel Fernandez of Haskell.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 26 Lunch—Closed	Fri., Dec. 30 Lunch—Ham and beans, garden salad, onion slices, buttered corn, cornbread, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Dec. 28 Lunch—BBQ sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, pickles, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee	Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



MR. AND MRS. L.B. IVEY

Iveys celebrate 50th anniversary

L.B. and Marie Ivey of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 24 at the home of their daughter, Cindy Fitzharris, of Fort Worth.

Dinner was also observed by the family on Nov. 25 at La Familia Restaurant in Fort Worth.

L.B. Ivey and Marie Mullins met in 1954, after he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marines, and were married Nov. 25, 1955 in Haskell.

Retired from Haskell ISD, L.B.

Ivey drives for Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Ford Co. on dealer trades.

Marie Ivey is retired as an elementary school teacher for the Aspermont ISD.

They are members of Haskell First Baptist Church.

The couple has two children, daughter Cindy Fitzharris and husband, Kevin, of Fort Worth, and son Robert Ivey and wife, Shannon, of Stephenville. Their grandchildren are Christopher and Kelly Fitzharris, and Ashton and Savannah Ivey.

Art club shares gifts

The Brazos West Art Association met Dec. 12 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Jenny Lyckman presided.

During a business session, cards were sent to members who were sick. It was announced that Paul Friske would have a class on Jan. 21.

Gifts were brought by members for the Child Protective Services.

Following the meeting, a salad supper was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged.

Others attending the meeting were Jerri Bowers, Betty Hook, Marsha

Whittemore, Martha Spitzer, Adeline Laird, Anita Herren, Bobbie Harrison, Fern Livengood, Betty Berry, Beverly Moore, Marilyn Hodges and Nelwyn Beakley.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Marvin Letz over the weekend were his children, Merlene and husband Kent Denton of Garland, Sandra and husband, Mike Parker of Norman, Oklahoma and Fred and Linda Letz and daughter Dana of Colleyville. They celebrated an early Christmas with Christmas dinner and a gift exchange.

Hospice is care beyond a cure

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

"Hospice" stems from the Latin word *hospitium* meaning guesthouse. It was originally used to describe a place of shelter for weary and sick travelers. Today, eighty percent of hospice care is provided in the patient's home, a family member's home or nursing homes.

Hospice is not a place but a concept of care designed to provide comfort and support to patients and their families when an illness no longer responds to treatment. The goal of hospice care is to improve the quality of a patient's last days by offering comfort and dignity. Hospice care neither prolongs life nor hastens death. Often the patient is not the only person who benefits from hospice care. Care is also extended to the patient's family and friends to help deal with the emotional, social and spiritual impact of disease.

Hospice offers a variety of bereavement and counseling services to families before and after a patient's death.

Patients are usually referred to hospice when life expectancy is approximately six months. While patient must have a doctor's referral to enter hospice, the patient, family and friends can initiate the process. Before providing care, hospice staff meets with the patient's personal health provider and a hospice physician to discuss patient history, current physical symptoms and life expectancy. After an initial meeting with physicians, hospice staff meets with both the patient and family.

Hospice staff and volunteers offer a specialized knowledge of medical care, including pain management. Hospice care is usually provided by a team-oriented group of specially trained individuals. Prior to service, staff and patients also discuss pain and comfort levels, support systems, financial and insurance resources, medications and equipment needs. A "plan of care" is developed for the patient. This plan is regularly reviewed and revised according to patient condition.

Hospice is usually paid for through the Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers.

More than 90% of hospices in the United States are certified by Medicare. The hospice benefit is available to any Medicare beneficiary who receives Part "A," inpatient hospital service coverage.

It is your right as a consumer to choose or deny hospice services. Choosing hospice as well as choosing your hospice provider are important decisions for your end-of-life care.

Determining if a hospice is right for you may best be learned from interviewing different hospices and talking to those you trust who are familiar with hospice programs in your area. Other questions to ask when choosing a hospice program include

- What services are provided?
- What kind of support is available to the family/caregiver?
- What roles do the attending physician and hospice play?
- How are services provided after hours?
- How and where does hospice provide short-term inpatient care?
- Can hospice be brought into a nursing home or long-term care facility?

Sometimes a terminally ill patient's health improves or their illness goes into remission.

If that happens, your health provider may feel that you no longer need hospice care and will not recertify you at that time. Also, as a hospice patient, you always have the right to stop getting hospice care, for any reason.

Hospice care is meant to ease the transition from life to death for both the patient and family. It is always important to remember that there is care beyond a cure for persons with a terminal illness.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2546, or The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization at <http://www.nhpco.org>.

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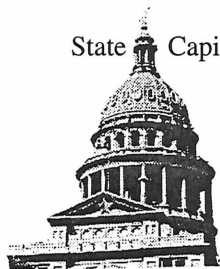
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Judge puts DeLay proceedings on hold

AUSTIN - Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's appeal of a dismissed charge against U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay is slowing down the legal process the former House majority leader's attorneys want to speed up.

Judge Pat Priest put a scheduled hearing on hold until Texas' Third Court of Appeals rules on the merit of a charge of conspiracy he had dismissed against DeLay. Priest's trial court is the venue where charges of money laundering and conspiracy against the Sugar Land Republican will be heard.

DeLay and his attorneys want everything to happen as quickly as possible, because DeLay hopes to win back his role as majority leader when the House reconvenes after winter recess.

DeLay stepped down from the role in September after he was indicted by a Travis County grand jury on charges of conspiracy to circumvent the state elections law and money laundering in the midterm election of 2002.

Also indicted were DeLay's associates John Colyandro of Austin and Jim Ellis of Washington, D.C., the men who ran DeLay's state and national political action committees.

Redistricting cases on horizon

The U.S. Supreme Court scheduled March 1 as the date to hear oral arguments in cases against Gov. Rick Perry and the state of Texas over the redrawing of U.S. congressional district boundaries in 2003.

Party primaries in Texas are scheduled for March 7.

Four plaintiffs, including the League of United Latin American Citizens, Travis County, Eddie Jackson and the GI Forum of Texas, and others, allege violations in the Voting Rights Act in the 2004 redistricting that allowed the Republican Party to pick up five seats in Congress.

Former justice files for office

Rumors about another Democrat launching a gubernatorial campaign came true Dec. 15 when Bob Gammage filed papers with the secretary of state.

Gammage, 67, a former lawmaker, state supreme court justice and educator from Llano, joins two other Democrats in the quest to succeed Gov. Perry.

Gammage was one of the "Dirty 30"—a bipartisan group of Texas House members who mounted an

offensive against corruption at the state Capitol in the 1971 Sharpstown scandal.

In his campaign press release, Gammage spoke of "a corrupt political machine which stretches from Washington, D.C. all the way to Austin."

Gammage said that in a few weeks his campaign "will roll out an agenda for change in Texas."

Math, science boost coming

For those students who seem destined to leave high school without math and science skills needed to succeed in college and the workplace, help is on the way.

Children will get extra help via real-world learning activities in mathematics, science, engineering and technology, through the \$71 million Texas Science Technology Engineering and Math Initiative, or T-STEM.

Gov. Perry said the funds will go to 35 public, private and charter school campuses across Texas and called them "T-STEM academies."

The money is coming from these sources: \$50 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Susan & Michael Dell Foundation, and the Communities Foundation of Texas; \$20 million from the Texas Education Agency; and about \$1 million from National Instruments.

More time to get situated

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it would comply with a court order to pay for hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees to live in hotels and motels until Jan. 7, but for those actively working with the agency to receive house rent assistance the deadline has been extended to Feb. 7.

FEMA has provided rental assistance to some 653,000 families dislodged from their homes by the August and September hurricanes.

Heflin quits lotto job quest

Former Houston State Rep. Talmadge Heflin, 65, decided to withdraw his name for consideration for the vacant position of Texas Lottery director.

Heflin, a Republican, said he would instead file to run for his former House seat, which he lost to freshman Democrat Hubert Vo in a close election in 2004.

The lottery job came open after the resignation of Reagan Greer, who stepped down last summer after admitting he had inflated jackpot amounts to stimulate ticket sales.



From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Make Sure Your Children Know You Care This Holiday Season

Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and making memories, but it can also put a financial strain on parents as they purchase gifts or host families for a holiday meal. One way to make sure the holidays are a memorable time of year for your children is to pay your child support.

Child support enables parents to put a roof over their children's heads, clothes on their backs, and food on the table. During the holidays, these challenges are compounded as parents also try to put gifts under the tree or gas in their car for a long trip to grandma's house. That is why I am giving parents this special reminder to pay their child support.

To those parents who regularly pay their child support in full and on time, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your faithfulness will reap great rewards as you help your children remember the holidays as a time of provision rather than hardship.

Sometimes circumstances arise, such as losing a job, that make it difficult to meet one's child support obligation. For parents who are in a situation like this, I encourage you to contact my office so we can work together to determine a course of action. As an additional service, my office partners with the Texas Workforce Commission and workforce development boards across the state to help low-income parents find good-paying jobs so they can meet their child support obligations.

Ultimately, what children need most is to know their parents care about them. For unmarried parents, this begins with establishing paternity. When paternity is established, a child has a legal connection to his or her father that protects the child's access to a whole range of benefits fathers can provide, starting with having dad's name on the birth certificate. Through the Paternity Opportunity Program, my office trains and certifies employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents with the process of acknowledging paternity just after their child's birth. We can also facilitate DNA tests to scientifically and legally establish fatherhood. As children grow up, my office encourages parents to stay involved in their lives beyond paying child support.

We also help parents who are having trouble getting access to their children. This year, my office administered more than \$500,000 in federal grants to 11 organizations across Texas that facilitate parents' access to and visitation with their children. One organization, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, operates my office's statewide Access and Visitation Hotline. The hotline is staffed by attorneys who provide legal information and assistance with child custody and visitation matters. Parents can call the hotline's toll-free number, 1-866-292-4636, Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Kids will remember forever what happens during this holiday season. Please, help make those memories good ones by being there for them and paying your child support.

Protect children from fire hazards

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County
While risk of fire in the home increases during the holidays, you can reduce the chance of your child getting burned.

Choose either close-fitting or fire-retardant sleepwear for your child. T-shirts and other loose-fitting clothing made of cotton can catch fire easily, and burn rapidly.

Fire-retardant fabrics are treated with chemicals that makes them less likely to catch fire, and more likely to stop burning when taken away from the flame.

Caution is the important step to reduce fire risk. Keep candles, cigarette lighters and matches out of children's reach.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 28, 1995

Arron Duniven, age 13, with the help of his father, Roger Duniven, harvested his first deer, a 10 point in his own backyard south of Lake Stamford.

Mattie Felker English and Frances Lane closed their shop Lane-Felker. English and Lane opened their ladies' shop on a shoestring in 1940 with only an alteration lady, as the business grew so did the employees with a high count of 19.

Jacob Manske, son of Johnny and Jana Manske of Sagerton, was baptized Christmas morning at Faith Lutheran Church. His sponsors were Kathy and Shirley Manske and Doug Terrell.

20 Years Ago December 26, 1985

Haskell's Kendall Larned, a down lineman, and Joel Torres, a punter, were named as first team members of the all-district football team.

Tarleton State University linebacker Sam Toliver, who played his high school football in Haskell, was selected to the second team all-conference squad in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Assn.

A technical paper written by Dr. Mehrdad Ehsani, Texas A&M assistant professor of electrical engineering, and Jim T. Bass, a graduate student, won top honors from the Institute of Electrical and

Electronics Engineers Industry Applications society. Ehsani is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Holden of Haskell.

30 Years Ago December 25, 1975

James Lanier was elected president of the Haskell Little Dribblers organization with Cliff Morris elected as vice president; Mrs. Tom Barnett, secretary; Wanda Medina, treasurer; Jerry Hadaway, player agent; and Kenneth Young, head referee.

Arvil J. McFadden of Haskell was named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll from the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater.

Deanna Frierson, a junior from Haskell, was initiated into Alpha Chi, national honor society at West Texas State University.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Jones were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house reception at their home in Haskell hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The Charles McCauley home, decorated like a living Christmas card of long ago, was chosen as the Haskell Yard of the Month.

Kenneth W. Hilliard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hilliard of Haskell, was appointed assistant county Extension agent in Lubbock County.

Weather Whys

Why Bridges Freeze First

Q: Why do bridges freeze over first when icing occurs?

A: The main reason bridges freeze quickly is heat—or lack of it, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Roads and highways, even though they are made of asphalt and concrete, are protected by the ability of the soil underneath to absorb heat.

"But bridges and overpasses are suspended in the air, which means they do not have the means to absorb heat," McRoberts says. "So when temperatures start dropping to below freezing, it takes a while for the ground temperature to reach freezing. But bridges and overpasses, with freezing air on top and below the structures, will cool down and freeze much quicker."

Q: So bridges are affected more than roads by the outside temperature?

A: True, adds McRoberts. "Bridges don't have a way to trap heat, so they lose heat quickly and this allows them to freeze up quicker than roads," McRoberts says.

"The simple explanation is that bridges tend to follow the outside air temperature very closely. So if the temperature drops below freezing and it starts to sleet or snow, the bridge's surface will also fall below freezing and snow and sleet will stick to it very quickly. Ice can form on bridges and combined with a layer of snow, it makes driving conditions dangerous. That's why bridges and overpasses are the first to be sanded down when icing is about to occur."

AG Scam Alert

By Greg Abbott

"Texas Health Department" Shopping Spree is a Scam

Consumers report that they have received calls from someone claiming to be from the "Texas Health Department." The caller tells the consumer that he or she has won a \$1000 shopping spree and health insurance. The caller then tries to extract personal financial information.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (this is the correct name of the agency) provides health,

mental health and substance abuse services to Texans. It does not have a program to give away shopping sprees or insurance. The call is a scam and a trick to get your banking information. As always, I urge you to beware of strangers calling to offer you money. Invariably, you will find that they want you to give them money. And you should never give personal information to a person who calls you and asks for it for any reason whatsoever.

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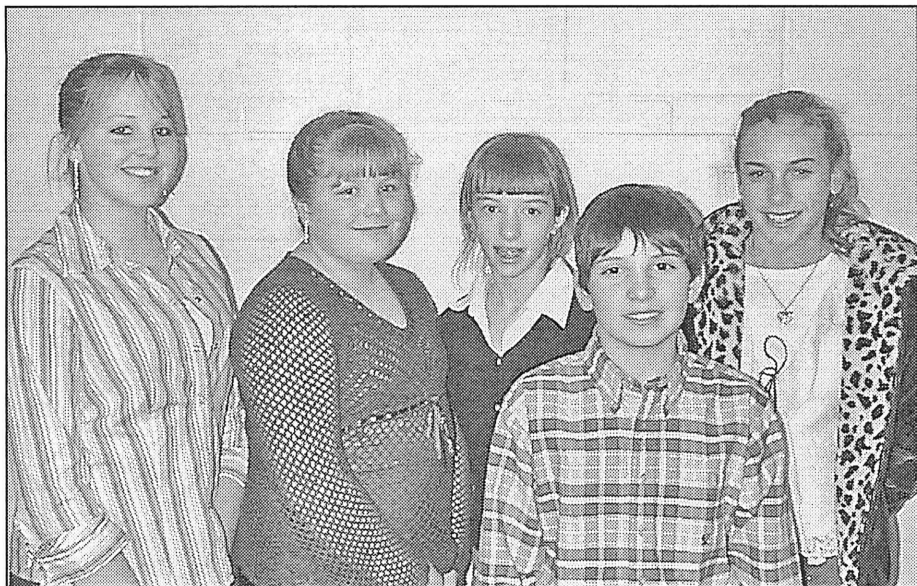
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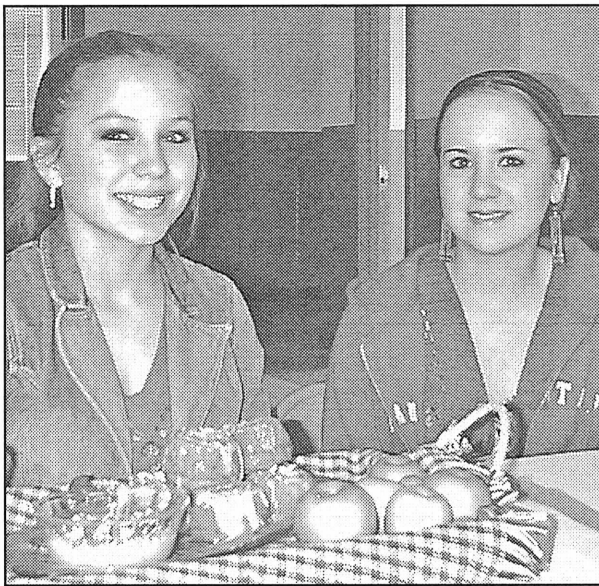
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INTERMEDIATE PARTICIPANTS—Haskell County 4-H Club members placing in the District 4-H Food Show were: I-r, Andrea Anderson, 2nd in Breads and Cereals; Jenny Dudensing, 1st in Main Dish; Allison Petty, 1st in Fruits and Vegetables; Stewart Urich, 1st in Nutritious Snacks, and Kate Rowan, 2nd in Desserts.



SENIOR WINNERS—Haskell Senior participants placing in the District 4-H Food Show were: I-r, Molly Dudensing, 1st in Breads and Cereals, and Candace Brister, 1st in Nutritious Snacks.

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JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS—Entering in the District 4-H Food Show were Haskell County cooks: I-r, top row, Emily Fouts and Ashley Adams. Bottom row, Meghan Glover and Crissy Bassett.

Nuts can be excellent source of nutrition

Americans, it seems, are going nuts over nuts. The tasty morsels are showing up everywhere—toasted walnuts on salads, pecan-crusted fish, and macadamia nut oil in the latest diet. Is it wise to add nuts to your diet? Although fat- and calorie-laden, nuts provide healthy, cholesterol-lowering fats, vitamin E and fiber.

Dr. Jo Ann Carson, professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, warns that although including nuts frequently can be a

healthy move, they should be substituted for other foods. "Adding rather than substituting nuts can tip the energy balance in favor of weight gain," she says.

For example, replace some of the chicken in chicken salad with pecans and celery for a delightfully crunchy texture; or substitute an afternoon candy bar with trail mix that includes nuts; and instead of a ham sandwich, build a brown bag lunch around fruit, yogurt and nuts.

Several nuts are especially heart-healthy.

English walnuts contain primarily polyunsaturated fats, including alpha-linolenic acid, an omega 3 fatty acid. Our bodies convert a small amount of alpha-linolenic acid to the longer chain fatty acids found in fish oils. Research suggests walnuts have cardiovascular benefits.

Pecans, peanuts and macadamia nuts, however, are high in monounsaturated fats that can lower your low-density lipoproteins, or "bad" cholesterol.

Almonds and pistachios are among the lowest in fat and calories, while macadamia nuts have the most fat and calories per ounce.

Haskell Co. 4-H'ers excel at district food show

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
185 4-H youth representing the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the District 4-H Food Show in Vernon Sat., Dec. 10. The four first place senior winners will advance to the state competition in June 2006. Intermediate and Junior Division winners do not compete beyond the District level.

Eleven Haskell County 4-H'ers performed well in the competition, bringing home six first place awards, three second place awards, and one third place award.

Participating in the event were:
Juniors: Main Dish, Emily Fouts, Rule, third place; Fruits & Vegetables, Meghan Glover, Rochester, first place; Breads & Cereals, Crissy Bassett, Haskell, second place; and Nutritious Snacks, Ashley Adams, Haskell.

Intermediates: Main Dish, Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton, first place; Fruits & Vegetables, Allison Petty, Rule, first place; Breads & Cereals, Andrea Anderson, Haskell, second place; Nutritious Snacks, Stewart Urich, Rochester, first place; and Desserts, Kate Rowan, O'Brien, second place.

Seniors: Breads & Cereals, Molly Dudensing, Sagerton, first place; and Nutritious Snacks, Candace Brister, Haskell, first place;

Each contestant had earned

championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District Show. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Serving as judges from Haskell County were Tammy Parham, Lorrie McBroom and Debbie Brister. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

Two invitational features were special Foods and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling Plains, as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the District. Andrea Anderson wrote and submitted a news article on "Tips For Consumer Food Safety," for which she was recognized.

The 4-H Food Show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H. The project helps youth learn the relationship between science, food and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy and food storage and safety.

If you would like more information about how to join 4-H and/or how to become involved in a 4-H foods and nutrition project contact the Texas Cooperative Extension—Haskell County Office

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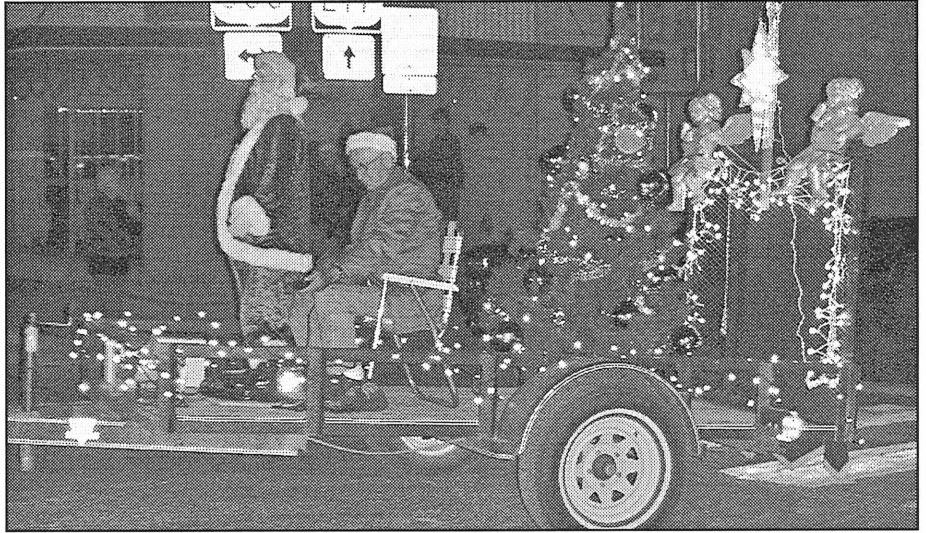
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,639,189	\$74,901	\$1,714,090
State Program Revenues	3,631,832	119,014	3,750,846
Federal Program Revenues	4,572	797,593	802,165
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,275,593	\$991,508	\$6,267,101
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	\$2,485,983	\$599,681	\$3,085,664
Instructional Resources and Media Services	90,059	1,014	91,073
Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	23,779	1,331	25,110
School Leadership	278,937	1,759	280,696
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	87,145	37,103	124,248
Health Services	55,063	506	55,569
Student (Pupil) Transportation	260,555	690	261,245
Food Services	0	382,094	382,094
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	272,029	1,101	273,130
General Administration	347,428	2,538	349,966
Plant Maintenance and Operations	688,779	4,370	693,149
Security and Monitoring Services	3,332	0	3,332
Data Processing Services	108,360	1,012	109,372
Community Services	47,664	1,013	48,677
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	3,488	0	3,488
Intergovernmental - Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	126,685	0	126,685
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,879,286	\$1,034,212	\$5,913,498
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$396,307	(\$42,704)	\$353,603
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers - In	\$ -	\$ 42,704	\$ 42,704
Transfers - Out	(42,704)	0	(42,704)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(\$42,704)	\$42,704	\$0
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,972,576	0	3,972,576
FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	\$4,326,179	\$0	\$4,326,179



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Advice for fighting extra holiday pounds

Our promises to eat less during the holidays seem to disappear when we're faced with parties and family gatherings laden with high-calorie food and drinks. Year's end can also bring out the worst in our eating habits, but a UT Southwestern Medical Center dietitian says breaking those habits can be easier than you think.

Lona Sandon, assistant professor of nutrition at UT Southwestern, says there are some simple tricks everyone can use to keep from getting stuffed this season.

"On average, we gain one to two pounds over the holidays, but unfortunately, we often don't lose that weight," she said. "So over the course of 10 years, you can find yourself 20 pounds heavier and

losing the weight can be quite difficult."

If you're hosting holiday parties, she suggests setting a table featuring lots of high-fiber, high-water foods such as a big green salad and fresh vegetable tray. This will encourage you and your guests to start the meal with a low-calorie appetizer.

You can also provide lower-calorie dressings, such as light vinaigrette or dips that are made with light sour cream or low-fat cream cheese. Crispy appetizers like pickles, fresh vegetables and fruit can also help guests consume fewer calories at the buffet table.

"I also recommend using smaller sized cocktail plates or even cocktail napkins instead of large plates," Sandon said. "That discourages

guests from piling food onto their plates. When you're serving casserole dishes, serve from a tablespoon rather than a giant serving spoon. People are more likely to serve themselves less food."

Using pre-sized portions also keeps people from sampling large portions of the main entrée or dessert. Cutting a pie into slices prior to setting it out on the buffet table keeps guests from cutting larger portions.

Sandon also recommends limiting food choices. "Make two appetizer platters instead of four and limit desserts to one choice," she said.

For guests attending parties, Sandon recommends eating something before you go so you don't arrive ravenous. This can help you from getting into the tempting treats.

Decline the nut-covered cheese balls and high-fat cold cuts and start with fresh fruits, vegetables, small portions of nuts and lean cuts of meat such as turkey breast.

During the holidays, people also tend to give and receive food. To keep the pounds away, Sandon said rather than giving a box of chocolates, choose one or two gourmet or specialty chocolates and a nice card. For those who receive gifts such as pre-wrapped sausage and cheese baskets, she suggests donating them if you want to avoid temptation.

"Wrapped foods and candies that you don't want to eat you can consider taking to a food bank," Sandon said. "They would be more than happy to have it and you wouldn't have it in your house tempting you to indulge."

With New Year's right around the corner, Sandon also suggests people to stay away from drinks that can quickly pile on calories and maybe even lead you to eat more.

"When we start talking alcohol, calories can add up very quickly, especially in mixed drinks with fruits and sugars added," she said. "Simpler beverages like wine have between 120 and 150 calories per glass, which isn't too bad compared to a margarita which may have up to 400 calories."

She said consuming alcohol can make you feel hungrier, so it's a good idea to politely decline a cocktail until you've eaten. Another alternative is to drink club soda or diet soda. Holiday drinks such as eggnog are very high in calories and fat, so drink those in moderation, or better yet, avoid them altogether.

Lastly, Sandon says that not every holiday gathering needs to be centered on food.

"You can plan a party that doesn't include dinner, or plan a gathering at your house at a later hour after your guests have eaten dinner," she said. "You might want to offer fruit and some nice specialty cheese that people can sample."

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If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Robert Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004. 51c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FRANCES L. CLARK, Deceased, were issued on December 13, 2005, in Cause No. 4,277, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: DELBERT LEFEVRE.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts, Attorney at Law, 128 Town Square Lane, Post Office Box 367, Aspermont, Texas 79502.

DATED the 15th day of December, 2005.

Kristen L. Fouts Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 00786434 128 Town Square Lane Post Office Box 367 Aspermont, Texas 79502 Telephone: 940-989-2608 Facsimile: 940-989-3105 51c

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JV MAIDENS—Haskell Junior Varsity Maidens' basketball team having a winning season are: 1-r, front row, Hope Reid, Molly Agraz, Sarah Garcia, Hanna Wallace, Destini Cooke and Ashton Rutkowski. Back row, Coach Teresa Martinez, Laura Garcia, Shalea Trevino, Haley Chavez, Claire Isbell, Lauren Newton, Paige Adams and Alexis Chavez.

JV Maidens remain undefeated; ready to start district play

The Haskell JV Maiden basketball team got off to a great start this year.

They placed first in the Eula JV Invitational Tournament, Nov. 17-19. Their opening game against Jim Ned, whom they defeated by the score of 35 to 24. Molly Agraz scored 12 points, and Hope Reid scored 10. The Maidens didn't let Jim Ned score any points in the third quarter.

In their second game of the tournament, they defeated Coleman by the score of 36-33. Agraz again scored 12 points, Haley Chavez scored 5 points, and Reid, Hanna Wallace and Claire Isbell scored 4 points each. Coleman scored only 2 points in the first quarter against the Maidens' tough defense. The Maidens' championship game was against Hawley, whom they defeated by the score of 39-25. Chavez scored 15 points and Ashton Rutkoski scored 7 points.

The Haskell JV Maidens also placed first in the Hawley JV Invitational Tournament, Dec. 1-3. Their opening game was with Albany, whom they defeated by the score of 32 to 13. Agraz scored 11 points and Wallace scored 7 points. Their second game was against Hamlin, whom they defeated by the score of 20 to 18. Agraz scored 8 points, Wallace scored 4 points, Chavez and Reid scored 3 points each, and Lauren Newton scored 2 points. They defeated Roscoe in the championship game by the score of 23 to 20. In that game, Wallace scored 8 points and Agraz 4 points.

The JV Maidens' season record was 15 wins and 0 losses. "Defense has been a key factor to winning this season," said Coach Teresa Martinez.

Team members are Paige Adams, Molly Agraz, Alexis Chavez, Haley Chavez, Destini Cooke, Laura

Garcia, Sarah Garcia, Claire Isbell, Lauren Newton, Hope Reid, Ashton Rutkowski, Shalea Trevino and Hanna Wallace.

Haskell starts district play at home on Jan. 6 against Hamlin. The JV girls' games start at 4 p.m., followed by the JV boys at 5:00. The varsity girls' games start 6:30 followed by the varsity boys at 8:00.

Meredith earns AQHA riding award

Nathan Meredith, son of Lonnie and Kim Meredith of Haskell, recently earned an award for logging 250.0 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program.

The program recognizes and rewards AQHA members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding. AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.

Student in the News

Kacy Baitz graduated from the University of Texas Arlington, College of Business, Sun., Dec. 11, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management.

A 1996 graduate of Rule High School, he is the son of Fred and Tami Baitz of Sagerton, and grandson of Roy and Mary Letz of Rule and Annella and the late Melvin Baitz.

He and his wife, Jessica, 6-year old daughter, Grace, and 1-year old son, Aidan, reside in Waco. After graduation, he plans to continue his career in healthcare administration. He is employed as Administrator for Waco Gastroenterology Associates.

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Dear Santa, Please me bring me a . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Logan Steele. I am 4 years old. I've been good. I want toys and golf stuff, golf bag, golf ball, golf club, golf glove, golf game. Were gonna get cookies and milk for you Santa, and a carrot for the reindeers.
Thank you, love you,
Bye, Logan Steele

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Hunt. I am 7 years old. Here is what I want for Christmas:

1. Remote control car
 2. Remote control airplane that really flies
 3. Drum set
 4. Army man
 5. Motorized hot wheel
 6. Dallas Cowboy bedset
 7. Lap top
 8. Fly wheel and stunt ramp
 9. Dr. Dreadful Lab
 10. Playstation and games for it
 11. Gameboy games
- I'll leave you celery, milk and cookies. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,
I'm a good boy most of the time and for Christmas I want a mega air jumper, a toy monster truck, a pokemon ball, Sly 3 and PS2 game, fly wheel and jumper to go with it. A match max mega war that has a dinosaur and can change into 30 different cars, and a Furby. Have a Merry Christmas Santa! I'll leave you some milk and cookies and your reindeer some water.

Love, Tanner Thomas, 5

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy all year and I want Nicktoons Unite a PS2 game. Lights, Camera, Pants a PS2 game, Ripped Pants Sponge Bob, and Sponge Bob Pj's. Have a Merry Christmas Santa. I'll leave you some milk and cookies and some water for the reindeer.

Love, Payton Thomas, 7

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Mommy and Daddy say I have been very good this year. I

only get in trouble a little bit. So far I have not pulled over Mommy's Christmas tree! This year for Christmas, Mommy and Daddy say that I need a DVD player for the car because I get very restless going on trips. I also want a tumbling Tigger and My First LeapPad. A few games would be great too. Santa, I was told you like Dr. Pepper and Oreos so I will leave you some of those. Please don't forget about my friends Kenley, Delaney, Landry, Halee, Adaline and Matthew. Also, my Me-Mommy and Pop-O are very special people to me and they want their house to be remodeled before Christmas. Maybe you can help them out and get that done!! After all, Mommy and Daddy said that Santa can do ANYTHING!

I love you Santa,
Colby Ryan West, 14 months old

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter, and I am 6 years old. I think I've been a pretty good fellow this year, so would you please bring me a tractor and a plow, a trailer with a backhoe, football stuff, a game boy, a Darth Vader mask, and I really need a new pair of boots. Don't forget my sister, bring her something too. Have a safe trip and I love you!

Hunter Threet, age 6
Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cinderella kitchen and a Cinderella hair dryer set. Please bring those things to my house in Abilene.

Please bring my Muffin and Papa, in Haskell, some Cinderella candy. I like Cinderella!
Avery Grace Dowd, age 2 3/4

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope or if you doint have that. I would like Arts in crafts,
Love, Stormy & Stormy

Dear Santa,
I heard a clatter and bells last year when you came on my roof, and I'm excited to see you again. Rudolph is a good reindeer. Please tell him my name is Bailey Ann. I love the presents you bring me every year, and

Rudolph has a very shiny nose. I'm sorry all the other reindeer made fun of Rudolph because of his shiny nose, but I'm glad he guides your sleigh.

For Christmas, please bring me an art table, a Hop-a-Roo, a scooter, Leapster games, a Hillary Duff CD, and a portable DVD player.

I hope I get to hear that clatter again this year. I love you Santa, Mrs. Clause, and all your elves. Thank you for everything. Santa. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Bailey Ann Toliver, age 6

Dear Santa,
I hope you are enjoying the holiday season. I know I am. On your trip to Haskell, Texas please deliver me a radio controlled Blue Angel jet, R/C Adventure Cam, ESPN Game Station, ESPN Shot Block, laser trip wire, and a portable DVD player.

Thank you for everything! Have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Shelton Toliver, age 10

Dear Santa,
Please bring some Christmas ornaments to my Muffin and Papa's house in Haskell.

Please bring me a Robin toy to go with my Batman toy, to my house in Abilene. Also I would like some paper and pencils for drawing things. I love you Santa!

Duncan Dowd, age 4

Dear Santa:
This is my first Christmas and I am really looking forward to meeting you Santa. I have tried to be a really good girl this year. Santa, don't forget that I won't be at my house this year for Christmas. I will have the key out at my Pops and Meme's house so you can get in because they don't have a chimney. I will also leave some sweet tea and cheerios out for you to snack on while you are there. Don't forget my friends Colby, Delaney, Landry, Halee, Adaline, Matthew and cousin Madi. They have all been good too! See you soon Santa. I love you.

Kenley Grace Cox, 9 months

Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a ballerina learning kit, a Barbie jeep, and a pink television. I love to write and draw so please leave me pencils and paper in my stocking. If you have enough room in your sleigh I would also love a pair of roller skates too. I have been a good girl this year, and have minded my mom and dad.

Allie Andress
5 years old

Dear Santa,
I am very excited two year old little girl. I want a Dora Make up, a pink baby, and a big giant swimming pool. I would also like a mermaid cake. I have tried really hard to be good and not pick on my Bubba or Sissy to much. Sorry I was afraid of you when I saw you. You had a really big beard. Do you really always watch what I am doing? Enjoy the milk and cookies I made for you.

Love,
Abby Andress
Christmas 2005

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy this year. All I really, really want is a horse!! My new little baby sister, Clyne, probably just needs a bottle, but I like to try to feed her candy canes. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.

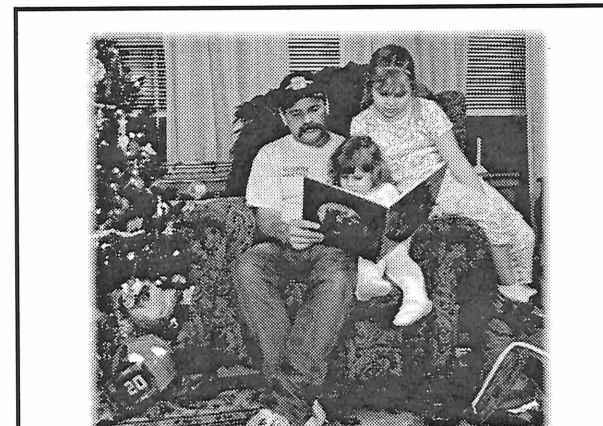
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Dear Santa,
Hey Santa! Thank you soooo much for coming to my birthday party! I just want a baby for Christmas cause I got my pink TV for my birthday. also, please get my sissies what they want. Santa, you're really sweet. I love you.

Kaelyn Brooke Bevel, age 4
Haskell

Dear Santa,
I want a play it now for Christmas. If you do not have that I would like more stickers for my Stiker album!
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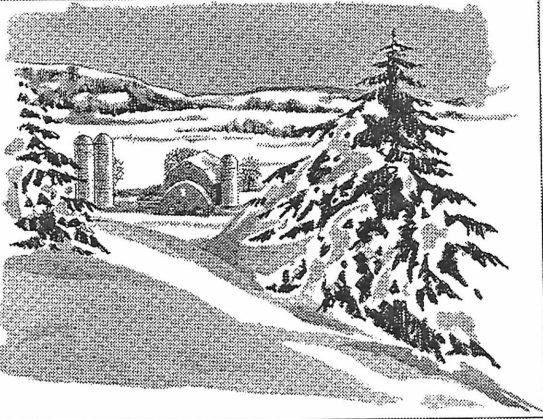
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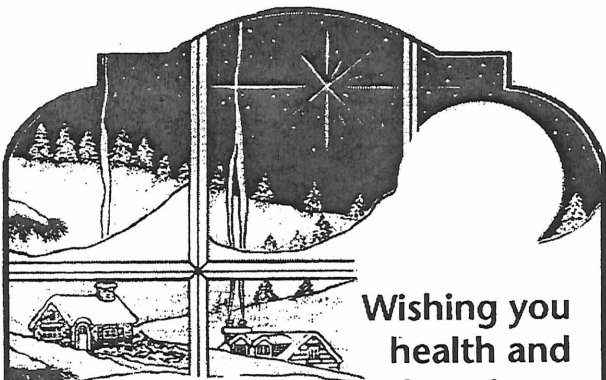
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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
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Love, Caitlin Medford
9 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like some baby things. I also want a video system with a blue remote control and colorful buttons. I have been very sweet this year.
Love, Tristen Swinney, age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been as good as a 3 year old little boy can be. I would really like to have a ball pit, any trucks or dinasours would be great also.
Thanks,
Will Swinney

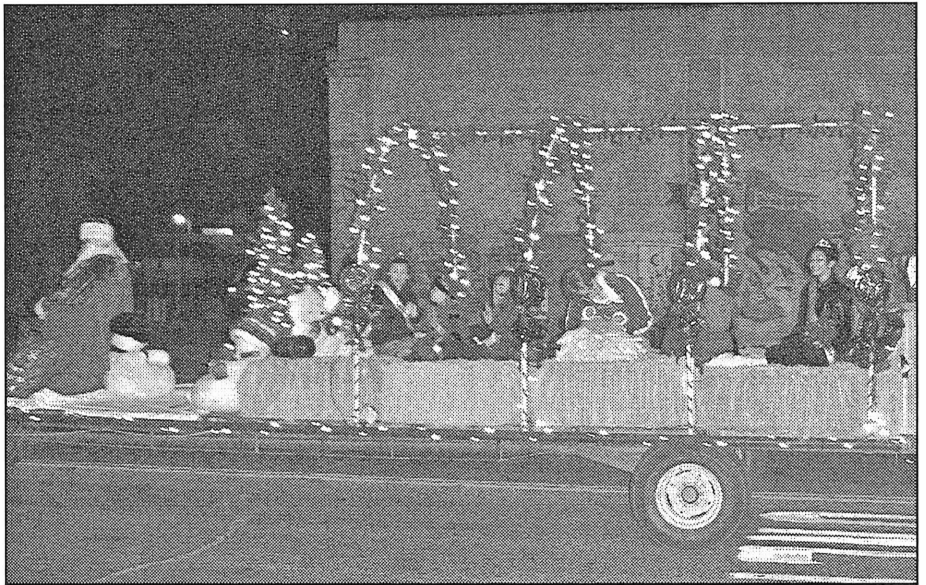
Dear Santa,
My name is Eathen, for Christmas I want football uniform, football pads, basketball, and a little Nerf basketball set, a Kids Bop CD and a radio, a new back pack and a lamp for my room. I will leave you some cookies and a handcuff key.
Love,
Eathen Reid

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good boy. I really like animals so would you please bring me more animals.
That's all.
Landry Olson
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I've been trying to be good. I want a Pirate Treasure Chest, Gorilla Attack Hot-Wheels track, a Fly Wheel, and lots of other surprises. And Skylar said you brought her a dog one time, so scould you bring us a baby sister? We will leave you some Oreos and milk-since you're working so hard.
Thanks, Bye
Laken Olson, 5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I would like a blue Power Ranger and drum sticks for Christmas. Please bring something for my sister, Baylee.
Love, Dylan Rodriguez
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
Will you please come to my house and give me presents? I want a Bratz toy, a cap and a jeep. I also want a baby brother. Please don't forget about Abbi, Austin, Melody and Mollie. Also, remember all of my friends at daycare, Landry, Delaney, Adaline, Matthew, Colby, Kenley and Adaline's dad. I will leave you cookies, water and milk.
Love,
Halee Alsabrook
4 years old



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Dear Santa,
My name is Landry. My Jacy say's I have been a very good girl this year. Could you please bring me some gum, some corn, a fireman, a snowman and a big ole' car to ride for me. I would also like a choo-choo train and a tractor. Please don't forget about my little sister Delaney and my bubba, Dylan. Also don't forget to go see my friends, Halee, Adaline, Matthew, Matthew Brown, Cameron Short, Josh Barbee, Colby, Jacy and Brad. I will leave you milk and cookies.

I love you Santa,
Landry Hanson
4 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar like my dad has in his room. I also want a Barbie piano and a crocodile. I think I have been a good girl this year. Jacy says I have been. I want a fish, too. Remember to bring Payne a potato because he likes mashed potatoes. I will leave you cookies and milk, chocolate cookies because those are your favorite.

I love you Santa,
Adaline Utley
3 years old

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me Madagascar this year. I also want a Zebra, a lion and Gloria. I have been a very good boy and cannot wait to see you. I will leave you some macaroni and Kool-Aid for a snack. Don't forget my big brother Toby. I will leave the reindeer some food too!

I love Santa,
Matthew Salazar, 3 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Delaney and I'm a very sweet girl. My sister Landry wants me to have a pig for Christmas because I know how to make a really cute pig sound. I'm not picky at all and I love to play with all kinds of toys. I'm a busy body so anything you bring me would be great!! Remember my sister Landry and Bubba Dylan because they are very good to me.

I love you Santa,
Delaney Hanson
18 months old

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like a bike for Christmas cause I learned how to ride without training wheels! Also, I want a real cat. A brown one with white spots, please. And bring something for my little sissies, too. Thank you, Santa!

I love you,
Ashlyn Jo Bevel
age 6, Haskell

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa Claus! I want a swing for Christmas. A tornado ate my old one at my Rochester house, so please bring me one for my new house. Please bring something for Kaelyn and Ashlyn, too. Thanks, Santa.

I love you,
Braelyn Ann Bevel
age 3
Haskell

Dear Santa,
I am trying really really hard to be a good boy this year. I would like a doctoraretoveous toy for Christmas and I'll leave some cookies and a glass of milk on my table for you for Christmas. I wish I could meet you. But I hope to see you at Wal-Mart Saturday.

Thank you,
Terry Tatum, Jr.
P.S. I'm 5 years age and I go to Haskell Elementary school. I'm in kindergarten.
My teacher is Mrs. Gibson.

Dear Santa,
I am a 4 year old little girl. I have been a good girl. I would like you to bring me a Barbie movie and a pink Barbie car. I also have a 3 year old brother he would like some monster trucks and race cars. I will have milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Gwen Clayton



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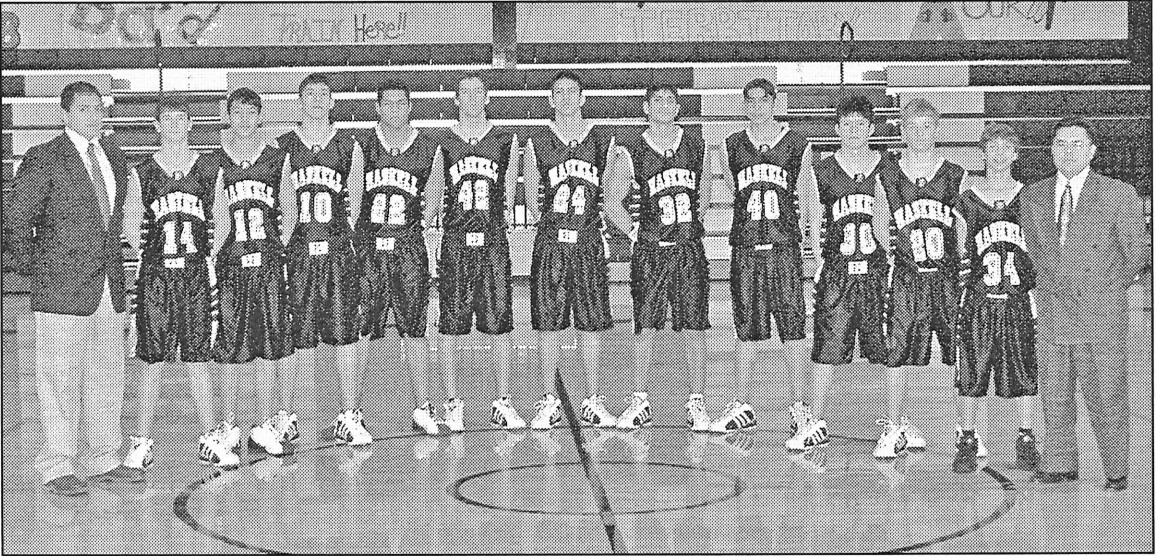
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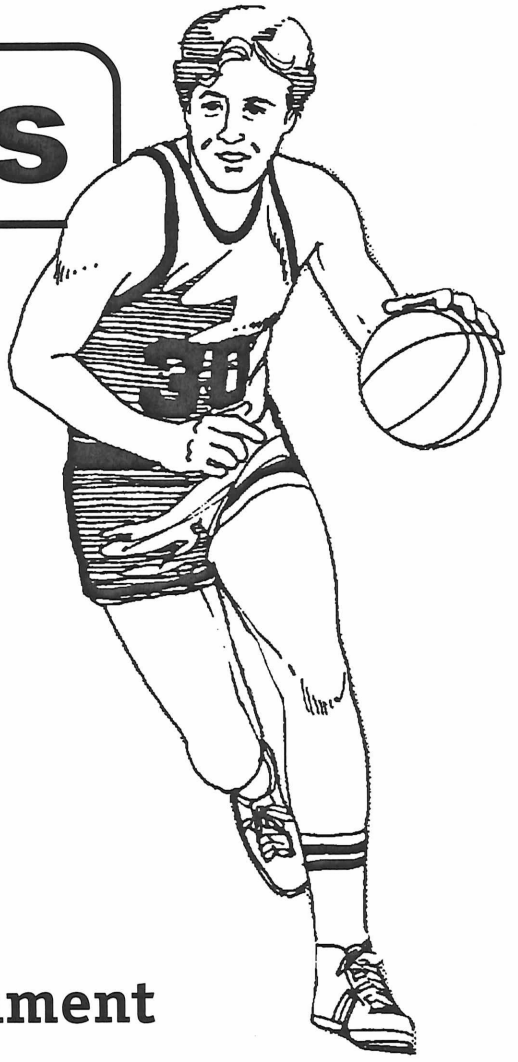
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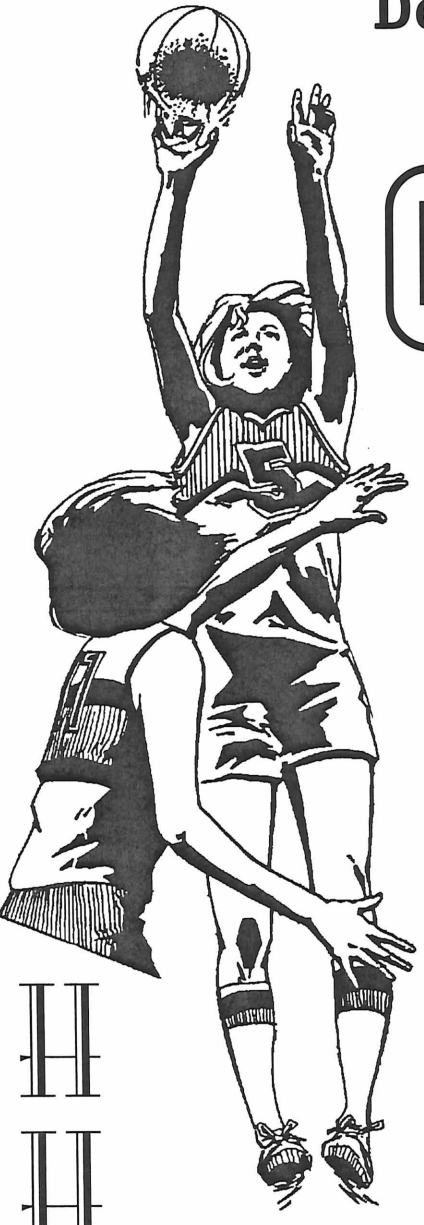


HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach LoLo Martinez, Weston Rutkowski, A.J. Alvarez, Derek Agraz, D.J. McCulloch, Jeremy Sorrells, Augustene Lara, Vicente Castillo, Miquel Chavez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams, John English and Coach Toby Villa.
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**Dec. 27-Dec. 29 • Eula Tournament
 Varsity Boys**

Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Mollie McKnight, Jasmine Thomas, Roxanne Chavez and Lindsay Pannell; middle, Kimberly Medford, Lacey Peiser, Samantha Rodriguez and Robbyn Tribbey; back, Victoria Armenta and Kerri Newton.
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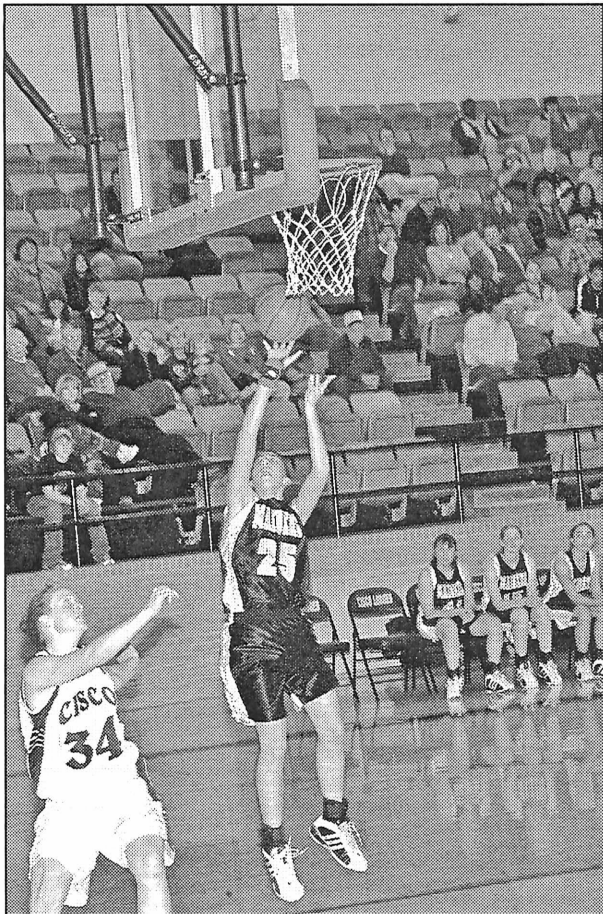
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CLOSE GAME—Haskell Maiden, Mollie McKnight (#25), scores count in the game they lost to Cisco, 42-43. Photo by Bill Blankenship

City Council report

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held Dec. 12.

Mayor Ken Lane called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by W.L. Wolf.

Mayor Lane reported from his trip to Austin, that the last session of the state legislature passed a state wide right-of-way contract that will apply for every city in the state. In this, a town the size of Haskell has the option of using the contract or not, but, not having a contract is not a good option. He advised that what Haskell needs is to pass a city ordinance to the effect that anyone using our right of way should have a state wide right-of-way contract, which requires that they pay the city of Haskell 5% of their gross revenues as a franchise fee.

Approval was given by the council for the city to have opportunity to replace all plumbing under Highway 380 and 277 with the ability to borrow the money at a low interest rate.

Approval was given by the council for amending the original zoning that was denied to Fred Draper for change from general residential to single wide mobile home at 202 S. Ave. C.

In the matter of the search committee's recommendation to rehire Sam Watson as City Administrator, the matter died for lack of a second to the motion.

It was the consensus of the council that another salary raise cannot be made for the city manager job.

The request by Franciene Johnson, representing the Haskell Civic Center, to rescind the order for the Civic Center to employ city or county law enforcement for dances was approved.

Johnson requested to pursue a federal grant, presented by TxDOT, that has to be sponsored by an entity like the city. This is a 20% matching project, with several things that can be counted toward the city's 'in kind' part. The state requires a 15% fee for overseeing and handling for the project. Grant application is due in April, and the estimate needs to be

done by March. Johnson said there is a lot of labor available in the Progressive Study Club to do research and the leg work required. It would be a community effort behind this project. The council agreed for Johnson to pursue this, with the budget not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Approval was given by the council to the resolution #121205 for CAPP members over a 10 year period.

A police report was given by City Police Chief, Tom Bassett.

City Attorney, Shane Hadaway, reported that the County Club transition was moving along and should be finished before the first of the year. He is working on the yield and stop sign ordinance.

In a city administrative report it was noted the bid of \$13,786 by Leland Thane was accepted for work on the airport pilot's lounge, with the work beginning in January.

The computer network system needs some work, lacking the final hookup with HUB.

An update on the jail reported that the first building has arrived, and progress is being made by AllWire. Prisoner count stands at 491-2 the last two months, and employee count is at 155. Consultants say talks with the federal are going as expected on the expansion plans. Another prison industry has surfaced with a possible 8 to 10 jobs, and is being pursued. TxDOT has been advised of the complaints about the road being closed.

It was reported that for the next grant from OKRA, a stand pipe for the prison backup water supply is being looked at, and for Farm Road 600 to Ruby Road Loop, to handle fire protection for the people in that area.

It was pointed out that as the dynamics of the city changes, the city needs to be looking at three areas of change; FM 600; north of town; along FM 2163. The people affected will see a slight rise in ad tax, but get cheaper water and garbage, plus lower insurance, making an overall savings to all involved.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in regular session, Dec. 12.

Judge David Davis called the meeting to order.

The County Treasurer's report was approved.

A motion to show the lake lot lease of W.O. Miller paid in full for one year in compensation for allowing Benny and Wanda Gibbs to stay in their residence for several weeks after the flood. The entire court and Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs voiced their appreciation to Miller.

In the matter of reimbursement for the Gibbs, who operate The Anchor, for expenses incurred after the flood,

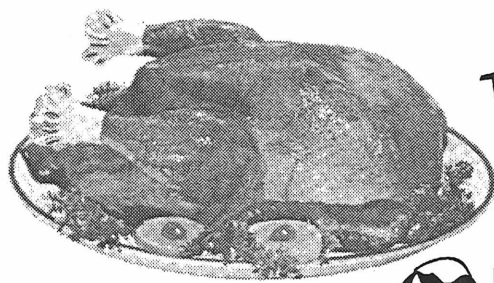
they stated that the county does not owe them for any expenses.

The setting of wages for The Anchor manager, and discussion of repairs to the Anchor building were tabled until the next meeting.

Approval was given to putting a burn ban in effect for Haskell County, no exceptions to be made to the ban.

The Commissioners' unanimously voted to charge all other entities \$500.00 per machine, per election, for use of the election machines.

The Dec. 27 meeting of the Court was rescheduled to Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m.



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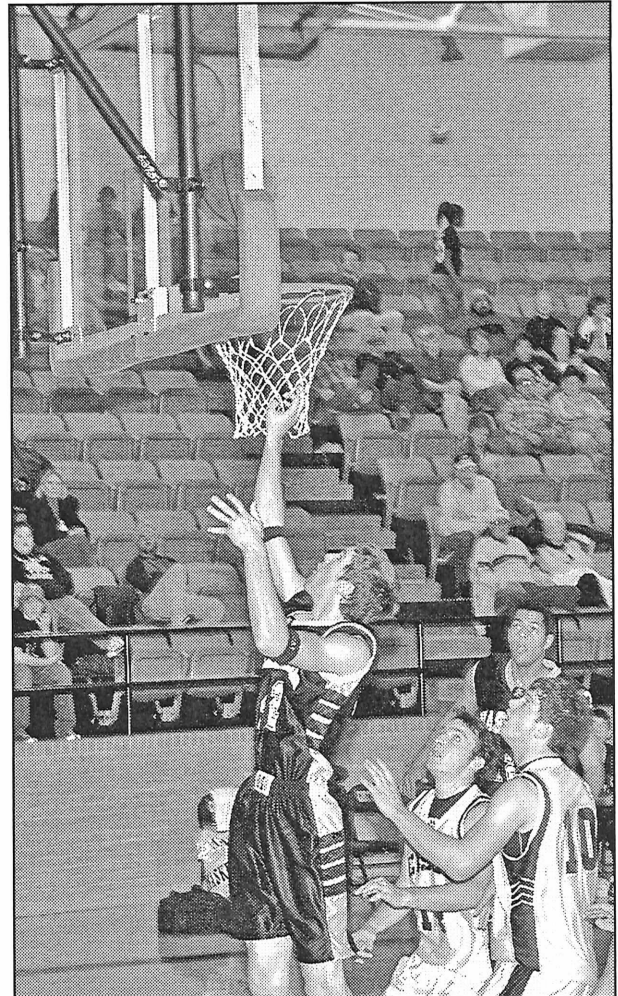
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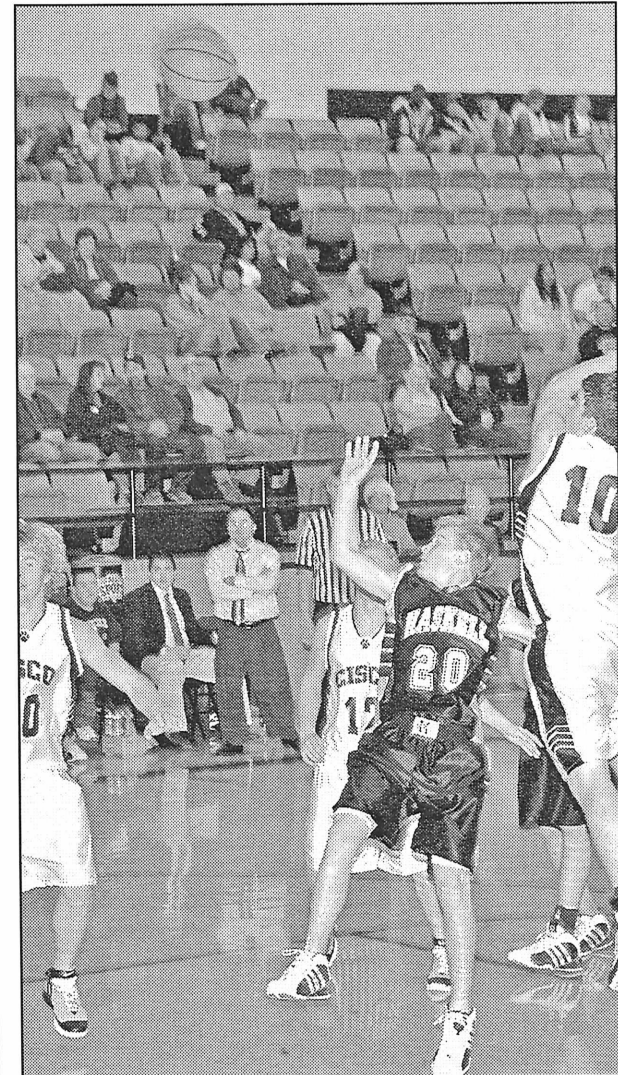
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UP AGAINST CISCO—Haskell's Jeremy Sorrells (#42) rises to the basket in the Indians' game with Cisco, Dec. 16. Photo by Bill Blankenship



COUNTDOWN WITH CISCO—Haskell Indian (#20) Travis Adams works to make score in the game with Cisco. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area basketball scores

<p>Girls Aspermont 80, Paint Creek 11 Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 6, Blair 2, Wolsch 2, Hall 1. JV score: Aspermont 55, Paint Creek 16 *** Knox City 48, Rule 33 Scoring for Rule: Smith 17, A. Lisle 8, Ky. Scheets 4, M. Lisle 2, Ke. Sheets 2. JV score: Rule 36, Knox City 33 *** Haskell 49, Hawley 27 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 19, Rodriguez 8, Pannell 8, Newton 6, Tribbey 4, Chavez 2, Medford 2. JV score: Haskell 38, Hawley 30 *** Cisco 43, Haskell 42 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 16, Tribbey 10, Newton 9, Pannell 4, Peiser 3. JV score: Haskell 28, Cisco 22 *** Rule 44, Munday 40 Scoring for Rule: A. Lisle 13, Smith 11, Ky. Scheets 9, Ke. Scheets</p>	<p>4, Brannon 3, Gary 2, Miller 1, M. Lisle 1. JV score: Munday 40, Rule 19 *** Boys Rule 64, Knox City 55 Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 23, Brown 21, Simpson 13, Pace 9, Dudensing 2, Price 1. *** Haskell 47, Hawley 36 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 14, McCulloch 12, Lara 10, Adams 5, Rutkowski 2, Castillo 2. JV score: Hawley 35, Haskell 31 *** Cisco 55, Haskell 50 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 14, McCullough 7, Rutkowski 6, Lara 6, Sorrells 6. JV score: Cisco 46, Haskell 37 *** Rule 75, Munday 70 (OT) Scoring for Rule: Brown 18, Spitzer 17, Simpson 16, Pace 12, Dudensing 10, Kitley 2. JV score: Munday 55, Rule 44</p>
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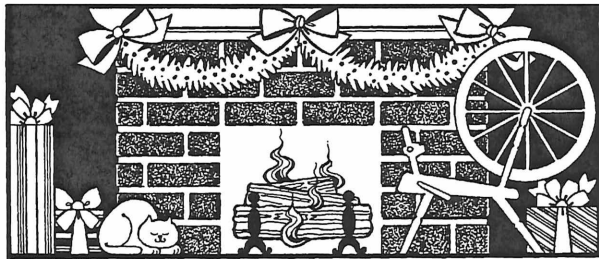
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Dear Santa,
My name is Evan Green. I am 4 years old. For Christmas, please bring me Star Wars toys, a tool set to work with, a batman game, an elephant game, a Power Ranger toy, and a piano keyboard to play songs, and puzzles. I have been a good boy at school. My dad and I will leave you cookies and milk.
Evan

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaclyn and I'm 3 1/2 years old. I would like a Monster Doodles or Doodle Bear, a Tonka dump truck, a talking carebear (purple). Please bring my puppy Arwyn a chew bone.
Love, Jaclyn

Dear Santa,
I am Cash Dylan Bassett. I'm three. My mom asked what I want you to bring me for Christmas. Here's what I said: I want some play dough, orwunge, wed, boo, geen, and more geen, more geen, more geen. I need a new booldoza and a truck with a hook on it. I want Scooby-Doo movies and Scooby-Doo.
Thank you, Cash

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Shell Shocker, a remote control vehicle, a play station and games, some new movies, and a sport ball set. And please bring my little brother Cy a wagon and some other toys. We can't wait for your visit. We will leave you some cookies and milk also.
Sincerely,
Cole Beeson, age 5

Dear Santa,
Hello, my name is Cie Avel and I am three years old. I have been a very good girl this year and I would like to give you my Christmas list. I would like a play kitchen with play food and dishes, a baby doll to play with, lots of Disney movies, princess dress up clothes, a soccer ball, navy blue sweaters and pants for school. I would also like some new colors and coloring books. Please don't forget my Mom, Pop, and Tio and Tia.
Merry Christmas,
Cie Avel Rangel

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I would like a Wrist Shooter with a rocket. A ball and a gun with sticky things and

a target. Something that picks up things.

Thank You,
John Anderson, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Dallas Cowboy helmet. You can get it at all kind of stores. I also want a motorcycle and the safety gear. Make sher you get to everybodys house.
Love, Warren Flye, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
How is everything at the North Pole? My name is Marley Casey and I am 2 years old. I have been as good as I possibly could be this year. For Christmas could you please bring me a Dora T.V. and a Dora D.V.D. player? I also would like a movie and a Dirt Devil Jr. vacuum cleaner because I like to help my mommy when she vacuums the carpet. I'll be happy with whatever you bring me though please don't forget by brother Cole and my cousins Addisyn and Spencer. We will be at my granny's house Christmas morning. Have a safe trip.
Love, Marley

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and the reigndeer? My name is Cole Casey and I am 10 years old. For Christmas could you please bring me a PSP and a movie and game to go with it. I also would like anything "U.T." Just anything else you can think of that I might like would be great! Please don't forget my baby sister Marley and my cousins Addisyn and Spencer. We will be at Granny's Christmas morning. Tell all the elves hello for me. We'll leave you lots of goodies.
Love, Cole

P.S. Please bring me "Shadow the Hedgehog" for game cube.

Dear Santa,
I really want a chocolate factory. I want a little ball and some cars. I want a play cat. I want a remote control motorcycle. I am Autom Grace Hoover Gibbs, I am four years old.

Love,
Autom

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason. I am 8 months old. This will be my very first Christmas this year. I am so excited! I have been very good. For Christmas

I would like some new toys. Anything with Elmo will do for me. I would also like some boots this year. Please bring Daddy and Mommy some presents too. They have been very good too. Oh! Don't forget my Pa-Pa and Nana too. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Mason Caram
P.S. Please go by and visit my cousins Kylie, Krista, Kaleb

Dear Santa,
I'm five years old and have been pretty good this year but I told you that when I visited with you this summer at the North Pole in Colorado. For Christmas this year I want a trampoline, a X-Box and games, Pac-Man and Skateboard game for Play Station 2, and a toy rifle. Please remember my sissy, Andrea, she wants an I-pod, clothes and CD's. and Jasmine, Jo-Jo, and Batman, my dogs want a treat. I'll leave cookies and milk sitting out for you and some carrots for the deers and Rudolph. And my Me-Me and I had fun talking with you on our airplane trip, I love you and have a safe trip.
Crow Parham, Haskell

Dear Santa,
My name is Breezy. I'm nine years old. I've been a good girl this year. I would like to have a flip top cell phone, I would like new shoes, and clothes. Thank you for the presents you have given me.
Sincerely,
Breezy

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler and a transformer. I would like to have some more deoderant. I want a Bible. I would also like a little ice box for my room. I also need a new jacket. Can I please have a real cell phone? My sisters and I would also like a new dachhund puppy so the one we have can have a friend. My name is Kyler Hoover and I am 6 years old.
Thank you for all the presents,
Kyler

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Nathan Martin. I will be 20 months old this Christmas. Everyone tells me that I have been a very good boy this year, especially my Mommy and Daddy. My favorite things are airplanes, stars, the moon, and things that go "Vroom Vroom" and "Zoom." I also love Rolie Polie Olie, JoJo's Circus, Little Einsteins, and Nemo. I would love any of those things. I also would like to have a Geo Trax train set, some tools so I can help my daddy and Papa work on things, movies, and some new books to read my AEIO and Us. I would love any surprises you think I might like. Please remember all other little children and all of my family and friends. Please bring my Bug Bug some new toys too. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the fireplace.
Love,
Nathan Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase, I go to school and I'm almost five years old. For Christmas may I have a new BB gun, a basketball goal, some new DVD's, some Gameboy games (Scooby-

Doo), batteries, a pair of Nike shoes, and some new clothes. Also a GI Joe with guns and a new remote control car. I have a little sister. I wanted a brother, but my sister is okay. I'm going to teach her to be a tomboy. Please bring her stuff that 7 month olds like. Also don't forget my cousin "Bubba" and his sister "Nayners." Also don't forget by Mom. She says all she really needs is a hug and me and my sister.

Love,
Chase Thompson

Dear Santa,
My name is Ragen and I am just seven months old, so I am having help writing this letter. Please bring me some Care Bears, or Strawberry Shortcake stuff. Did you know that my Mom still has her Strawberry Shortcake from her first Christmas? Also I would like any toys that play music and light up, a play phone, a baby jungle Gym, some Sketchers shoes, new clothes, and something to chew on because I'm cutting teeth. My big brother, Chase, is a wild and crazy boy so I know he would like a lot of action toys. Please don't forget my favorite cousin, "Nayners," and cousin "Bubba." Also don't forget their mom and all of our friends and family.

Love,
Ragen Thompson

Dear Santa,
My name is Madaline Jo Williams, and I am 6 yrs old. I live in Haskell, TX, I've been a good girl. I would like for christmas is game boy with Lizzy, Raven, and Kim games. Also DVD TV player with Home Range, Sky High, Ice Princess movies. Polly Pocket set. I will leave some cookies, milk and brownie.

I love you,
Madaline Jo Williams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun with a scope and targets to shoot at. I have been a good boy so please bring me a 4x4 pickup.

Love,
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a trampoline? Please could I have a play house? Please could i have a scooter? Can Ashton please have boots? Thank you for my toys last year.

Your friend,
Hannah Grand, age 6
P.S. I love you Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me cowboy boots, a cowboy suit and a horsey. My sissy was really hoping you'd bring her a trampoline. Thank you Santa. I will leave you some yummy cookies.

Love,
Ashton Grand, age 2

Dear Santa,
I really love to go hunting with my dad, but I really need a new gun that has a scope. I would also like some targets to practice with. Some other things I would love to have are boots, BB bullets, a new cattle truck and trailer, and a gun case. Please no underwear or socks this year. I have been a good big brother.

Love,
Adam Andress, 8 years old



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Merry Christmas,
Brody Frierson, 3 yrs old, Haskell

Dear Santa,
For X-mas I would like arts and crafts stuff, cokes, candy, jewelry, sequent belts and purses, clothes, books, a jernal, a video cam, a video now, pocket knife, .22, camera, cook books, shoes, willow tree angels, dream cicles, and a nother dog!!!!
Good girl,
Morgan F.

Dear Santa,
My name is Victoria Hertel and I have been good this year, well except when my older sister bugs me then I fight with her, but she is 16 and she should know better not to mess with a 7 year old. I would like to have a John Deere Gator, a Fairy Topia Doll, a Easy Bake Oven, puzzles, Barbie dolls, shoes and clothes.
Love,
Victoria Hertel, Haskell
P.S. You should bring my sister coal only!

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. This year I would like a bike, Bratz doll, Bratz computer, Bratz lamp, Bratz pillow, and some clothes. I would really like to my sister Ori to be here with me for Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Gabby Mendoza, Haskell
P.S. I will leave cookies and milk by the tree!

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyattte. I have been really good this year and I would really like to have a drum set, a pony to ride, a dancing singing Santa Claus from Wal-Mart, John Deere riding tractor.
Wyatte Hertel, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Shalee and I'm 14 months old. I've had a very busy year this year. I've learned to walk and talk some and I've got a lot of new teeth with more trying to come in every day it seems like. I've tried to be a good girl but here is just so many new things to see and do. For Christmas this year could you bring me a baby doll and any kind of toy that plays music? I'll leave you a treat by the Christmas tree. Please remember by cousins and all of my friends. Have a safe trip.
I love you,
Shalee Dunnam

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Please bring me a gorilla attack, skeleton race track game, a red car, a pool table, a remote control rattlesnake, ninja turtle car, a team gravity, a remote control van. That's all. Oh and a new video game, Chicken Little and Star Wars, episode 3.
Love, Turner Wade, age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a go-cart, a Nintendo Game Cube, a CD player, a CD to go with it, a DVD player and

some new movies, and a mini-motorcycle. Don't forget all the other good little boys and girls all over the world.
Your friend,
Dalton Meinzer
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies by the fireplace.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a play station 2, a new bike, a puppy and some foam. I would also like a real guitar and some music for the guitar. I would also like for my mom, dad and my brother to get everything they want for Christmas. I would also like the other boys and girls to get what they want. That is all I want Santa.
Your friend,
Riley Meinzer
P.S. How is Mrs. Claus doing?

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bunch of Cabbage Patch Babies, with diapers and bottles. Also a baby Annabelle, and a Coke machine, so I can make my own Coke. A colored pencil set would be a good idea for my stocking. There will be cookies for you and hay for your reindeer.
Love,
Tyler Klose King, age 6
P.S. I like cowgirl clothes

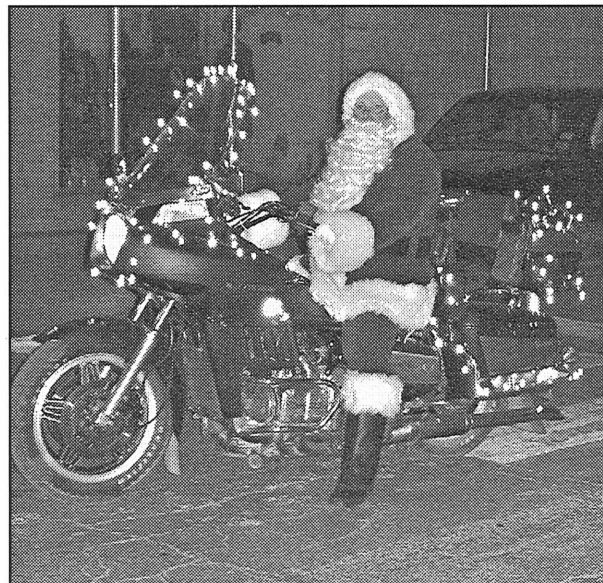
Dear Santa,
My name is Brayden. I am 19 months old. I think I have been pretty good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like some new toys and a tractor to ride with my granddaddy. I will leave some brownies and milk for you by the tree.
Love,
Brayden

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa! How are you and everyone else at the North Pole? Mommy, Nana and Granddaddy say that I have been a pretty good girl this year, (except for that whole being two thing, but I'll be three next month!) For Christmas I would like a Dora Bicycle so I can use my new bicycle helmet, a Cabbage Patch Baby, and anything else that you think I would like. I also love green apples and oranges! Please remember to bring something for my cousins Spencer, Cole, Marley. We will all be at Granny and Paw-Paw's house. Please don't forget my friends McKenzie and Emma either. They live in Throckmorton, now, but I know that you will find them Santa. If there are any children that are sad this Christmas, please bring them something that will make them happy, or you can give them one of my toys. Please tell Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer, (especially Rudolph), hi for me.
I love you Santa,
Addisyn Grace Bates

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little dirt bike, be sure to bring it to my house and no one else's! Also, I would like a treasure chest toy, a TX longhorns jersey like my Uncle Greg's and don't forget my pop-gun. I think I have been a good boy. I will try real hard until Christmas to be better. We will have our Christmas tree with lots of decorations on and ready for you to see.
Love, Hayden Guzman
4 yrs. old



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

This Week's Devotional Message:

LET US PRAY FOR TRUE PEACE ON EARTH AT CHRISTMAS



The time has come for us to deck the hall,
And greet our friends and relatives who call.
The holly and the pine cones in our home,
Along with angels made of styrofoam
And colored bulbs that light the entryway,
Proclaim that it will soon be Christmas day.
The presents, gaily wrapped, beneath the tree
Are further symbols of festivity,
But at this time when loved ones reunite,

The world conditions should be kept in sight.
While many lands their freedom did obtain,
Yet others under tyranny remain.
So let's enjoy this gala holiday,
But also let us not forget to pray,
That when the Yuletide comes around again,
We'll celebrate true peace, good will to men.
—Gloria Nowak

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**
- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - New Vision Family Worship Center**
Dan Kinjorski, pastor
864-3465
Sun. 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
 - Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- ROCHESTER—**
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
 - First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
 - Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
 - Cross of Christ Fellowship**
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-5404
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
455 CR 410, Haskell
 - WEINERT—**
 - First Baptist Church**
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
 - First Baptist Church**
Jim Davis, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
 - Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
 - Sagerton Methodist Church**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
 - RULE—**
 - First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
 - Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
 - Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
 - First United Methodist Church**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a.m., Wed. 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
 - Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
 - Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
 - West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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