

## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
JVB, VB vs Jacksboro  
Fri., Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m.  
at Jacksboro  
**PAINT CREEK**  
VG-VB vs Knox City  
Fri., Dec. 21, 4 p.m.  
at Knox City

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the New Year's issue Dec. 27 will be Thurs., Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Jan. 3 issue will be Thurs., Dec. 27 at 4:30 p.m.

### Christmas ornaments

The Haskell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team is selling laminated "in memory of" or "in honor of" Christmas ornaments to be displayed on the Christmas tree in the hospital's lobby until Fri., Dec. 21. A \$5 donation will purchase a laminated ornament with the name of your loved one. Ornaments may be purchased from any hospital relay member. The ornament will be available for pickup after Dec. 21. The event is a fund-raiser for the hospital's Relay for Life team.

### Bake sale

A bake sale and hot dog sale will be held Sat., Dec. 22 beginning at 11 a.m. on the east side of the square in front of Med Care Medical Supply in conjunction with the Holidays in Haskell event. All proceeds benefit the Haskell Area Cancer Support group's drive to provide Christmas for cancer patients and their families.

### Candlelight service

First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F in Haskell, will hold their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and join in celebrating the birth of Christ in word, song and communion.

### Christmas Eve Mass

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will hold Christmas Eve Mass Mon., Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

### Mission Day program

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, will hold a Mission Day program Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. Special guests are Pastor Camellia and Rev. Sammy Wade.

### Cotton conference set Jan. 17

The Haskell and Jones County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will host the Rolling Plains Cotton Conference in Haskell Jan. 17 at the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Multiple CEU's will be available. For more information, call the Haskell Co. Extension Office. For questions about the conference, contact Wes Utley at the Haskell County AgriLife Extension office at 940-864-2658 or Steve Estes at the Jones County AgriLife Extension office at 325-823-2432.

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# Merry Christmas

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## District Court implements new policy for ignoring jury duty

by Shane Hadaway  
District Judge  
39th District Court

The first question I am usually asked when I talk to a jury in the 39th District Court after a jury trial is, "What are you going to do about the people who didn't show up for jury duty?"

Before I answer that question, one needs to understand the importance of jury service. Before we begin a jury trial, I admonish the jury panel with the following: "Whether you are selected as a juror this morning or not, you are performing a significant service which only free people can perform. Ladies and gentlemen, I want you to understand the importance of jury service. Jury service is one of the highest services

a citizen can perform. Voting and jury service are two principal ways you, as an American citizen, can directly participate in the democratic process. The right to a trial by jury is a fundamental principle of the American legal system guaranteed and secured by the United States and Texas Constitutions and the Bill of Rights. The right to trial by jury is so fundamental in America that it was listed as a ground for independence in the Declaration of Independence. Trial by jury preserves a right rooted deeply in history that allows us as Americans to have our cases heard not by government officials but by our peers within the community. Trial by jury is a critical guarantee. It is also a fundamental part of being

a citizen of this country and state."

The 39th District Court has not had to cancel a jury trial due to lack of summoned jurors appearing for jury duty. However, the Court does have a problem with people ignoring their jury summons. Citizens need to understand that a jury summons, whether for a petit jury or grand jury, is not an invitation but an order to appear for jury service. A person who ignores a jury summons is breaking the law.

To answer the question above, beginning Jan. 1, 2013, the 39th District Court is instituting a new policy concerning people who ignore their jury summons. When the new policy takes effect, any person who was

summoned for jury duty who does not appear for jury duty on the date summoned or contact the District Clerk's Office will be subject to being held in contempt of court and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and in a worse case scenario jail time. The Court will have a show cause hearing for all summoned jurors who fail to appear for jury duty. The person who ignored the jury summons will be required to attend the show cause hearing. The Court at the show cause hearing will make a determination on the punishment to be given each

person who does not appear for jury duty.

The District Court and the District Clerk's Office will work with any summoned juror concerning any valid excuse to move the jury service to a different day or any exemption a person may have. If the citizen has a valid excuse or an exemption they must first contact the District Clerk's Office. However, ignoring jury service will not be tolerated. Jury service is a constitutional obligation for everyone. Our legal system depends on citizens appearing for jury duty.

## Christmas Show set Dec. 21

Vince Vance and the Valiants will be presented in a family Christmas Show Fri., Dec. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

The band has the number one Christmas hit in America, "All I Want for Christmas is You."

The doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets are limited and are available in advance by calling 940-864-3424. Adult tickets are \$15 each, children's tickets are \$5 for ages 12 and under.

Tables are available for sponsorship for \$350.

The program includes Christmas classics and musical hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Haskell Neighborhood Community

Watch Program.

No alcohol will be served or permitted at the event. Concessions will be available.



**MISSION DAY PROGRAM**—The steadfast women of God on the Move and members of Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, invite you to attend their Mission Day program Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. Ladies pictured are, l-r, Crystal Charles, Margaret Duffy, Bobbie Hendricks, Denise Edmonds and Mary Johnson. See full story on page 2.

## Goodfellows seek donations to help needy

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the

Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery. Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Lela Bevel, vice president; and Donnie Rieger, secretary-treasurer.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information or call 864-3957. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

## Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member; toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Ladies Bridge Club.....	\$150
Anonymous.....	\$50
Anonymous.....	\$500
Mike and Teresa New.....	bread
Total this week.....	\$700
Previous total.....	\$1,500
Total to date.....	\$2,200

## Dr. Kemp retires from HMH

by Caron Yates

After sixty-three years of service on the medical staff at Haskell Memorial Hospital, Dr. William Kemp has decided it is time to retire.

He was honored at the recent hospital Christmas dinner. Hospital administrator Fran McCown presented Kemp with a plaque and conveyed the hospital's appreciation for the years he served the hospital and its patients.

Dr. Kemp was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 17, 1926. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1941 and attended college at the University of Texas. He entered the service during World War II, and was a bombardier in the Army Air Corp.

After the war, he entered dental school at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, from which he graduated in 1949. His dental practice has covered territory from Lubbock to Throckmorton, up to Wichita Falls.

He had a successful dental practice in Haskell, and after many years retired and sold the business to Dr. Cliff Ray.

While actively practicing dentistry, he served on various boards which oversee the profession. For twenty-six years he was on the American Association of Dental Examiners,

including holding the office of president.

He has received several honors throughout the years. In 1983, he was inducted into the Academy of Dentistry International. The Academy bestows fellowships upon persons who have notably contributed to the advancement of the dental profession. In addition he was appointed to the council for the Dental

Education and Accreditation by the American Dental Association.

Dr. Kemp was married to his wife Billie for sixty-six years. They have two children. Son Jim, is also a dentist, and daughter Kem, teaches school.

The hospital expressed many thanks for the years of dedicated service and offered best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.



**RETIREES**—Haskell Memorial Hospital Administrator, Fran McCown, left, tries to coax a few words from retiring Haskell dentist, William J. Kemp, during the annual Christmas party held Thurs., Dec. 13. Kemp is retiring from the staff of the hospital after sixty-three years of service.

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# Season's Greetings

# Haskell Co. Arrest Report

# Obituaries



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The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 10-16:

Dakota Demni Willis, credit card abuse, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz. Also possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bruce W. Olson, 1 to four grams meth with firearm.

Jason D. Tibbets, 1 to four grams meth with firearm.

Roger Dever, child support.

Twenty calls were made to 911.

Funeral services for Cora L. Golden, 86, of Haskell were held Thurs., Dec. 13 at the Seymour Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Barry Reiswig, pastor of the Faith Church of the Nazarene in Odessa, officiating. Interment was in the Benjamin Cemetery in Benjamin, under the direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home of Seymour.

Mrs. Golden passed away Tues., Dec. 11 in Haskell.

Born April 22, 1926 in Vera, she was the daughter of Noah Bassett Gillentine and Cora Estelle Lawrence Gillentine. She married James Calloway Golden Dec. 14, 1946 in Knox County. He preceded her in death Jan. 2, 1978.

She was a homemaker, caregiver and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her parents;

her husband; and one son, David Golden on July 21, 1976.

Survivors include seven daughters, Marie Perkins and husband, Richard of Seymour, Mary Ann Paxton and husband, Bruce of Lubbock, Sarah Golden of Haskell, Connie Harvey and husband, Bennie of Haskell, Dorthy Hibdon and husband, Randy of Goree, Linda Kerns and husband, Steve of Abilene, and Beulah Newman and husband Bill of Abilene; five sons, Joe Albert Trepanier of Seymour, James Golden of Haskell, Troy Golden and wife, Lee Ann of Goree, John Golden and wife, Laverene of Gentry, Arkansas, and Michael Golden and wife, Betty of Post; two sisters, Bulah Beeler of Idalou and Wynis Elliott of Odessa; 28 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

P.D. NOTICE



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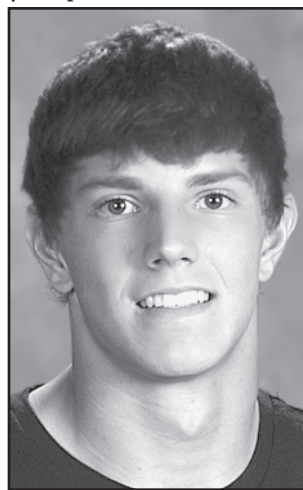
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## Mission Day Program set

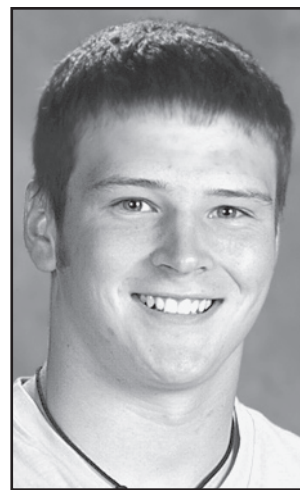
The members of Hopewell Baptist Church invite everyone to attend their Mission Day program Dec. 30 at 3 p.m.

Pastor Camellia and Rev. Sammy Wade, married 25 years, will be the special speakers during the program.

Sister Wade is the pastor of West Beulah Community Baptist Church in Goree. She has ministered for 25 years and loves preaching the Gospel of the Lord. She is known for the words, "Praise the Lord and Curse the Devil."



RYAN MARKEY



BRETT SHELTON

## Students visit Rotary Club

Ryan Markey is the son of Kyle Markey of Haskell.

He attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, he is involved in track, football and Spanish Club.

His honors include the 2011-12 season track award; was named the 2012-13 season Football Hero; a member of the 1600m relay that placed fourth at the state track meet; and a member of the 800 m relay that placed seventh at the state track meet.

He enjoys welding and working out.

He is checking out ACU, Texas Tech, South Plains or Texas A&M for his college education. He would like to run track or play football at college and go the Olympics in the 400 m dash.

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Brett Shelton is the son of Chris and Monica Shelton of Rochester.

He is a Baptist.

At Haskell High School, he participates in athletics, FFA and UIL events.

His honors include being on the A honor roll for four years; receiving the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence for three years; serving as vice president of the senior class; being named Mr. HHS; being on the Academic All-District first team in 2009, 2010 and 2011; named All-District Defensive End, first team in 2010 and 2011; being named All-District Tight End, first team in 2010; Being named All-Big Country Defensive End, honorable mention in 2011; and being a member of the 2009 varsity football team that advanced to the state semi-finals.

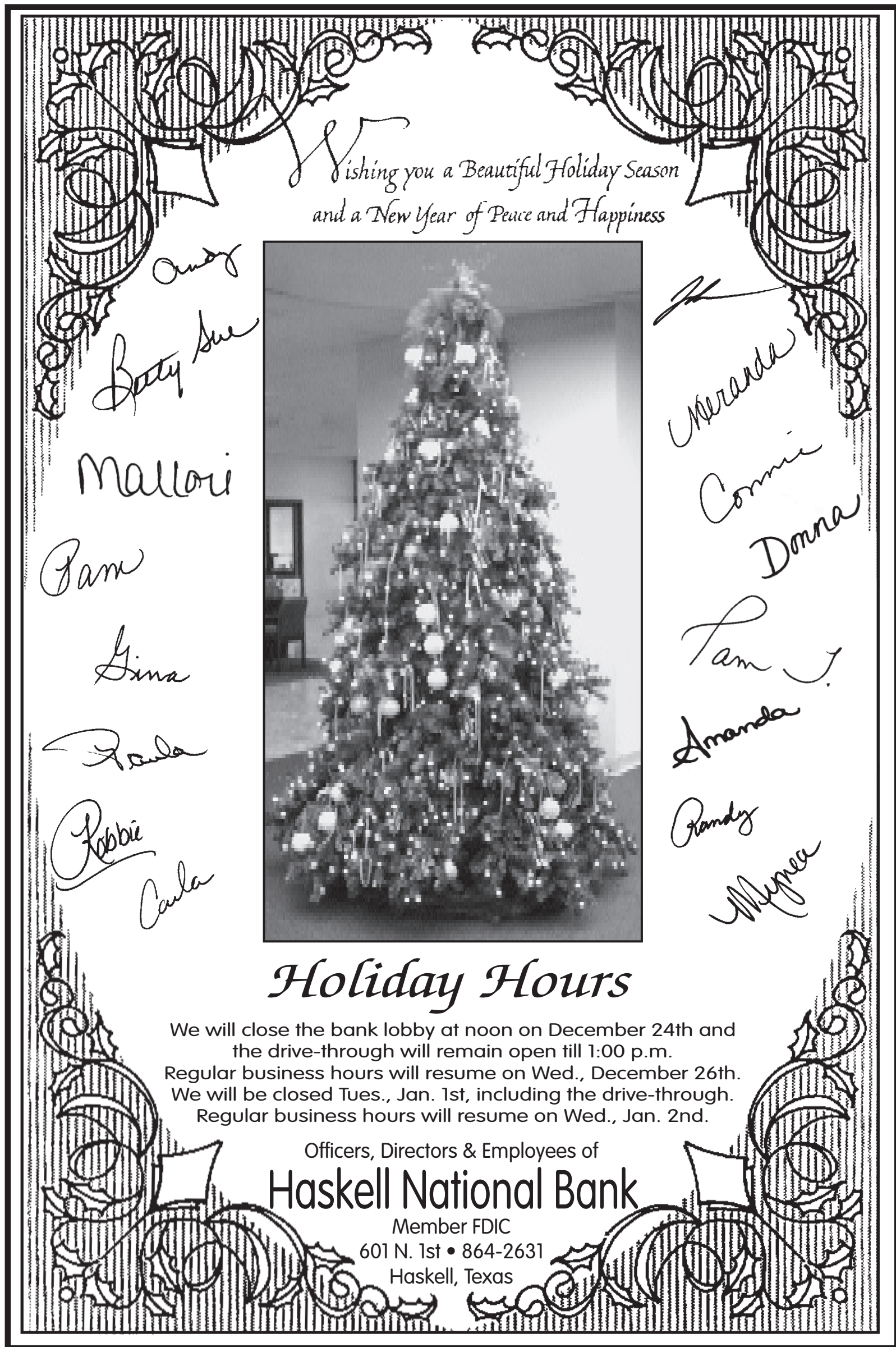
Shelton plans to attend South Plains the first two years of college and then transfer to Texas Tech University. He would like to major in Construction Engineering and hopefully one day own his own construction business.

## Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

## Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.



*Wishing you a Beautiful Holiday Season and a New Year of Peace and Happiness*

Signatures: Andy, Betty Sue, Mallori, Pam, Gina, Paula, Robbie, Carla, Mercedes, Connie, Donna, Pam J, Amanda, Randy, Wynne

## Holiday Hours

We will close the bank lobby at noon on December 24th and the drive-through will remain open till 1:00 p.m. Regular business hours will resume on Wed., December 26th. We will be closed Tues., Jan. 1st, including the drive-through. Regular business hours will resume on Wed., Jan. 2nd.

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MR. AND MRS. REBUS GUESS

## Guesses celebrate 70th anniversary

Rebus and Leora Guess of Haskell will celebrate a special event Dec. 31. Seventy years ago, on that date in 1942, with a little clever maneuvering, Rebus was able to secure a marriage license and precious promises were made.

Eighteen year old Rebus and Leora, seventeen, knew they wanted to marry but things had to work out just right in order for it to happen. Transportation would be necessary and on this day, Rebus's dad, Rebus Guess of Mattson, was away from home with buddies, hunting deer, so his vehicle was "available."

A license was mandatory, so Rebus headed to the courthouse. But, the Haskell County official who we won't identify, was a friend of the family and well aware that Rebus had not reached the legal marrying age of 21. So, though Leora's dad, John Stiewert, had signed for her, Rebus walked out of the courthouse wondering how he could overcome this obstacle.

Standing on the north steps of the Haskell County courthouse was another friend who will also remain unidentified. Rebus stopped, exchanged some small talk, and said, "Say, fella', how old am I anyway?"

"Well, now, I can't claim to be sure about that," answered the family friend.

"I believe I am 21. Isn't that right?" Rebus prompted.

"Yes, yes, I think that is right," was the sincere response.

"Come with me," Rebus requested and took his friend back to the clerk's office where the unidentified man signed an affidavit stating that Rebus was indeed 21 years old. A marriage license was issued by a smiling clerk.

Rebus and Leora went immediately to the parsonage of First Baptist Church.

Brother Whatley usually accompanied the men on the deer hunting trip but had stayed home this time which worked out well for the young couple. Fern Cobb and E.L. Bassing, school friends of Rebus and Leora who themselves would later have their own wedding, happened to be passing by the parsonage and noticed the Guess car parked in front. Suspicious of what might be going on, they stopped and knocked on the door. Brother Whatley invited them in to be witnesses of the wedding ceremony.

After a honeymoon in Denton, where Rebus had attended college, they moved into a house on the farm, across the field from where Rebus grew up with his three brothers and six sisters at Mattson. He raised cattle and farmed for his dad. Leora's parents had taken eggs to Trice nursery to be hatched in their incubators.

John helped Rebus build a nice chicken coop and they had themselves 180 baby chicks which provided lots of eggs to sell. In 1943, Rebus's profession changed temporarily to soldiering.

Rebus and Leora enjoyed some years living in Goree, many years in Munday where their girls attended school, and the last thirty back in Haskell County. Both of their daughters, Jennifer Burgess and Kim Bassett, live in Haskell.

The Guesses have been blessed to watch their six grandchildren in all their activities and contribute lots of time to their raising. They feel most fortunate to have spent the last seventy years together and give thanks to God for all His goodness toward them.

If you would like to add to their celebration, you are welcome to send a card to 705 N. Ave. E #5, Haskell, Texas 79521.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE WOODS

## Couple celebrates 71st anniversary

by Caron Yates

In a world where celebrities think ten years of marriage is an outstanding accomplishment, and too often the projected philosophy on marriage is, "if things get tough I'll just get going," Charlie and Nancy Woods have achieved something few married couples attain.

On December 20th, they will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary. Their love story began in about 1939, when he saw her dancing with her cousin. He knew he wanted to meet her. If fact Charlie says, "I knew she was the girl for me when I saw her." Nancy, raised in Munday, and Charlie who was living in Vera at the time, met at a teenage party in Vera. She had come with some of her cousins, who graciously introduced him to her.

After about two years of dating, on December 20, 1941, they married. Charlie made the trip to Seymour to obtain the license, and they headed to the preacher's house to marry. Some of her cousins came along to act as witnesses.

They spent their first four or five years of married life living in Munday. He did farm work, while she kept the household running. Interrupting those first years, was World War II. He entered the service in 1944, and served until the war ended. He saw action at the Battle of the Bulge, received significant frostbite on his feet and was transferred to the Air Corp Transportation Center in Paris, France. Meanwhile Nancy was at home in Munday caring for their infant daughter. She remembers how scared she was each time a telegram was received, fearing it was dreaded news of his death.

Fortunately he did come home to his family and they soon moved to Knox City, where they bought their first home. He began working as a mechanic at a local garage.

In 1951, the couple and

their two daughters, Pat and Charlene, moved to Haskell, where they have made their home for over sixty years. He had a long career working for Bill Wilson Motor Company, and she continued to manage the household. They attended the Church of Christ and were involved in other community activities.

When the responsibilities of owning a home and living alone became too great, they moved together to the Memory Lane Assisted Living facility in Haskell.

When asked what stands out about their marriage, Charlie and Nancy both agreed, "We took good care of each other."

Hollywood could take a lesson from the Woods, as they summed up their feelings on a successful marriage. It is having a true relationship with one another. As Charlie smiled and added, "You hold on to me and I'll hold on to you."

Seventy-one years later, they are still holding on.

### Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

### Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at [hfpnews@lycos.com](mailto:hfpnews@lycos.com) or [hfp@valornet.com](mailto:hfp@valornet.com)

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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

### Shooting prompts focus on school emergency plans

AUSTIN—Soon after news broke of a mass shooting by a lone gunman at a Connecticut elementary school on Dec. 14, Gov. Rick Perry asked Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams to direct Texas school districts to review their emergency operation plans.

"It is essential that we ensure all Texas schools are equipped and ready to carry out a strategic plan to secure the safety of students and staff in the event of a threat such as the one that occurred today," Perry said.

Perry also referred school districts to the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in San Marcos as a resource to assist in developing a plan of response or improving an existing plan.

A 2005 state law requires school districts and public junior colleges to adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency operations plan that includes district employee training and mandatory school drills to prepare students and employees for responding to an emergency.

In a statement of condolence following the Connecticut shooting in which 20 schoolchildren and six adults were killed, Perry said, "The fact that so many victims were children weighs heavily upon the hearts and souls of each Texan and every American."

Texas' chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Greg Abbott, had this to say:

"As a board member of the Texas School Safety Center, I am committed to making sure educators, students and law enforcement are working together to prepare Texas schools for the unthinkable. We must not wait until it's too late to act. We remind all schools to review their school safety plan to ensure they have proper procedures to keep students and campuses safe."

### Speaker draws challenger

Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, speaker of the 150-member Texas House of Representatives for the 2009 and 2011 legislatures, is seeking a third term in that high office.

Competition for the leadership role comes in the form of Republican David Simpson of Longview, who is entering his second two-year term representing House District 7.

State Rep. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, earlier had announced his candidacy for the speakership, but on Dec. 10, Hughes withdrew and announced his support of Simpson for speaker.

Simpson in effect said

the race would not be about conservative credentials so much as style in administering the rules of the House in allowing what legislation reaches the House floor for debate.

On Jan. 8, opening day of the 83rd Texas Legislature, a vote will be called to choose who is to be the next speaker, as a matter of routine business.

### DNA system hits milestone

Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 12 announced its DNA indexing system, that through cross-referencing and matching helps solve homicides, sexual assaults, burglaries and robberies, had reached its 10,000th "cold hit" resulting in an arrest or conviction.

Since 1998, the DPS reported, its CODIS Lab, which shares data with a nationwide FBI database, has helped solve 644 homicides, 3,399 sexual assaults, 4,273 burglaries, 556 robberies and hundreds of other miscellaneous crimes in Texas and other states.

Texas law requires registered sex offenders and convicted felons sentenced to Texas Department of Criminal Justice or juveniles committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department facilities to provide a DNA sample.

### Sales tax collections improve

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 12 reported that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.34 billion, up 13.1 percent compared to November 2011.

Collections were strong in retail trade, manufacturing, oil and natural gas, construction and telecommunications, Combs said.

December local sales tax allocations totaling \$552 million will be sent to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 15.5 percent compared to December 2011, she added.

### LBJ Library to cut ribbon

The LBJ Presidential Library, located on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, on Dec. 22 will open a redesigned core exhibit, and much more.

The opening, on what would have been Lady Bird Johnson's 100th birthday, features unprecedented access to private telephone conversations of President Lyndon B. Johnson, an interactive Vietnam War exhibit showing elements of the president's decision-making process and new theaters and films about the president, civil rights, LBJ's legacy and the First Family.

Also available will be a downloadable "app" and handheld guide to give visitors the choice of several different tours, including a tour in Spanish.

### 10 Years Ago December 19, 2002

Top money collectors in the "Jump Rope for Heart" fund-raiser held at Haskell Elementary were Miranda Johnson, 5th grade; Nathan Meredith, 4th grade; Mackenzie Thomas, 3rd grade; and Ryan Markey, 2nd grade. \$5,773 was raised by 96 jumpers.

Sharon Jimenez, daughter of Nick and Eva Jimenez of Haskell, and Jodie Reel, son of Ronnie and Brenda Reel of Paint Creek, participated in recent commencement exercises at Lubbock Christian University.

Paint Creek High School cheerleaders are Pirate mascot Hattie Walton, Lindsay Reel, Lesli Isbell, Kandis Daniel, Amy Huggins, Cassie Lamb and Diana Gonzales.

### 20 Years Ago December 17, 1992

Haskell Indian Tommie Isbell received Honorable

Mention on the Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 2A All-State football team. He was recognized as an outstanding defensive end.

Haskell County officers and employees honored Alene Robinson, Thelma Perry, Delia Ashley and Maye Bledsoe.

Winners in the annual Chamber of Commerce and Retail Trade Committee event, were Doyle Norman, H.L. Renfro, Frances Aborez, Alene Wheatley, Melba Kretschmer and Mrs. Frank Enrico.

thirty years; and Raymond Davis, forty years.

Attending the December meeting of the Coffee Club in the home of Reba Wheatley were Lena Rueffer, Callie Robinson, Thelma Perry, Delia Ashley and Maye Bledsoe.

County Attorney Bill Ratliff was recognized for his many years of service to the city and county of Haskell, during the annual Christmas party held at the courthouse. He did not seek re-election.

### 40 Years Ago December 21, 1972

E.B. Baxter of Rockdale and formerly of Haskell, celebrated his 103rd birthday

with a ride on the three-wheeled bicycle given him as a birthday present. He is the father of Mrs. C.V. Langford of Haskell.

James F. Cadenhead, M.D. of Haskell, has been named a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The Degree of Fellowship is an acknowledgement of successful completion of 600 or more hours of accredited continuing medical study.

### 50 Years Ago December 20, 1962

The "Nineteens" singing group made up of Haskell High students Ruby Kay Alvis, Vicki McClure, Millie Holden, Jo Helen Elliot, Nancy Brite, Joanne Frazier, Nancy Lawson, Andrea Baird, Karen Brown and Pamela Biard, presented the program for the Rotary Club.

Judy and Nan Jones, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Jones Jr. of Rule, had entries in the district "Sew It Yourself with Wool" contest, held in Lubbock.

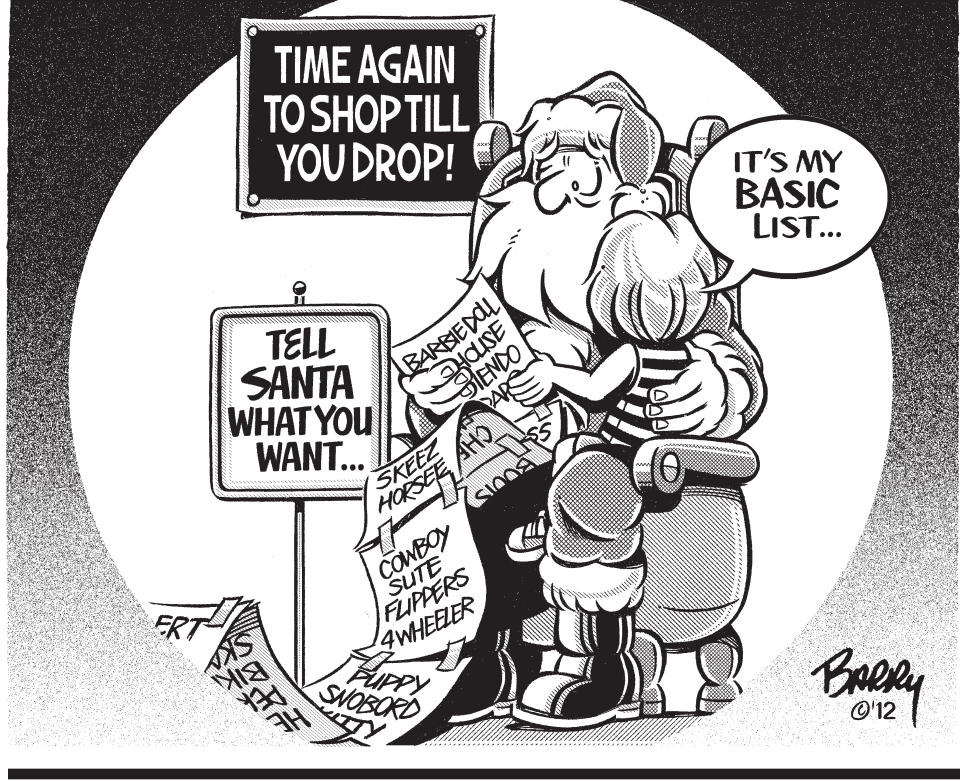
Army Specialist Four Melvin Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds of Haskell, participated in Operation Silver Shield in Germany.

### 100 Years Ago December 21, 1912

Judge Thomas adjourned his court last week and attended the District Judges Convention in Austin.

Dr. L. Taylor of Coleman, came in Tuesday to see his brother, Dr. L.F. Taylor, who is suffering from an acute attack of lagrippe.

Charley Pearson of Abilene, was in the city several days in the interest of the Praetorian lodge.



## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

One thing for sure Haskell sure likes to celebrate Christmas. We've been on a constant banquet celebrating this holiday...good food with good friends! Let's see, so far we have enjoyed ribeye steak, chicken, turkey, ham and chicken fried steak and there are still more to come. I know I have told you this story before but it is worth telling one more time. I was seated next to Jimmy Browning at the Garden Club Christmas luncheon and during our conversation he asked me if I knew what he did while in the Army. He told me he was a cook because he was the only one in his outfit who could read a menu. After a good laugh I asked him if he was ready for Christmas—he paused, looked at Janice and asked "Are we?" I can relate to that.

Hurray for Judge Shane Hadaway's stand in saying, "No longer will those who ignore summons for jury duty be tolerated...a summons is not an invitation but an order to appear for jury service. A person who ignores a jury summons is breaking the law." I was one of those asking that question some time ago. Another thing that galls me, and it is not just in Haskell, I think it's the law, but people are given such a long time to plead guilty. For instance, in Lubbock it was no easy thing to get off work to serve on a jury, drive and fight for a parking place in the downtown area. The jury would be selected and then all of a sudden the one on trial says, "Hey they're serious, I plead guilty." Not only is this practice an infringement on our personal time, but it is costly to the city (they still

pay the jury). Seems a simple matter just to put in the law that you have until a jury is chosen to plead—after that, we're going to trial.

Our hearts are broken over the evil done in the Connecticut school massacre. In all honesty we could only take listening to the news a short time. The empathy we felt with those parents made the tears fall.

Of course, now the gun control people are waving their signs and raising their voices. This will be yet another distraction to getting our spending under control and solving our fiscal cliff problem.

Mary Drury and I attended a meeting in Sweetwater this past week in which the discussion centered around developments concerning the Cline Shale. This meeting was put together to help prepare those of us who live in cities which might be affected by all of the drilling and related activities. One of the most surprising things to me was how this activity doesn't develop slowly over time—it happens almost overnight. People start coming from all over and they come all at once. Activity of this type has a tremendous impact upon the economy as well as the employee availability.

We heard a report from a representative of the oil and gas industry that his company was flying their employees in from as far away as Georgia, North Carolina, Montana and Washington. These folks would stay and work two weeks and then be flown back home for a week off and this cycle would be repeated for as long as there was work. Truck drivers with

a commercial drivers license who were certified to haul hazardous material were making six figured salaries because there was such a shortage of these drivers. Ken Becker with the Sweetwater Enterprise Economic Development Corporation related his experience concerning the housing or lack thereof back several years ago when the wind energy industry was moving into the Sweetwater area. He told us about companies who would call and ask if Sweetwater had adequate housing which of course they didn't. They would want to come and build some 500 homes and Becker said he would tell them it would be fine if they would come and build maybe 50 new homes because he knew when the boom was over the majority of the folks there working in that industry would leave. Their reply was that if they couldn't build at least 500 they weren't interested.

The stories they told reminded me of what it must have been like back in the 'Gold Rush' days. People would come in droves, do what had to be done and then move on. One of the main points that I took away from the meeting was if this is going to happen in your town, you need to make certain that your town has generated enough money to repair the things that their overweight trucks have messed up which would include roads and a lot of other infrastructure, in particular water and sewer lines situated under the streets (like ours). Also, the permanent growth you would realize during the boom would be fairly small

when all is said and done. This is something we have no control over. If we're on their scope, they will come. It is not all good news as you have read. Even in education: the children are lured away by good pay from getting their high school degrees, this in turn affects the money the schools receive from the state from their attendance. However all agreed it was a wild ride while happening.

Don't forget—this Fri., Dec. 21, Vince Vance and Valiants will be putting on a wonderful family show at the Civic Center at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Christmas is one week from this Tuesday—startling when I realized it. The children will be arriving Saturday and Sunday so we have cooked, planned and braced ourselves for a lot of people in the house and loving every minute of it. We're so blessed and happy that our children choose to be with us on this holiday. Here's hoping that ole Santa will be putting something wonderful in your stocking instead of a lump of coal.

Your mayor is taking a mini-vacation and will not be printing a column in the next week. So let me at this time wish you a very Merry Christmas and a bountiful and blessed New Year.

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The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 anytime or email Haskell\_vaso@yahoo.com.

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**BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #10 Dakota Silvas, #14 Matthew Martinez, #24 Dylan Hanson, #20 David Newton; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #22 Kade Colley, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Henry Smith and #12 Kelby Bell.

# GO INDIANS

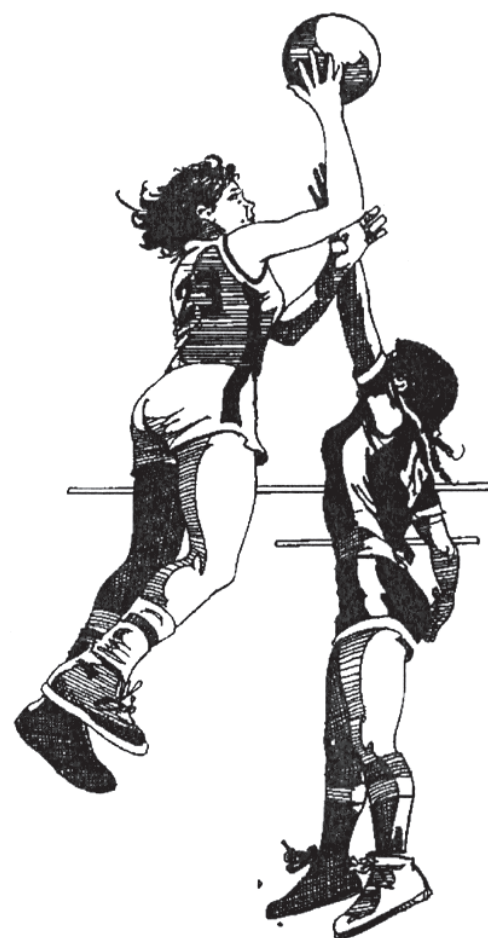
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HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #32 Dana Rodriguez, #23 Crissy Bassett, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #5 Jacie Klose; back row, #11 Taylor Burson, #43 Caitlan Johnson, #41 Carson Hadaway, #31 Maci Colley and #21 Myra Rodriguez.



# GO MAIDENS

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# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for bringing me presents last year.

What I want for Christmas this year is a Nintendo 3DSXL. I would also like a few Pokemon games like Pokemon Gold, White 2, and Heart Gold. I also want Lego sets, a lighted Disco ball with a hook to hang up, a Halo 4 game and Halo 2,3 and ODST to replace my old ones. What I really want the most is Skylanders for my DS and Skylanders Giants for the Xbox. A Plants vs Zombie and Minecraft computer games would also be nice. I would really appreciate a funds card for my DS so I can buy stuff off my 3DS, a Portal 2 gun, and a foam Minecraft diamond pick axe and sword.

Don't forget to bring presents to all my friends, my brother Spencer and my cousins Bekah and James. We will leave you cookies and milk on the fireplace.

Love, Nathan Martin  
8 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My mom is writing my letter for me because I don't know how to write all the words yet. I will try to be good. Please don't bring me underwear and coal this time.

Please bring me an excavator dump truck, a tractor with a blade, cement truck, a truck with a hook that can tow and some new tractors.

Don't forget Nathan, Bekah and Baby James. Don't forget all my friends either! They all would like giant monster trucks.

We will leave you and your reindeer some milk and cookies to snack on.

Love, Spencer Martin  
4 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rebekah and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Jeep, clothes and books. I want to sit on your lap. I want you to bring something for my baby brother James. Please bring some toys for my cousins Nathan and Spencer. I will leave candy canes out for you and your reindeer. I hope they come inside to get them.

Love,  
Rebekah Cunningham  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This is my first Christmas and I am very excited. I will be 4 months old when you come to see me. I am hoping for something I can jump

around in like an exer-saucer because I like to jump and kick my legs when someone holds me. Any other things you would like to leave me would be great too! My sister Rebekah has been pretty nice to me, so if you could bring her the Barbie Jeep it would be great. Please remember Spencer and Nathan too! Rebekah is leaving out candy canes for you, but I think I will leave some cookies!

Love,  
James Cunningham  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a DS and a Wii game, paint, and a coloring book.

Please bring all of my cousins presents too.

Love, Jaxon White  
5 years old, Haskell  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Grant, and I live in Abilene. I am so excited because it is my first Christmas! Mommy and Daddy say I have been a good boy! Please bring me a tree swing, a Radio Flyer 4-in-1 Trike, and some new clothes. I can't wait for your arrival. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and Mrs. Claus and a carrot for Rudolph!

Love, Grant Brazell  
8 months old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tristen Payne and I am ten years old. This year for Christmas I would like a dirt bike, but if you can't get me that it's fine. I would also like Black Opps 2 on the X-Box, some Star Wars action figures, and last of all a Furby. Thanks Santa!

Love, Tristen  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Heather Pittman and I am four years old. This year for Christmas I would like an Ariel Barbie Doll, a bunch of My Little Ponies, a Cinderella Toothbrush and Holder, some Monster High Dolls, and anything with Mickey Mouse Club House on it. Thanks Santa!

Love, Heather  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lily Pittman and I am six months old. This year for Christmas I would like lots of new toys because as you know this is my very first Christmas. I'm not as picky as Bubba and Sissy... (yet). So any new toys will do! Oh and if you could sneak me some suckers in my stocking that would be awesome!

Thanks Santa!  
Love, Lily  
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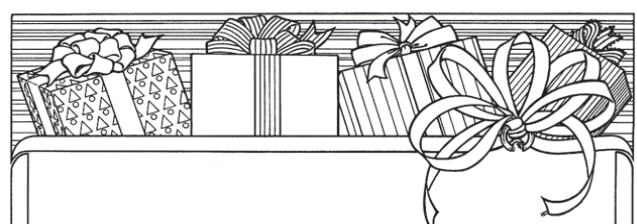


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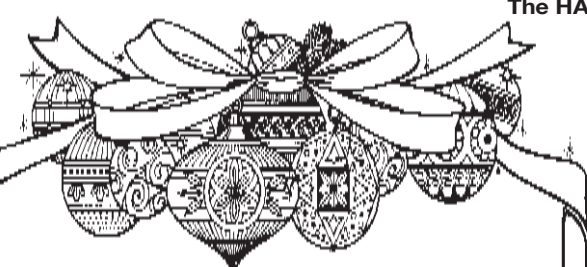
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I want a shark, a swimming  
pool, a sandbox and toys for  
a sandbox. I have been very  
good this year. I will have  
milk and cookies waiting for  
you when you get here.  
Your friend,  
Audie Shaw  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want  
a new red bike, a jacket, a  
hat, a Justin Bieber shirt, a  
backpack.  
Love, Micah  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I've been pretty good this  
year. For Christmas I want  
an Ipad with Incredible Hulk  
on it, an alien, a scooter and  
a dream lite. Please bring  
some yummy new snacks for  
my dog Kacie May too.  
Thank you Santa! We will  
leave some milk and cookies  
out for you!

Landon Stephens  
3 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brayden  
Brzozowski and I'm 9 years  
old. I have tried my best  
to be good this year. For  
Christmas I would like a bike  
with pegs and a skateboard  
and a lego set and Madden  
2010 for PSP. We will leave  
you cookies by the tree and  
outside for the reindeer.

Love, Brayden  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gaige  
Strickland and I am 4 years  
old. I have tried my best  
to be good this year. For  
Christmas this year I would  
like a skateboard, roller  
skates, light up bullet gun,  
light up ball, and new ear  
phones. We will leave you  
cookies and milk by the  
tree.

Love, Gaige  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Everett  
Strickland and I am 1 years  
old. My Mom says I have  
been very good this year. For  
Christmas I would like a gun  
that makes noise, because  
I'm always wanting to play  
with my two brothers, some  
monster trucks and a ball,  
because I like to play catch

with my brothers.  
Please don't forget my  
brothers Brayden and Gaige  
because they always help my  
mom out a lot with me.

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and milk by the tree.  
Love, Everett  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
What I want for  
Christmas is everything.  
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to have something. I want  
Delecia to get make-up. I  
want an Iphone, nail polish,  
my own phone, laptop, a  
toy that goes in the water,  
Barbie doll with everything,  
scary movie, a pink that  
goes with playdough. I want  
something for my family,  
Delecia, Morgan, J.C., Briana,  
LoLo, Momma, Amber, Tim,  
John Mark, J.M. Tia Jennifer,  
blanket that lights up. I want  
to go to "Shake it Up," puppy  
with diapers. I want snow,  
snitch toy (elf), lipstick and  
a snowman.

From, Miley Yonner  
5 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot, a big car  
that has a mote controller,  
a toy man that beats people  
up, and Spongebob colors.  
For my grandma a new fan  
for her room cause hers don't  
work. For Adrian to get his  
car door fixed. For Zierra a  
new computer. For Amber  
a new Barbie and for Lolo a  
table for her room.

Thank you,  
C.J. Alexander  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaycie Price.  
I am 3 years old and live  
in Fort Worth. I come to  
Haskell a lot and stay with  
Pop Pop and JuJu. I will be  
in Haskell for Christmas and  
would like for you to bring  
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to sing and I love all my dolls  
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nice. Thank you Santa and  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would  
like a swingset.  
Love, Amelia N.  
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# Haskell Maidens Basketball Report

## Maidens fall to Lady Eagles

The Haskell girls basketball team struggled shooting the ball against Holliday last Tuesday night and lost 44-36. The Maidens went into half time down 20-14 and pulled within three to start the fourth quarter but ended up falling short to the Lady Eagles.

The Maidens were 13-53 from the field for 24% compared to the Lady Eagles 17-42 for 40%. "They definitely did a much better job than us shooting the ball and I think you have to give them credit," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "They were a long team with good athleticism and I thought their

zone affected our shooting a little bit."

The Haskell offense was lead by Caitlan Johnson with 13 points, Reagan Hadaway 12 and Carson Hadaway with 9. R. Hadaway had a team high 15 rebounds while C. Hadaway had 6 and Johnson had 5. R. Hadaway also lead the team in steals with 4, Taylor Burson had 3 and C. Hadaway had 2.

	Holliday	11	9	11	13	44
	Haskell	10	4	14	8	36
	Scoring: Johnson 13, R. Hadaway 12, C. Hadaway 9, Klose 2.					

## Maidens roll against Lady Cats

A few days after shooting poorly against Holliday, the Maidens heated up from the field going 5-10 from three point land and rolled to an impressive 53-38 win over a solid Archer City team. Haskell raced out to a 29-18

lead in the first half and did a solid job of finishing the game to secure the win last Friday night.

The Maidens dominated the Lady Cats on the boards by out rebounding them 40-18. "I thought the team did an outstanding job rebounding the ball," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "We spent a lot of time working on rebounding throughout the week and it was nice to see it pay off."

The Maidens were lead by senior Carson Hadaway who recorded her first double-double of the season coming up with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Reagan Hadaway finished with 13 points and Caitlan Johnson had 12. "I thought our offense was well balanced all night long and it is always nice to have three players in double figure scoring," Eddleman said. "The kids did a great job spreading the floor, finding the open shooters and knocking down shots."

R. Hadaway had a team high 6 assists while Klose and M. Rodriguez finished with 3 each. R. Hadaway also lead the team in steals with 5 and Johnson had 2. C. Hadaway was the leading rebounder on the team with 11, Johnson 7, R. Hadaway 6, M. Rodriguez 4 and Bassett 4.

	Archer City	11	8	10	9	38
	Haskell	18	11	12	12	53

Scoring: C. Hadaway 14, R. Hadaway 13, Johnson 11, Burson 6, Klose 5, M. Rodriguez 2, Bassett 2.

## JV Maidens

The JV Maidens defeated Holliday at home on Dec. 11 with a 29-19 score. Cheyanne Hill lead the scoring with 18 points, Destiny Pierce had 7 points, and Shawnee Hill and Madison Homeyer each added 2.

On Fri., Dec. 14, the JV Maidens lost a close one to Archer City at home. The score was 22-18 with Cheyanne Hill leading the boards with 8 points. Destiny Pierce followed with 5 points, Shawnee Hill had 3 points, and Maegan Hearn added 2 points.

The JV Maidens have no games through the holidays and will hit the ground running when school starts back. They open with Hamlin Fri., Jan. 4.



**MAIDENS VS HOLLIDAY**—Haskell Maiden Crissy Bassett, left, makes a move against a Lady Eagle. Maiden Jacie Klose, right, drives toward the basket.



**MAIDENS VS HOLLIDAY**—The Haskell Maidens fell to the Holliday Lady Eagles 44-36. Caitlan Johnson, left, who lead the Haskell offense with 13 points, makes a drive for the basket. Haskell Maiden #21 Myra Rodriguez, right, works defense against a Lady Eagle.



**INDIANS VS HOLLIDAY**—The Haskell Indians played Holliday recently. Haskell Indian #12 Kelby Bell, left, tries to defend the basket and avoid a foul. #20 David Newton, right, makes a move toward the basket.





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# Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a...

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylin Siegfried and I am 4 years old. I have tried to work hard on being a good girl. Thank you for my presents last year. I loved them. This year I would like Barbies, a unicorn dream light, baby dolls and lalalopsy dolls, a doll house, DS games and a case, a Furby, a Fur Real pet, an Easy bake oven, and any jewelry and makeup would be awesome too!

Tell the Reindeer and Elves I said Hi and I love them! My brother and I will leave cookies and milk out for you again this year! I love you Santa!

Love, Kaylin Siegfried  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Quinten Siegfried and I am 3 years old. I have tried really hard to be a good boy this year. Because I am not a bad boy. I really would like some presents since I have been good. Here is what I am really wanting: DS games and a case, a dog dream light, Ninja Turtles, a basketball goal, some tools to work on stuff like my daddy, anything Batman and Spiderman, power ranger fighter guys, and any cool toys you think I'd like.

Tell the elves and reindeer I love them and I will leave cookies and milk out for you. I love you Santa!

Love, Quinten Siegfried  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Barbie and a baby.

Love, Jordyn W.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like pink legos and dress up clothes.

Love, Natalie M.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like power wheels Jeep. And I want you to bring my mommy a Barbie doll.

Love, Weston L.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a baby doll and a horsey. I also want a kitty cat and a dog.

Love, Katlyn C.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a remote controlled airplane, a swimming pool and an airhog.

Love, Ryan C.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like some new clothes.

Love, Makaylah I.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a new bike.

Love, Paige S.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a train and a toy Santa.

Love, Ryan S.  
age 5  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an Xbox 360 kennic and black ops 1 & 2.

Love, Grady V.  
age 6  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new red fire truck and a Flip-up picture book.

William Penman  
2 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some cars and some books about cars. Some coloring books with some crayolas.

Love, Grant Lackey  
2 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Christmas tree and some animal books. I will leave some cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Kylee Delmosso  
2 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want some new trucks and tractors. I will leave some cookies and milk for you by the Christmas tree.

Love, Miles Easterling  
age 18 months  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I would like a cow, and some cool cars, and book to look at.

Love, Hayden Johnson  
2 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a fire truck and some building blocks for Christmas this year.

Love, Trè  
2-1/2 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a green tractor and some Fischer-Price little people. Please don't forget my sister Katelyn also.

Love, Jacob Casey  
age 18 months  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a bracelet and a screwdriver.

Love, Jade R.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Repuzzle doll.

Love, Dallas S.  
age 5  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Christmas tree. I would also like some puzzles.

Love, Scarlett S.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an Ipod and a laptop.

Love, Paisley G.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a skateboard, blue roller skates and a light up ball.

Love, Gaiage  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a bike.

Love, Ethan C.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like minecraft clothes, football clothes and a monster truck and a phone.

Love, Noah B.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a princess Barbie house, princess roller skates and a Barbie house.

Love, Addison A.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Barbie. And I want you to bring a baby for my sister! I also want a stroller for my babies.

Love, Kamryn D.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a purple crown and a toy for my sister.

Love, Lyric P.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like black boots with pink on them. I want a car book for my brother.

Love, Rebekah C.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a snowman toy and legos.

Love, Dominic W.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a purple bike and a lalalopsy doll.

Love, Tessa E.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a baby doll and a princess doll.

Love, Tilar E.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a baby doll and a kitty.

Love, Teagan D.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like trucks and trailers and boats and a helicopter.

Love, Colton C.  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an Ipod and a bike.

Love, K'lee W.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like roller skates.

Lillian P.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like bracelets, earrings and a necklace.

Love, Miley Y.  
age 5  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a go-kart, a dsi and paper mario sticker star game. I also want wreck it Ralph and a wreck it Ralph action figure.

Love, Carter C.  
age 6  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an American Girl dolls clothes and a pet shop tree house.

Love, Bethany C.  
age 8  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a PSP and more Xbox games.

Love, Caleb C.  
age 11  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an airplane toy and a race car.

Love, Adrian C.  
age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a puppy and an Ipod.

Love, Abigail C.  
age 5  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a BB gun and a baby chick.

Love, Andrew C.  
age 6  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an Ipod and a PSP.

Love, Jordan W.  
age 10  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like an Ipod and a PSP.

Love, Autumn W.  
age 7  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been good all year. I would like a toy mitchine gun and a pistle. I will leave milke and cookies for you.

Timothy Moore  
First grade, Rule  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a esay bake oven, a 3Ds, a art set, a puppy.

Love, Sirena Baiza  
First grade, Rule  
\*\*\*

Merry  
Christmas!

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Dec. 17, 2012  
Haskell

Haskell County Gin.....	903
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	1,200
<b>O'Brien</b>	
O'Brien Co-op.....	7,838
<b>Rule</b>	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	6,302
<b>Weinert</b>	
Griff's Gin.....	0
Weinert Gin.....	706
<b>Total bales.....</b>	<b>16,949</b>

**Happy Holidays**



**NHS TRIP**—The Haskell National Honor Society enjoyed a trip to the Gaylord Texan Resort's ICE show Sat., Dec. 15. This year the ICE show featured "Merry Madagascar" at a very chilly 9 degrees! Students are, l-r, front row, Maci Colley, Cailey Foster, Madison Homeyer, Lucy Carmichael, Emily Fouts and Meg Glover; middle row, Morgan Frierson, Madison Mayfield and Ashley Adams; back row, Aaron Waggoner, Max Weise, Carson Hadaway, Zac Tatum, Kyle Kimbrough and Kalyn Wheatley.

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Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

**Letters to Santa...**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Geneva Lynne Pauley. I am 7 yrs. old and I wish a Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Clause. I've been good this year and may I please have a pink bike and a snow LaLaLucie for christmas.  
Thank you and I love you.  
Love, Geneva Pauley  
First grade, Rule  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want an Ipod and a Bobcat cheering outfit and I want to see you.  
From Astrid Guzman  
First grade, Rule.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylee I am 5. I have been veery good! Please bring me a lion. I will leave you a special treat.  
Love, Kaylee  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Leland. I am 5. I have been very good! Please bring me a remote control shark. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Leland  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jelena. I am 6. I have been very good! Please bring me a doll house. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Jelena  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Max. I am. I have been very good. Please bring me a batman. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Julio  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nina. I am 6. I have been very good! Please bring me a princess and pop star doll. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Nina  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Case. I am 6. I have been very good! Please bring me a xbox 360 and a whoopie cushion.  
I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Case  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Savanna. I am 5. I have been very good! Please bring me a bike. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Savanna  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Michael. I am 6. I have been very good! Please bring me a xbox 360. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Michael  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Allie. I am 5. I have been very good! Please bring me a doll house. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Allie  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Diego. I am 6. I have been very good! Please bring me a skylander. I will leave you a special treat. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Diego  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

**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.

**ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

—HASKELL—

**East Side Baptist Church**  
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor  
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

**Christian Church**  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

**Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Rev. David White, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor  
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 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**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

**New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

**First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

**God Loves You Ministries**  
Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

**First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert

**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

**Church of Christ**  
Mitchell Greer, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

**First Baptist Church**  
Bishop Helsley, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephania Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

—RULE—

**First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegs  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
Sunday 9 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 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., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
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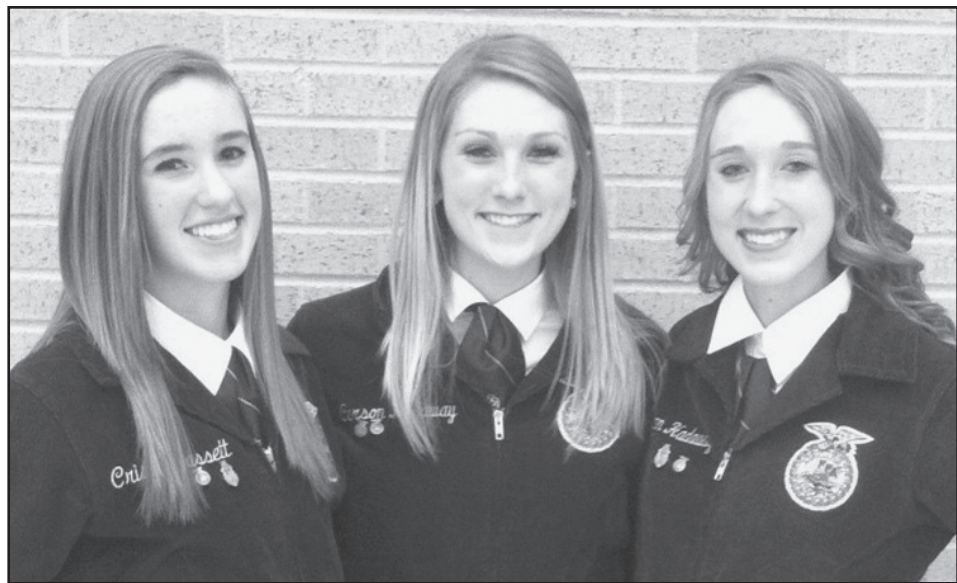
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**NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS**—New Double Mountain District FFA officers include, l-r, Crissy Bassett, District Treasurer; Carson Hadaway, State Officer candidate; and Reagan Hadaway, District Vice President.



**ATTEND BANQUET**—Haskell FFA member attending the District banquet held Dec. 10 include, front row, l-r, Hannah Foster, Lucy Carmichael and Meghan Glover; middle row, Garret Tatum, David Newton, Emily Fouts, Sarah Campbell, Kaylee Walker and Jolene Navarrette; back row, Cailey Foster, Madison Mayfield, Maci Colley, Carson Hadaway, Crissy Bassett, Morgan Nava, Pryce Stewart, Reagan Hadaway, Shelby Dunnam, Kaley Mathis and Courtney Howard.

# FFA members attend Double Mountain District banquet

Twenty members of the Haskell FFA Chapter attended the Double Mountain District FFA Banquet Dec. 10 at Hawley High School.

Current District officers, Meghan Glover and Kaley Mathis were part of the current officer team who were in charge of organizing and running the banquet which is held for twelve different schools.

During the banquet, members were given the opportunity to compete for District Offices, Area Officer Candidate, State Officer Candidate, and Talent. Highlights of the Districts achievements were also recognized.

Haskell FFA had two members running for district offices. These members are required to take a FFA Quiz, Interview and then give a speech on stage. Reagan Hadaway was elected to District Vice President and Crissy Bassett was elected to District Treasurer.

Junior, Emily Fouts, had the opportunity to run for the Area Officer and placed

runner up behind the current District President. Senior, Carson Hadaway was elected to represent the Double Mountain District at the Area II Convention in May as its representative for State

FFA Officer. Carson will be competing again at the convention and if elected, will serve as 1 of 10 officers in the state of Texas, serving over 92,000 FFA members state wide.

## Area basketball scores

Girls	Boys
Holliday 44, Haskell 36	Klose 5.
Scoring for Haskell: Johnson 13, R. Hadaway 12, C. Hadaway 9.	JV: Archer City 22, Haskell 18.
JV: Haskell 29, Holliday 19.	Archer City 51, Haskell 49
Haskell 53, Archer City 38	Scoring for Haskell: Silvas 11, Bell 11, Martinez 7, Hanson 7, Shelton 6, Colley 5, Smith 2.
Scoring for Haskell: C. Hadaway, 14. R. Hadaway 13, Johnson 11, Burson 6,	

## Calendar

### Christmas show

Vince Vance and the Valiants will be presented in a family Christmas Show Fri., Dec. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under and are available in advance by calling 940-864-3424.

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What a blessing you all have been to us! Thank you so much for everything that you've done. We felt your prayers... I don't know how anyone could get through life without God and friends/family that love and believe in our God. Even though we miss Jillian so very much, we are at peace knowing where she is and who she's with and that she has eternal happiness. What more could we want for Jillian?

We want to share with you a little about that peace we feel. God showed us through a butterfly at the cemetery that day, one butterfly, not several, one, gracefully flew above the casket and flowers. During the service, occasionally it would land on a family member or a friend... butterfly kisses. Since then God showed us this... a butterfly is an earthly angel with wings.

~Butterfly Kisses~  
*I know your heart aches with sadness;  
 Your grief, it seems at times too much to bear.  
 Keep close to you the happy memories,  
 Special moments of times shared.*

*When your heart is heavy  
 With sorrow and tear-filled pain,  
 Listen...feel the gentle breeze;  
 It's me, sending my love, whispering your name.*

*Look among the flowers  
 See the butterfly that flutters near your cheek;  
 It brings a kiss from me in heaven...  
 A butterfly kiss for you to keep.*

Blessings and much love,  
 The family of Jillian Thomas



**RECEIVE DICTIONARIES**—Fifty-four Haskell Elementary third grade students were presented a dictionary of their own Thurs., Dec. 20 by Haskell Rotarians. Rotarians helping with the distribution were front row, l-r, Mike Guess, Haskell seniors Brett Shelton and Ryan Markey, Wallace Emerson, Ken Lane, Nelda Lane, Megan Cox, Penny Anderson, Vera Martinez, Ruby Turner, Tammy Cunningham, Shane Hadaway, Tom Bassett, Bill Alcorn and Jimmy Lisle.



**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**—Haskell Memorial Hospital named the employee of the year during their annual Christmas party held Dec. 13. Sarah Shaw, left, was the honoree. The award was presented to her by Haskell Memorial Hospital Administrator, Fran McCown, center, and Director of Nurses, Charlotte Welch.



**SERVICE AWARDS**—Haskell Memorial Hospital employees receiving service pins during the annual Christmas party Dec. 13 were, l-r, Jodie Sunday, 15 years; Joy Butler, 10 years; Irene Castillo, 1 year; Sarah Shaw, 1 year; and Randy Shaw, 30 years. Not pictured are, Linda Ortiz, Suzanna Salinas, Teresa Turner, Kallie Wind, Adan Quintero, all with one year of service; Silvia Brown and Mary Ann Abuounnes with five years of service; and Kim Hill and Melissa O'Brien with fifteen years of service.

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