

Area basketball scores

GIRLS
 Patton Springs 61
 Rochester 51
 Scoring for Rochester: Williams 20, Garcia 12, Penman 8, Stoddard 8, Reyes 3.

 Woodson 73, Rochester 34
 Scoring for Rochester: Williams 10, Garcia 6, Penman 6, Adkins 4, Stoddard 4, Buerkle 4.
 JV Score: Woodson 47, Rochester 42.

 Haskell 38, Rotan 34
 Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 15, Riley 10, Lindsey 6, Phemister 3, Bird 2, Thompson 2.

Rule 53, Newcastle 39
 Scoring for Rule: Lisle 18, Ramirez 11, Trussell 9, Hisey 5, McDuff 4, Stephens 4, Stagemocler 2.
BOYS
 Rochester 80
 Patton Springs 59
 Scoring for Rochester: Aguilera 33, Ruiz 26, Hasty 11, Gonzales 6, Taylor 4.
 JV score: Rochester 55, Patton Springs 39.

 Harrold 75, Paint Creek 45
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Biba 14, Hobbs 8, Hope 8, Sagerser 7, Rivera 4, Barnett 2, Hodges 2.

Haskell 44, Rotan 42
 Scoring for Haskell: Lindsey 15, Earles 11, Hise 6, Huff 4, Riley 4, Hunt 2, Threet 1, Cunningham 1.
 JV Score: Haskell 44, Rotan 35.

 Rule 81, Newcastle 47
 Scoring for Rule: Lehrmann 22, Harvey 17, Smith 12, Hertel 11, Hisey 9, Sotelo 6, Coker 4.
 JV Score: Newcastle 41, Rule 35.

 Woodson 81, Rochester 69
 Scoring for Rochester: Aguilera 30, Hasty 14, Ruiz 11, Gonzales 8, Sanchez 5, Taylor 1.
 JV Score: Rochester 57, Woodson 37.

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Obituaries

Ola Mae 'Granny' Lisle

Funeral services for Ola Mae 'Granny' Lisle, 98, long time resident of Rule, were held Thurs., Dec. 16 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley and Rev. J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery. Mrs. Lisle died Tues., Dec. 14 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.
 The oldest of six children, she was born Ola Mae Pike Aug. 4, 1901 in Indian Territory now known as Pottawatomie County near Shawnee, Okla. She married James Albert Lisle Sr. Sept. 1, 1919 in Memphis, Texas. He preceded her in death Feb. 12, 1927. The couple owned and managed the Lisle Gin Co. She continued to manage the gin for 54 years after her husband's death. She retired May 30, 1981.
 She was a member and active worker in the Baptist church for 72 years. She was a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving several times as Worthy Matron during her 62 year membership. She was a member of Rule Garden Club, Philadelphian Study Club and the Historical Genealogy Society. In 1967 she was named Rule Woman of the Year. She received the Bobcat Booster award in 1974 and the appreciation plaque for support of the Royal Ambassador First Baptist Church in 1990. In 1991, she was commissioned with the Yel-

low Rose of Texas award by Gov. Ann Richards. In 1995, she was given the Community Builder's award, the highest honor given by the Masonic Lodge.
 She was preceded in death by one son, James A. Lisle Jr., in 1996; one great grandson, Brian Keith White; her parents, John Wesley Pike and Tennie Harris Pike; three brothers and two sisters.
 Survivors include three daughters, Emma Jean Cloud and husband, Joe B. Cloud, June L. White and Helen Pinkard, all of Rule; a daughter-in-law, Jo Ruth Lisle of Sagerton; six grandsons, Scott White of Denton, Joe Harold Cloud of Rule, Johnny Westbrook of Abilene, Jimmy Lisle of Haskell, Mike Lisle of Stamford, David Lisle of Rochester and Perry Pinkard of Gainesville; four granddaughters, Virginia Haterius of Arlington, Virginia, Jenye Ruth Daniel of Ropesville, Caron Thornbury of Lubbock and Paula Winters of Gainesville; 21 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren.
 Grandsons served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Order of the Eastern Star; E. L. Elmore, L. W. Jones, Jr., Richard E. Mathis, John Hisey, Elvin Kinney, Donald Lee, Luther Meier, Tommy Stryker, Eugene Rhoads, James Cloud, Robert Ace Turner, Ed Murray and Adron Johnson.

Jo Marie Barnes

Funeral services for Jo Marie Barnes, 82, of Haskell were held Mon., Dec. 20 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.
 Mrs. Barnes died Fri., Dec. 17 at a local nursing home. Born Feb. 18, 1917 in Hubbard City, she married J. L. Barnes in New Mexico. He preceded her in death in 1960. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Frances Bird of Stamford and Anna Rose Hays of Gresham, Oregon; one niece, Linda Donnell of Eliasville; two nephews, Gerald Bird of El Paso and Robert Bird of Stamford.
 Pallbearers were Kenneth Campbell, Bobby Medford, Eddie Medford, Larry Cunningham, Kenny Watson and Dr. Tom Hairgrove.

Bill Holmes

Memorial services for Bill Holmes, 72, of Buchanan Dam were held Tues., Dec. 21 at Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home with Dr. Bill Austin officiating. Graveside services were held at Rochester Cemetery.
 Mr. Holmes died Thurs., Dec. 16 at Kingsland Care Center in Kingsland.
 Born Aug. 27, 1927 in O'Brien, he was a retail salesman. He served in the U. S. Army in World War II. He moved to Buchanan Dam from Kerrville over 20 years ago. He was a Baptist and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include one son, Phillip J. Holmes of Georgetown; four daughters, Patti Holmes Raynes of Rule, Joy Lee Holmes of Wichita, Kansas, Evalynda Holmes Shelton of Dripping Springs, and Lesa Herring of Avery; one brother, Ray Holmes of Sonora; three sisters, Betty Jo Hawkins of Aspermont, Pauline Ringgold of Abilene and Fayrene Johnson of Oklahoma; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.
 Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Llano.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,108 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 18, according to Gary Tate, reporter.
 Packer cows 1-2 higher; stocker feeder steady. Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples and goons \$5-\$20/100# less than figures quoted. Next sale is Jan. 1, 2000.
 Cows: fat, .32-.38; cutters, .34-.41; canners, .22-.29.
 Bulls: bologna, .42-.49; feeder, .64-.72; utility, .38-.45.
 Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.37; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .80-.92; 600-700 lbs., .75-.84; 700-800 lbs., .72-.83; 800-up lbs., .65-.78.
 Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.05; 300-400 lbs., .82-.94; 400-500 lbs., .78-.88; 500-600 lbs., .75-.84; 600-up lbs., .55-.78.
 Bred Heifers: medium frame, 400-525.
 Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 500-675; aged or small, 475-550.
 Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 625-750; aged or small, 600-675.

Births

Julie and Cody Cochran are proud to announce the arrival of a new baby girl, Audrey Elizabeth Cochran. She was born Mon., Dec. 13 at 6:47 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.
 Proud grandparents are Darlene Conn of Haskell and John Conn of Austin and Tom and Tressa Cochran of Aspermont.
 Great grandparents are Joyce Hawkins of Haskell and Dee Cochran and Dean Wallace of Aspermont.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Joyce Hawkins had all her eleven living children for a Christmas get-together at the Haskell National Bank Community Building Sat., Dec. 18. There were 75 family members and six guests. Those attending were James and Shirley Hawkins and daughter Lana and Tom Brewster of Wichita Falls; Garry and Yvonne Hufhines and granddaughter Melissa of Dimmitt and their children Brian and Paul Hufhines of Amarillo; Russell and Keri Magby and boys Blake, Trey, Taylor and Ty of Lubbock and Jeff and Trisha Crow with children Megan, Mandy and Dustin of Norman, Okla. Johnny and Cathy Hawkins with daughter Emily and her son Ty Blockman of Jarrell and Phillip and Floradean Cockerell with boys Steven and Jimmy of Early and Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville. Those in town were Darlene Conn with children Daniel, David, Denise, Sebrina, Amber and Cody and Julie Cochran and baby Audrey, Billy and Margaret Tatum and children Creora, Jonathan, Candice and children Aubree, Caden, Christopher and Melissa with children Zachery and Garrett Tatum, Glendon Hawkins and daughter Tamera and Brian Hearn, Gary and Vickie Hawkins and son Joseph with Christy, Shawnee and Cheyanne, Sammy and Peggy Hawkins with children Michael and Brittany, Clayton Hawkins and Joyce.

Out of town grand and great grandchildren were Joey and Shelly Kruger with children Taylor, Stacy, Laura and Kristy of Burnet and

Haskell CISD names perfect attendance prize winners

Haskell CISD perfect attendance winners include:

7th Grade: Whitney Wallace, TV and CD player; and Laura Baxter, CD player/clock radio.

8th Grade: Blake Goss, TV; Bobby Loyd, CD player/clock radio; and Gilbert Rojas, CD player.

9th Grade: Andy Martinez, TV; T. J. Yates, CD player; and Mandy Adams, portable TV.

10th Grade: Mathew Eubanks, TV; Travis Poteet, CD player; and Katie Thompson, portable TV.

11th Grade: Tom Fouts, TV; Patricia Fuentes, CD player; and Eric Brown, portable TV.

12th Grade: Justin Teague, TV; Cole Earles, CD player; and Brandon Acosta, portable TV.

Additional \$50.00 drawing winners include:

Jr. High: Gilbert Rojas

High School: Trent Richardson and Frank Robledo.

Alanzo and Christy with daughter Audra of San Saba; four guests from San Saba, one guest from Slayton and Bobby Scheets of Haskell.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Gray over the weekend were their granddaughter Twyla and Tommy Sorrells and family from Garland.

Visiting with Bernice Hilliard this weekend was her son and wife Ron and Edith Hilliard of Odessa. Bernice, Ron, Edith and Linda Short of Rochester attended the Christmas Cowboy Ball at Anson on Sat. night. They reported a big crowd and lots of fun.

Sherie Chambers of Clyde visited her dad Kenneth Blair on Sun. and attended church with him at Trinity Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Cochran and little daughter Audrey visited his parents in Aspermont on Sun. afternoon.

Mrs. Dudley Phelps of Haskell returned home Sun. evening after a visit with several of her relatives. She visited her nephew and his family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardman, five year old Robin Paul and his ten month old twin brothers, Timothy Devon and David Jackson of Raleigh, N. C. John is the son of the late Eva (Sanders) Hardman. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox of Omaha and their children Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sartain, Casey, Austin and Sallie of Ore City. Mr. and Mrs. David McKay, Zane and Annah of Naples and Mrs. and Mrs. Junior Cox, Kade and Drew on Thurs. Then they went to Fort Worth on Fri. for a visit with more of their family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Kirkland, Lona Mae Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Sanders, Ricky, Rex and Jaclyn of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Dee Kirkland, Jackson, Kristen and Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tennison, Stephanie and Jennifer, all of Fort Worth. Most of the family had never seen the twins.

Cooper Fiddlers perform in Haskell

Playing to a large audience at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center, Fri., Dec. 10, the Cooper Fiddlers of Cooper High School, Abilene, under the direction Mark Best and

Linda Bratten, made their second appearance in the city sponsored by the Progressive Study Club.

Now in their fourth year of performing, the group has had

engagements in many Texas cities, several states, London and Russia, and are making plans for other traveling performances.

Introduced by Billie McKeever.

the group was composed of thirteen students: Brandy Sparks, Ashlee McKinney, Selenia Jerez, Lorie Sims, John Rains, Sarah Morris, Brandi Jo Magee, Michael Welch, Tiffania Flanders, Laura Green, Crystal Hart, Jennifer Elliott and Jeremy James. They were accompanied by Mark Best on guitar, Linda Bratten on fiddle, Stan Smith on pedal steel and guitar, Brian Meyer on drums and Jay Bubenik and Trey Walton on bass. A number of the students were also featured as singers.

Proceeds from the concert were given to the Friends of the Library fund for building a new Haskell County Library.

After the performance, the Progressive Study Club provided a supper for the Fiddlers group.

During a short regular business meeting of the club, before the arrival of the Fiddlers, with president Frances Lane presiding, approval was given for the club's yearly contributions to the Haskell Library, Haskell Cemetery Association, Memorial Civic Center, Noah Project, American Heart Association, American Cancer Fund, Boys State, Girls State, and Haskell Educational Foundation. These contributions were made possible by proceeds from the club's annual Chicken Spaghetti supper.

Lack of consumer literacy costs billions

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent "Consumers who shop knowledgeably could easily save an average of more than \$1,000 per household," according to Stephen Brobeck, chairman of the Consumer Literacy Consortium and executive director of the Consumer Federation of America. Multiplied by the number of households across the state and nation, the impact is mega-sized.

In the fall of 1998, the Consumer Literacy Consortium released the results of a consumer literacy quiz administered nationwide by land-grant university educators in 31 states. Although the average score was 75 percent, consumers were the least knowledgeable about how they could save money on several key purchases:

•Nearly 3 out of 5 (57%) of the

respondents in the survey incorrectly believed that new car buyers have three days to change their mind about the purchase. In fact, there is no legal right of rescission on car purchases.

•More than half (52%) thought that all real estate brokers working for home buyers are legally obligated to represent their interests. In reality, many brokers, unless they are buyer agents, are subagents of the sellers, facilitators representing no one, or dual agents with divided loyalties.

•Almost half (44%) incorrectly believed it is always wise to buy rental car insurance. In fact, this typically expensive coverage is often redundant.

•A significant majority (56%) was unaware that local memorial societies are nonprofit associations that can arrange relatively inexpensive funerals.

•Nearly one-third (32%) still believed that all savings and investment products sold by banks are federally insured. In fact, stocks, mutual funds and cash value insurance policies sold by banks are not government insured.

The Consumer Literacy Coalition is a working group of representatives from federal and state government agencies, consumer groups, business organizations and educational institutions that seeks to develop and disseminate essential messages to inform and educate consumers. The Consortium has developed a publication, "66 Ways to Save Money," that served as a basis for the consumer literacy quiz. Copies of the publication can be accessed at: http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/money/66ways/index.html.

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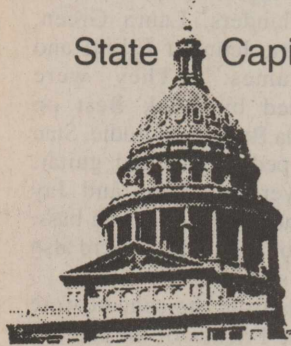
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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	REVENUES:		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	100-199	200-499	99	98
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	AUGUST 31, 1999	AUGUST 31, 1998
5742	Investment Income		\$31,097	\$27,658
	Local and Intermediate Sources:			
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources		590,553	605,963
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	15,410	\$621,650	\$549,497
5800	State Program Revenues	16,548	603,321	619,869
5900	Federal Program Revenues	108,871	3,801	112,672
5020	Total Revenues		\$1,228,772	\$1,313,602
	EXPENDITURES:			
0010	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services		\$658,449	\$712,785
0020	Instruction and School Leadership		85,027	78,857
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	56,025	142,325	198,350
0040	Administrative Support Services		95,454	91,044
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based		169,247	150,177
0060	Ancillary Services		-	-
0070	Debt Service		-	5,692
0080	Capital Outlay for School District Facilities		-	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges		23,690	21,673
6030	Total Expenditures		\$1,174,192	\$1,257,843
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures		\$54,580	\$55,759
7020	Other Resources	8,576	-	4,857
8030	Other (Uses)		(8,576)	(4,774)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses		\$46,004	\$55,842
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)		360,512	304,670
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance		-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)		\$406,516	\$360,512

OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled invalid the state prison system's contract to buy VitaPro, a soybean-based meat substitute sold by a Montreal firm.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice agreed to buy nearly \$34 million worth of VitaPro through a contract approved in 1994 by James A. "Andy" Collins, who then was executive director of the prison system.

Collins resigned in December 1995 and took a \$1,000-a-day consulting job with VitaPro.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice and Collins' successor, Wayne Scott, later learned that the contract bypassed the bidding process and did not receive approval from the board. They then ordered an investigation.

Texas prisons stopped accepting shipments of VitaPro in 1996. VitaPro's addition to the prison diet "demoralized the staff and inmates and led to adverse health effects, including rampant flatulence" according to the ruling, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

The Court also ruled VitaPro is a processed food and not an agricultural commodity and therefore not exempt from bidding laws.

"Certainly we welcome the court's decision," said Allan B. Polunsky, chairman of the prison board.

"We have felt strongly all along that the contract was invalid.

"That is why the board initiated an investigation of the VitaPro situation when it first came to our attention."

TEA Lauds Migrant Programs
Sixty-five Texas school districts have been named to the Texas Education Agency's 1998-99 All State Migrant Education Team.

The agency singled out school districts that do an exceptional job of educating students who are migrant farm workers.

With more than 116,000 migrant students, Texas has the second-largest migrant education program in the country behind California.

Texas received more than \$43 million in federal funds during the 1998-99 school year, enabling nearly 400 school districts to provide programs for migrant-worker students.

Fund Compensates Victims
Crime victims received \$37 million in compensation in 1999

from a fund managed by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

It was the highest amount ever paid out in the 20-year history of the attorney general's Crime Victims Compensation Division.

Awards to victims also include:

- Medical bills including hospital stays, physician fees, X-rays and prescriptions;
- Counseling for victims and certain family and household members;
- Funeral and burial expenses;
- Lost wages and loss of support;
- Costs associated with crime scene cleanup;
- Travel costs related to seeking medical treatment or participating in the criminal justice process; and
- Reasonable replacement costs for items taken as evidence or made unusable by the crime.

During the 1999 Texas Legislature, lawmakers added a new benefit to the list of current awards: a one-time-only assistance payment of up to \$3,800 to be used for relocation costs, including housing rental expenses for victims of family violence.

Caution: Dry Christmas Trees
Texans need to take extra precautions this holiday season to make sure their natural Christmas trees don't become fire hazards. Warm, dry weather can make the trees dangerously dry, said State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis.

When picking a tree to buy, check it for freshness, Davis recommended.

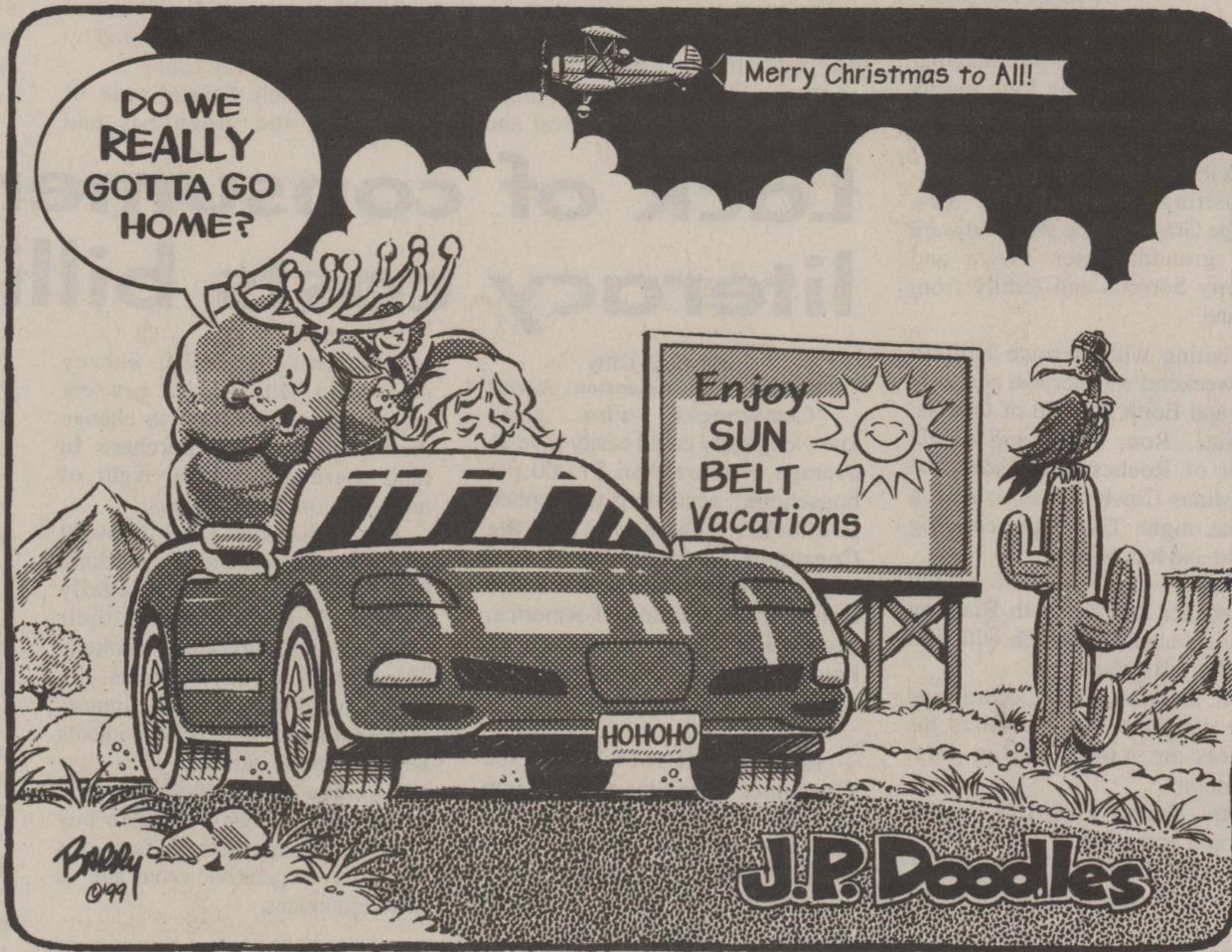
A fresh tree has green needles that are hard to pull from their branches and do not break when bent or fall off when the trunk is bounced on the ground.

The trunk bottom should be sticky with resin.

Other Highlights

■ Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams criticized the United Nation's Dec. 11 vote to renew its oil-for-food program with Iraq. "Putting Saddam in the driver's seat of the oil-price roller coaster is a slap in the face to Texas [oil] producers and their families," he said.

■ Texas' new "parental notification" law will take effect Jan. 1. The law requires a doctor to notify a minor's parent or guardian 48 hours before performing an abortion, unless the girl obtains a court order certifying she is mature enough to make the decision.



RUDOLPH PONDER'S LIFE AS A SNOWBIRD...



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel will come to thee, O Israel."

In this Advent season before the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we sing again in joyful anticipation of that momentous occasion, the songs we've come to love since our childhood.

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" are ancient words, dating back to the medieval days when they were sung in Latin throughout the time of Advent by most pious monks. The song is an example of plainsong, a type of liturgical music sung in unison without harmony, strict meter, or accompaniment.

Beginning at vespers on the night of December 17 and continuing through the twenty-third of the month, a solitary monk would rise and sing a new verse. The combined seven verses were known then as *The Seven O's* and despite the fact that to our modern ears plainsong sounds rather solemn, *The Seven O's*, were a joyous tribute to the Savior.

The English translation of the Latin verses was made by John Neale, an Englishman. Song books attribute the words to Rev. Isaac Watts, (1674-1748), and the music to George S. Handel, (1685-1759). In the nineteenth century, an

unidentified musician set the words of the original song and the later added refrain, "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel" to a more modern sounding tune.

Today, the song can be sung with harmony and accompaniment, but it has not lost the free-flowing feeling or the heartfelt emotion that it expressed in medieval days for those pious monks who made it the centerpiece of their Advent season celebration.

One of the old traditions of Christmas that I have become aware of and come to appreciate as an older adult is the ceremony of lighting the candles of the Christmas Advent wreath. In that ritual of tradition, four candles are placed around the wreath with a central white candle in the middle. On each Sunday of the Advent season, four Sundays before Christmas, one candle is lighted each week in anticipation of the coming of the Christ child.

The first candle is the Prophecy candle, to remind us of the long ago foretelling of the coming of the Messiah. The second is the Waiting candle, for the time of preparing the heart for His coming. The third candle lighted is the Joy candle, for the good new His coming brought to the world. Last Sunday we lighted the fourth candle, the candle of Peace, to remind us that Jesus is indeed the

Prince of Peace.

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle associated with the Christmas season, this seems to be a good time to consider the peace He can bring into our lives; that total well being and inner rest of spirit to be found in fellowship with God.

During this last busy, perhaps hectic, week before Christmas, as we anticipate all that the day will bring us; time with family and friends, giving and receiving, sharing and caring, memories of times past, decorations, dreams, dinners and delights, perhaps we need to make some time and space for listening in our hearts to the ancient words of anticipation.

"O Come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here and drive away the shades of night and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

On Christmas Eve this week, when we light the white, last candle of our Advent wreath in remembrance and celebration of the pure Christ Child who came to live with us, teach us and die for us, we can joyfully sing with the ancients, "God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel."

For all of you, I wish a Merry Christmas and may all of us, as Charles Dickens wrote, "honor Christmas in our heart and try to keep all the year."

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 21, 1989

James Rike and Harper Stewart were named to the all-tournament team at the Haskell Booster Club Basketball Tournament. Rike scored 97 points in three games. Missy Davis of the Haskell Maidens was a member of the girls all-tournament team.

The City Council approved the purchase of a brush chipper to be used at the city land fill.

Rodney Medford, Roman Morgan, Rodney Tsoodle and Kelly Williams of Paint Creek were named to the District 11 all-district football team.

20 Years Ago December 20, 1979

The Haskell Maidens won second place in the Roscoe Tournament. They defeated Roby, 70-35, and Merkel 54-48. The Maidens lost to Roscoe, 40-53, for the championship game. Kim Lane was named to the all-tournament team.

The County Commissioners, Ray Perry, C.E. Tidwell, C. A. Turnbow and Thelma Edwards, along with County Judge John Wayne McDermott and Extension Committee members Hazel Thomas, Alice Yates, C. A. Thomas and H. T. Wilkinson and 4-H Organizational Leader Laquita Wilfong joined the Extension Staff for coffee and refreshments in the Extension Office. The purpose of this get-together was to recount the

year's accomplishments in Extension work and to show appreciation for all their help in the past year.

30 Years Ago December 18, 1969

Army Specialist Four E. Lynn Berryhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Berryhill of Rochester, received the Bronze Star Medal near Tay Ninh, Vietnam. Berryhill is a 1963 graduate of Rochester High School.

Rex Felker, Chamber of Commerce manager, spoke to the members of the Haskell Lions Club at the noon day luncheon meeting. Felker spoke about the Goodfellow gift baskets.

Barry O'Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy O'Neal, attended the Southern Medical Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. He was chosen from 108 men in his class to represent the junior class from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

40 Years Ago December 17, 1959

Law offices of Ratliff & Ratliff have moved to the new Pierson Building recently completed just off the northwest corner of the square on Avenue E.

Haskell slipped past Abilene Christian High School, 56-53, to win the Haskell Invitational Basketball Tournament. Gary Anthony scored 22 points for the Indians.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Carter of Rotan has purchased the Dairy Cream sandwich shop from Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Jones.

50 Years Ago December 22, 1949

Mrs. H. Hisey is the winner of a new 1950 custom model Shelvador refrigerator given away by Fouts Dry Goods and Variety Store. Mrs. Hisey was judged to have submitted the best statement as to "Why I Should Be Given A New 1950 Shelvador Refrigerator."

The annual Christmas coffee for members of the Menefee Bible Class of the First Methodist Church was held at the home of Mrs. S. Hassen. Mrs. Wallace Cox and Mrs. Earl Atchison served coffee and cake.

The Busy Blue Birds met in the home of Janice Hester for their Christmas party. Games and Christmas songs were enjoyed.

90 Years Ago December 18, 1909

James W. Robertson, who has been residing in the Vontress community, has moved to Haskell.

The Haskell Band went to Goree to play for a lot sale of the Goree townsite.

W. H. Parsons has traded his store building for a farm. The consideration was about \$1,100.

Mauldin & Warbritton have purchased the Walker Barber Shop on the north side.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q: I ordered a gift for a friend from a catalog and was horrified at what was sent. It did not match the description or the picture at all. I am having a hard time getting the company to take the product back and refund my money. What can I do?

A: Mail-order catalogs offer many people, especially the elderly or homebound, an easy way to shop from the convenience of their homes. Unfortunately, catalogs also allow unscrupulous people a way to sell merchandise that no one would buy if they had a chance to see it first.

If you ordered the merchandise with a credit card and have not yet paid the credit card company for that charge, you do have the option of a charge back. Under federal law, a credit card company is as liable for products purchased as the merchant.

However, some conditions must be met. First, you must have made a good-faith attempt to resolve the issue with the merchant. Second, the amount of the purchase must exceed \$50, and third, the purchase must have been made within the same state or within 100 miles of your billing address. This requirement generally includes purchases made through the mail or by phone from your home.

Charge-back rights are limited to amounts that you have not yet paid when you give the credit card company notice of the dispute with the merchant. If you are having a problem with an item that you purchased with a credit card, deduct that amount from your payment until the dispute is resolved.

You can also take advantage of the dispute resolution service offered by the Consumer Protection Division (CPD) of the Office of the Attorney General. CPD has a voluntary process that often helps to resolve issues between consumers and merchants.

To file a complaint against a company, call CPD at (800) 251-0805 to request a complaint form. You can also download a complaint form from the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

When you consider ordering products from catalogs, there are some things that you should keep in mind to protect yourself.

Since many catalogs contain enlarged pictures of items, be sure to check the description of the item to verify its size. You should also be sure that you receive everything that you ordered. Often, several items will be shown in a picture, but only one or two are actually sent. Check the text to make sure you know exactly what you should receive.

Beware of "list" or "suggested retail" prices. Often a seller will show one of these prices to get you to believe that you are getting a bargain. Check prices of similar items at local stores to make sure it really is a deal.

You should be especially cautious of performance claims in ads. This is especially true for exercise or weight-loss items. Often, the items will not produce the results touted in the advertisement.

Some unscrupulous companies will send you unsolicited items in the mail and then attempt to bill you for them. In most cases, you can treat unordered merchandise as a gift. The seller can not require you to send it back, but can make arrangements to have it picked up. To be on the safe side, you should ask the seller for proof that someone from your household actually ordered the item.

One final thing to remember as we head into the holiday gift-giving season: no matter how good a sale or bargain, if you purchase an item by credit card but don't pay it off immediately, you will lose any savings you might have gained by having to pay monthly finance charges.

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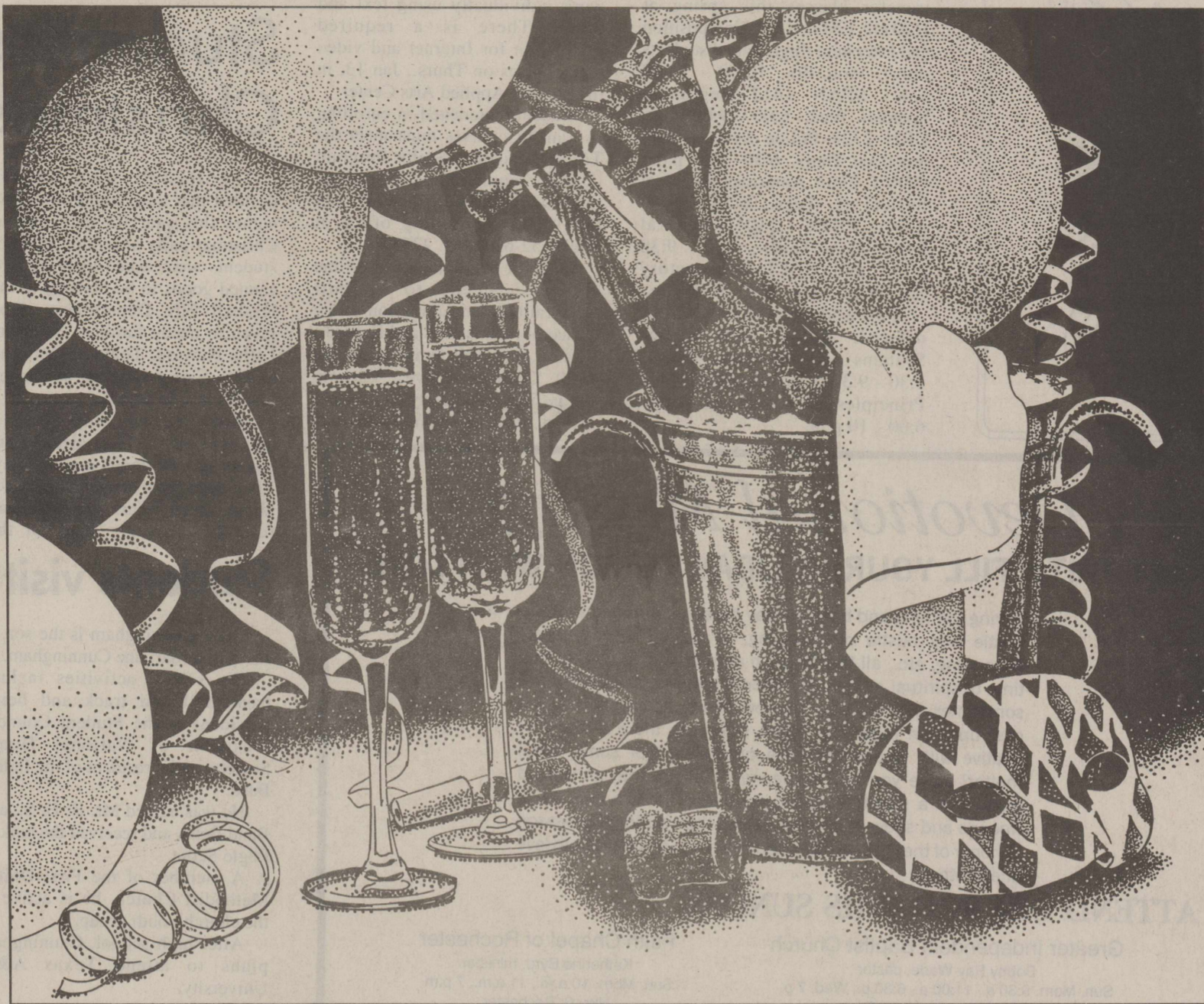
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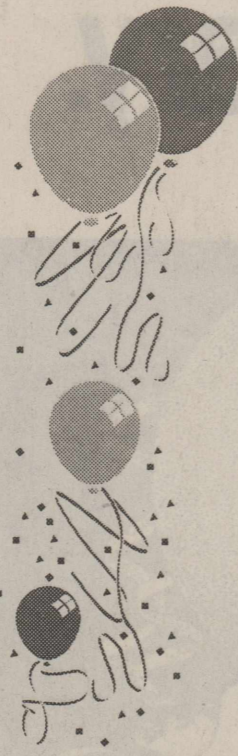
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VRJC to offer classes in Haskell

Registration for Vernon Regional Junior College's courses taught on-site in Haskell will be held at Haskell High School on Jan. 4 from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Classes begin the week of Jan. 10.

VRJC has scheduled several transfer classes this spring at Haskell: ENGL 1302 Composition and Literature (high school students only), Mon.-Fri., 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.; SPAN 1412 Beginning Spanish, Wed., 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and practices, Thurs., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; GOVT 2302 American Political System II, Tues., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; PSYC 2301 General Psychology, Thurs., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; and SOCI Introductory Sociology, Mon., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Two workforce courses will be offered: CJSA 1359 Police Systems and Practices, Thurs., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and MCOT 2412 Principles of Database, Mon., 6:00 - 10 p.m.

VRJC is offering 21 Internet courses and 5 video tape courses. To enroll in an Internet class, students must have access to an IBM compatible computer with a modem and an Internet provider. Students taking video tape courses work individually using text and tapes. There is a required orientation for Internet and video tape courses on Thurs., Jan 13, in the Summer Applied Arts Center.

Students interested in enrolling in transfer courses must meet the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) requirements. For more information on TASP testing, call the VRJC counselling office at (940) 552-6291 ext. 2253.

In order to register, first-time students need to submit Applications for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records, Vernon Regional Junior College, 4400 College Drive, Vernon, Texas, 76384, as early as possible so that registration materials may

be prepared. Applications for admission may be secured from the VRJC Records and Admissions Office on the VRJC web site <http://www.vrjc.cc.tx.us/appinst.html> or by calling (940) 552-6291 ext. 2205.

First-time students who cannot submit applications for admission early should bring their application, high school transcript or GED score, college transcripts and TASP scores or TASP exemption documentation.

Students share true Christmas spirit

The Haskell sixth graders decided that they would not draw names this year for their annual Christmas party at school. Instead, students were asked to bring two canned goods to be donated to the Haskell Fire Department to be given to needy families. Teachers Letha Newton, Tonya Cypert and Debbie Earles watched as canned goods came in slowly.

However, six boys had a different idea. They decided to collect canned goods in a big way. They went from house to house for about three hours one evening recently collecting food for the

needy. In all they collected approximately \$600.00 worth of canned goods.

These six boys showed that giving is better than receiving. They are Jamie Loyd, Josh Barbee, Josh Caraway, Benny Lopez, Sean McKague and Thomas Lopez. They were driven by Jamie's mom, Robin Loyd, and Josh Barbee's mom, Tommi, to various houses and later to the fire station to drop off six large boxes of canned goods. Thanks to these fine young men, many families benefited during this special time of the year.

This Week's Devotional Message:

LET FAITH FILL YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH LOVE



During the long and busy holiday season, crammed with the hustle and bustle of shopping, wrapping, writing cards, decorating, etc., all this feverish activity should add up to a time of spiritual as well as material happiness. However, we sometimes find the dark shadow of an unpleasant incident cast upon an otherwise bright scene. Is there a friend or relative with whom you have quarreled over some trivial matter? Have you hurt someone's feelings with an unkind remark or a slight? There is no better time to heal these wounds and show your spirit of love than during this season in honor of the One who devoted His life to teaching us to love one another.

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 David Page, pastor
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell

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 Dusty Garrison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

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 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, 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 Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
 Brett Anderson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
 Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 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
 Troy Culpepper, 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.
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 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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 Rev. Clarence Walker
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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 Tommy Wilson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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RULE
First Baptist Church
 Scott Hensley, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 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
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

New Life Baptist Mission
 Jesus Herrera
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Elm Street+Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 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

Students visit Rotary Club

Craig Cunningham is the son of Larry and Marjane Cunningham.

His school activities include basketball and track and being president of the Student Council, president of National Honor Society, and president of the Indian Band.

He was named Mr. H. H. S., and Band Beau, and received the rank of Eagle Scout.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, he is active in the church youth group.

After high school, Cunningham plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Kevin Patton is the son of Kenneth and Judy Patton.

In school he is active in track, one-act plays and debate.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Active in the youth group at First United Methodist Church, his hobbies are snow skiing, snow boarding and camping.

After high school he plans to attend the Air Force Academy, Texas A&M, Colorado School of Mines or Texas Tech, pursue a career as a mechanical engineer, get married and start a family.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, December 27
 Lunch-Meat loaf, mixed vegetables, potatoes, cabbage slaw, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, December 29
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lunch-Baked ham, parsleyed potatoes, carrot salad, broccoli, pineapple upside down cake, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, December 31
 Lunch-Meatballs, mushroom gravy, greens, potatoes, tossed salad, brownies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

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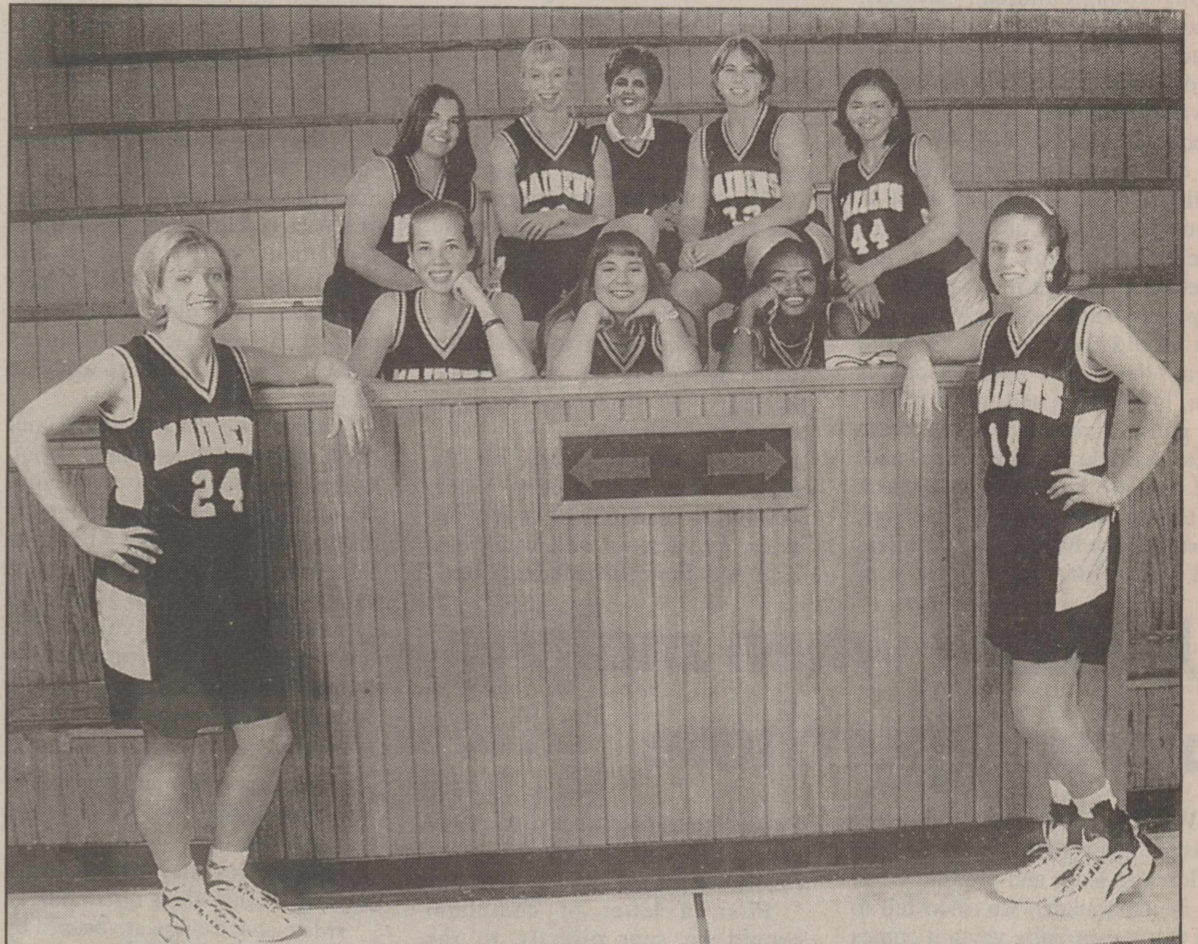
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Antibiotics: When are they necessary for your child?

Your child is sick with a slight fever, strong cough and discolored mucus. Does he need an antibiotic? Your doctor can tell you for sure, but chances are good that he does not. As a matter of fact, because many children are given antibiotics unnecessarily, a major problem is spreading across Texas.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to learn about antibiotics so that you can better determine when they are needed.

"Antibiotics are overused most among young children," says Dr. Kate Hendricks, Austin division director for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance at Texas Department of Health. "Because of this, strains of bacteria are created that are 'resistant' to antibiotics. This happens a lot in daycare facilities or other places where groups of children are together often. Let me explain: As all parents know, kids are not what you would call 'sterile.' A child always has some bacteria on his skin, in his nose and throat and in his gut. A small number of these bacteria might be considered 'bad' and they are usually kept in check by the immune system. However, most of these bacteria are harmless and some (like the ones in your

gut) are even what you would call 'good.'"

"Now say a child is put on antibiotics for a good reason like an inner ear infection, or a poor reason like a cold. While the antibiotics are killing the bad bacteria, they are also killing some of the harmless or good bacteria. Once a child stops or finishes a course of antibiotics, the bad or good bacteria that are left will likely be resistant to the antibiotic that was just used. Now if these resistant bacteria somehow get past a child's normal protective barriers—like through a scratch on the skin—they can cause illness that is pretty hard to treat."

"Parents need to realize that every time a child takes an antibiotic, they have increased their risk of later developing a resistant infection. They also have an increased risk of passing on resistant bacteria to other kids. So it's really important to only take them when, it is absolutely necessary—like for a strep throat or an inner ear infection."

Dr. Hendricks goes on to explain that it's important for parents to understand when an illness is bacterial and when it's viral and how to treat each one.

She stresses that antibiotics are needed to cure illnesses caused by bacteria; however, antibiotics do nothing to help kill illnesses caused by a virus. Viruses cause most colds, coughs and runny noses. You should treat the symptoms (such as a slight fever, cough or congestion) with plenty of fluids and over-the-counter medication and wait. Illnesses caused by viruses will go away on their own.

"Many people assume that antibiotics are needed to cure most illnesses, but this is not the case. Parents want so badly for their sick children to feel better, that they are often quick to ask for or insist on antibiotics when their children are ill," says Dr. Hendricks. "Many parents don't know, for example, that discolored mucus is not a sign of a bacterial infection. It's normal for mucus to be clear at the beginning of a cold, then discolored, then clear. A common cold (and the discolored mucus associated with it) will go away on its own."

Your doctor can tell you if your child will need an antibiotic or not. Often you can speak with your doctor or a nurse over the phone to discuss the likelihood of a bacterial infection versus a virus. He or she can tell you if you need to make an appointment for your child and if antibiotics may be necessary. Your doctor can discuss your child's specific case with you, but in general:

- There are different types of ear infections; some need antibiotics but others do not.

- Antibiotics may be necessary for long-lasting sinus infections.

- Most sore throats are caused by viruses. One kind—strep—needs antibiotics. Strep can only be diagnosed by a laboratory test.

- Colds, which sometimes last two weeks or more, are caused by viruses. It's normal for mucus to get thick and change color during a cold. Antibiotics have no effect on colds.

When you or someone else in your family is prescribed an antibiotic, make sure the medication is taken exactly as directed and completely finished. Symptoms often disappear within a few days; however, continue the prescription to kill off all the bad bacteria. Otherwise only the weakest bacteria will be killed, leaving behind the stronger, more resistant bacteria. Also, never share antibiotics. Throw away any leftover medicine as soon as you are finished with it.

Santa's wish: Please don't drink and drive this Christmas

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, said. "But, we anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn of the century New Year's parties. People who normally don't drink and drive during the holiday season may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driving. There

are 30 holiday-themed billboards being posted on interstate highways in major Texas cities and throughout Texas. Of these, one is located in Abilene at South 1st and Mockingbird. In addition to billboards, don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will air in 17 cities across Texas in December.

Also, thousands of convenience stores, liquor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message are also being

provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Susan Bryant, TxDOT's

traffic safety director, said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, Bryant added, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between Dec 24 and 26 and between Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

Use care when making a credit purchase

We all know how important those "three R's" are for our children to learn and use, but when we become adults, we often fail to use them, especially when it comes to our financial life.

Although the variety and complexity of consumer products is ever increasing, the basics of budgeting and comparing financial resources remain the same.

The office of Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner, Leslie L. Pettijohn, says that too often reading is overlooked when evaluating a credit purchase. There are many resources available from government agencies, non-profit organizations, or even businesses offering a sale. Reading these materials is critical in getting the most value from a purchase.

The most important part of reading relates to contracts, terms and conditions which should always be read and understood before signing a contract. These are the documents that will be examined in case problems or disagreements later arise; your rights and remedies are found here.

If any problems arise, write the seller or creditor in order to protect your rights. Many statements, or bills spell this out clearly, and certainly most contracts do as well. It is important to act quickly when trying to resolve any problem, as many companies may not accept responsibility otherwise. This is especially true if enough time lapses so the company cannot clearly establish facts related to the complaint.

Be sure to document all communications related to a complaint, and send only copies of original documents when necessary.

Details requesting specific company action for a resolution should be clearly understood.

First, a letter of complaint should be sent directly to the company's appointed representative or department, such as customer service. If this does not resolve the issue, send correspondence directly to the headquarters of that company.

If this still does not resolve the problem, consider contacting a third party to assist you, such as a local Better Business Bureau, a government agency such as the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, Office of the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission, a dispute resolution center, or even an attorney.

The choices you make do add up, so it's important to know your arithmetic very well. Get the numbers before committing to any credit decision, and make sure it fits both your short- and long-term goals.

While many credit calculations seem complicated, the final costs are clear and are required to be disclosed before you sign a contract. Know the costs and compare them. Ask what options are available from each financial institution, on such transactions as an unsecured loan, a vehicle secured loan, or a home equity loan. Know the risks involved in each option.

Compare the total costs of financing over different payment periods to see which costs the least money and meets your monthly budget needs. Ask a lot of questions to be sure of the options and make the best choice for your personal situation.

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I will leave you lots of milk and cookies for your trip back to the North Pole.

Thank you.
Merry Christmas.
Kelly Crain, age 3

Dear Santa,

I have been real good this year, not too much trouble, I hope. For Christmas I would like a remote control monster truck and a semi. I won't forget the cookies and milk.

Merry Christmas.
Thank you.
Robert Crain, age 10

Dear Santa,

I've tried really hard to be good this year and I have been. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64, or some fun games to play inside while it is cold outside.

Thank you.
Merry Christmas.
Michael Crain, age 8

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Dylan Hanson and I am 2 years old. How are you? Does your sleigh go fast? I like to play with the ornaments on the Christmas tree at home. Mommy tells me to stop sometimes, too. This year you can bring me anything you think would be good. I like tractors, cop-cops (airplanes), trucks and wreckers. Fire trucks are cool, too. Please remember all my friends like Hannah and Andy and Tyler and especially my baby cousin Naomi. This is her first Christmas so you haven't seen her yet. Give Rudolf some sugar for me. I'll leave you coo-cooks and choc milk.

I love you, Santa.
Dylan, age 2

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Billy Joe. I've been real good this year.

I want a bike, some clothes and a dump truck. My sister Betty Jo wants a doll and clothes.

Love, Billy Joe and Betty Jo Acevedo

Dear Santa,

My name is Mark Anthony. I've been very good this year. For Christmas I'd like some toys so I can play with them. Some clothes, too. My brother, a toy and clothes like me.

Santa, I'll leave milk and cookies for you. Bye.

Love, Mark Anthony and Esai Ray Conde

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I want a mood lamp, watch, Rugrat Tommy doll and pillow, Candle Creations, Nail Creations, waterbed, trampoline, Game Boy, M&M telephone and camera.

My name is Andrea Anderson. I am going to leave a cookie for you and 9 carrots for your reindeer. I hope you come by.

Love, Andrea
P. S. I love the reindeer and you. I hope you have a Happy Christmas!

Dear Santa,

I hear you're coming to town soon, so I told Mom it was time for me to start being good. I sure hope I've been nice enough for you to come and see me, because I'm looking forward to having some new toys to play with.

Please bring me a Thomas the Tank Engine train set, some games and a Rescue Heroes Command Center. Please also remember Bailey Ann. She's my new sister, you know.

We will have a little snack waiting on you when you get here. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Love, Shelton Toliver
4 years old

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Austin Green. I am 6 1/2 years old. I will be 7 on Christmas Eve.

I have been just a little bad, but I have tried really hard to be good. I would really like a football and a sixty-four game (Mario Cart). I would even like some clothes and anything that has to do with Jeff Gordon.

Can you bring my baby brother clothes and toys? Can you bring

Mom some pins because she is always looking for one? Can you bring Rick a big truck-truck; he really wants one. My daddy Heath wants a toothbrush. And NeNe wants a bundle of fifties.

Can you tell my Grandpa Victor Villa up in heaven that I love him very much? And visit my aunt and cousin in Florida. And please go see my Grandma and Grandpa Satterfield in Copperas Cove.

Santa, I will leave you some cookies and Coke.

Love, Austin Green
P. S. Tell Mrs. Claus, I said Hi!

Dear Santa,

My name is Joshua Satterfield. I am 7 months old. I have been really good.

For Christmas I would like some clothes and toys. Please bring my brother a football and some games for this Sixfour game. Can you bring Mommy some

clothes and Daddy wants NASCAR 2000. Can you bring my NeNe some clothes? And can you tell my Grandpa Victor Villa up in heaven that I love him and I hope he has a very merry Christmas.

If you have time can you fly over to Florida and visit my aunt and cousin and just leave them anything you want. And last can you go see my Grandma and Grandpa Satterfield in Copperas Cove. Santa, I will leave you some cookies and Coke.

Love, Joshua Satterfield
P. S. Tell Mrs. Claus I said Hi!

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. That is a camera, video games and Beanie Babies. There are a couple more things I want for Christmas. That is clothes, CD's and games.

How are your reindeers?
Your friend, Hanna Dee Wallace

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Please bring me Sock-n-Screamer and maybe Power Wheels. Also bring me some Pokemon stuff. Bring me Pikachu. I also would like the red Power Ranger. I like Star Wars, too! I will be at my Granny's on

Christmas morning. My cousin Spencer will be there, too.
I love you, Santa.
Love, Cole Casey

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is D. J. Masias. I am 7 years old and for Christmas I want a go cart and a football. But most of all I want clothes, shoes and a coat for Christmas. Also

don't forget about my little sister Abby.
Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, D. J. Masias
P. S. I hope Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus has a good day.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Abigail Masias. I am 2 years old. I have been a very good little girl for my mother and father.

For Christmas I want a doll and I also want a Power Wheel (the Barbie one) so I can take my nephews J. R. and Jared Masias on a drag down brick village's roads.

I will leave you milk and cookies by the Christmas tree. I will be waiting.
Thank you.
Abigail Masias

Dear Santa,
My name is Clint. I have been very good. Please bring me a skateboard, and a wrestling ring and men.

I love you, Santa.
Clint

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year.

Please bring me a Baby Jennifer, a remote control gymnastic Barbie, a Barbie cash register, a ballerina Barbie, a horse that puts sprinkles on flowers and some new clothes.

Please bring my baby brother Hunter lots of toys. He has been very good too! And don't forget to bring something special for my Mama and Daddy.

Have a safe trip and I will leave some milk and cookies for you on the table.

Merry Christmas and I love you!
Love, Stephanie Threet, age 7
Rule

Dear Mr. C.,
I would like a skateboard Shannen, a c.d. player, cds, a Furby and a Rudolph the red nosed reindeer stuffed animal. I will leave you some cookies and Rudolph a carrot.

Love, Brooke Bullinger, age 8

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley Meinzer and I am 2 years old. I have been a very good boy this year.

I would like Chuck the talking truck, a football and a bicycle. Please bring a present for my mommy, too. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Ross and I am six years old. How do your ranedeer fli?

I want a sled and a airplane and a telescope and som boots and one Pokemon and tow frizbes for Tip. And a pack of bones for B. J. and a frizbe for Taz and a radle for Krysta and a golf set for Papa and som errengs for Brande.

Luve, Ross Wittenborn
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Dear Santa,
Hope you have a safe trip to my house this year. I've been good this year and I do my chores.

I would like you to bring me a few computer games. Air Hog V-Wing Avenger, Battleship game, a

football and whatever else you think I might like. Please bring something for all my friends for helping me while I had my cast. My sister Caitlin would like a "Lucy Ducks Game" and a Barbie.

I will leave you a snack of gingerbread men and milk on the table. Leave me a note when you come to my house and tell me what you have been doing this year.

Love, Your Friend,
Brennan Medford, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I've been being sweet and helping my mommy squirt things and clean things and making sure things aren't dirty.

Please bring me a real kitty and a new bike like Brennan's, a game that I can play and that's all I want. Bring my mommy some pots and pans so she can make more supper, bring Daddy a chair to sit in and Brennan a new Air Hog to play with.

We will leave you some Jolly Ranchers and a gingerbread man.
I love you.
Caitlin Medford, 3 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Chanler Robertson. I am 6 years old and live in Rule, TX. For Christmas I would like a dirt bike, play station, chaps, hunting clothes, cool roller blades and a toy Jeep.

Love, Chanler
P. S. I will leave you milk and cookies and some popcorn for Rudolph.

Dear Santa,
My name is Broc Baird and I am 8 years old. I live in Denver, Colorado. I will be in Haskell to spend X-mas with my dad.

List: Poke'mon, clothes, poke' balls, bicycle, roller blades, robot (but not My Pal 2000), Star Wars episode 1, Rugrats, anything Green Bay, skateboard, vew stuff and my two front teeth...

Broc Baird

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 2 years old. I try to be good every day.

Please bring me a little girl's baking set so I can make cookies with my Nana. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Thank you, Santa.
Love, Lauren Goff

Dear Santa,
This is my 1st letter to Santa. You see, I'm only 5 months old. My mommie and daddy say that I've been a good boy.

Please drop by my house with just one little gift. Thank you.
Love, Garrison Reid Poyer

Dear Santa,
My name is Reagan Hadaway and I am 3 yrs. old. For Christmas this year I want a Fisher Price Lil' People House, airplane and garage. I love playing with all that stuff. I also want some shakers and a Barbie.

I think I have been really good this year. I have grown up a lot and I am going to be a big sister in March. I am so excited!

Please remember my sister and all my friends. Peace on earth for everyone.
Reagan Hadaway, 3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
My name is Carson Hadaway and I am 5 yrs. old. I am in Pre-K and I love seeing all my friends every day. I have been a good girl this year and I try to help my little sister all I can.

For Christmas this year I want a computer, a new Barbie calendar, Barbie skates, clothes for my Ken doll and a Barbie Hip Hop Radio. I can't have everything, just bring me some of it.

Make sure you remember all my friends and peace on earth for everyone.
Carson Hadaway, 5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I am a two-year old girl who doesn't really need a single thing, so I should not be writing you this letter; however, I would appreciate some presents on Christmas morning.

I noticed on TV a commercial showing "Kindergarten Babies" and I told my mom, "I like the yellow one!" I have a lot of babies already, but not a "Kindergarten Baby."
Love, Crissy Bassett


Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie airplane. I've been very good this year. Could you bring my new little brother a Kick Start Gym. Please bring my Meme a new knee. She has been very good, too. I would also like a red Jeep.
Thank you.
BreAnn



The Christmas Candle
A lighted candle is an ancient symbol of Christ's divinity. Many Western Christians also view the holly's red berries as symbols of His blood, and the holly's sharp thorns as reminders of His painful crown. At Christmas, a candle decorated with holly is a traditionally symbolic invitation to the spirit of the Christ child to enter the heart and the hearth.

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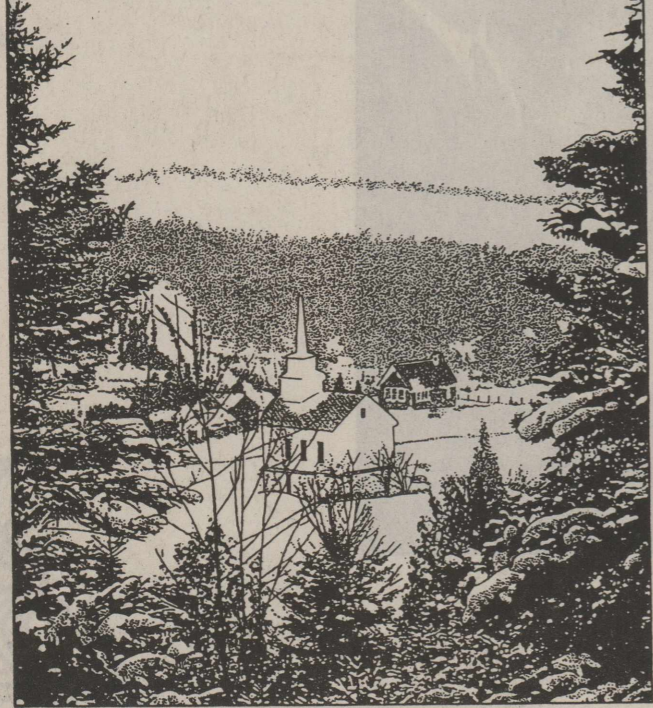
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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle. And the bike I showed Mrs. Burson at Toys R Us. I also want ice skates and a camera. Please bring a motorcycle and a new bike for my brother, also. We also need more money for a Ruidoso trip.
Love, Koby Foster
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a paint ball gun. I also want a tigerhawk. (There is one at Wal-Mart!) I want a swimming buddy, marbles and a rock bag to put pretty rocks in. I'll leave milk and cookies for you.
Love, Zachary Shields
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun (just the toy kind since kids can't have real ones!) and a paint ball gun. I also want a Bug Operation. I need a toy motorcycle because mine broke. Bring Andy a new rattle and a teddy bear and a Mickey Mouse wagon.
Thank you, Santa Claus!
Love, Ryan Anderson
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, walkie-talkies and a play gun. Please bring me some play money and a police dress-up set. I would also like a fireman's hat and jacket. I need a play 4-wheeler, also.
Thanks, Santa!
Love, Sterling Bird
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Wheel motorcycle and a small tennis racket and balls. I will leave you milk and chocolate cookies, since this is what you like!
Love, Bryson Young
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I would like a new baby doll! Please tell my little sisters and Kimberly that "I love them!" and bring them babies, too. I would also like a motorcycle. Please bring us a Christmas tree. That's all.
Love, Priscilla Casarez
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I need a new bike, a few new clothes and roller blades. You could bring my brother some new tractors and dinosaurs. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Morgan Griffith
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle! That is all I need.
Thanks, Santa!
Love, Brian Copeland

Dear Santa,
I want some new jeans (size 14 please, because the other ones are just not working!) I also want a dollhouse for me and my sister. I want the games Monopoly and Trouble. I also want a new baby named "Jordan."
Thank you, Santa!
Love, Jasmine Klose
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, Play Dough and some fish. Please bring me a radio and that's all!
Love, Shasta Dockins
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want some winter gloves and hat. I also want a computer, Barbie car, bicycle and a scarf. Please bring me a dollie. If you can make play dough, please bring me some. I would also like a bear.
Thanks, Santa!
Love, Sasha Walker
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a new watch and a motorcycle. I also would like a new 4-wheeler! I need a new hat and a tank for fish. Please bring me some new shoes and clothes and new toys.
Love you!
Kiefer McNelly
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want some new clothes and a new pair of skates. I would like a new toy; you can decide on which one. I need a new puzzle, too.
Thank you!
Love, Kelli Ozuna
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Johnson and this is my first Christmas. I am five months old. I know I'm just a little guy, but there are still some things that I would like for Christmas.

Please bring me an activity center that makes lots of noise and lights up. Daddy likes my toys that make lots of noise. I would also like a white bear skin rug, a Tonka car to chase and some books. Oh, and anything that I can put in my mouth.

Please remember my Aunt Angela and my cousins Brad and Dustin. They take good care of me. I will leave you some homemade cookies and a big Diet Coke. I love you!
Love, Tyler Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett and I am 5 years old. I've been pretty good this year. For Christmas I want the WWF Wrestling ring and

Titantron. I also want some wrestlers to go with it. I want a snowball to build a snowman, too. I also want the new WWF Attitude and Spyro games for my playstation and that's all.
Don't forget my little sister, Kenzie. She's 3 years old and she's been good, too.
Thank you and I love you.
Brett Shelton
P. S. I will leave you some peanut butter cookies and chocolate milk by the tree.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kenzie. I am 3 years old and I've been real good this year. I want an art desk for Christmas with scissors on it. My mom told me I couldn't have scissors because I cut up special stuff, but I promise I won't do it anymore. I also want Baby Born that uses her potty and a big teddy bear. Don't forget my Bubba.
I love you.
Kenzie Shelton
P. S. I will leave you chocolate cookies and strawberry milk by the tree. (Don't eat too much because you might get sick.)

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. 1. clothes 2. CD's 3. jewelry 4. camera.
I saw you at the Lubbock Mall. I know that was the real you.
Love, Kelsie Adams

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. That is a camera, video games and Beanie Babies. There is a couple more things I want for Christmas. That is clothes, CD's and games. If you need a little something to put in my stocking we have a new computer and we could use computer programs.
How are your riendeers?
Your friend,
Paige LeAnn Adams

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy! I've grown a whole bunch this year!

I would really like a basketball goal because I like to throw the ball up real high! A new horse to play with would be really fun! As always, another new ball would make me real happy! I like any kind of ball, as long as I can throw it!

Don't forget to eat the milk and cookies I leave you! Merry Christmas!
Love, Chase Gibson

Dear Santa Claus,
This is my Christmas list. Santa: want a Toy Story tumbler Buzz, please and a Holiday Lazy Boy sating on a Cher disppenser with a bag of MM's. I like the big bag of canday. I like the diffdr color will you ples. I need a pair of shoe. Can you give me a pair of Nick and I am asking for my mom a pair of pant and two t-shirt ples and I forgot to tell Mrs. Santa to make me a sweater. Ples. Mrs. Santa, tell the elf Hi. Santa, you make all the kid happy.
Love, Christina

1. Nick shoe size 4 1/2; 2. Lazy Boy with a bag of canday MM's; 3. Sweater size 12; 4. pant and two t-shirt pant size is 34, t-shirt is 44; 5. Toy Story tumbler Buzz. Bye and thank you.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
Could you please bring me a Polly Parrot, a snapping turtle and a horse.
Hope you have a safe trip. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Aubrey Bassett

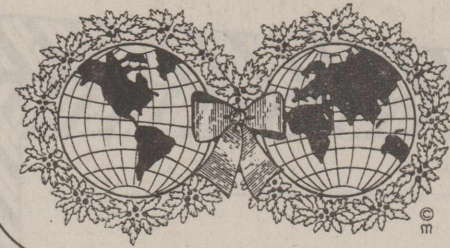
Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like some games, Ninetendo 64, dirt bike game, a harley game, a watch, 4 grip tires for my go cart, football suit like my bubba, a new T.V. for the living room (Ours you can't see very good). A big dog bone and a ball for Sassy.

My dad needs a new chair, Bubba needs a new gun and C.D.'s, some movies for me; Oh, yeah, Dad needs new boots. Mom needs a new mixer. I have been pretty god.
Love, Callen Pittman, age 8
P. S. I'll leave milk and cookies. (Mom cleaned out the fireplace.)

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a Scooby Doo movie, a teddy bear, Gator Golf, a people car and track for my electric train, a glass bowl with glass fish, cowboy boots, some clothes, a construction set and train movies. Also Gordon, Edward and Toby for Thomas the Tank Engine set.

I hope that you have a good trip and that you will remember all my cousins.
I will leave Oreos and milk for you and some hay for the reindeer.
Love, Aaron Waggoner
4 years old

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
My name is Madaline Jo. I am 10 mo. old. This is my first Christmas. Mommy said I've been really good.
I would like a baby doll and a Little Tikes Pink Push-n-Ride Walker. My big bubba James is 7;1/2 yrs. old. He has tried really hard to be good. So please try to bring him a go cart with helmet, mini boom box w/CD, new shoes and clothes. I know he really wants

Oh! Daddy wants a new battery for his car. Mommy wants a new camera because hers broke!
My Bubba and I will leave you some X-mas cookies and milk.
We love you, Santa.
Madaline Jo and James Williams

Dear Santa,
My name is Trey and I live in New Braunfels. I've been pretty

good this year so I though I would ask you to bring me a Batman Beyond. It's the red one that has the wings that go out and they go in, too. Also, I want a Toy Story computer game because the other one has ran out of gas.


Dad wants a basketball goal so we can play together. My sister, Mackenzie, would like a baby doll, some makeup and a telephone so she can talk to Maw Maw and Nana without problems from my Mom. My little brother, Dylan, needs some diapers and a bathtub Elmo.

Oh yeah, bring my Mom some peace and quiet! We'll be in Haskell for Christmas.
Love, Trey Larned

Dear Santa,
My name is Sara Weise. I would like an Easy-Bake oven, Baby Born, Kinder Garden Baby. Her name is Vicki Violet. A Pooh Play House, a Flower Power air chair and ottoman. I have been very good. My brother has too. I live in Haskell and I make a very good Jello cookie. I love you very much!

Sara Weise, age 7

Dear Santa,
My name is Max "airborne" Weise. For Christmas I would like to have a new arm. I really do like trains, motorcycles and guitars. Can I have all three? I have been really good, except for jumping off of beds! Please remember my sister, Sara. She is the best! I love you very much. I am soo excited that you are coming to our house!
Max Weise, age 3 1/2



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May your holiday season greet you with plenty of good friends and good cheer. Our deepest thanks to you for making our year a ringing success!

Haskell Co-op Gin

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Season's Greetings


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The Year End SALE Is On


Kids can enjoy holiday baking

Holiday baking can be a fun way for children to learn about food preparation and nutrition.

"Letting children get their hands dirty baking holiday goodies will help them learn a new skill, as well as teach them about the foods they eat," said Becky Gorham, a nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

It's important to choose simple recipes that offer a lot of opportunities to stir, add ingredients and decorate. Also, stick with nutritious foods such as fruit and nut breads, oatmeal and peanut butter cookies and carrot and fresh apple cakes.

Gorham believes children who learn how to cook at a young age might be more inclined to cook for themselves and be less dependent on fast foods as adults.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Here's hoping that joy plays a starring role this holiday season.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Santa Claus is comin' to town!!!...and he did just that here in our little town...last Friday...driving the school bus and handing out goodies as the students boarded. What a surprise for them. Nowhere but in a little country town would anyone witness such a sight.

Congratulations to two of our local boys upon completing a successful football season with the Rule Bobcats. Jeremy Hertel, son of Mike and Cheryl, was selected All-District center on the first team and Brian Lehrmann, son of Steven and Karen, was selected All-District on the second team. Coaches of the district select the players and Sagerton fans are proud that these two young men from our community were selected. They have played an outstanding season and are to be commended for their dedication and hard work during the long season that took the Rule team farther in its history. Good job, Jeremy and Brian! We're proud of you.

Now that football season is over, both Jr. High and High School students are busy with basketball games. Both girls and boys won their games against Newcastle High Friday night with Michelle Stegemoeller, Jeremy Hertel and Brian Lehrmann playing from Sagerton. Brian was high scorer with 22 points. Jill Brown from here coaches the girls' team.

The Christmas party and program was held at the Methodist Church on Tuesday night. Following the sandwich supper,

Christmas carols were sung and the pastor, Tommy Wilson, told the story of the symbols of Christmas, noting especially the colors found on the Christmas tree. Following the gift exchange, goodie bags were given to all present including: Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Frances Clark, Wilma Teichelman, G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Alvin and El Ulmer, Johnny and Sue Guinn, Jacky and Peggy Tabor, Frances Perez, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Jill, Cade, Tully and Kinsey Brown, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Beatrice, Jessica, Lillia, Eberardo and Pricilla Puebla, Pastor Tommy and Evagene Wilson.

On Wednesday night the children's Christmas program was held at Faith Lutheran Church with Brenda Turner, Sunday School superintendent, directing. Prayer-E Strings from Haskell brought the special music during the program. The Christmas story as recorded in Luke 2 was acted out by the Sunday School students. Readers were Brandon Smith, Michelle Stegemoeller, Samuel Turner, Kevin Corzine and Kami Baitz. Brittany Lammert played the part of Mary and Joseph Turner played the part of Joseph. Shepherds were Daniel Turner and Clay Morrow; angels were Jordan Baitz and Melissa Smith; wisemen were Ross Teichelman, Mathew Turner and Jacob Manske. Brady Baitz played the part of King Herod. Loretta Connally was organist and special music was presented by Brittany Lammert on the piano, Lacey Letz and Heidi Diers on flutes and Ashley Nehring, soloist. Others assisting as ushers, sound technicians and prompters included Tami Baitz, Kathy Teichelman, Clayton Stegemoeller, Kevin Corzine and Samuel Turner. Brenda

expressed her thanks to all who had helped in any way to make the program a success. After the program the local branch of A.A.L. insurance group hosted a sandwich supper in the fellowship hall. Paula Stegemoeller was the chairperson for the meal provided for the large crowd that was present.

The Friendship Club met at Faith Lutheran on Thursday for its regular monthly noon meal and fellowship. Alvin and Ev Ulmer provided the turkeys for the meal. Joyce LeFevre and Dorothy Toney prepared them. The anniversary song was sung for Herbert and Gladys Vahlenkamp and the

birthday song was dedicated to Sylvia Crowe of Hillsboro and Delbert LeFevre. Enjoying the day together were: J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Leroy and Polly Nehring, Louis and Adeline Spitzer, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Pastor Tommy and Evagene Wilson, Gladys and Herbert Vahlenkamp, Ed Fouts, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Cato Macias, Leona Schonestedt, G. W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Margaret Wendeborn, Dean and Pat Quade, Isabell Mrazek, Minnie Monse, Doris Lehrmann, Sylvia Crowe, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Frances Clark, Peggy Tabor, Mary Neinst, Larry LeFevre and his friend, Albert Mosconnee.

Mary Neinst accompanied her daughter and family, the Roy McEwens, to Alpine Saturday for the graduation exercises at Sul Ross University for her grandson, Daryl McEwen.

Everyone is reminded of and invited to worship services at Faith Lutheran Church on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. Come worship the Christ of Christmas.

Everyone in Sagerton wishes all our readers a very Merry Christmas!

Safe handling of turkey is important

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

If you buy a frozen turkey, you need to plan your meal several days ahead. Extension poultry science specialist Dr. Sarah Birkhold says it's best for the big bird to thaw in the refrigerator.

Put it in a container on the lowest shelf to keep it from dripping and contaminating other food. Allow about 24 hours per every five pounds. For instance, a 12 - 15 pound turkey would take two and half days to thaw.

When handling the thawed turkey, wash your hands with warm, soapy water and make sure the counter top and utensils are

clean. Set the oven no lower than 350 degrees. Many turkeys come with a pop-up meat thermometer, but Birkhold recommends using a regular one as well. Place it in the thickest part of the thigh and cook the turkey so that the thigh temperature reaches 180 to 185 degrees.

Birkhold warns against stuffing the turkey. She says it's safer to bake the dressing in a separate dish.

Once the turkey is done, do not leave it at room temperature for more than two hours. Any longer and you run the risk of giving your guests food poisoning. Birkhold says turkey leftovers will stay good for about a week in the refrigerator.

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The tree has been trimmed, the gifts taken care of, the halls have been decked. The only thing left to do is wish all our friends the best Christmas yet!

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The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on January 7, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. 51c

PUBLIC NOTICE
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POL CALENDAR
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Unless otherwise specified the candidates listed paid for the announcement, and have designated themselves as campaign treasurer.
All political advertising and announcements are cash in advance.

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Haskell FFA teams compete in contests

Haskell FFA teams competed in District, Area and State contests recently. The teams that represented Haskell were the Radio Team consisting of members Kira Poteet, Kristi Christian and Tara Hamilton. The team presented a radio program over diversified agriculture. They placed second in district, first in area and second in state.

The Chapter Farmer Quiz team consists of Rusty Howard, Joshua Ivy, Thomas Martinez and Heath McColluch. This team took a quiz over parliamentary procedure and FFA manuals and they placed sixth in district.

The Jr. Creed consisted of Wade Cothron and Ryan Burgess. They recited the FFA Creed from memory and answered thought questions over the selection. Cothron placed second in district out of 20 and sixth out of 14 in area. Burgess placed third out of 20 at district, also.

The Public Relation team consisted of Leslie Grand, Whitney Hise, Katy McKnight and Brittany Lindsey. They presented a program concerning the FFA which placed third in district.

The Greenhand Quiz took a test over leadership and FFA manuals which consisted of Taylor Seelke, Wendy Proctor, Sydney Brueggeman and Keli Jo McCarty. This team placed third in district



LEADERSHIP WINNERS—Haskell FFA teams recently competed in District, Area and State Leadership contests. Pictured with their awards are, top row, l-r; Justin Trussell, Taylor Seelke, Whitney Hise, Brittany Lindsey, Katie McKnight, Leslie Grand, Loren Cole and Andy Martinez. Middle row; Chase Seelke, Josh Webb, Leon Goudeau, Wendy Proctor, Ryan Burgess, B. J. Opsahl, Evan Everett, Cliff McGuire and Wade Cothron. Front row; Trent Richardson, Ross Bullinger, Kristi Christian, Kira Poteet, Tara Hamilton, Jennifer Bryan, Reena Harris, Brittany Bartley and Zack Coker.

and placed eighth in area.

The Senior Creed consisted of Kira Poteet. She recited the creed from memory and answered

thought questions. Poteet placed second in district and second out of sixteen in area.

The Senior Skills consisted of

Brittany Bartley, Jennifer Bryan and Reena Harris. They constructed an electric fence from memory and placed first in district and fourth in area.

The Chapter Conducting team consisted of Leon Goudeau, Edwin Loyd, Melvin Garcia, Chad Seelke, Justin Trussell, Josh Webb, Trent Richardson and Angel Pena. They presented the parliamentary law problems and placed third in district.

Ag issue team members were Evan Everett, B. J. Opsahl, Cliff McGuire, Zac McGuire, Brandon Early and Loren Cole. They presented a program on Biotechnology and gene splicing. They placed third in district.

Spring contest will start after Christmas including horse, cattle, dairy, foods, poultry, range, plant I.D., land, meats, livestock, cotton, wool, crops and ag mechanics.

A public and extemporaneous speaking contest will be held.

Most winter house fires caused by faulty heating

In 1998 there were 80,248 fires in Texas, causing 1,531 deaths and more than \$352 million in property damage and loss. Most house fires that occur during the winter months are caused by faulty heating equipment.

The following tips can help to protect your family and home.

- *Keep all heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials such as walls, curtains, furniture, and especially beds.

- *Be sure your heating equipment is in good operating condition. Check for worn electrical cords, gas leaks or faulty switches.

- *Follow exactly all instructions for your heating equipment.

- *Have your heating equipment checked out by a qualified expert at least once a year.

- *Be sure all heaters, stoves, fireplaces and chimneys are properly installed and insulated. If

nearby floors and walls are warm or hot, the stove or chimney could be too close and may cause a fire.

- *Be sure there is adequate ventilation in any area where there is a heat source. Do not use a generator inside the house to power appliances, including your heater. Do not use charcoal barbecue grills indoors. Generators and charcoal emit carbon monoxide which is odorless and can kill you and your family.

Carbon monoxide kills while you sleep

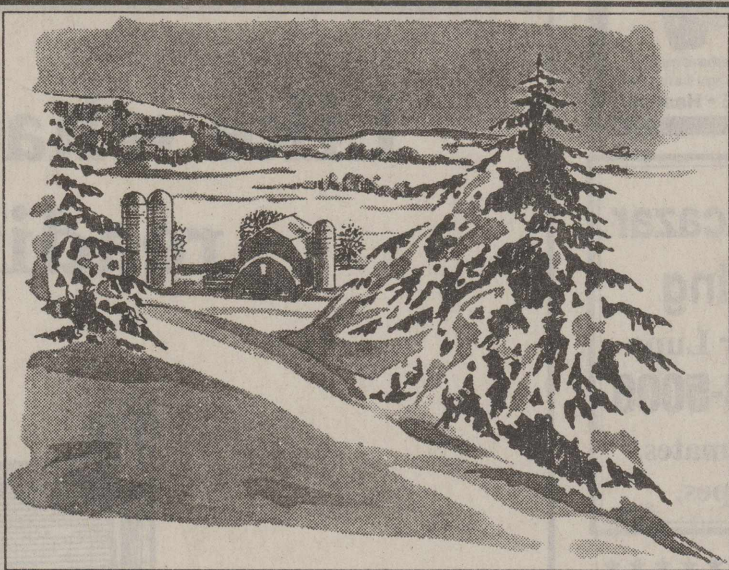
Every year hundreds of people die from carbon monoxide poisoning, most while they sleep.

"Carbon monoxide is an odorless, sightless gas that binds to the hemoglobin in the blood, which carries oxygen normally throughout the body," said Dr. William Ondo, a neurologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "So if you have a certain amount of carbon monoxide in your system, even if you're surrounded by oxygen, you will feel as though you are suffocating."

Ondo says high level exposure to carbon monoxide can kill someone immediately. Minimal exposure can cause neurological damage, headaches, dizziness, sleepiness and nausea. These symptoms usually do not surface until a couple of days after an exposure.

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