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Fireworks display set Jan. 31

The 5th annual W. E. Hollingsworth Memorial fireworks display in the Jud community on Dec. 31, to help usher in the new year in the county, will begin at 9:00 p.m., to accommodate those who may be too sleepy to stay up until midnight, said Jim Hollingsworth, who plans and directs the event sponsored by the Haskell Historical Commission.

As in the past, Hollingsworth and assistants will set off a large load of fireworks on thirty acres of land prepared for it on the Hollingsworth farm between Rule and Rochester.

Located five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 2407 and County Road 146, the fireworks will be on the west side of the county road. Parking along FM 2407 for a mile east of County Road 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

The event presented for the public each year is a memorial celebration, started in Dec. 1999, by Jim Hollingsworth for his grandfather, William Edward Hollingsworth, who had told him about the thrill and excitement of 'seeing in' the new year in his day. Saddened, as a fiveyear-old boy in 1944, that his grandfather would not be around to celebrate the coming in of the new century with him in 2000, he vowed to celebrate in honor of his grandfather, nevertheless.

Now, half a century after the young boy and his granddad shared a discussion about New Year's Eve celebrations, attendance at the local county fireworks event has become a ritual for many area residents and their families.

Hollingsworth invites everyone to come and enjoy viewing the colorful Fireworks display, beginning at 9:00 p.m., Wed., Dec. 31.

Basketball games

HASKELL **VG-VB Hawley Tournament** December 29-30 at Hawley *****

> PAINT CREEK Paint Creek vs Loraine Tues., Dec. 30, 1 p.m. at Paint Creek

Calendar

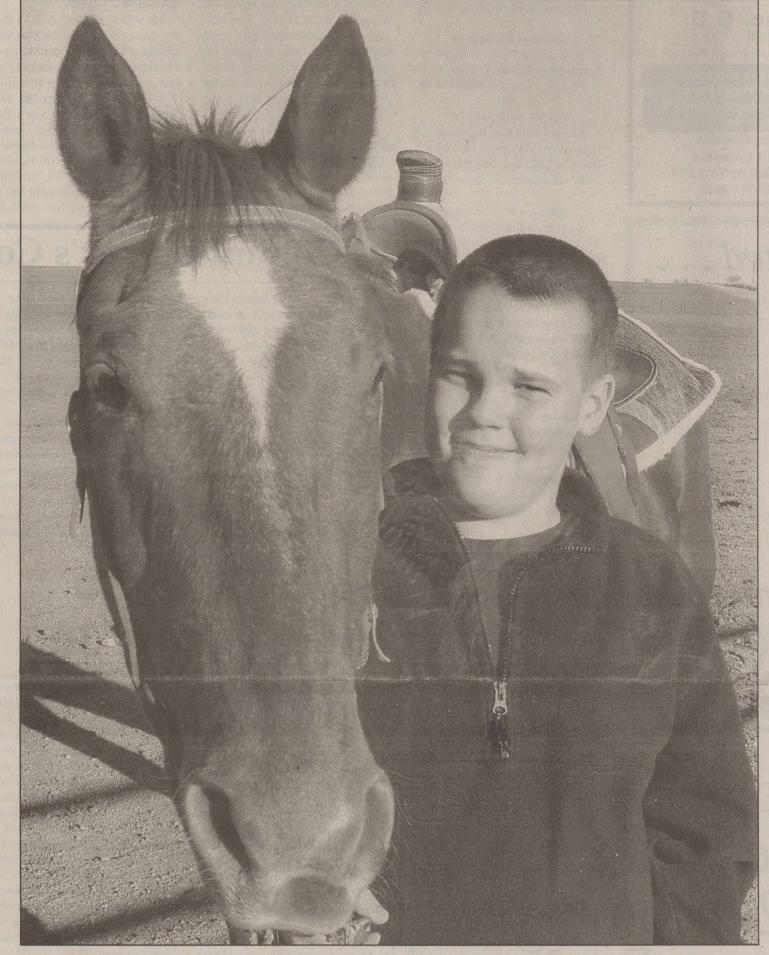
Soup kitchen

The fifth annual Haskell soup kitchen will be held Tues., Dec. 30 at Haskell Elementary Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and eat a warm, healthy meal and enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors. Carry outs will be available for shut-ins. Those needing carry outs should call the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center at 864-3875. Cost of the meals is funded by donations from Souper Sunday, so there will be no charge to anyone. The event is sponsored by Haskell CISD and the Haskell County Commissioners' Court.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Jan. 5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

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A BOY AND HIS HORSE-Nathan Meredith of Haskell, and his good friend, quarter horse Dandy, enjoy the recent winter

sunshine. Young Nathan is a new participant in the American **Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program.**

Local youth in quarter horse program

By Mary Kaigler Nathan Meredith of Haskell was recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Horseback Riding Program.

Not new to the activity of riding. having enjoyed riding his own quarter horse, Dandy, for several years, the eleven-year-old fifth grade student joins more than 27 million people, who according to the U.S. Department of the Interior, participate in horseback riding.

The son of Lonnie and Kim Meredith rides Dandy on the family's farm in Haskell County. He sometimes works cattle with his maternal granddad, Ed Ekdahl on his ranch in the Avoca-Stamford area.

The AQHA program recognizes and rewards its members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, shows, working cattle, pleasure driving and just simply riding. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse, to earn recognition patches and subsequent awards.

Stephanie Stultz, AQHA Manager of membership services, said the horseback riding program is a unique opportunity to earn rewards outside of traditional competition. "In some cases the program rewards people who already spend many hours riding. For others, the program is an incentive to get out and ride," she said, adding that the AQHA encourages horseback riding as a relaxing recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.

About his participation in the AQHA program, young Nathan Meredith, who is also involved in many other activities, such as 4-H, said, "I just really like to ride."

Inmate work squad does community project

A community work squad has been implemented by the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center to work on non-profit organization projects. The first project by the work squad was a cleanup at the Pinkerton Cemetery, beginning in November. The cleanup was completed Fri., Dec. 19.

In order to participate in the community work squad the inmate has to meet certain requirements set by both the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center and Emerald Correctional Management L.L.C. If the inmate meets the requirements, the Sheriff of the county in which the inmate is housed must give their approval. If that approval is given, and medical clearance is given, the inmate becomes eligible to participate in the community work squad.

The process for using the community work squad for a non-

profit organization begins by contacting County Attorney Shane Hadaway for a place on a priority list. The County Attorney will then contact Assistant Warden, Lonnie Rolls, to inform him of the site for the community work to be done by the work squad. Assistant Warden Rolls, along with Warden Rudy Sanchez and Warden Andy Davila will go to the site to inspect it for security purposes. If the site passes inspection, the non-profit organization will be contacted with the information of the tools that will be needed to complete the project.

Haskell County has provided a van for transporting the inmates to and from the work site, and Emerald Correctional Management L.L.C. provides security for the inmates participating in the community work

Speaking of the cemetery cleanup. Assistant Warden Lonnie

Goodfellows Donations

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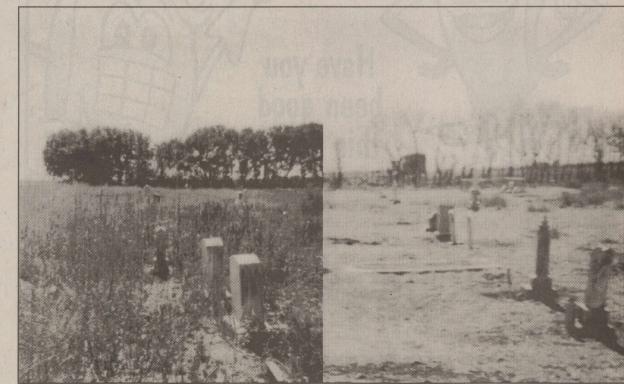
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Rolls, said, "Although this has been our first project, the process has been a smooth one and the results are

something that the community can be proud of. We at Emerald are glad to offer this service to the community

and hope to complete many other projects throughout the county in the future.



BEFORE AND AFTER A CLEANUP-Pictures taken at the Pinkerton Cemetery in November, before (on the left) and after a cleanup of weeds and overgrowth by a community work squad from the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, show a marked improvement in the appearance of the historical Haskell County landmark. Other such helpful projects for non profit organizations in the community will be implemented by the RPR Jail and Detention Center work squad in the future.

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Area **Basketball** scores

Girls Eastland 51, Haskell 43 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 17, Bird 14. Kendall 3. Rutkowski 3. McKnight 3, Pannell 2, Harlan 1. JV score: Haskell 29, Eastland 28.

Haskell 40. Hawley 30 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 14, Rutkowski 7, McKnight 7, Buerger 6. Bird 3. Harlan 2, Thomasson 1. JV score: Haskell 29, Hawley 22.

Woodson 51, Rule 38 Scoring for Rule: Marquis 20, Lehrmann 9. Brown 5, Smith 4. JV score: Rule 33, Woodson 32.

Rule 60, Spur 59 (3 OT) Scoring for Rule: Brown 15, M. Lehrmann 15, Marquis 14, Smith 7, Hertel 6. Lisle 2, J. Lehrmann 1. JV score: Spur 24, Rule 20.

Woodson 40, Rochester 39 Scoring for Rochester: Nicholson 15, Turner 12, Martin 7, Sanchez 4,

Boys

Woodson 43, Rule 39 Scoring for Rule: Brown 16, Ky. Kittley 8, Turner 6, Dudensing 5, Ko. Kittley 2, Carreon 2.

Rule 57, Spur 48 Scoring for Rule: Brown 16, Dudensing 14, Turner 10, Ko. Kittley 9, Ky. Kittley 4, Carreon 4. JV score: Knox City 32, Rule 18.

Woodson 58, Rochester 53 Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 18, Saucedo 17, Self 15, Torres 2, Pittman 1.

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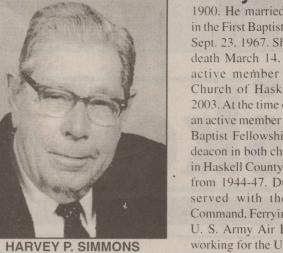
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Obituaries

Harvey P. Simmons



Funeral services for Harvey P. Simmons, 86, of Haskell were held Sun., Dec. 21 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Dr. Gibbie McMillan officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Simmons died Thurs., Dec. 18 in Haskell.

Born Sept. 23, 1917 in Haskell, he was the son of the late K. D. Simmons and Bertha McClanahan Simmons who came to Haskell in

1900. He married Margaret Toliver in the First Baptist Church in Haskell Sept. 23, 1967. She preceded him in death March 14, 2000. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Haskell from 1927 to 2003. At the time of his death he was an active member of the Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship. He served as a deacon in both churches. He farmed in Haskell County from 1938-42 and from 1944-47. During 1942-47, he served with the Air Transport Command, Ferrying Division, for the U. S. Army Air Forces. He started working for the United States Postal Service Nov. 17, 1947.

He was a member of and a Past Presiding Office of all the York Rite Bodies of Masonry; a Past Master of Haskell Lodge No. 682, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a Past High Priest of Haskell Chapter No. 181, Royal Arch Masons; he was a Part Illustrious Master of Haskell Council No. 119, Royal and Select Masters: a Past Commander of Haskell Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar; and was awarded his 50 year membership pin Nov. 2002. He

was also a member of the Haskell Chapter No. 892 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the American Legion, Roger-Cox Post. since 1946; a member of the Haskell County Farm Bureau; a member of the Haskell Cemetery Association and a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers since 1947, serving as a secretary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; three sisters, Mae Wright, Ora Alderson and Kyrene Morris; brother, Kais Dee Simmons, Jr.; and Leta Christian Simmons.

Survivors include one sister, Iola Simmons Everett of Haskell; four nephews, Milton Christian and wife, Melodee, Felton Everett and wife, Melva, all of Haskell and Jack Alderson and wife, Pat of Lubbock and George Christian and wife, Suzanne of Kingwood; and one niece, Bertha Sue Strang and husband, Sam of El Toro, California.

Memorials may be made to the Cornerstone Building Fund, P. O. Box 3, Haskell, Texas 79521

PD. NOTICE

Commissioner's Court report

At their regular meeting on Tues., Dec. 9, the Haskell County Commissioners' Court approved a motion by Commissioner Tiffen Mayfied to repair and replace miscellaneous items at the County Library.

A motion by Commissioner Kenny Thompson was accepted to pass the resolution supporting the designation of a Business US 277 along the route of existing US 277 through the City of Haskell. Due to the Texas Dept. of Transportation project to construct a four-lane divided highway on US Hwy. 277 from the north of Haskell to South of Haskell, necessitating a realignment through the City of Haskell, a business route must be designated and adopted by TxDOT so that it may remain on the state highway system. A copy of the resolution is on file at the court-

Upon the recommendation of District Clerk Penny Anderson, a motion entered by Commissioner Thompson was approved to increase the District Clerk's Records Management Fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 with \$5.00 going into the county-wide Records Management and Preservation Fund

Soup kitchen to be open Dec. 30

Time to Pay Your

Christmas Bills?

The fifth annual Haskell Soup Kitchen will be held Tues., Dec. 30 at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Open to everyone, the meal is free of charge, and everyone is welcome to come, eat a warm, healthy meal and visit with friends and neighbors. Carry outs will be available for shutins. Those needing carry outs should call the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center at 864-3875.

Sponsored by the Haskell CISD and Haskell County Commissioner's Court, the meal is made possible by donations received during Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, when each person attending a local,

participating church is asked by the Ministerial Alliance to put \$1.00 in the donation pot after church on Super Bowl Sunday. This is the only fund raising necessary for the event and is a part of a nationwide program called the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Last year, the Haskell Soup Kitchen served over 200 persons. By having the Souper Bowl of Caring offering in conjunction with Super Bowl Sunday, the Ministerial Alliance has the money ahead of time for the next year and doesn't have to worry about raising it in December. This keeps it from conflicting with the Goodfellows and other Christmas time expenses.

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Help!

Also approved by the Court was a resolution in favor of supporting the Unfunded Mandate Amendment, that would expressly prohibit the imposition of a mandatory governmental program on Texas counties, whether by an act of the Texas Legislature or a state agency or by executive order, unless the state has fully funded and disbursed all necessary funds to enable Texas counties to operate the said governmental program.

A motion by Commissioner Bobby Smith was approved appointing Michael Bartley as a member of the Rolling Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Precinct 3.

Upon the recommendation of Mayree Turnbow of the Haskell County Probation Office, the Court approved the Juvenile Grant Resolution.

At the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court, Nov. 25, appreciation was extended to Bob and Darlene Smith for the Christmas decorations donated to the County in memory of Allie Belle Smith. Bob Smith commented on the good cooperation of the county hands in putting up the decorations.

A motion by Commissioner Johnny Scoggins to allow Jerry Hearn to place a cattle guard across County Road 1692 was approved.

A motion by Commissioner Thompson to advertise to sell two motor graders and to buy two motor graders for Precinct 3 was approved.

A motion by Commissioner Smith to advertise for bids to remove and replace the shingles on the gazebo was approved.

Also approved was a motion to set meal reimbursement by the County at \$8.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 for lunch, and \$12.00 for dinner, with no receipts being required.

Rule lighting, poster winners

Entries in the Rule Home and Yard Lighting contest were judged Sat., Dec. 13. The winners are: 1st place, Lee Roy Wilson; 2nd place, Joel Lane; 3rd place, Jack Coker.

The Children's Christmas Poster contest had 32 entries. The winners

Kindergarten: 1st place, Caleb Stowe; 2nd place, Haley Macias; 3rd place, Tie-Taylor Hunt and Sarah Campbell.

First Grade: 1st place, Taylor Flanary; 2nd place, Paul Nieto; 3rd place, Tie-Jonah Caddell and Nikki Flores.

Second Grade: 1st place, Lizzie Ewing; 2nd place, Nikki Ortiz; 3rd place, Tie-Skylar Brown and Brandon Cooper.

Third Grade: 1st place, R. Darryl Williams; 2nd place, Courtney

Fourth Grade: 1st place, Kymbre Kupatt; 2nd place, Chanler Robertson: 3rd place, Elizabeth

Fifth Grade: 1st place, Allison Petty: 2nd place, Stephanie Threet; 3rd place, Shalisse Vanderbilt.

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Dunlap's daughter, Anita Dunlap of Germany, said this birthday is especially blessed since her mother had heart surgery in April and has lived to tell about it, and "is the same. sweet, gentle lady she has always been.





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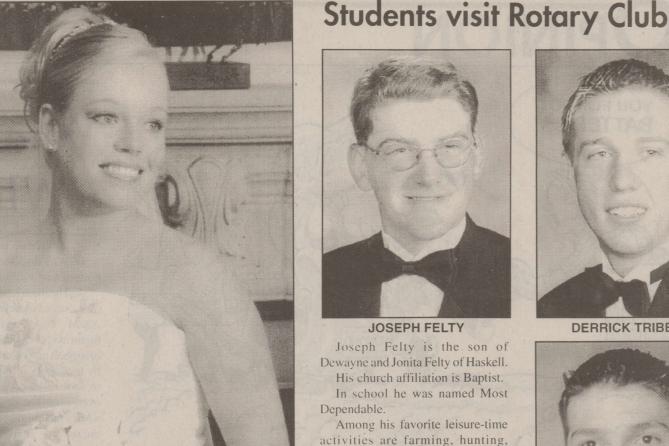


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He attends Haskell First Baptist

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hanging out with friends and playing

plans to attend Texas Tech

Basketball in 2002 and 2003.

basketball, golf and Fellowship of

and Emily Garcia of Haskell.

Christian Students.

University.

Church.

MRS. ROBERT RYAN COOPER

Stapleton, Cooper wed

Cathryn Hope Stapleton and bert Ryan Cooper were joined in narriage, Sat., Nov. 22, at the listoric Baker Building in Lubbock. the Honorable Charles Chapman

The bride is the daughter of Max d Christie Stapleton of Haskell, nd the granddaughter of M. O. Stapleton of Plainview.

The bridegroom is the son of Buddy and Sherry Cooper of Lubbock, and the grandson of Bob and Shirley Cooper of Spur and Henry and Billie Helen Pope of Lubbock.

Maid of honor was Anna Rieger of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Amy Burson and Katie Cooper, both of Lubbock, Leslie McAfee and Rachel Davis, both of Weatherford, Junior bridesmaid was Hannah Flowers of Aspermont.

Serving as best man was Matt Vance of Lubbock. Groomsmen werevoRyanuo Heinrichzeir Coby Thompson, Rhett Mimms and Adam

Medlock, all of Lubbock. Junior groomsman was Coley Flowers of

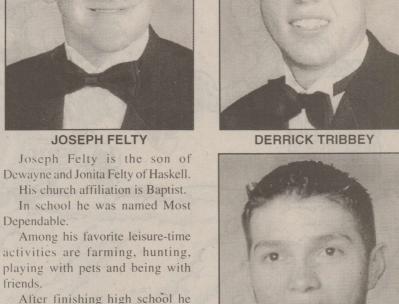
Ushers were Jeff Flowers, Jay Hagadone.

The bride graduated from Haskell High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School, and carned a Masters Degree in Ag Education from Texas Tech University. He is employed by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service in Collingsworth County.

Aspermont. Flowers, Brent Keith and Charlie Bill Brownlow. Serving in the house party were Susann Flowers, Melanie Alvarez, Vanessa Miller, Farrah Sumners, Mandy Vance, Sarah, Sally and Sadie Dierschke, and Paige

Following a trip to the National Roded Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple is residing in Wellington.



OSIEL GARCIA

In school he is active in Journalism, the War Whoop and Yearbook, golf, Quill and Scroll, and the Fellowship of Christian Students.

Awards and recognitions he has received are: Who's Who Among High School Students; 4-H Gold Star; Texas High School Press 1st place sports photo; I.L.P.C. Honorable Mention, sports feature

His favorite leisure-time activities are being an avid photographer, playing basketbell, hanging out with friends and water skiing.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Texas Tech University and become a photo journalist.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Commission paves way for toll roads

AUSTIN-Looking down the road toward Texas' transportation future, there's a toll booth not too many figurative mile markers ahead. Or maybe a toll tag on your vehicle's windshield, right there above your registration and inspection stickers.

The three-member Transportation Commission voted unanimously last Thursday to institute a new policy that will lead to a new way of building highways faster than currently possible through the use of gasoline tax revenue.

The policy the commission approved requires the Department of Transportation to study every controlled-access highway project either in the planning or construction phase—to see if it could be converted into a tollway.

"We are just developing guidelines on the best way to collectively figure out how to solve the (transportation) problem and evaluate which roadways should be considered (for tolls)," Commissioner Ric Williamson said before the vote.

Commissioner Robert L. Nichols noted that the gasoline tax, which has paid for Texas highways since the 1920s, is "inefficient." On the other hand, he said, "Tolling ... allows us to build roads years, if not decades, faster.'

John W. Johnson, commission chair, stressed that public input would be sought long before any toll booths go up. And converting segments of highways will take a vote by county commissioners.

But the fundamental change seems to be coming—there are no

Speaking of transportation...

Gov. Rick Perry appointed two new members to the Transportation Commission on Dec. 15: Hope Andrade of San Antonio and Ted Houghton Jr. of El Paso.

Once the commissioners are sworn in by the secretary of state, the policy-making body will be up to its new five-member strength. The Legislature increased the size of the

Lunch-Sloppy joes, potato salad,

Wed., Dec. 31

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

pinto beans, sliced onions/pickles,

Harvest cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Services blood pressure check

panel last spring.

Andrade is vice president of OptimaCare Inc. and has prior experience as a member of the Texas Turnpike Commission (since folded into the Transportation Department.) Houghton is an El Paso insurance

Something for the teachers...

One measure that got little or no attention during the 78th Legislature was House Bill 1844. But if you teach school, or go to a public school in Texas, the bill has resonance.

Essentially, the new law allows the Texas Education Agency to grant eligible schools up to \$200 per teacher so they can be reimbursed for any classroom supplies they buy with their own money.

School districts must match the money with local funds.

Teachers may use the money at their discretion, providing it benefits their students.

Easier than the shots...

Flu vaccine is a lot harder to get these days than an attack from the viruses the shots protect against, but there is another way to protect yourself-wash your hands.

Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez recently recommended a two-step flu control program: Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and wash your hands frequently.

Simplistic as that sounds, that's how the flu spreads, Sanchez said.

Bad December for the Grinch...

"Last year, the Grinch stole Christmas," Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said recently. "We were seeing declining sales tax revenue at both the state and the local level, and tough economic times were also taking a toll on other revenue

But this year, she said, the Grinch isn't going to get Christmas. Sales tax revenue is up compared to last year.

In fact, Strayhorn said, sales tax revenue is up for the sixth month in a row compared to last year. The last time that happened was in 2001, prior to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 that

onions, baked beans, garlic toast,

Fri., Jan. 2

Lunch-King Ranch chicken,

potato salad, green beans, tomato

wedge, sliced onions, yeast rolls,

dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

cherry jello with cookies





From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"Tell me a Christmas story, Grandpa," she said, smoothing her Barbie's cloud of platinum curls before putting the glamourous doll to bed in her new plastic town house.

"Well," the old man said as he smiled and laid aside the newspaper. "How about the one about the reindeer on the first Christmas?"

"Oh, Grandpa, I don't want to hear about Rudolf again. Tell me a

She knew that her Grandpa would lean back and close his eyes for a moment as if searching through his memory for just the right story and then, nodding his head, satisfied that he'd found it, he'd loudly clear his throat and begin.

"Once upon a mighty long time ago-about two thousand years, to be exact, there was this Maker and Giver of good gifts. He had already made and given everything in the world to his children, but he saw that many of them weren't happy with it or with each other. They were troubled by discontent and didn't get along well together; fussing and even

fighting among themselves over the good gifts, wasting and ruining them.

"Because he loved his children so much, he decided to send them something different; the greatest gift that could ever be given, to show them a better way to live and how to love one another.

"When everything was ready, he called in his heavenly messengers to help him. No, this wasn't Rudolf that the Giver sent to take his greatest of all gifts to the earthly children.

"He sent Ray of Sunshine (who pranced and danced around so much they could hardly get him harnessed up), and then came Tidings of Great Joy (who could hardly wait to get to tell all about it). After those two came Hope of Earth (who looked so calm and serene), and finally, in the

lead spot, was Star of Bethlehem. "Star was brilliant, and he outdid himself that night. It was all that Ray of Sunshine and Tidings of Great Joy could do to keep up with him. He never missed a twinkle or blinkle all night. Even after they helped deliver the tiny package, he kept on

hovering and shining over it so that the Giver's earthly children could find the gift in the dark of the world.

"The gift? Why, it was a baby

prince, called the Prince of Peace, who would grow up to bring that peace to all of the people of the earth, and to show them how to live happily in the ever-after.'

Snuggling up close to her Grandpa's chest, feeling the warmth and comfortable thumping of his ancient heart, she said, "Oh, Grandpa, that's the greatest story ever told to me. I wish I were as old as you are so I could have known the Maker and Giver. I don't even know what his name is."

Looking down into the blue-eyed, trusting, ageless innocence, her Grandpa half-whispered, "Ah, but Sugar, you do know him. His name

*Note: Taken from the files of the Free Press, this is a 'replay' of my first Christmas story written for the paper in Dec. 1990. Merry Christmas to you all.

Weather Whys

Ice on bridges

Q: Why does ice seem to form on bridges and overpasses first?

A: The main reason is heat—or lack of it, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. Roads and highways, even though they are made of asphalt and concrete, are protected by the ability of the soil underneath to absorb heat. "But bridges and overpasses are suspended in the air, which means they do not have the means to absorb heat," Odins explains. "So when temperatures start dropping to below freezing, it takes a while for the ground temperature to reach freezing. But bridges and overpasses, with freezing air on top and below the structures. will cool down and freeze much quicker.

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

A: True, adds Odins. "Bridges don't have any way to trap heat, so they lose heat quickly and this allows them to freeze up quicker than roads." Odins says. "The simple explanation is that bridges tend to follow the outside air temperature very closely. So if the temperatures drop below freezing and it starts to sleet or snow, the bridge's surface will also fall below freezing and snow and sleet will stick to it very quickly. Ice can form on bridges and combined with a layer of snow, makes driving conditions very dangerous. That's why bridges and overpasses are the first to be sanded when icing is about to occur.'

Sleet

Q: What is sleet?

A: Sleet is rain that freezes into ice pellets before it reaches the ground, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Rain will drop from upper warm air and then falls through a layer of freezing air relatively near the ground," Odins

"Further cooling produces ice pellets, which we usually call sleet. 'Sleet' is usually a term used in America, and other countries refer to it in different ways, but it's the same thing: water that starts out as rain and becomes frozen into ice pellets."

Q: What happens when sleet hits

the ground?

A: It tends to accumulate like snow and can form a dangerous glaze, says Odins. "Sleet frequently 8 mixes with freezing rain. Sleet forms 16 typically toward the north of a warm front, or in the cool sector, and is often sandwiched in or mixed with areas of snow and freezing rain. All of it tends to stick to the ground, car windshields, trees and just about anything it touches. For years, salt was used-and sometimes still is-to keep roads clear from sleet and ice because it melts the ice and keeps it from refreezing. But salt makes cars rust and over time, can destroy bridges and streets and also can cause damage to trees and water supplies. Sand is now used in many areas to clear away sleet and ice, but in heavy snow, salt is still the best, despite its many drawbacks."

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 23, 1993

Best decorated residences were first place, home of Allie Belle Smith; second place, home of Randy and Janie Stone; third place tie, home of Tonya and Amy Burson and home of Timotea A. Stuart.

Best business decorations were first place, Boggs & Johnson Furniture: second place, The Slipper Shoppe and third place, Double A Drive-Inn.

The children of Nancy Toliver surprised her with a retirement party. Her teaching experience began in 1954 at New Deal ISD. A total of 30 years were spent with several school districts in Texas, along with raising a family of four children.

Four seniors received awards at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show and advanced to the state competition. They included Tonya Burson, Kaki Stapleton, Nisha Patel and Paige Lammert.

20 Years Ago December 22, 1983

Janet E. Follstaedt of Haskell was elected vice president of Mercantile Texas Corporation.

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm announced that Frederich Lee Barnett of Haskell was included in a slate of nominees to the United States Service Academics. Included on the President's List at

West Texas State University was Bradford Hennig of Haskell County. Nancy Lynn Kimbrough of Haskell graduated from Tarleton State University with honors with a BBA degree in office administration.

30 Years Ago December 27, 1973

Calvin Wilfong of Haskell was elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Gloria Darnell of Haskell traveled to London. England with a Study Abroad Program out of the University of Wisconsin. The topic of study was a comparative study of law enforcement and government in England and the United States.

Anna Kimbrough of Haskell was one of 63 Hardin-Simmons University students who completed their degree requirements. She received a bachelor of science degree.

Bank president Abe Turner and Herman Marcus plant manager Amelia Perry made the silver-dollar payroll to H-M employees as the first H-M payroll for Haskell County.

40 Years Ago December 26, 1963

Nora Marie Adams of Alvin, granddaughter of E. P. Adams, wellknown innkeeper at the Hotel Haskell and bus station agent here, was tapped for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Sherry Burson, of Haskell, was a member of the stage crew in the play "Christ in the Concrete City." a production the Hardin-Simmons University Players staged. They toured from Texas to New York.

of the Rule High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America and Louetta Barbee was selected Sweetheart of the school's Future

Susie Helwig and Johnny Josselet

Eddie Chambers was named Beau

were introduced as Football

Sweetheart and Football Hero at

Haskell Junior High School.

Farmers of America Chapter. 50 Years Ago December 24, 1953 Selected for first place in the annual Christmas home decorating and lighting contest was the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burton, second place went to the home of Iva Palmer,

third place was the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Wheatley, and fourth place

was the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Swinson. Mary House Martin was 'teacher of the week.' She taught language arts in Haskell Junior High School to three sections of sixth graders. She taught near Rotan and Paint Creek

before coming to Haskell. Edna Jean Branch, fourth grade teacher in Haskell, was selected as 'teacher of the week.' She held similar positions in Snyder and in Paducah school systems.

100 Years Ago December 26, 1903

J. F. Albin, one of our enterprising stock farmers, whose place is near Marcy, reports a good deal of prosperity in all lines in his section. His particular pride just now is a bunch of fine yearlings he is preparing for the market next spring.

Mr. Touchstone and family, late of Coryell County, have located in Haskell. We are informed that Mr. Touchstone. Jr. has bought the Haskell division of the Haskell-Seymour mail line, and will operate it himself.

In the Service

Army Spec. Rodney D. Currington has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the eight weeks of training. Currington studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Currington is the son of Joyce F. Layland of Haskell and Kenneth Currington of Levelland.

He is a 1987 graduate of Levelland High School, and a 1996 graduate of Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater.

Announcements begin at 11:45 Lunch-German sausage/BBQ sauce, parslied potatoes, sliced a.m. followed by lunch.

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Dear Santa, please bring me a

Dear Santa,

Well, it's that time of year again, and I think I've been a pretty good little fellow this year, although my big sister might disagree! Would you please bring me a real guitar, a tank truck, some tractors, and some presents and that's all I want. Don't orget to bring my sister something (something special because I do aggravate her a lot!), and something for my mama and daddy. I will have a special snack for you, so please have a safe trip!

Love, Hunter Threet, age 4 Rule, Tx.

Dear Santa.

I want a playstation 2, and game, like Hot Wheels racing game for playstation 2. I live in Alvin, Texas. My granny and Uncle Carl live at Haskell. I also want a remote control Hummer, I like the color silver. And a silver zip zap Jeep.

Sincerliy, Kody Hughes

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl in alvin, x. Will you please bring me a arokee machine and leaprad chair me. Don't forget granny and uncle arl Rueffer on their farm. Granny ants a helper at home and uncle Carl ants a trip to Hawaii to see the cean. love ya Lots.

Madison Hughes

Dear Santa,

This is my 1st Christmas! I'm only months so I will like whatever you ring me. My parents and my big other, Garrison, are very proud of

Emma Grace Poyer

Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old and I live in leeker. Oklahoma. My favorite lace to visit is my Uncle Kenny's arm at Paint Creek. I have been a good boy this year. A couple of toys would be fine.

Thanks, Santa Garrison Poyer

Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I like to paint. Please bring me some stickers, a paint set and an artist apron. I love you, Santa! I would like some suckers,

Love, Marie Claire Goff

Dear Santa,

I want you to please bring me a Barbie house with a ladder, a swimming pool, and a swan lake Barbie doll. Please don't forget to bring Bubba and Abbers something good too. I am so excited about Christmas and have tried to be a really good girl this year.

Love, Allie Andress

Dear Santa,

This is my very first Christmas and I am not real sure what all is happening. However, I have already gotten under our tree at home and opened a present. I had a really good time tearing up the paper, so if you will just bring me anything wrapped with shiny ribbon. I am sure I will love it.

Abby Andress

For Christmas I want a radio pen, games for Gameboy, clock, more mood rings, necklaces. purple beanbag, games 2 people can play, mini fridge to go in my room, more

Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas. Don't forget about Kaylee, my new sister. Kelsey Strickland

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a keyboard rock tumbler, scrapbook, CD player, Gameboy Advance SP, Spongebob game for Playstation 2, comforter, a purse, new Alan Jackson and Tim McGraw CDs. Merry Christmas

Kacey Strickland

Dear Santa,

My name is Caden Tatum and I am five years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me some Incredible Hulk hands, new Spiderman gloves that spray, a Power Range that talks, a new Rescue Hero coloring book, Star Commander, a Dark Wing Duck movie, Wild Force Power Ranger game, a Pokemon ball and a new basketball. Santa don't forget my sister Aubrie, cousins Zachary, Garret, Taylor, and Krislyn. I will leave you some snacks on the table and also bring mommy and daddy something.

Yours truly, Caden Tatum

Dear Santa, My name is Aubrie Tatum and I am 6 years old. I have just moved back to Haskell. I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a new Barbie blanket for my bed, a new real puppy, a new Barbie doll, and Easy Bake oven, a Tweety Bird candle, new clothes, a new bicycle, a new rocking chair, a new play car, Adventures of Piglet movie, a new dress and a pink wig. Don't forget my brother, Caden, and mommy and daddy. Also don't forget my cousins and all the other boys and girls. I will

Grandpa half-whisper mutaT girduA

leave you some snacks on the table.

Dear Santa, I am in 1st grade in Dallas. I am learning to read so I would be happy to get lots of books and some dress-up clothes.

Thank you, Santa Lauren Nicole Goff Dear Santa.

We have moved into a new house this year, and have lots of room for animals now. I would like for you to bring me a new horse to put in the pasture. I would also like a new cat and dog. Please bring me a deer grunt, binoculars, hunting shirt, and a BB gun. I would love to be able to go hunting with dad. If you have room in your sleigh, dad would love a new 4x4 truck.

Love. Adam Andress

Dear Santa.

I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie with orange hair and orange boots, a Care Bear, Sonic ice cream maker, new clothes and new shoes. Love always,

Amber Alexander, age 5

Dear Santa, My name is Riley Meinzer. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a red bicycle with flames, some games, a blue spy kit, and instructions on how to be a spy. I also would like a skateboard

Your friend,

My name is Dalton Meinzer. I am 3 years old. Please bring me a bicycle, some Playdoh, and a big teddy bear, I will leave you some milk and cookies by the fireplace. I love you Santa.

Your friend,

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a remote control car, Freaky Friday CD, a Bop It, stickers (Christmas and animals are my favorites) and the DVD of Santa Claus 2.

Thanks a bunch!!! Ashlee Short

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year most of the time. I want a blade, blade set, Game Cube and all of the coolest games for my Game Cube, game for my Gameboy called Mario & Luici and Mario Super Sunshine and Super Smash Brothers. I would like for you to leave my dog, Ranger, a dog toy and my mommy needs a new pillow. I'll leave you something to eat and something for the reindeers.

Love, Reed Lee

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good wishes for a happy holiday season.

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Dear Santa.

My name is Taylor Tatum and I am 3 years old. For Christmas this vear I would like you to bring me Pokemon cards, two cars one red and one blue, some Root Beer, a real horse, some new cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. Also a new big barn for my new horse. Santa don't forget my two big brothers and baby sister. Also bring something for mommy and daddy. I will leave some cookies and milk for you by the tree.

Love. **Taylor Tatum**

Dear Santa.

My name is Garret Tatum and I am 5 years old. I have really tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a Hot Wheel Track, new shoes, a new bike, new sheets for my bed. Also, some Hot Wheels cars, a computer game and a new computer. I would also like a new cat, new shirts and anything else you would like to bring me. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Oh, yeah I also need some new underwear.

Thanks. Garret Tatum

Dear Santa, My name is Zachary Tatum and I am 7 years old. I would like a race car set with race cars, Pokemon cards, Yugio cards, a new bigger bike, new clothes, new shoes, a toy guitar. Will leave some milk and cookies for you by tree. Please remember my

brothers Garret and Taylor, sister

Krislyn and cousins Aubrie and

Merry Christmas Santa! Zachary Tatum

Dear Santa,

My name is Krislyn Tatum and I am 17 months old. I have tried to be a good sister. I would like you to bring me a new baby doll, a Care Bear, some new clothes and anything else you think I might like. Santa don't forget all the other good boys and girls. Please bring mommy and daddy something too. Will leave you some cookies by the tree.

Love, Krislyn Tatum

May the timeless spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this season and alu'ars.

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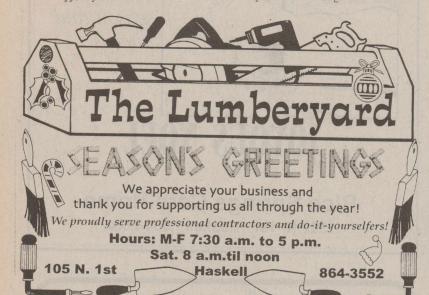
Dear Santa, for Christmas I would like a

I have been a good girl this year. I love you very much. I want you to bring me a play Station 2. I also want you too bring me a game and a siamese beanie baby. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.

Love Ashley, 8 yr.

How are the reindeer doing? How the elfs coming on the work? I would like a 'mote control car (one without the wires), my own play gun and I want my own kitchen. I hope you have a good day and I'll see you next Christmas.

Dylan Hanson, age 6





Greetings Of The Season

'Tis covered with snow, O'er bills and below, Just in time for the big day. And hearts are aglow, Because they all know, St. Nick's on his merry way!

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HASKELL OFFICE Dale Bullinger, President 864-8565

Hello! I have been a good boy since a long time ago. I want to tell you about the Blue's Clues Thinking Chair and the bicycle (I want these for Christmas). Thank you, Santa, for my Thomas (from last year). It makes me happy. Please remember Ethan (my little brother). He wants a dinosaur cup and a tricycle.

Hove you. Jonah Bulls, age 4

Dear Santa.

I want a Barbie and a Barbie Repunzal. I want a play cat too. No fuzzy things for my dog. I also want a play kitchen that's wood.

Love,

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, motorcycle pants and boots. I already have a motorcycle shirt. I just want three things. My Braydon maybe wants a train.

Love,

Dear Santa.

I have been a good boy this year. for Christmas I would like an X-men II DvD, an I-Spy DvD and Dragon ball z budai 2 and Fenchie hudri

playset. Love

Brian, age 9

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like new clothes and new shoes and a teddy bear.

Love

Lauren Alexander, age 2

I have been a good girl this year, for Christmas I would like a cane bear maker and a care baer and new clothes and new shoes.

Love Zina

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie kitchen and a

Barbie the same size as me.

Chankeyou, or ammed yourned I Sara Edwards

I am just starting to talk in sentences so mommy is helping me. I want a dinosaur cup and a tricycle for Christmas (I call it "kitmas"). I have been a sweet boy, giving lots of smiles and kisses. I can't help it when I "steal" from my big brother ("broer"). Jonah. He is so fun to tease and take things from. I promise to not do it as much. Thank you, Santa. We will leave some Dr. Pepper (never diet) and Mommy's oatmeal scotchies (I know they are your favorite).

I love you. Ethan Bulls, age 2

Dear Santa.

Hi! My name is Emma Sanders. I am 5 years old. My Nan Na and Aunt Mer Mer said I have been a good girl. Santa for Christmas I want a LeapPad, Barbie, and what ever else you want me to have.

Hove you Santa, Emma Sanders

P. S. We will have milk and cookies. Please bring some toys for my little sisters Magon and Autom.

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Magon Sanders. I am 3 years old. My Nan Na and Aunt Mer Mer said I have been a very good girl. Santa for Christmas I want an Easy Bake oven, a Barbie and Leap Pad Jr. and what ever else you want me to have.

I love you Santa,

Magon Sanders P. S. We will leave milk and cookies for you. Bring toys for my sisters Emma and Autom.

Dear Santa,

My name is Hollyn. I want a CD player like my sisters. They have a red one and yellow one, so maybe blue would be good. I want everything in the Geoffrey catalog, too. My sisters want some stuff, too.

Hollyn Dee Hadaway 3 years old

Dear Santa I want a gameboy SP and a Playstation 2

Thank you,

Blake Edwards, mismil 304

Dear Santa Claus.

My name is Cole Beeson, and I am 3 1/2 years old. I've tried to be a good boy throughout the year. I'm really looking forward to your visit Christmas Eve. Here are some things I would like for you to bring me. I would like a motorcycle, train. trumpet, fire truck, and a remote control monster truck. I will leave cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

Dear Santa,

My name is Carson. This year I want a Quantum Pad from Leap Frog. The games I want with it is Third Grade Grammer, Third Grade History, and Third Grade Math. We're gonna leave you chocolate chip cookies and raspberry lemonade. Please leave bones and chew toys for my dogs.

Sincerely, Carson Hadaway 9 yrs., Haskell

Dear Santa.

My name is Reagan. I want a Disney princess CD boom box and a Disney princess alarm clock. Maybe some books for my LeapPad. Please remember my friends and my sisters.

Reagan Lou Hadaway 7 years old

Dear Santa,

My name is Jordan Westerman. I am 23 months old. I would like Santa to bring me a Big Wheels Jeep, anything that lights up or makes music or noise. Bring my mommy, daddy, granny and papa something too. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you and your reindeers.

Love,

Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you? My name is Cie Avel, and I am 23 months old. I have been very good this year, and that's why I'm writing you this letter. Since I have been a good girl, I would like to ask for a few items that I'm sure you can deliver to my house. These items include anything with Dora the Explorer on it, a table and chairs for my room, LeapPad Learning System, colors and coloring books, and a bottle of bubbles. Please bring something for my parents and grandparents. They have been good, too. You deliver your deal, and I'll have a little something special waiting for you.

Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa.

I have been sweet and good and I love you. I want you to bring me a Carebear and Strawberry Shortcake and surprises.

Love you,

Kylie Adams, 5 years old

Dear Santa

I whant a gameboy Sp it is so cool that will be all. So here's a piture.

Nathan Edwards

Dear Santa.

I would like some perfume, a little rug to put in my room, a kazoo, a set of flowers, a magical wetting doll, a little bell, and another candle to put in my room. I would also like a star to hang on my tree, some pretend fruit to put in my fridge, and a guitar. I wish you could come to my house? and see me sometime. I have been a good girl this year. We will have milk and cookies waiting for you. Thank

you and I love you! Bailey Ann Toliver

Age 4

Dear Santa,

My Din-dee is helping me write this letter because he's a good big brother. Can I please have a new baby doll with clothes and a bottle? I would like my own kitchen to make the baby's food and my own painting center and decorations for gingerbread. How are you doing on the very good work? Checking the good list and the naughty list? I love

Love, Landry Hanson, age 2

Dear Santa, My name is Drake and my sister's name is Calie. We have both been very good this year! I would like

T7, new ropes, and either a dirt bike a go cart or a motor scooter. Bring my sister the new wagon with cool blocks and anything else.

madden 2004, 3 white long sleeve

shirts with T7 on them, a vest with

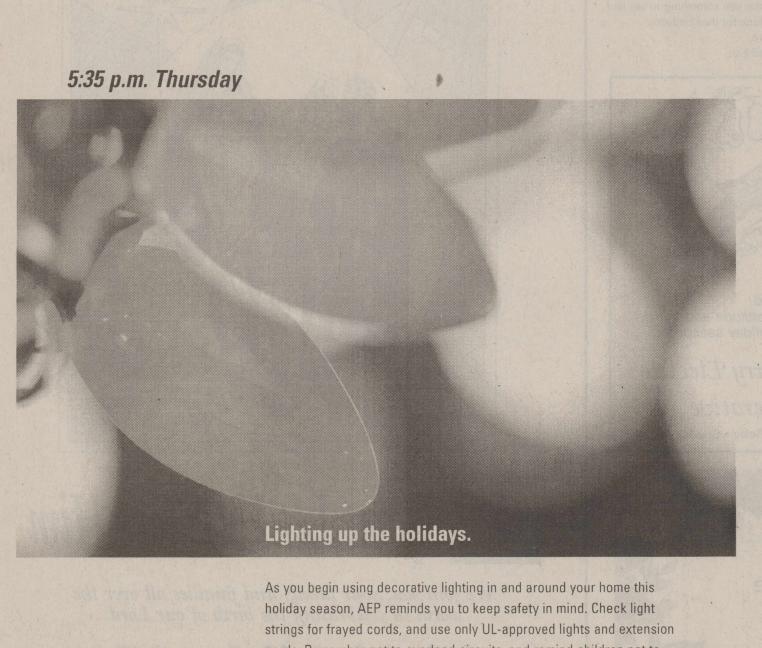
Love.

P. S. You can come down my chimney this year. Milk and cookies will be by the tree.

Dear Santa,

I would like a four wheeler, an Uncle Henry pocket knife, a scanner commander, a Harry Potter guiddich match game for my Gameboy Advance, and gas for the four wheeler. I am hopeful you will get me these 5 things. We will feed you and your reindeer when you get here. Thank you.

Love, Shelton Toliver, age 8



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How are the reigndeer and elves doing this year? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me Playstation 2, Animal Crossing game for GameCube, all five pieces to Exodia, and a music set. I will leave you milk and cookies. I hope you all at the North Pole have a Merry Christmas.

> Love, Cole Casey

P. S. Don't forget my baby sister

Marley.

Dear Santa Claus

I hope you hav a good Christmas. I hope you hav a good time on your sleigh on Christmas. This is what I want for Christmas. I want some Clickits and a Bike and a Carebear and a bratz doll and a Lego Discover two magical Land Sta Lego Belville and a Christmas Lego Set.

Your truly, Rebecca Foreman P. S. Happy Christmas

Dear Santa Clause,

Merry Christmas Santa I have been a very good boy. Slidedown the chimney. I want a Spider man lego set, ramp, and Pirate ship lego set.

Yours truly, Rodney

Hi Santa!

My name is Tyler Klose King, and I am four and 1/2 years old. I have tried to be good all year. If you have been watching I guess you already know about the powdered sugar thing-well anyway.

Please leave a pink and purple bicycle for me at Nans' and Paps' house. We put my name on it at Walmart so you will bring the right one. I would love a real cook refrigerator, and a Chicken Pox doll, named Kelly.

Please remember my special Mam Ma Matthews. She would like a red

Nans will have milk and cookies for you and Paps a round bale for Rudolph.

See you soon your friend

Tyler King

Dear Santa,

da I am I year old, so don't know what I want for Christmas. I love to nclimb so maybe you could get me Issome sort of apparatus suitable for usafe climbing.

My mom needs some of those devices that will keep me from being able to open each and every cabinet in the house and throwing every item out of them.

Thank you Love,

Cash Dylan Bassett

Dear Santa,

I am Crissy Bassett, 6 years old. I would like some makeup and fingernail polish. I wanted a cat but now I already just got one.

Love, Crissy Bassett

I really want a Barbie race car. I can drive it with my foot and I can go fast! My bubba, Chase, can ride with me, but I drive it with my foot! I want a "jumpolina" (Trampoline) for Christmas, please! I like you Santa. I don't want to sit in your lap! I leave you cookies and milk! I love

Kourtney Gibson, age 2

Dear Santa

I want a kaiba Deck of gu-gi-oh cards that is first Editon and a 2 fast 2 furious medium cars, and a go-cart and. spy hunter 2. and a snare drum with sticks and. a gu-gi-oh folder and a matrix reloaded movie and a yugi-oh Deck that is first editon.

Isaiah Llewellyn

Dear Santa

This letter is for my little sister. She is 11 months old. I'd like you to bring her learning toys and colthes and a riding and push toy. Love

Isaiah Llewellyn and J'Lynn

Dear Santa,

I would like a Leapfrog and a little bike. Also, could you bring me "Nemo?" I thank Jesus for you in my bedtime prayers every night.

Love, Hayden Guzman, 2 years old

Dear Santa,

My name is Marley Casey and I am 5 1/2 months old. My mommy is writing this letter for me because I can't write yet. I have been a very good girl. Please bring me an Activity Center, a jumper and teether.

> Thank you Santa Love, Marley Casey

Dear Santa,

I know you are my friend but I was still afraid to sit in your lap. I told Daddy to come see you so I hope he did. I have been pretty good this year so please bring me a Toy Story game, an Air Hockey Table, a robot, a lion, and some new guns so me and my cousins can play "Stinky Pete." I will leave you some Oreos and milk.

Hove you, Laken Olson, 3 yrs.

P. S. Please say hi to The Grinch.

Dears Santa,

I want a Texas Tech wallet I want a Hulk scooter. I want a Spiderman scooter. I want a BB gun. Can you get Reed a Spiderman skate board and Emma a baby doll?

Love, Alec Roewe, age 5

Dear Santa,

I want a baby bed for my dolls and a baby swing. I've been good!

Love, Jacee Guess, age 5

Dear Santa,

I want a train. I want roller blades too with my train. I love roller blades, I can go really far with my roller blades. I've been good! Love,

Braydon Smith, age 5

I am 4 years old and I have been a good girl. I would like to have a Daisy Dog and a new bike. I would also like a Barbie Talking Townhouse and a vaccum cleaner that is my size so I can clean my room. I will leave cookies and milk.

Love. Natalic Contreras

Dear Santa

I've been kinda good this year. I am seven years old. I would like a big bike. (24") Joey's pack of yu-gioh cards and kaiba's.

Love,

Daniel Contreras

Dear Santa.

My name is Logan Steele. I am 2 years old. And I have tried to be a good boy this year. I really would like some tools, and other toys. I will leave you something good to eat and drink by the tree. Please bring my mom something too.

Thank you, Logan Steele

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor Hunt, I am 5 yrs. old. I am a good boy. For Christmas I would like a Game Cube, some games, and other toys. I will leave you some refreshments by the tree.

Thank you Santa, Taylor Hunt

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good boy this year. I would like some toys that my big brother won't take away from me. Also, I really like books so could you bring me more of those, too? Have a safe trip and please don't forget my Mama and Daddy.

Love, Landry Olson, 17 months.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Addisyn Grace Bates and I am 11 months old. This is my very first Christmas and I am so excited! I have been a very good girl and I hope that you will come and

For Christmas, I would like a Baby Doll, some Disney movies, any toy that plays music or makes noise, and anything else you think I would like to play with.

Please remember to bring something for my big cousins Spencer and Cole. Also, please bring my little cousin Marley a toy because this is her first Christmas too. We will be at Granny and Paw-Paw's house and we will leave you some goodies.

Please tell Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer hello.

Addisyn Grace

P. S. Please remember to bring something for all the other children in the world too!

My name is Brett Shelton, and I have been very good. This year for Christmas I would like an electric scooter (any color but pink or purple). Also, if you have time, could you put flames on the side. That is all I would like. Please don't forget my sister. Kenzie, or my cousin, Gracie. I will leave milk and cookies on the desk.

stocking at our house.

Dear Santa.

My name is Kenzie, and this year I would like a Barbie Dollhouse and some furniture for it. And a big stuffed puppy, but not like the one last year. I liked the first one last year. but I want a darker one this year. I will leave you milk in your special glass and cookies on your special

Love, Kenzie

P.S. I love you.

Dear Santa

My name is Tristen MaeLynn

Love. Tristen Swinney

Love.

P.S. Gracie will also have a Pooh

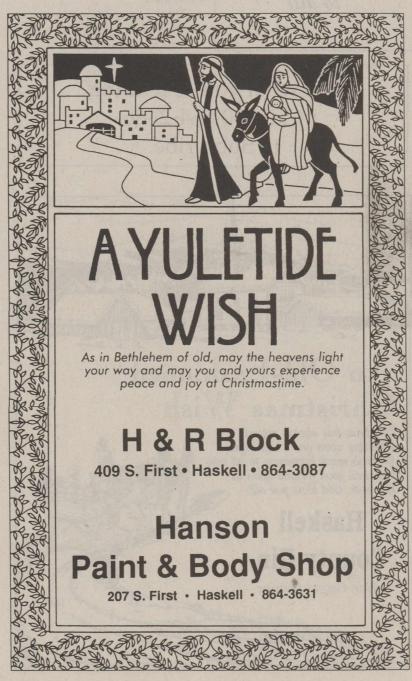
plate on the desk. Thank you Santa.

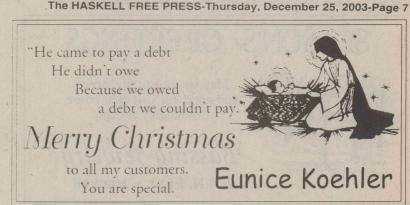
My name is Felicity. I am 4 yrs. old. My Mommy MiMi said to tell you that I have been a good girl. I hope all is well with you, Mrs. Clause, the Reindeers and the Elves. I love you all. I would like to have a DVD-VCR for my own room and some new DVD's. Also I would like a new stereo for my room, so I can listen to my tapes my S. S. teachers gave me. A microphone too, so I can sing. My Baby Doll Angel needs some new clothes and bottles. She has been a good girl too. I would like a Share Care Bear that sings. She is the purple one. I would like to have some LeapPad books for my LeapPad and an Easy Bake oven. Santa if this is too much, just bring me what you can. I know your sled is full. This is just a wish list. So you can surprise me! Please don't forget all the other children. Please don't forget my Mommy Mi Mi, my poppy, Grandmas and Granddee and my daddy. Be safe and I love you. I will have you some milk and cookies, but remember, Poppy will have our chimney burning, so be careful. I love

Your friend, Felicity

Dear Santa

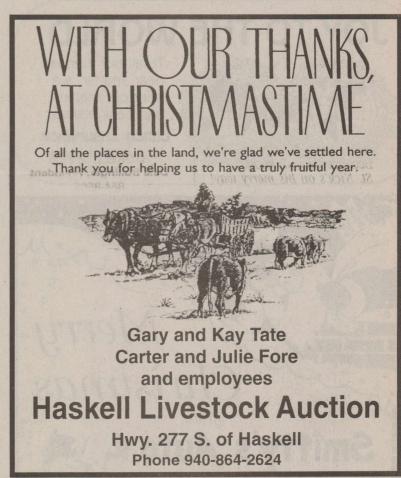
Swinney and I have tried real hard to be good this year. I am 2 years old and I really like Carebears, Wiggles, Winnie the Pooh, and Tigger. So if you can bring me something fun I will be real nice to my little brother. Thank you Santa, and if you could, bring something for my brother

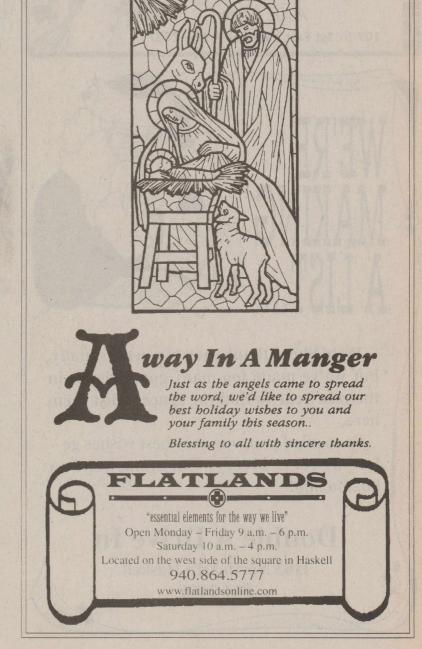














Here's hoping your holiday is stuffed with the gifts of

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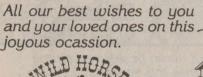


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We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here.

So to all of you, our very best wishes go for a very Merry Christmas and a ho...ho...ho!

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Dear Santa, I would like a

Hello Santa.

My name is James William Swinney but everyone calls me Will. I am 1 year old and I get into everything but I have been pretty nice. I would like to have a truck and some other toys also please I really like Barney. Thank you Santa, and if you could bring my sister something

Will

Dear Santa.

Hey! I'm the wild Bevel girl, but I'm pretty sweet, too. I just make sure my big sissies stay in line.

I want a new baby and her bed, swing, and stroller. I play baby dolls every day! I love to hold them and give hugs.

I also want to "jump-jump" on a trampoline if you'll get it for me and

Be careful at Christmas!

Braelyn Bevel, age 22 months

Dear Santa,

Hey, say hey to Rudolph. He's my favorite!

I want some Barbie stuff and a little Jeep for them to drive.

And I want you to go up in the sky and get me a star, please.

Me and my sissies all want a trampoline, too. But we'll share that

present. I promise. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,

Ashlyn Bevel, age 4

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? Are they working good on the toys? Make sure Mrs. Claus fills your stocking up! Your my favorite person that has a white beard and what kind of cookies do you want? I've been good and I want a Game Cube and a trampoline and a race car track and ninja turtle toys! My sister's been nice and my sister wants a Barbie race car, please!

Love, Chase Gibson, age 5

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little boy this year. For Christmas I would like a John Deere Power Pull Ride On, Leap Frog Little Touch with all the books, a new coat with my cattle brand on it, the new Finding Nemo movie and some new clothes. Please don't forget the rest of my family they have all been good too!!!

Cutter Medford, age 20 months



Joyous good wishes to all!

I want to sit in your lap. I'm not scared anymore cause I'm a big girl now. I'm 3!

Please get me a trampoline. A big one! And I want some new shoes. And a shirt. Um, pants. Um, socks.

Just bring me something else. A baby!! And a baby swing! Yeah. cause I love my babies.

Thank you Santa Claus. I'll get you some cookies and some milk. Love.

Kaelyn Bevel, age 3

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been pretty good this year. What I would like for Christmas is a Bratz doll, Crayola drawing set, some computer games like the Barbie Horse Adventure game, a Gooey Louie game, some clothes and a teething ring for my sister. Please have a safe trip.

Love, Sarah Campbell Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a Crash gameboy game like one of my friends game. I want a Ninja storm toy. And I want a Godzilla action figure.

I also want a Donatello Ninja turtle action figure, the one with the stick. I Love You.

Gabriel Baizo Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a robot from Power Rangers, an army tank, G.I. Joe helicopter and a spider that walks. You're the best Santa in the world. Merry Christmas to all and to all a

Braden Tanner Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I wish you would bring me a lifesize Barbie doll and a playhouse. And a fishing pole from Santa Clause. Any Bratz doll but not a boy Bratz doll. A easy bake oven to cook pancakes and cookies. And I want chicken too for my easy Bake oven. Santa Clause, I want you to remember Lauryn, my sister, and mama, and daddy.

Love, Haley Macias Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Shanisha Vanderbilt. I am 5 years. I am in Kindergarten. I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I want a Barbie Computer, and a bike and some play makeup, some clothes, a tape player and that's all. I have been a pretty good girl all year. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Hope you have a very good Christmas.

Thank you, and love Always, Shanisha Vanderbilt Rule Kindergarten

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Kade Lowack Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa.

I would like a set of play dishes. closes, roller skates, scooter, and a TV for my room. I also want a Kim Possible doll. Have a Merry Christmas Santa

Thank you Sara-M. Leonard Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa.

My mommy said Santa is coming to see me. I have to be good so you can bring me toys. I want a basketball, fish, cars, dog, and a cat. from Abel

Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, hugs!

I have been a good girl this year. I was wanting a GameBoy Advance PC. I would like a green one but if not a red one will work. I would also like a Donekey Kong Game and Tak and the Power of JoJo game for a new GameBoy. If you could I would like some new movies. I will be sure to leave you some goodies and Ruldolph some carrots. Please have a safe trip and Thank you. Take it easy, you are great!

Christina Herrera Rule First Grade

Dear Santa

I want a remote control car. I also want some hulk hands. I also say hi to the reindeer and Mrs. Claus

> Paul Nieto Rule First Grade

Dear Santa,

My family is fine and my brother is wanting to open all of his presents right now. Are the raindeer doing ok down there with you? And how is Mrs. Clause doing? Is she baking lots of cookies? My brother is really happy. He wants some dinosaurs for Christmas. A lot of dinosaurs! For Christmas I really want a for real kitty they can move by its self and it comes with a bottle. I also want an electric scooter it can roll by its self too! And how is your elfs doing? Are they making lots of toys? My brother also wants a teddy bear. And I hope you can come on Chrismas eve.

Your friend,

Lizzy Rule Second Grade

Dear Santa,

This year has ben great and I went to no how are the raindeers because I like raindeers and I like December the 25 and I like you Santa and have you had the cold Santa have you had the fever and I like the way you make the toys and I am going to like the toys you made because you worked hard on the toys. What I want for crismus is to have a great crismus and What I am going to give my mom for crismus is a little puppy and the resin I am going to give the puppy to her because she likes puppys and What I am going to give my dad is some a kitten and I went a kitten and a puppy like my mom and dad like. your friend, Rocio

Rule Second Grade

Dear Santa.

How are the rainDears are the elfs are there do good how is Mrs. Clas are you hafing the floow I hope you don't have it and what I wont is hulk hands and a power raing sode and same sockerpopers my mom wants a chickens and a rosters and my brother wonts a letrik scooder My other bother wonts some errings and I do not know what my sister wonts and I do not know what my dad wants

> your friend. Michael Rule Second Grade

Dear Santa.

This year is going to be fun. How are you doing up at the North Pole. How is Mrs. Clause doing. Dosen't Mrs. Clause have blond hair. And Dosen't she work on a helacoptor. I saw Mrs. Clause I Love the candy you game all the children. The children love the candy you gave. So is enybody getting a cold or anyting els. So the year is going good. Is it reall really cold down at the North Pole. Do you have a little helper that brings you hot coco. My Mom Patti bougt the movie Santa Clause two. And the notty kid you know charly well is he your real son or did they dist got him to put on the movie. Underline one of these questions that i am going to write down. yes or no. mark one. I have a crush on charly the boy on Santa Clause two. What I want for christmas is a electric Scooter, electric kitty cat and a

picture of you and me. Your friend,

Beca Rule Second Grade

Dear Santa,

have you bin fine? Santa haw is Mrs. Clolls. is she fine

haw are you raindeer are thay fine. Santa win it is chirimes I will give you money because you make toys For children.

And Santa haw are the ells? Santa thses are the thangs I want For chirismes a game Boy sp and Games to. you can ge me eine cide of games and new clothls

your friend,

Nikki Rule Second Grade

Dear Santa Closs,

How is the toys and rain deer oming at? Are the rain deer sick? Whats new? Have you bin teaching the rain deer how to fly? Well by the way my family has bin good. I would like 3x boxes, 600\$, 3 Nentendo 64s, 3 game boys, 3 game boy Advanses, 3 game boy Advas SPs, and add 6.000\$ and I'll leav you 18\$.

your friend, Brandon James Cooper Rule Second Grade

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good girl this year, and I want you to get me some presents. Maybe like some music CDs or a Game Boy Advance SP. I would also like a Bratz telephone for my room, please. I hope you put some candy in my stocking. We will leave you some Oreo cookies and milk. Please bring my brother, my mom and dad, and my new cousins (Sara, Blake and Nathan) some nice presents too. Merry Christmas, Santa.

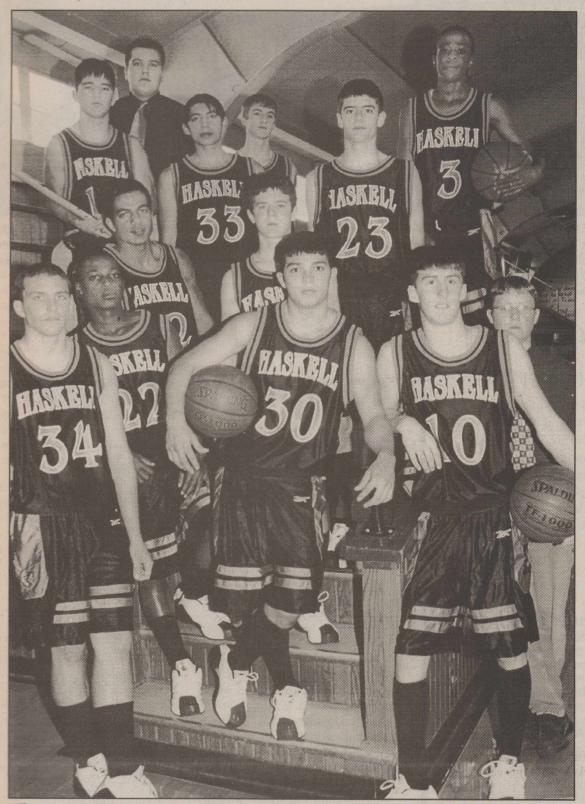
Love. Caitlin Medford, 7 years old



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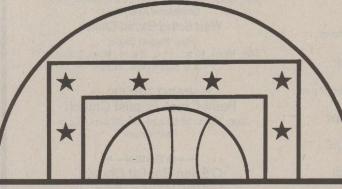
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60 Indians!

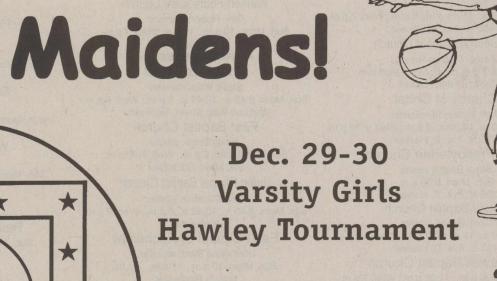


Dec. 29-30 Varsity Girls **Hawley Tournament**

Front, I-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Photo by KIS

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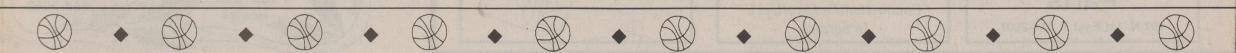


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Safe driving

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

Dr. Jim Helfin, interim pastor

Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
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Hwy 380 East, Haskell

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Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Allen Brooks, pastor

Allen Brooks, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ

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
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Tony Grand, pastor

Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Deborah Nissen, pastor

First Baptist Church
Josh Stowe, pastor
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Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.

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Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; 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

•—PAINT CREEK—•
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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O'Brien Baptist Church Milton McManus, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. O'Brien

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campaign targets

get behind the wheel, you'll find motorists to know if you drink and more than a lump of coal in your stocking come Christmas Day, says

TxDOT. You can expect penalties ranging from stiff fines and drivers license suspension to spending time in jail.

DWI prevention messages are motorists to know if you drink and you drive, you go to jail."

Texas Department of Public Safety and more than 600 local law enforcement agencies will be out in force during the holidays to keep. Texas roads and highways as safe as possible.

Garden Club holds holiday luncheon

Eleven members and one guest met Thurs., Dec. 11, to enjoy the holiday decorations and food at the Haskell Garden Club's Christmas luncheon.

During a short business meeting after the meal, the club voted to send

Merry Christmas a \$50.00 donation to the State Garden Club Office in Fort Worth to help buy new carpet for the building.

A report was given by members who attended the open house of Perry Kuehler's "Bud's For You" in Munday in November.

Members of the club brought nonperishable items to the luncheon, to be delivered to the Haskell Ministerial Alliance for the purpose of making Christmas gift baskets for needy families.





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A. 1978 Chevy bus B. 1988 Chevy bus

All bids shall be in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with the name of the bid. Bid shall be opened at the time specified. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be awarded January 22, 2004 at the regular scheduled School Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Respectfully submitted, David Parr, Superintendent Rule ISD

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For notification prior to any chemicaltreatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone.

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The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a Public Meeting on January 29, 2004. The meeting will be held in the Haskell High School auditorium at 600 North Ave. D. in Haskell. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will present the proposed rehabilitation of US 277 from south city limit to north city limit and US 380 from east city limit to west city limit in Haskell

The proposed project would consist of rehabilitating the surface of US 277 and US 380, the reconstruction of existing concrete curb and gutter and installation of new curb and gutter in selected locations. Also proposed is reconstruction existing and construction of new Americans with Disability (ADA) compliant sidewalks. The project would not require any additionally right-of-way. The purpose of the project is to improve the ride and service life of the two roadways as well as provide pedestrian facilities within the community of Haskell. Exhibits showing the proposed project location and limits will be available for public viewing at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input from the community based on the plans prepared thus far in project development presented at the meeting.

There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation by Texas Department of Transportation personnel, for the public to ask questions and make oral comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting and for ten days following the meeting date. Citizens not able to attend the public meeting may submit comments to the Texas Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 637, Hamlin, Texas 79520, Attention Joe Higgins, P.E.

If there are any questions concerning the meeting location and time please contact Joe Higgins, P.E. at (325) 576-2765.

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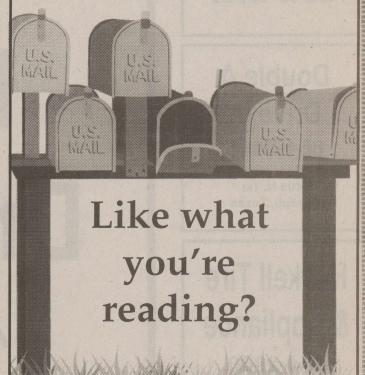
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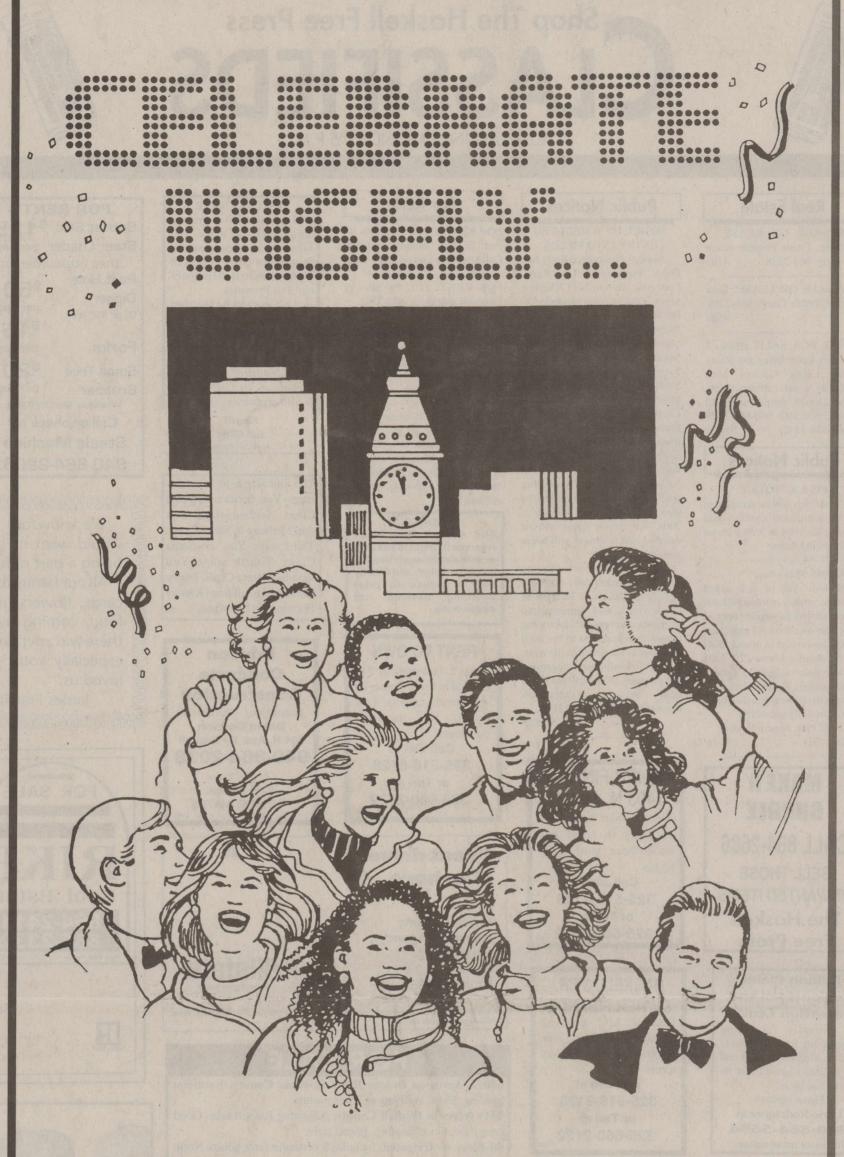
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