

## Merry Christmas

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## Operation Teddy bear underway

A token of goodwill from our troops in Iraq to the people of Iraq is reported to have aided the troops' safety when entering unfamiliar areas. To assist the troops in gestures of goodwill, a collection box for Teddy bears is located at the Haskell County Courthouse for all citizens who are interested in donating them for the troops to give to Iraqi children.

The toy bears will be delivered to Star Dealership in Abilene on Jan. 14, to be forwarded to the troops in Iraq.

Those wishing more information about Operation Teddy Bear may contact W. L. or Karen Wolf at 940-864-2777; Tommie D. Isbell at 940-864-3042; or Judge David Davis at 940-864-2851.

## Basketball games

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Dec. 27-29

Varsity Girls and Boys  
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## Calendar

### Candlelight service

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will hold a candlelight service Christmas eve, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

### Candlelight service

The Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell will hold a candlelight service Christmas eve, Dec. 24 at 11 p.m.

### Blood drive

Set Dec. 28

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 28 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell National Bank.

### Christmas mass

Midnight mass will be held at St. George Catholic Church beginning at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

### Dunlap to celebrate 85th birthday

Thelma Dunlap is celebrating her 85th birthday Dec. 24. An open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at 1103 N. Ave. G in Haskell. No gifts please.

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## Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them.

Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

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Previous total .....\$475  
Total to date .....\$625



MAKING A CHRISTMAS WISH—A happy Victoria Hertel enjoys sitting on Santa Claus' knee while giving him a list of her

Christmas wishes, during his visit in Haskell, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the Haskell County Courthouse gazebo.

## City cracking down on dog problem; to get new vehicles

Heading the agenda at the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council Mon., Dec. 13, was the City's action concerning the growing problem of loose dogs roaming through the community.

All citizens are being reminded that it is against the law for dogs in Haskell to run at large. They must

be either penned up or on a leash. If dogs are loose, a city police officer will pick them up and try to find the owners, who will be issued a citation and fine of \$140.00, plus the boarding fee for the animal. If no owner can be found after a certain amount of time, the dog will be put to sleep.

With the City getting a new pumper truck for the Fire Department this month, the Council approved the sale of two 35 and 40 year-old used trucks.

City Administrator, Sam Watson reported that the City has received a \$21,015.00 grant for a new police car, from the Governor's Criminal Justice Department. The 90-10 grant will be matched by the City with \$2,300, to outfit the new police car.

Watson also reported that the City has signed a new contract with Direct Energy for the City of Haskell's electrical needs, through CAP, a consortium of 70 other cities.

## Fireworks celebration set in Jud Dec. 31

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

As in previous years, Jim Hollingsworth and assistants will set off another large load of fireworks on the Hollingsworth farm between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6, at the intersection of FM 2407 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of County Road 146 on thirty acres of land prepared for the event. Parking along FM 2407 for a mile east of County Road 146 will again provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

Hollingsworth began the annual event in memory of his grandfather, William Edward Hollingsworth, with whom he had a discussion in 1944 about the change of the century. The five-year-old boy was heartbroken to think that his beloved granddad would not be with him to witness the new century on New Year's Eve, 1999.

Vowing to celebrate in honor of his grandfather nevertheless, he planned the display that has now become an annual New Year's Eve event in Haskell County.

The local story, first published in 1999, was picked up by newspapers in Abilene, Amarillo, Wichita Falls and Lubbock, and for numbers of area people, coming and bringing their own children and grandchildren, the event has become a ritual. For Jim Hollingsworth, the event evokes the presence of his granddad every New Year's Eve during the fireworks display. He invites everyone to come out on Dec. 31, to view the celebration ushering in the year 2005.



DRAWING FOR BIG BUCKS—Santa oversees drawing procedures during the Chamber of Commerce drawing for Haskell bucks and merchant's gift certificates, Sat., Dec. 18, at the Courthouse gazebo. Stirring the tickets in the hopper are Abe Turner, left, and Conrad Roewe.

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# Premises ID program ready; field trial for animal ID launched

Ranchers and other livestock facility owners from every facet of the Texas livestock and poultry industry can now sign up for a unique "premises identification number," for their livestock facilities. The premises identification number will identify the location of livestock operations in the state. It is the first step in implementing a national system for quickly tracing livestock and poultry for disease investigations or during a disease outbreak or animal health

emergency. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) also is launching a year-long pilot project with a number of ranches, feedlots, livestock markets, slaughter plants and other facilities to test the durability and reliability of electronic ear tags, related equipment and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals.

"The national premises and animal identification system has been under development for several years, with input and ideas from nearly 70 federal and state animal health agencies and livestock industry associations," said Dr. Bob Hillman, a member of the Secretary's Advisory Subcommittee on the National Animal Identification System. He serves as Texas' state veterinarian and heads the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"The U.S. must have a reliable and efficient method for tracking and finding livestock and poultry during an animal disease investigation or when an animal health emergency occurs," Dr. Hillman said. He noted that producers and organizations have discussed at great length, the need for information to remain confidential. To protect data in regards to premises and animal identification, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, state-level agencies, such as the TAHC, and livestock

organizations and associations are seeking national and state legislation to protect the data from public release or access.

"Regulatory agencies do not need or want access to production data, but specific information, such as the age and class of animal, as well as movement information is critical for finding potentially infected or exposed animals during a disease situation," he said.

Today, it can take days to track the movement of livestock, to ensure that all exposed or diseased animals have been detected, Dr. Hillman pointed out. He predicted that, by 2008, when the national system is fully implemented and mandatory, tracking livestock movements could be streamlined, greatly enhancing disease eradication efforts. He stressed that the ability to rapidly identify animals and trace livestock or poultry movements is crucial to an effective animal disease response.

Dr. Hillman explained that the national animal identification system, also called "NAIS," has two major components. The first, he said, is the unique premises-or facility-identification, which identifies the location of livestock operations. This seven-character alphabetic and numerical 'address' is to be assigned to ranches and other sites where livestock or poultry are maintained or moved. Premises information will reside on a database, managed by each state and accessible only by animal health officials. Dr. Hillman said facility owners can obtain a premises identification number now by calling the TAHC's headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242. By late January, ranchers and facility owners in Texas also may register online through the TAHC's web page at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>

"The second component of the national system—animal identification—is ready for 'field-testing.' This involves the unique identification of each head of livestock moved from its original herd. For cattle, sheep, goats, cervidae (deer) and some other species of livestock, the identification device will be an electronic ear tag, also called a radio frequency (RFID) identification device. For other species, such as swine and poultry, the number can be applied to groups of animals, if they spend their entire production life together as a group or unit," he said.

Dr. Hillman explained that the TAHC, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; and the Osage Nation in Oklahoma are working cooperatively on a year-long pilot project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to test various aspects of the premises and animal identification. Field tests also are being conducted in at least 20 other states, to ensure the system will function well when it is fully implemented, said Dr. Hillman.

"In Texas, we will work with specified ranches and livestock facilities, equipment suppliers and computer data service providers to test the effectiveness, durability and compatibility of equipment and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals," said Dr. Hillman.

"As many as 80,000 individually numbered electronic tags will be used by the pilot project participants, so cattle, sheep, goats or domestic deer can be identified prior to change

of ownership or commingling with animals owned by other ranchers or farmers. The tags may be applied to animals before they leave the farm and ranch, or upon arrival at feedlots or order buyers' facilities, at livestock markets or other livestock sites. This will give facility owners and managers an opportunity to evaluate the system and calculate the costs and time involved with tagging animals, and collecting and reporting animal movement data. Implantable electronic devices will be used for identifying and tracking horses.

Unless a tag is broken or lost, an animal is to receive only one during its lifetime. The unique 15-digit number on each electronic ear tag or implantable device can be 'read and recorded' with a hand-held or

stationary tag reader. Ear tags also are imprinted with the number, so the information can be accessed, even if readers are unavailable or out of service.

When identified animals are sold, moved or harvested, project participants will report the event to third-party data service providers by computer, fax or mail, Dr. Hillman explained. Animal tag numbers will be correlated in the database to premises identification 'addresses.'

A major aspect of the project will involve determining problems that occur when integrating information from several data collection systems into a central or common database. Ultimately, when an animal's number is queried, a report should list all the premise numbers where

the animal had been maintained. Likewise, when a premise number is queried, the list of related animal identification numbers should appear. When an animal is harvested, its number will be retired.

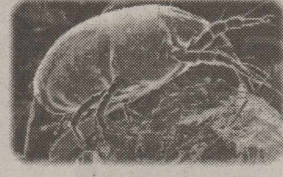
"With the 'roll-out' for the premises identification system, and field trials underway for animal identification, we are much closer to the goal of fighting disease more efficiently and effectively," said Dr. Hillman. "Once the field trials are completed across the U.S., improvements can be made before the animal identification system is launched nationally. By that time, we hope to have confidentiality issues, and any equipment and database compatibility problems evaluated, addressed and resolved."

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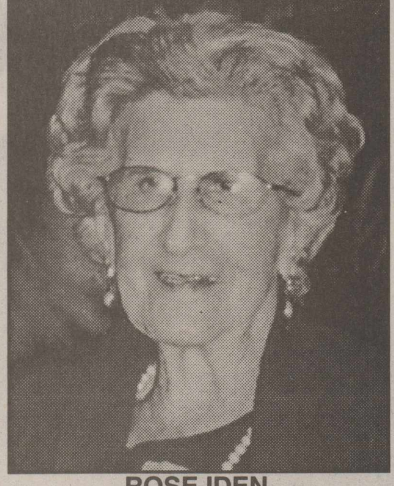
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## Obituaries

### Rose Iden



ROSE IDEN

Graveside services for Rose Iden, 93, of Bedford, formerly of Haskell were held Sat., Dec. 18 at Willow Cemetery with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Iden died Thurs., Dec. 16 in Bedford.

Born Dec. 29, 1910 in Los Angeles, California, she was the daughter of Frank and Lena Barberis. She married Joseph Segal in Los Angeles. He preceded her in death in 1965. She lived in Haskell for 26 years and then moved to Lago Vista

with her daughter, where she lived for five years. She relocated to Bedford last October.

Survivors include her daughters, Lee Burson and Betty L. Iden, both of Bedford; grandchildren, Vickie Brown of Spring, Kathie Davis of Wichita Falls, Trey Burson of Haskell and Debbie Piper of Euless; five great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 102454, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2454.  
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### Vera Charlene Mitchell



CHARLENE MITCHELL  
 Graveside services for Vera Charlene Mitchell, 76, of Rochester

were held Fri., Dec. 17 at the Rochester Cemetery with Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating. Memorial services in celebration of her life followed at First Baptist Church in Rochester with Rev. Jackie Brem officiating. Services were under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Mrs. Mitchell died Tues., Dec. 14.

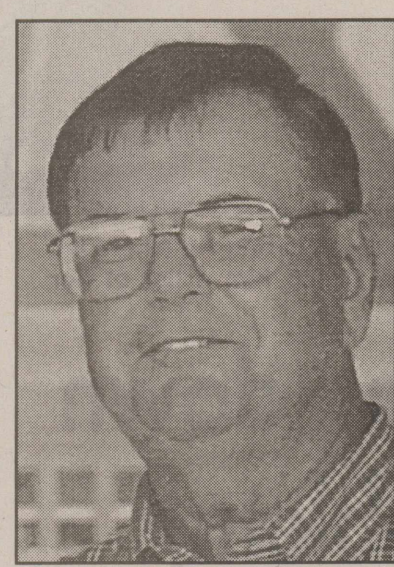
Born Sept. 20, 1928 in O'Brien, she was the daughter of Jesse Charles 'Charlie' and Myrtle Teague Collier. She married Virgil Allen Mitchell Oct. 28, 1944 in Knox City. She was a lifelong Rochester resident who attended Rochester schools, was a devoted member of First Baptist Church and a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and was instrumental in the Biblical teaching of many

young people. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Valcee, Eugene and Morgan Collier.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil A. Mitchell of Rochester; daughter, Regina O'Neal and husband, Bobby of Rochester; two grandchildren, Traci Needham and husband, David of Magnolia and Scott O'Neal and wife, Tammy of San Angelo; two great grandchildren, Delaney and Owen O'Neal of San Angelo; a sister, Loretta Marrow of Quitman; a brother, Aubrey Collier of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 500 Main St., Rochester, Texas 79544 or Hendrick Hospice Care, P. O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604.  
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### Burl Medford



BURL MEDFORD

Funeral services for Burl Medford, 64, of Paint Creek were held Mon., Dec. 20 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dale Huff officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Medford died Fri., Dec. 17 at his residence.

Born May 28, 1940 in Haskell, he was the son of Leon and Lula Mae Medford. He married Dolores Jo Thane Dec. 17, 1960 in Haskell. He was a graduate of Paint Creek High School and a longtime Haskell County farmer. He proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his

father, Leon Medford. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Medford of Paint Creek; two sons, Keith Medford and his wife, Launa, and Rodney and his wife, Ember, all of Paint Creek; two daughters, Becky Renfro and her husband, Troyce of Era and Ashley Hearn and her husband, Eric, of Stamford; his mother, Lula Mae Medford of Haskell; one brother, Ronnie Medford of Odessa; one sister, Wanda Grant of Odessa; four grandchildren, Tyler Renfro, Whitney Renfro, Logan Renfro and Cutter Medford.

Memorials may be sent to the Paint Creek Scholarship Fund for Burl Medford.  
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### Bonnie Lee Neatherlin

Funeral services for Bonnie Lee Neatherlin, 75, of Wink were held Fri., Dec. 17 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. J. C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Neatherlin died Tues., Dec. 14 at Odessa Medical Center.

Born April 24, 1929 in Eldorado, she was the daughter of Earnest and Georgia McCoy Johnston. She married Jessie Neatherlin March 15, 1958 in Aspermont. He

preceded her in death Dec. 2, 2001. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son, Jerry Pritchard; and brother, Herbert Johnston.

Survivors include four sons, Clifton Williams of Big Spring, M. L. 'Tex' Neatherlin of Odessa, Dale Pritchard of Runaway Bay and Leon Pritchard of Wink; three daughters, Bonita Bale of Big Spring, Shirley Deutsch of Odessa and Darlene Harris of Aztec, N.M.; one sister, Helen Templeton of Haskell; twenty grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.  
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### Ruth Ambler Brock Smethie

Memorial services for Ruth Ambler Brock Smethie, 78, of Wichita Falls will be held Thurs., Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. at Owens & Brumley Funeral Home Chapel in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Smethie died in her home surrounded by loving family members Thurs., Dec. 16 at 10:40 a.m. following a ten year affliction of Alzheimers.

Born Jan. 23, 1926 in Princeton, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Carlton Ambler Brock and Marion Blanche Silvernale Brock. She attended Thornton Township High School in Harvey, Illinois and graduated June 6, 1944. Following high school, she attended the National-Louis University located in Evanston/Chicago, and later completed her education, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967 from Midwestern University located in Wichita Falls. She married Calvin Allan Smethie May 30, 1947 in her parent's home in Flossmoore, Illinois. She and Calvin moved to Graham where they began raising their family.

The family moved to Haskell in 1954 where Ruth took on active roles in both the Cub Scout and Girl Scout organizations as she raised her children. She played an active role in revitalizing the Girl Scout organization in Haskell. In Sept. 1962 the family moved to Wichita Falls, where Ruth continued to be active as a professional Girl Scout leader. Her strong compassion to help others motivated her to become a math teacher, teaching in the Iowa Park and Wichita Falls Independent School Districts with tenures at Iowa Park, Barwise, McNeil Junior High Schools and Wichita Falls High School.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Calvin Allan Smethie; daughter, Cynthia Coral Smethie-Nickel of Wimberly; sons, Allan Carlton Smethie of Mesquite, Steven Ballard Smethie of Englewood, Colorado, David George Smethie of Wichita Falls and Michael Lee Smethie of Garland; sister, Mrs. Betty Nielsen of Bridgman, Illinois; fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls.  
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# Wallace playing big role for the Queens

Like any typical afternoon in Plainview's Wayland Baptist University's Hutcherson Center, the Flying Queens basketball team is hard at work. The Queens rotate in and out of defensive drills as the coach pushes them to improve their positioning and footwork.

Back-and-forth they go, taking turns trying to break down their teammate's defense, then rotating to the defensive side of the ball to try and stop the next Queen in line. Nothing flashy, just hard work.

Suddenly Nikki Wallace stops. She steps out of line and hurries over to a recruit who is working out with the team. As the drill continues she pulls the recruit aside to explain the technique. As the drill rotates back to Wallace's side of the floor, coach waits a moment while his point guard finishes making her point. Wallace quickly jumps back in line and the drills commence.

While the break in action momentarily disrupted the rhythm of the drill, you won't hear head coach Will Flemons complaining. In fact, that type of leadership is what he expects out of the junior business major from Haskell.

"The point guard is one of the hardest positions on the floor to play," Flemons said. "(Wallace) has to be an extension of the coach. If the offense is not running smoothly, we turn to her first, before we do anything else."

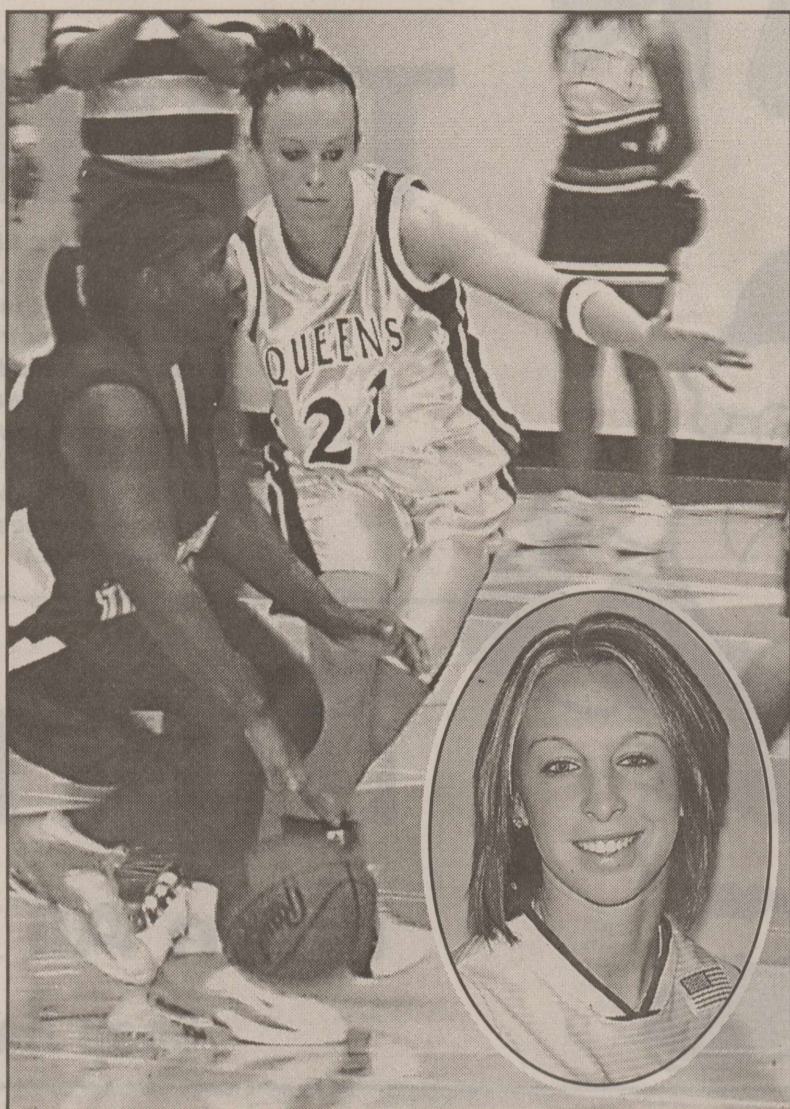
Wallace was thrust into the starting point guard position last year when the team's leading scorer, Cassie Birkenfeld, was lost for the season due to a knee injury. Wallace filled in nicely and has grown into her leadership role. In a season that has already seen its share of ups and downs for the Queens (3-3), the quiet, unassuming point guard is the one player Flemons has been able to count on night in and night out.

"Right now, Nikki is kind of our constant," Flemons said. "She has been playing great defense. She has really done a great job of getting us in our offense. She is running our primary and secondary systems and doing a ton of good things."

At 5-6, Wallace is the smallest player on the Queens' roster, but she is carrying a tremendous load. Not only has she shouldered the responsibility of the team and maintained her high academic standards, but Wallace has faced some personal trials this year.

Wallace said she was raised in a strong Christian home with a family that is close and cares for each other. Earlier this year, her sister suffered a miscarriage at five months pregnant. Then, a cousin died while on a family vacation from complications of an enlarged heart and a few months ago, Wallace's aunt passed away after suffering a stroke.

"It's been a hard year," said Wallace, who missed an annual family gathering while on a road trip with the Queens. She said every year between Thanksgiving and



**NIKKI DEFENSE—Flying Queen, Nikki Wallace, daughter of Mark and Tammie Wallace of Haskell, defends against a Huston-Tillotson player, Nov. 13 in Wayland College Hutcherson Center.**

Christmas her family gathers for a joint holiday celebration at her grandparents' house. Although she missed the gathering this year, she said it was hard on her family.

Still, the young woman has held herself together and met each complication and challenge head on. "I've tried to stay with it," she said. "Just keep playing and keep my grades up. I've been doing as much as I can, working hard and praying. That's all I can do."

Wallace's hard work is paying off on the court. She is averaging nearly seven points, three rebounds and more than five assists a game. She has a 2-to-1 assist to turnover ratio and she has stolen the ball 10 times in the team's first six games. Still, Flemons wants to see more from her.

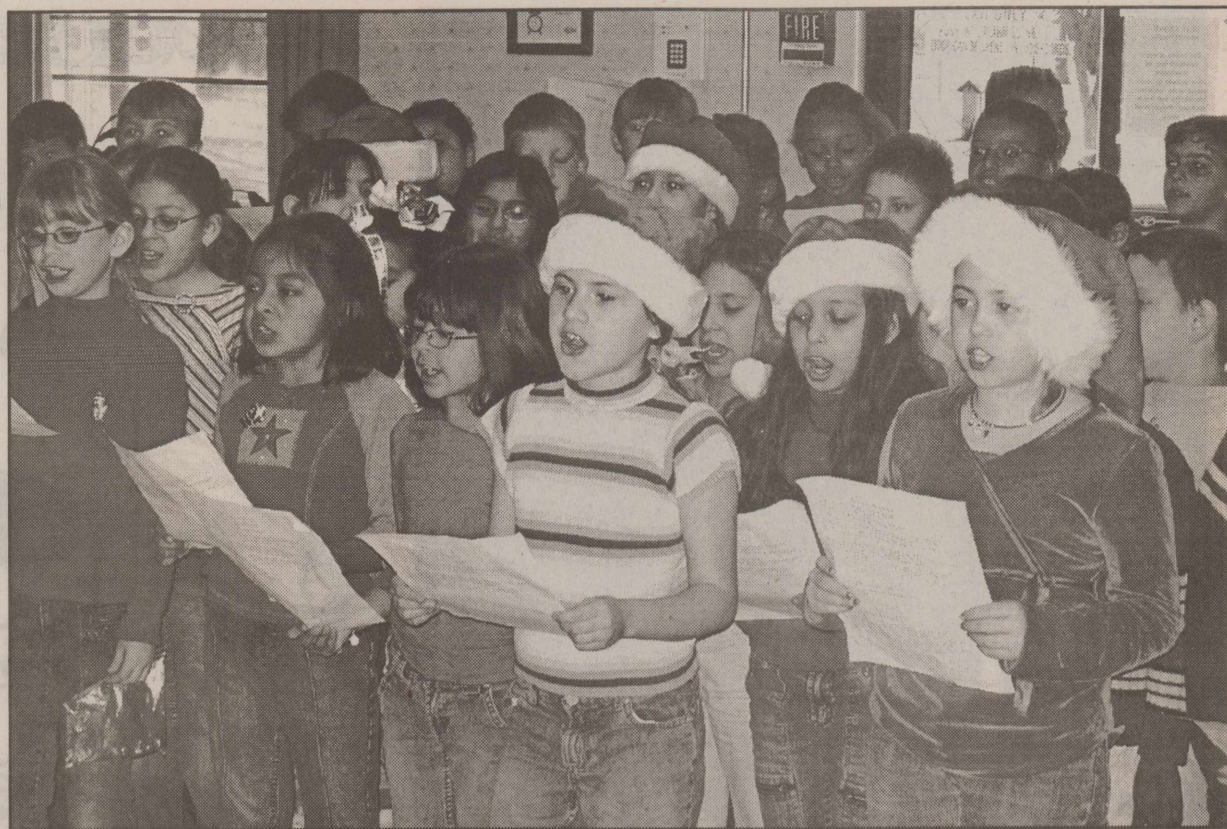
"I would love for her to be more vocal," Flemons said. "She does everything good, but I need her to step up and be more vocal because everybody on the team respects her."

It's a criticism the soft-spoken Wallace has heard before.

"(Coach Flemons) tells me that every single day," Wallace said. "My high school coach (Melynn Hunt) always told me that. I never said a word."

"But I'm trying ..." Wallace grinned. "I've gotten better in practice. Every once in awhile I try to work with somebody, or I'll tell everybody to work hard ... I'm trying."

Wallace has whole-heartedly accepted her role as a leader and is excited about what the remainder of the season holds for her team.



**SHARING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS—Haskell 3rd graders recently enjoyed sharing their musical talent with residents of Rice Springs Care Home, Senior Living Properties and those attending the Experienced Citizens Center. Teachers, Melodee Christian, LaKay Gibbs and Donna Waggoner, prepared the students for their performance in conjunction with a Learn & Serve Grant. Debbie Miller assisted the students in making Christmas cards to give their listeners after the performances.**

## Irvin celebrates 90th birthday

Laura Irvin of Haskell celebrated her 90th birthday, Sat., Dec. 11 at a party in her honor at the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Building, hosted by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A large group of friends and relatives attended to help her enjoy the party.

Her children are Bobby Irvin of Houston, Rickey Irvin of Graham, Mayme Gee and Marlene Mueller, both of Freona, and Darlene Swinney of Haskell. She has 14 grandchildren

and 22 great grandchildren, all of whom are the love of her life.

Despite her age, each spring Laura Irvin plants and cares for a garden, which she says gets smaller each year. She cans vegetables from her garden and also cares for her flower beds. Her mother, Alice Sellers, known as Grannie Sellers, lived to the age of 103, and while staying with the Irvins for several years, also continued to get out with her eye-hoe and work in the garden.

Out of town guests came from Abilene, Cross Plains, Cisco, Dalhart, Knox City, Munday, Austin and Oklahoma.

## Local art club hears personal Christmas story

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., Dec. 13 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a lovely banquet served by hostesses Betty Berry, Betty Hook, Jennie Lyckman and Nelwyn Beakley.

Nona Hitt of Wichita Falls presented a Christmas story based on her own family.

Other guests included Shirley Story of Wichita Falls, Tim Larned and Lewis Allivarez.

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**CLOSE GAME MANEUVER**—Haskell's Mollie McKnight, #25, sails to score in the Maidens' 39 to 37 win over the Cisco Lady Lobos, in their game, Fri., Dec. 17. Photo by Bill Blankenship

### Area basketball scores

<p><b>Girls</b> Knox City 63, Rule 46 Scoring for Rule: Smith 29, Scheets 5, Lisle 4, Brown 4, Lehrmann 2, Miller 2. JV score: Knox City 46, Rule 22. *** Haskell 51, Hawley 26 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 16, Kendall 12, Acosta 11, Bartley 5, Buerger 4, Newton 3. JV score: Haskell 36, Hawley 29. *** Haskell 39, Cisco 37 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 20, Wallace 7, McKnight 6, Buerger 4, Acosta 2. JV score: Cisco 46, Haskell 31. *** Paducah 78, Paint Creek 12</p>	<p>Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall 6. *** <b>Boys</b> Knox City 62, Rule 51 Scoring for Rule: Pace 16, Carreon 10, Kittle 8, Brown 7, Dudensing 6, Saucedo 4. JV score: Rule 56, Knox City 25. *** Haskell 58, Hawley 37 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 16, Mitchell 10, D. J. McCulloch 10, Hodge 6, Chavez 6, Foster 4, L. J. McCulloch 4, Frierson 2. JV score: Hawley 30, Haskell 21. *** Paducah 96, Paint Creek 5 Scoring for Paint Creek: Cisneros 3.</p>
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### Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 838 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 18, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 52 sellers and 42 buyers were present.  
Packers \$1 to \$3 lower. Stockers \$2 to \$5 lower. Feeders steady to \$3 lower.  
Cows: fat, .48-.53; cutters, .45-.55; canners, .25-.39.  
Bulls: bologna, .62-.67; feeders, .82-.95; utility, .58-.65.  
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.39; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 600-700 lbs., .97-1.10; 700-800 lbs., .92-1.08; 800-up lbs., .87-.97.  
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.28; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .94-1.14; 600-up lbs., .78-.97.  
Bred heifers medium frame, 750-1050.  
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 950-1300; aged or small, 700-900.  
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1050-1450; aged or small, 825-985.

### Student in the News

Kristen Cypert, daughter of Buddy and Tonya Cypert of Haskell, was recently inducted into the Texas Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Chi at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls.  
Alpha Chi is a national honorary society for individuals of exceptional scholastic accomplishment, and is limited to the top ten percent of junior and senior classes. It is the highest academic honor that Midwestern State University students can achieve.  
A 2002 graduate of Haskell High School, Cypert is a senior marketing major.

### ECC Calendar and Menu

<p><b>Mon., Dec. 27</b> 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, new potatoes and gravy, green beans, tomato wedges, sliced onions, garlic bread, orange cake, milk, tea, or coffee</p>	<p>yeast rolls, upside down cake, milk, tea, or coffee</p>
<p><b>Wed., Dec. 29</b> Lunch—Mesquite chicken, Texas potatoes, English peas, garden salad,</p>	<p>Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.</p>

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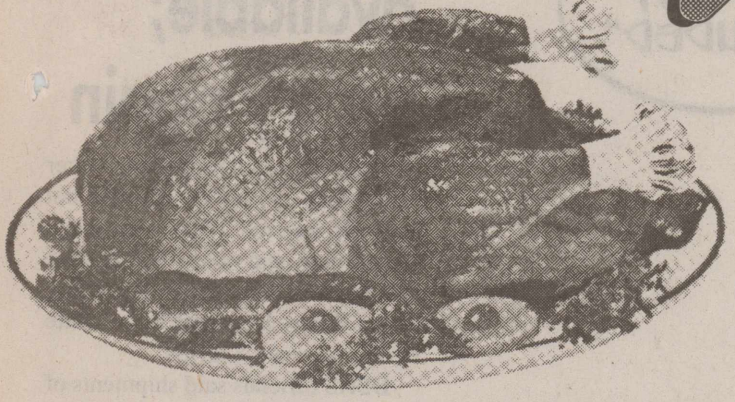
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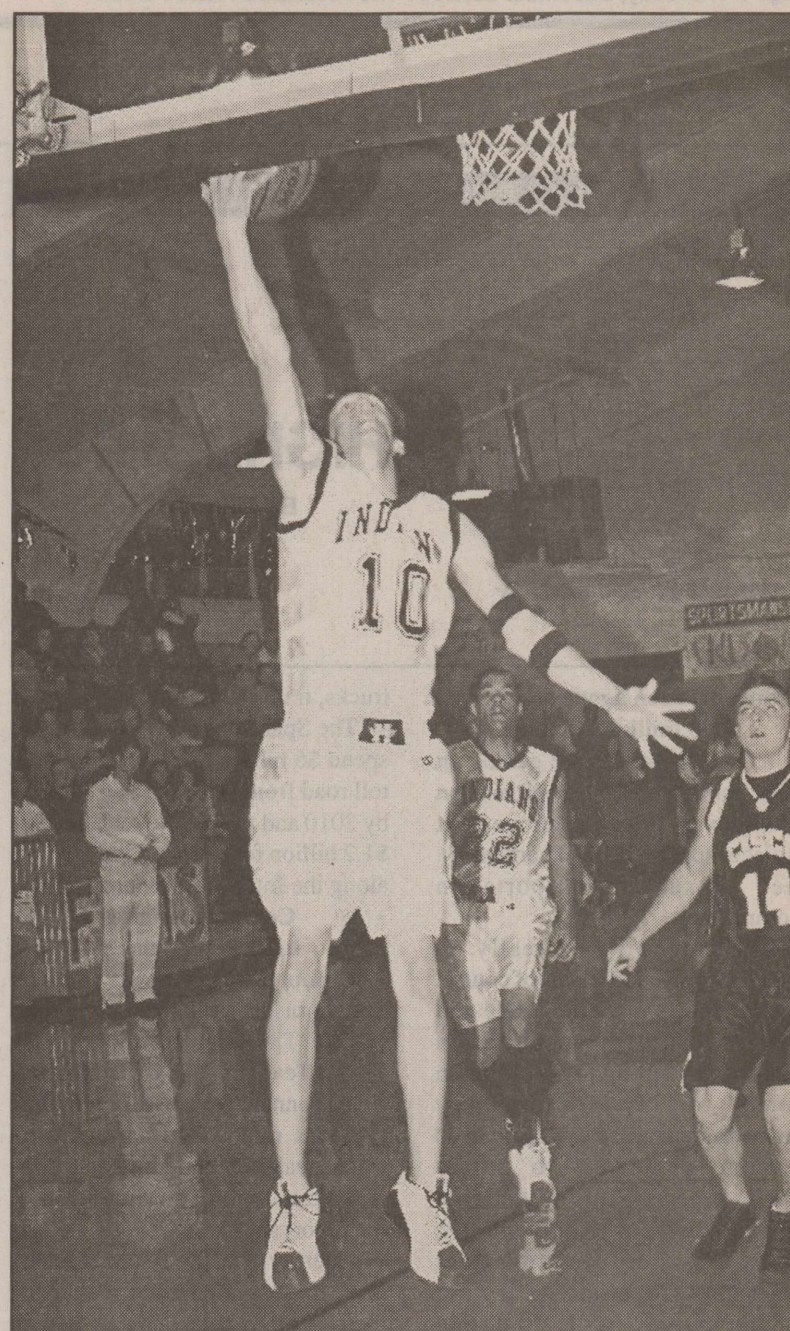
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LOBEYES AND INDIANS—Haskell's Kendall Mitchell, #10, reaches for points in the game with Cisco, which ended with the Lobeyes winning 50 to 40 over the Indians.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Library Notes

By Joan Frazier

Thanks to a partnership between the Haskell County Library and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Haskell County residents have access to an amazing wealth of information resources for research, education, enjoyment and business purposes—free of charge. The Library of Texas contains accurate, current, and comprehensive information that is appropriate for all age groups, unlike much of what is found just searching the Internet. These electronic resources, available from the Haskell Library, are easily accessible from the library, the home or office.

This web-based service at LibraryofTexas.org, allows users to discover and retrieve information from the catalogs of public and academic libraries, as well as the TexShare online databases, in one simple search session. Texans no longer need to use a separate interface for each individual library database in order to search for online books, full-text magazine and newspaper articles, genealogy materials, medical reference books, and literary references.

Many search results from the TexShare research databases will include the original full-text article, satisfying the information needs of the user right away. For materials that are not immediately available online

or at the Haskell Library, customers can submit an interlibrary loan request. Search results also include links to online bookstores where the materials can be purchased.

The Library of Texas is a win-win situation for Haskell County citizens. We are able to provide access to a rich collection of online resources as well as the online catalogs of libraries from all over Texas.

Visit the Library of Texas at LibraryofTexas.org. Users do not need a log-in ID or password to search library catalogs. To make full use of the Library of Texas, including access to the TexShare databases and interlibrary loan services, log in to the service with a TexShare log-in ID and password, available from the Haskell County Library.

To learn more about the Library of Texas, visit the Haskell County Library or call the library at 940-864-2747.

Memorials to the Haskell County Library: Terry Diggs; Bud Pogue.

Memorials to the Friends of the Library: Robert Nicholas Whitaker; Emma Kate Bland; Brandon Kirby; Martha Lee Mullins; Ladelle Opitz; Iola Everett; Mattie Muriel Felker; Bud Pogue, Maxine Stewart, and Curtis Weise.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I'll see you at the library!

## Weathers Whys

### Texas Snowfall

Q: How often does it snow in Texas?

A: The answer, of course, depends on where you live in the Lone Star State—ranging from very often to never, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"The panhandle area receives the most snowfall in the state, while the Rio Grande Valley almost never gets snow," McRoberts says. "On Nov. 3 of this year, one of the earliest snowfalls ever hit the Amarillo area and 8.5 inches fell on election day. The all-time Texas record is 33 inches of snow in Hale County, when a snowstorm shut down the area on Feb. 2-5 in 1956.

Although few human lives were

lost in that storm, it did kill over 24,000 head of cattle in Texas and Oklahoma. Blizzard-type conditions are not uncommon at all in the panhandle because of its northern location."

Q: What about central Texas?

A: It snows more often in central Texas than you might think, McRoberts adds.

"In the Austin area, near the heart of the state, measurable snow has occurred 45 times from 1898 to 2004 for an average of once every 2.3 years. The most-ever snow for Austin was 9.7 inches on Nov. 22-23, 1937, while San Antonio easily topped that with 13.5 inches of snow on Jan. 12-13, 1985."

## Births

Landon and Holly Terry of Stamford announce the birth of their son, Lance Dalton Terry, born Fri., Dec. 3 at 8:55 p.m. in Abilene Regional Medical Center weighing 7 lbs. 4.8 oz. He was 19 3/4" long.

Grandparents are Pam and Leland Terry of Haskell and Elizabeth and

Glenn Leighton of Hollywood, Maryland.

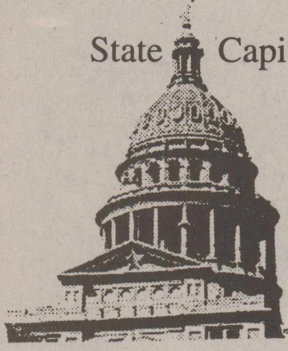
Great grandparents are Mary and James Raley of Ridge, Maryland, Glenda Montgomery of Baltimore, Maryland, Irene and Benjamin Writer and Jewel and Ward Sharp, all of Childress.



# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Transportation agency approves \$600 million package

AUSTIN—Texans are getting an early holiday present—\$600 million in highway safety improvement projects approved last Thursday by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The money won't really be coming from Santa Claus, of course. Texas voters in 2003 gave the Department of Transportation authority to sell up to \$3 billion in bonds to pay for highway improvement projects, with up to 20 percent dedicated to safety improvements. This is the first tangible result of that, the largest highway safety improvement project in Texas history.

The money will fund 644 projects across the state that the Texas Transportation Institute's Safety Center estimates will save 90 lives and prevent 1,100 injuries a year. All the contracts will be let by August 2006, with many of the projects getting under way before then.

The projects include widening 1,600 miles of roadway, installing 740 miles of median barriers, 171 left turn lanes and 10 new overpasses. Collectively, they will reduce run-off-the-road accidents, head-on collisions and rear-end crashes, TxDOT says.

For a list of the safety projects, see the TxDOT Web site at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us).

### Spanish group to develop toll road...

Spain built the first highway across Texas, the Camino Real, and it seems on track to build the largest toll road in Texas.

Madrid-based Cintra was selected last week by the Transportation Commission to begin developing detailed design and financial plans for the first component of the Trans-Texas Corridor, a 4,000-mile transportation network for car,

trucks, trains and utilities.

The Spanish group has offered to spend \$6 billion to build a 316-mile toll road from Dallas to San Antonio by 2010 and to give the state another \$1.2 billion for construction projects along the Interstate 35 corridor.

### Comptroller cites teacher pay hike...

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn last week released a report called "The Cost of Underpaying Texas Teachers" that proposes a \$3,000 annual pay raise for teachers.

Texas ranks 33rd nationally in teacher salaries, and low teacher pay is associated with high turnover rates, the report says.

"Nearly 37,000 Texas teachers leave the classroom each year taking their skills to better-paying jobs or simply quitting," Strayhorn said.

Also recommended in the report is an automatic state-funded salary adjustment every two years, an expanded mentor program for teachers and a \$2,500 bonus to teachers at low-performing schools that raised their ranking from "academically unacceptable" to "acceptable" or higher.

The report can be viewed at [www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/teachersalary04/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/teachersalary04/).

### Fishy fund raising...

A non-profit group hoping to raise \$2 million for an education building at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Freshwater Fisheries Center at Athens has come up with a way to convert left over fish food to cash.

The Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center recently put up for auction on eBay two dried, gold-painted chicken bones left over from meals eaten by Splash, Texas' record blue catfish.

Mounted in oak display cases with a notation that they were cleaned by the 121.5-pound Splash, the bones would make the perfect holiday gift for a couple of people who may think they already have everything.

## Merry Christmas



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## Flu shots more readily available; so, try again

Many Texas doctors and other health care providers who did not have flu vaccine a few weeks ago have it now, and others will receive it in the next few weeks, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

DSHS officials said shipments of some 560,000 additional doses from the vaccine manufacturer to Texas providers began in early December and will continue in to January. Many local and state-operated public health clinics around the state also now have the vaccine.

"We're urging those in the high-risk groups who haven't been able to get a flu shot, to try again," Texas Commissioner of State Health Services Eduardo Sanchez said. "We want to make sure the high-risk folks are protected. Flu can be a life-or-death situation for them."

Sanchez also encouraged people 65 and older; people with lung, heart, liver or kidney problems; and people with diabetes, sickle cell disease, alcoholism, HIV/AIDS or other chronic medical conditions to get a pneumococcal vaccination.

That vaccine, which can be given year-round, protects against pneumonia and other illnesses caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Pneumonia is often a life-threatening complication of influenza.

Sanchez said anyone in the high-risk categories who wants the flu shot should contact their doctor's office, call the 2-1-1 information service or call the nearest local public health department or nearest DSHS regional office or clinic.

High-risk groups for whom flu vaccination are recommended are: children 6 months through 23 months of age, adults 65 and older, anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions, women who will be pregnant during flu season, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, children 6 months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy, medical care workers providing direct patient care and caregivers and household contacts of children under 6 months old.

DSHS supports the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation that the flu vaccine this season be given only to those in the high-risk categories. But Sanchez said DSHS might expand the target groups if the demand for the flu shot by high-risk people drops off.

"The vaccine won't do anyone any good sitting on the shelf," Sanchez said.

He said it is not too late to get a flu shot. "The flu shot takes about two weeks to offer maximum protection. The height of flu season in Texas typically is in late December, January and February."

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 22, 1994

After auditioning last October for The Young Continental Singers, Marci Elmore of Haskell was invited to participate in one of their six concert tours in the summer of 1995.

First place winners in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting and decorating contest were in the business category, Heads or Tails Western Wear and in the residential category, (tie) Allie Belle Smith and E. W. Pruett.

Heather Hobgood, senior cheerleader at Haskell High School, participated in the halftime activities of the Aloha Bowl Christmas Day in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Teresa Faye Parrack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Unger of Haskell, received a bachelor of science degree in nursing at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Terry Kay Diggs, daughter of Terry and Kathleen Diggs, was interviewed on ABC's Entertainment Tonight along with several members of her Criminal Procedure class.

### 20 Years Ago December 27, 1984

The art work of Mandy Mathis was selected to represent Haskell County in a special Texas Sesquicentennial Children's Art Exhibition called "Hands Around Texas." Mathis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mathis of Rule.

Eunice and Odell Helweg of Haskell were named December winners of the Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month Contest.

Mary Lou Gonzales of Haskell, a junior at Tarleton State University, marched with the Texan Marching Band and Texan Stars in the Cotton Bowl Parade on New Year's Day in Dallas.

A retirement party was held in honor of Marjorie Headstream, of the Headstream Memorial Center, at the Center.

The children and grandchildren of Herbert and Henrietta Fischer hosted the 40th wedding anniversary at the Corral building with a reception and a dance that followed.

### 30 Years Ago December 26, 1974

Wanda Townsend of Rule received her certificate as Rule Postmaster from Clyde Grant, sectional center manager from Abilene.

Mrs. E. G. Graham of Haskell grew one of the largest radishes ever seen around here. The largest of the white radishes weighed 18 oz. and a red radish weighed 10 oz.

The Texas Highway Department announced the retirement of a long

time veteran of the Haskell County Maintenance Organization. Leslie V. Collins, Maintenance Construction Foreman, retired after 36 years of continuous service. Collins was the recipient of a departmental award for 32 years of accident free driving contributing to the outstanding statewide safety record of the Haskell County Maintenance Organization.

One of the new programs offered at Haskell Junior High School was a vocational shop course with Olson LeFevre instructing.

### 40 Years Ago December 24, 1964

First place winners in the Christmas lighting contest in Haskell were Bud Turnbow in the window division, W. O. Holden in the door division and Charles Swinson in the yard scene.

Judy Baitz was chosen FFA Sweetheart by the Haskell Chapter, Future Farmers of America.

Staff Sergeant J. W. Merrell, a former Haskell resident, a member of the 6989th Support Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan, contributed to that unit's earning of the U. S. Air Force Security Service's first annual Community Relations Achievement Award.

Mrs. Paul Cothron, a dedicated home demonstration club leader for more than 25 years, was selected "Woman of the Year" by the Haskell County Home Demonstration Council.

Elizabeth Simmons of Rochester was installed as supply officer for the Angel Flight, honorary women's branch of the Air Force ROTC at North Texas State University.

### 50 Years Ago December 23, 1954

Orville Ewing Patterson of Haskell was awarded the designation of Knight of the York Cross of Honour. This honorary degree, highest in the York Rites of Freemasonry, is conferred only on those who have held the highest office in each of the four bodies of the rite.

Dorothy Fouts of this city joined the staff of the Abilene Public Schools, and is teaching in South Junior High School.

Among the student pilots who received advanced training at the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station here is Naval Aviation Cadet Billy C. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Teaff of Weinert were honored with a luncheon in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Stephens in observance of their golden anniversary.

### 100 Years Ago December 24, 1904

C. D. Grissom, while out hunting the other day, made a pretty good record. He says he fired 22 shots and brought down 19 quails, one hawk and two doves.

Sherrill Bros. & Company are having a building erected west of the public square, where they will put in a plant for making artificial building stone.

Quite a large party of the young folks enjoyed themselves at a party at the J. S. Boone home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fields and Eva Fields left for Willis Point, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

## Texas employers add jobs; unemployment rises slightly

Total nonagricultural employment in Texas increased for the fifth consecutive month, adding 9,700 jobs in November. The state has gained 113,500 nonagricultural jobs since the beginning of the year and 119,500 since November 2003. The annual growth rate held steady at 1.3 percent for the third straight month. The unemployment rate rose slightly from 5.6 percent in October to 5.7 percent in November. Initial claims for unemployment compensation for the last week of November were down 19.3 percent compared to the same period in 2003.

"Job growth in Texas has been broad based, with seven major industries showing growth over the month and eight showing growth over the year," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "There was a slight rise in the unemployment rate, as more people entered the labor market

seeking work; however, we are still well below the November 2003 rate of 6.6 percent. It is heartening to note that we now have more Texans employed than ever before."

Professional and business services gained 1,200 jobs during November, following an increase of 2,800 positions in October. Employment in financial activities expanded for the fourth consecutive month, adding 1,300 jobs in November. Following an increase of 900 jobs in October, education and health services employment rose by 2,700 jobs in November.

"Most areas around the state continue to see employment growth," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Of the 27 metropolitan statistical areas in Texas, 25 saw job gains over the month and 26 saw job gains over the year."

Construction added 1,900 jobs in

November, marking four consecutive months of job growth. The last four-month period of employment growth in Construction ended in March 2001. The annual growth rate for November stood at 1.5 percent, with 8,200 jobs gained over the year.

The Texas labor force grew by 12,200 people over the month and by 57,200 compared to November 2003. The number of employed rose by 162,000 compared to one year ago. The number of employed Texans stands at 10,397,200 for November 2004, a record high.

"Job growth in Texas continues to be a good sign for our labor market, but getting people back to work remains our top priority," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "In spite of the slight rise in the unemployment rate, it is encouraging that we have 162,000 more people employed compared to November 2003."

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

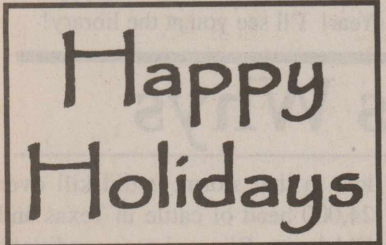
I would like to commend the citizens of Haskell for their generosity in the time of our family's need. You were all there for us in with your prayers and your generous

donations.

Flint is doing very well and is working on getting back to a normal routine. He will be on medication for the rest of his life, but now he will be able to see his children and grandchildren grow up.

I am enclosing a donation to the Goodfellows fund and would like this to be a special thanks from us to all of the citizen's of Haskell.

Thank you  
Sincerely,  
Charlotte Foreman  
Odessa, Texas



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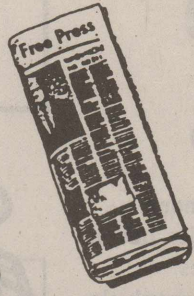
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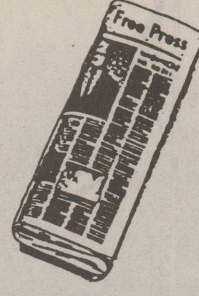
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Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 0157-04-042 for LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on January 11, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

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Dorothy Clark and family  
Patsy Bivins, Ray Clark and Peggy Adler

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Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6125-43-001 for "ON DEMAND" STREET SWEEPING in SHACKELFORD County, etc. will be opened on January 13, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$83,526.00.  
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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## Don't forget basic food safety during holidays

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

With the holiday season coming, menus are being planned and coordinated for family, community and party events. While most people are aware of food safety precautions for foods such as meats, poultry, eggs and seafood, newest research indicates that concern and precautions should also be taken related to fruit and vegetable food safety.

Whether purchasing and preparing fruit and vegetable dishes yourself, or ordering these already prepared to serve to guests, Jane Rowan, County Extension agent with Texas Cooperative Extension offers these food safety guidelines for an often overlooked foodborne illness risk.

Most consumers do not realize that fruits and vegetables can harbor dangerous sources of foodborne illness bacteria and should be treated with proper respect regarding time and temperature considerations. All cut, peeled or cooked fresh fruits and vegetables should not be left in the temperature danger zone of 40 to 140 degrees F. for more than two hours. This means that leaving fresh fruit or vegetable trays, fresh fruit or vegetable salads and even cooked vegetable dishes on a serving line or buffet should be limited to two hours. Not only can harmful bacteria grow in these products, but people's hands and used utensils can contaminate these foods.

If planning to order already prepared fruit or vegetable trays, salads or dishes, planning for timing of the delivery may be important to keep these foods fresh before serving time.

When selecting and preparing fresh fruit and vegetable dishes yourself, select fresh fruits and vegetables that are not bruised or

damaged. If you choose to purchase already prepared ready-to-eat or packaged salads and items such as cut fresh fruit, be sure that they are refrigerated at the grocery before purchasing and that there are no signs of damaged packaging. Also, check the expiration date on these packages. Keep these fresh items separate from raw meat, poultry or seafood in the grocery cart and in the refrigerator at home.

When preparing fresh fruits and vegetables, whether for snack trays, salads or cooked dishes, always follow safe food handling guidelines. Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling foods. Keep clean all surfaces and utensils that come into contact with these items as well. Avoid cross-contamination by using separate cutting boards or washing with hot water and soap and sanitizing any cutting boards and other equipment between uses for fresh fruits and vegetables and for any raw meat, poultry or seafood that you may also be preparing.

All fresh fruits and vegetables should be rinsed under running tap water, including the rinds and skins of the produce. Rub firm-skin fruits and vegetables or scrub with a clean vegetable brush while washing.

## EEA Club holds Christmas party

The Haskell County Extension Education Association Club held their annual Christmas party, Dec. 6 at the First National Bank Community Room. Eighteen members and County Agent, Jane Rowan, attended.

Following a potluck meal, club

Bacteria from skins or rinds can contaminate the inside flesh of pieces of produce.

When preparing vegetable or fruit trays for party buffets, plan in reasonable size portions that will be consumed within a couple of hours. Then replace any leftovers with fresh platters or trays. Planning to set out smaller portions of these foods often with fresh platters or dishes rather than leaving out large containers for extended periods of time may be the safest strategy and avoids waste. Never add fresh food to a container that has been sitting on buffet line for more than two hours. Also, use fresh utensils for serving for each new platter or dish. Don't forget that any dips or spreads served with these foods that contain dairy, meat, seafood, poultry or eggs should also be considered perishable and not left out for more than two hours in the temperature danger zone of 40 to 140 degrees F.

For more information on fresh fruit and vegetable safe food handling recommendations, check out the website "Fruit and Vegetable Food Safety: the Latest in Research and Education" at <http://fruitandvegetablefoodsafety.tamu.edu> or contact the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546.

members enjoyed a time of fellowship. In lieu of Christmas presents to each other, each member brought items to be donated to Noah Project North.

The next meeting of the club will be held Thurs., Jan. 6.

## Protect your vehicle during the holidays

The Grinch not only wants to steal Christmas, he wants to steal your car, too! Protect your vehicle this holiday season from Mr. Bah Humbug himself: The Auto Thief.

A car is stolen every 25 seconds in the United States, amounting to over 1.2 million vehicles stolen across the country last year alone. In 2003, Texas motor vehicle theft victims suffered losses totaling \$782,330,063, making auto theft the number one property crime in the state.

Sgt. Jerry Hataway with the Arlington Police Department warns, "Thieves are everywhere. Most are opportunists who try to take the easy way out. Don't leave your car anywhere you're not sure of and be aware of your surroundings."

Thieves are always looking for the next victim, and the holidays are a perfect time for them to score big. While you are out shopping, dining or enjoying friends and family this season, you can help protect your vehicle, valuables and life if you follow these simple preventative steps:

- Always take the keys with you and lock the doors.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Use anti-theft devices anytime

your vehicle is left unattended.

•Do not leave valuables out in plain sight to tempt thieves.

"Over the holidays motor vehicle burglary picks up at the shopping malls and congestive areas. Thieves go where the crowds are because it makes it easier for them to blend in and commit a crime," Sgt. Hataway said.

Thieves target all vehicles, which makes every driver a potential victim of auto theft.

By stealing your car a thief can also gain access to your identity and personal information. Be proactive this holiday season by staying attentive and helping to reduce auto theft in Texas.

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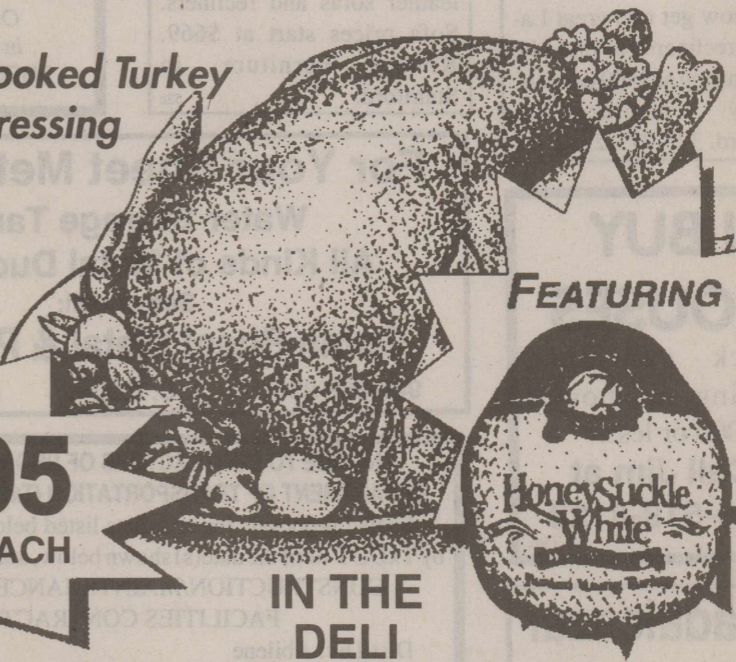
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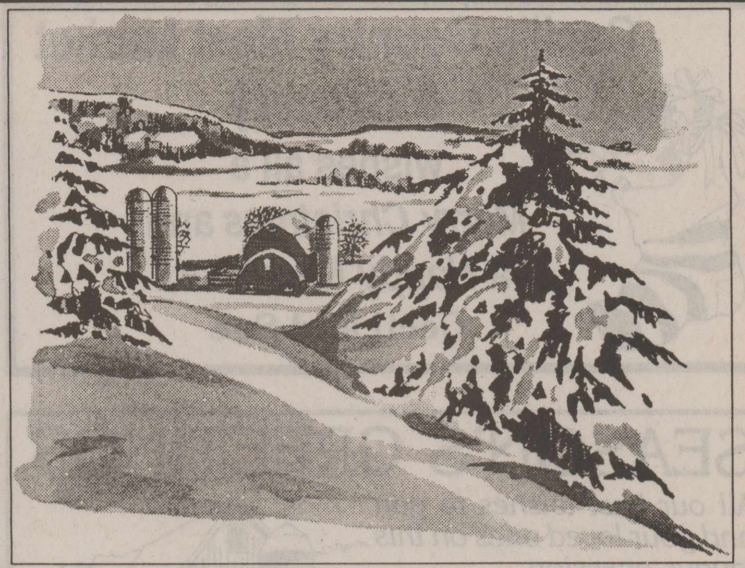
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A VISIT FROM ST. NICK—Kids enjoying Santa's guest appearance at the Christmas party at Guys and Dolls Day Care Center are: front kneeling, l-r, Lincoln Strickland and Hayden Guzman; second

row, K'Lee Pace, Taryn Strickland, Aaron Skiles, Dakota Hearn, Evan Green and Baylee Hearn; back, Garrett Arendall, Rhett Lampe, Shaylee Lampe, K'Lee Lampe and Andrew Hearn.



## Greetings Of The Season

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Love, Meghan Glover  
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Dear Santa  
I want a new bike a pretty one! You are nice I have been good at school. Thank you for my presents.  
Love, Emily  
P. S. Send Pa a big present  
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Dear Santa  
I want a Easy Bake oven and a new bedding and scooter and I am very good Have a good Christmas  
Love, Kayla  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like to give you a list of some of the things I want this Christmas. I want a My Little Pony, puzzles, books to read, crayons, finger paints, a bag of plain M&M's, Little Mermaid movie. I know you can bring me all of them because I have been a very good girl this year.  
Merry Christmas,  
Cie Avel Rangel  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a play motorcycle, and a play alligator and shark. I would like a candy toy, and a toy game.  
Love, Zander Garcia  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a race car toy, candy cane, and another race car hat. I would also like a tool house with buckles and screw drivers in it. I might need some other tools, also. Thanks for getting me my presents.  
Love, Bristol Wagner  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a big, black bear that I can ride. I want a toy computer, some candy cane stickers, and I want a toy Shelby to play with. I will be awake when you come.  
Love, Taylor Tatum  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a real motorcycle! A Little one. Please bring my baby brother a toy, also.  
Love, Ankit Bhakta  
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Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a new CD player, baseball bat, gloves, hat, side backpack, lepore blanket and thats all I can think of thank you Santa and I'll be nice.  
love  
Kelsey Strickland, age 10

Dear Santa Claus  
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Love, Jonah Bulls, age 5  
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Dear Santa:  
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I love you, Ethan Bulls, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a real computer, and a candy cane. I would also like a big, brown bear to play with. I want a black ball, balloon, new socks, and a Santa Claus to sleep with. I will be asleep when you come and I love you, Santa.  
Love, Brison Tullos  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a radio, and a toy that makes noise. I also want a little trampoline to jump on. I want a t.v., and a tree with lights on it for my room. I would also like a fire truck, and I will leave you cookies and a soda. I hope you play some songs and spin around at my house!  
Love, Wyatt Hertel  
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Dear Santa,  
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your friend, Drake  
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Dear Santa,  
I've been good today for you. Please bring me a motorcycle and game cube.  
Love, Crow Parham, age 4  
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Dear Ho Ho,  
I've been good at school. Please bring my a 4 wheeler and what cowboys wear. Bring my little bubba some clothes and a Dora tape.  
Love, Ty and Cody Coleman  
Age 4 and 1.  
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Dear Santa,  
I will be good at school. Bring me a guitar, motorcycle, Woody & Buzz light year.  
Love, John Anderson  
age 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gray kitten, a cuddle bear and a baseball and bat so I can Play ball with my baby brother.

Please bring my Mommy an angel and a picture of yourself for my Daddy. Bring my baby brother a baby stroller so he'll stop getting mine out of my Room.

I love you, Santa. Be careful driving your sleigh and tell Rudolph "Hi" for me.  
Hannah Grand  
age 5, Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Garrett Arendall. I am 3 years old. My Mimi says I have been a very good Boy! This year for Christmas I would like a Dirt Bike, Power Ranger stuff, a Snowman and to see my cousins!

Thank you  
Love, Garrett Arendall  
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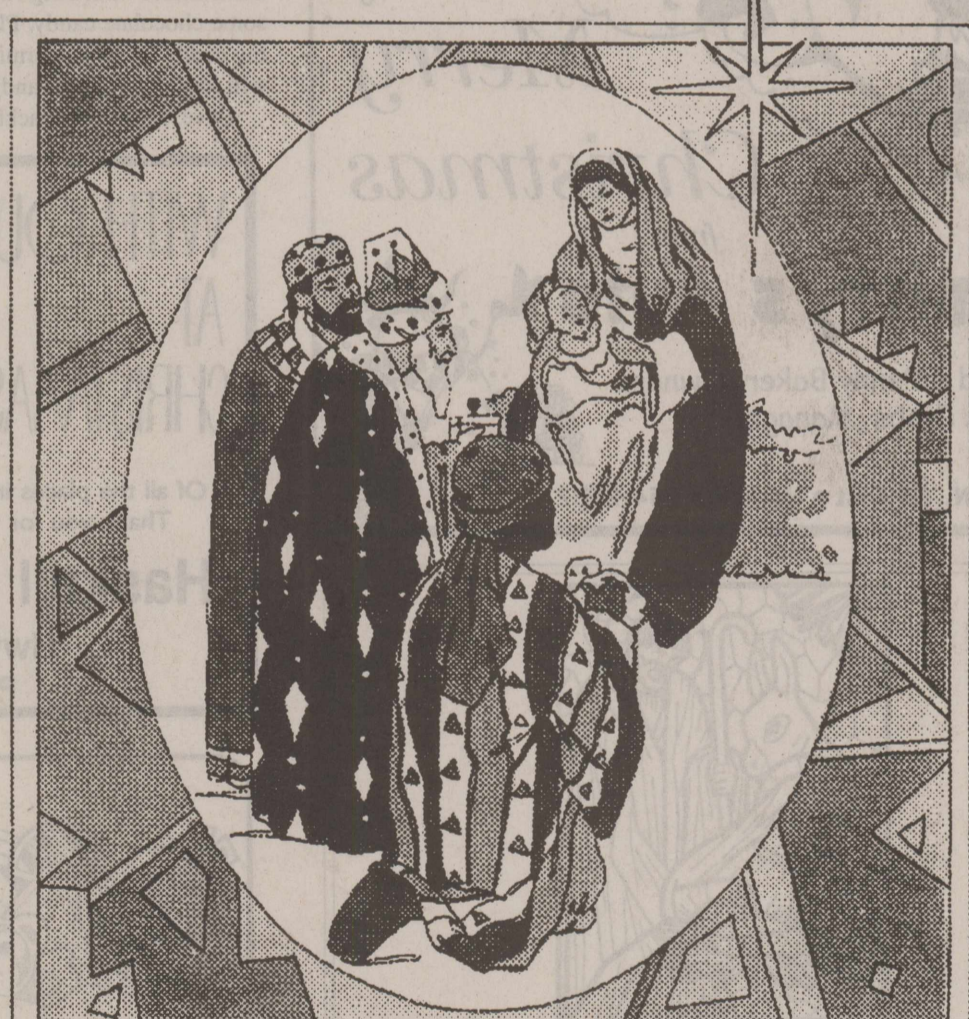
Dear Santa,  
My name is MaKayla Arendall. I am 2 years old. My Mimi says I have been a very good Girl! My Dad is in the Navy, so right now I live in California. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Dora Doll, any Dora things, any Scooby things, and a Baby Doll.

Thank you  
Love, MaKayla Arendall  
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Dear Santa,  
I just turned one year old and I have been so good this year. I can sleep all through the night now without waking my mommy, sister and cousin. I really like to look at books. A few movies, and some toys to play with would be nice. Please remember my Grandmommie in Athens because I really miss her and please bring my sister Kelsey, 10 years old, and cousin Kacey, 11 years old, some toys to play with.  
Kaylee Kinney, 1 year old  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the kitchen set you brought me last year. I cook all the time. This year please bring me a dog suit so I can dress like a puppy. I would also like a Barbie and a cute doll. I need some house shoes, because the wood floor in my new house is cold. Please remember my brother, Tyler. He's nice, most of the time. We will leave you some cookies and a Diet Coke.  
Thank you,  
Tayleigh Johnson  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaclyn Snelling. I'm 2 1/2 years old and all I want for Christmas is a Kitchen—so I can help Mommy cook. I've been real good!  
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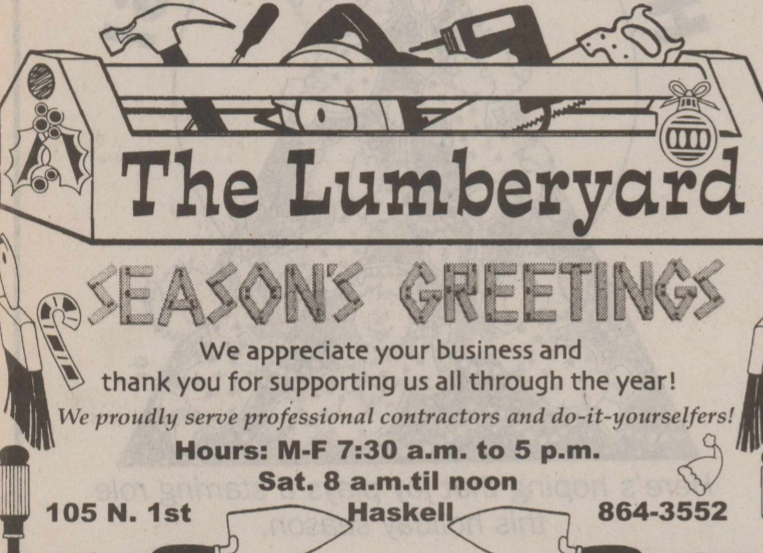


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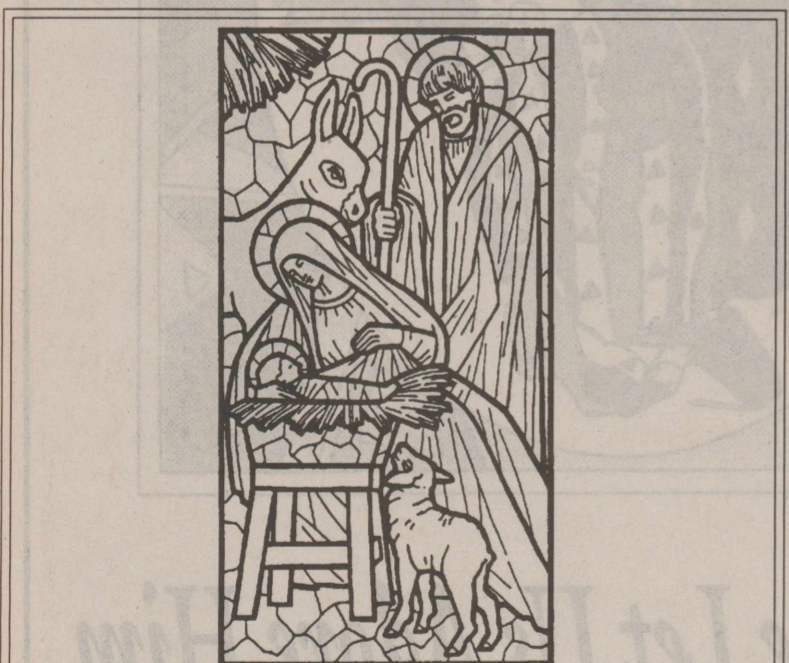
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# Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a . . .

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a red car, horsey, baby doll. See you soon.  
Love  
Kobie Walker, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy would you please bring me a train and car.  
Love,  
Cody Collom, age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Have the deer been good? How are the elves? Would you please bring me deer hunting game, orange silver bike? I will try my best to be good.  
Love, Cedar McIlwain, age 7  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi! I am only 9 1/2 weeks old, but my Mommy and Daddy say that I am a very good baby! I don't cry much and I only wake up once during the night. Mommy said to tell you that I do not need any clothes this year for Christmas. Just lots of baby toys would be great. I had my picture taken with you and loved to look a your beard. Instead of coming to my house this year in Haskell on Christmas morning, please come see me at my Grandpa and Grandma's in Mesquite, Texas. I will leave some milk and cookies for you because Mommy and Daddy said that is Santa's favorite!! I love you Santa!  
Colby West  
9 1/2 weeks old  
Haskell, Texas  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a red power ranger, and the spiderman game. I also want a blue superman, and a play gun. I would also like a tv for my room, and a new bed. I want a teddy bear and a dinosaur. I will leave you a yellow sponge bob.  
Love, Clayton Castro  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a T-rex dinosaur, and a bear. That is all that I want. I will leave you a sucker.  
Love, Jacqueline Williams  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a teddy bear. I also want a stocking with my Christmas. I want a big baby toy, and some chocolate candy. Please bring my daddy some peppermint candy. I will leave you some candy out.  
Love, McKayla Blackburn  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for everything you have brought me throughout the years. This Christmas I would like a new bed with Texas Tech stuff, a camera, a basketball, more games for my gameboy, a football and a Nintendo Game Cube. By the way, how is Mrs. Clause?  
Your Friend, Riley Meinzer  
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies by the fireplace.  
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Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Can I please have a racecar track with racecars you can control, a football, a basketball, a black gameboy, a Thomas train track, and a Texas Tech pillow? Please don't forget all the other boys and girls around the world. I hope Mrs. Clause and Rudolph are doing okay.  
Your Friend, Dalton Meinzer  
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies by the fireplace.  
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Dear Santa,  
I've tried my best to be good, but it's been harder this year because I now have to share mom and dad with my new little brother. Please bring me a flying Batman, a Batmobile, walkie-talkies, Spider-man web, a Spider-man bicycle, a Rescue Hero Hyperjet with Billy, a Lion game, and a drawing board. Please bring some toys for Cylus also. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Cole Beeson, 4 years old  
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Dear Santa  
How are you? Well I am fine. I have a short list for you. I would like a stereo with big red speakers for my room. I also want a remote rocket and a remote airplane my little brother wants toys, he is 3. my big sister wants a motor scooter and. She is 11. my baby cousin wants baby toys and he is 1. tell mrs. claus and the reindeers hi for me. Be careful and may God be with you.  
Paul Nieto  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordan, I am two and half years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me anything with Spiderman on it, or lots of toys. Please don't forget to bring my Mom and Dad a little something. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.  
Love, Jordan Westernman  
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Dear Sweet Santa,  
My name is Crow Parham. I am 4 years old. I have been a good boy for a long, long time. And I have been minding my mom and dad. And I am nice to my sisters Andrea and Tabitha and to Wade. I want a roadgrater, backhoe, dump truck, basketball goal, Game Cube, motorcycle and a Scooby Doo chair and table. Bring my sissy, Andrea a pink pillow. Bring Jasmine and Jo Jo, some bones to chew on. I'm going to leave some cookies and carrots out for you and the reindeer to eat on. I may be at my Uncle Danny's if I'm not at home, but I'll be back.  
I Love You Very Much!  
Crow Parham  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is John Anderson and I am 4 years old. I would like a motorcycle and a guitar for Christmas.  
Thank you, John  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank you very much for the presents last year! I love them! me and My sister have been very good this year! So I would like a monkey beanie baby, a Cabbage Patch Kid, a PlayStation 2 game (Tak 2 The Staff of Dream) and supprises! I love you!  
Your friend, Ashley Adams  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the stuff last year I like them very much! I have been very good! So I would like, a real Hermit Crab, a Cabbage Patch Kid, a potty Baby, and supprises! I love you.  
Your friend, Kylie Adams  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like to have a remote-controlled UFO. I would also like some jeans and shirts (size 8). I also would like some new shoes size 4, a real bake oven, and the thing that roasts marshmallows. I also like any kind of stuff for art projects. Don't forget my brother Colin or my cousin Shalie. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Love Always, Shelly Dunnam  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank for all of the goodies from last Christmas. I have been real nice this year and extra special to my little brother. Please bring me a princess Dora, a princess scotter, and some clothes also please. I will leave some sugar cookies for you. I love you.  
Tristen Swinney  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good boy this year. I am 2 years old and I want a Mighty Tonka truck and some other neat toys please I will leave some sugar cookies for you. Thank you Santa.  
Will Swinney  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Shalee Bralynn Dunnam and this is my first Christmas. I'm only 9 weeks old so I can't play with toys yet but I do like to look at lights and listen to music. Maybe you could bring me something that lights up and makes sounds. I would also like a soft baby doll that I can hold and love. Have a safe trip and I'll leave you a snack by the Christmas tree. Merry Christmas!  
Love you Shalee  
\*\*\*

Hello Santa,  
I've been good today. Would you please bring me a my little pony doll baby and a TV.  
Love, Kameryn Mathis, age 4  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I Love you. I also like your elf's. Would you please bring me my little pony shoes, little mommy doll and shopping cart. Please bring my Daddy a rope, my Shorty a calf, my marama makeup, my big brat Hay.  
Love always,  
Cequin McIlwain, age 5  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would please like a doll, a kitchen, a whack-a-mole game, diapers for my baby, and some makeup for my big sister Lindsay. I will leave out some fruit to eat and some orange juice to drink.  
Love,  
Bailey Hawkins, age 3  
P.S. Don't forget my Mom and Dad!  
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Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me, a carebear backpack with wheels. Doll head so that I can fix her hair. Also a kids suitcase.  
Love, Krysta Winegart, age 5  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gameboy S.P., a stuffed animal pet cat, a Barbie Doll, a Baby Borne and that's all. Thank you Santa. I'll see you at Christmas when I go to the mall. I'll have you milk and cookies.  
Bailey Ann Toliver, age 5  
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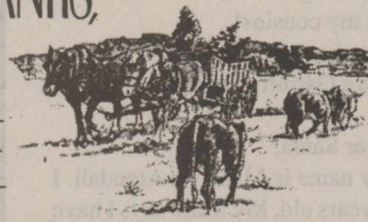
Dear Santa,  
My name is Marley Casey and I am 17 mo. old. My mommy is writing this letter for me because although I am a smart girl, I can't write yet. For Christmas please bring me a new baby doll. I also would like a highchair and stroller for her. One more thing, I would like diapers for my baby because I change lots of them. Well Santa, that's pretty much it. Please don't forget my brother Cole and my cousins Addisyn and Spencer. We will all be at my Granny's Christmas morning. We will leave you milk and cookies. Have a safe trip.  
Love, Marley  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 yrs. old, and have been good. For Christmas Logan wants batman cave, and gameboy with monkey and king kong. And I want a power ranger sword. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Thank you, Logan  
P.S. Bring moma some new clothes. I also want a skateboard and helmet.  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a little barbie with pretty hair. I want a white baby, and two little babies. Please give me a toy that you spin on the table, and a big book. I will leave you some cookies and cereal.  
Love, Kristen Guzman  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue carebear, and a candy cane. I also want a lamp for my room, and an Apple Annie. I would also like a pen and a drawing board, and a play telephone. I will leave you some cookies and an apple for you.  
Love, Shelby Stiewert  
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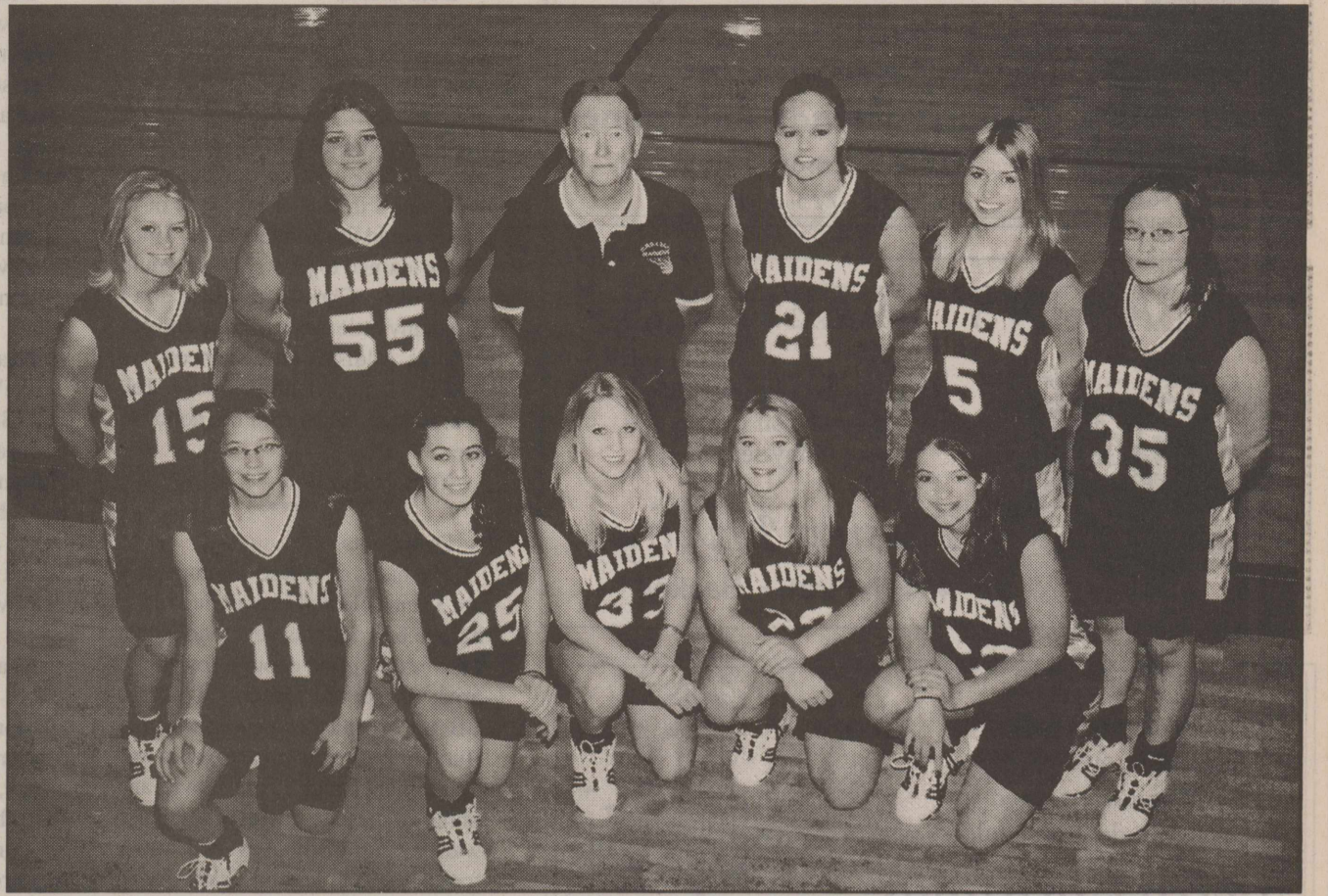
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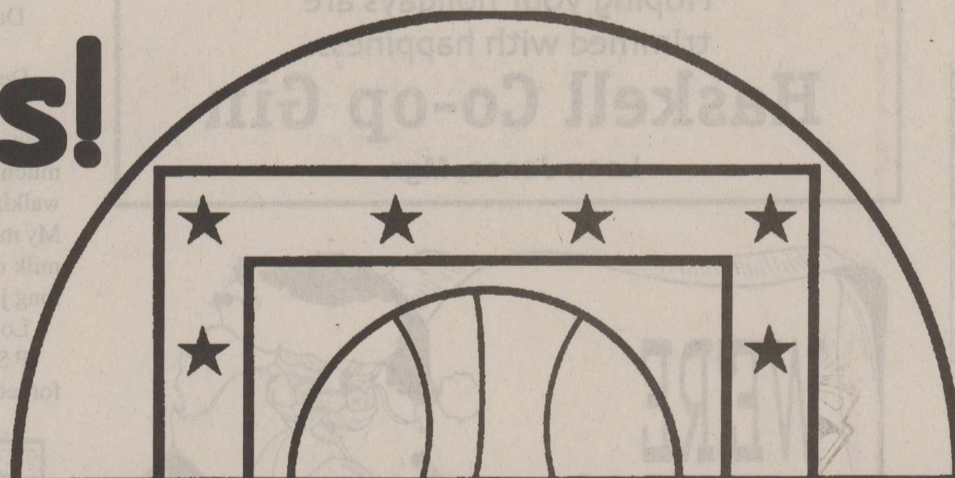
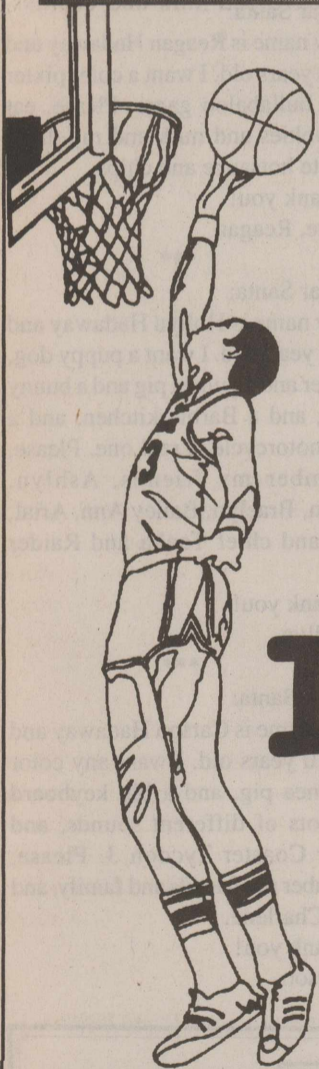
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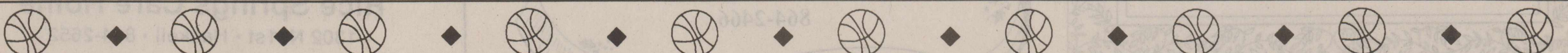
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# Dear Santa, I've tried to be really good!

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Cole Casey and I am 9 years old. I have tried to be good this year so please take that into consideration. For Christmas, please bring me a Guinea pig. I'm also going to need a cage, food and anything else you think I'll need to take care of it. I also would like a video game. Since I have learned to play chess, I would really like a Chess set. Please don't forget my little sister Marley and our cousins Addisyn and Spencer. We will be at our Granny's house. Tell everyone at the North Pole hello for me.

Your Friend, Cole  
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Dear Santa,  
 My name is Chase Thompson. I am 3 years old and I have tried really hard to be good this year. I hope that I have been good enough for you to bring me lots of presents. I want a BB gun so that I can shoot with my Bubba. Will you please bring me Spiderman 1 and 2, the movie and Shrek 2. They are my favorites. I also want a GameBoy Advance and a football and Pokemon Game for it. Put some extra batteries in my stocking. I want a new fishing pole because mine got broke and some stuff for my tackle box. I would also like a CD player of my own and CD's to listen to. Can you make my Mommy's new baby be a girl because that's what she wants. Oh yeah! I need new clothes and shoes because I'm getting big now. I like army men and cars, sports and Spiderman stuff. You can pick whatever you bring me. Put lots of candy in my stocking and don't forget my family and friends. I will leave milk and cookies for you that I make with my Nanny. I love you Santa.

Chase  
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Dear Santa,  
 I think I have been good but, sometimes I fight with Brennan. I try not to start it, but living with a 13 year old brother is pretty difficult! This year please bring me a trampoline, a juice box player and Timmy Turner video piece. Bring me some perfume that you think smells good and some candy for my stocking. We will leave our stockings here for you to fill, not with coal! But please bring my presents to my Nona's. Tell Rudolph and the others I said Hi. Bring me some surprises. Have a safe trip.

Love, Caitlin Medford, age 8

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Slug-Bug, and a "Humma" and a Jeep and a PJ "Truiser." I want new make-up. I want a ring and a bracelet. Delaney wants a Slug-Bug like me. Dylan want a "Humma." Bye-bye, Santa. I see you in the morning. I see you at church.

Love  
 Landry Lynn Hanson, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
 We're going to put cookies out for you. Santa, I want a video game, a football one and an automatic Hummer. I want my own punching bag—oh, yeah, change that punching bag to a blocking dummy. That's all. Thank you.

Love, Dylan Hanson, age 7  
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Dear Santa,  
 Hi! My name is Delaney Grace Hanson and I'm almost 6 months old. Mommy and Daddy think I have been a very, very good baby. This is my first Christmas and I'll be happy with anything you bring me. I adore my big brother and sister, Dylan and Landry. They've been pretty good. Mommy says. Please remember my new friends Colby and Shalee—it's their first Christmas, too. Have a safe trip! Keep your feet warm.

Love,  
 Delaney Grace Hanson, age 6 mo.  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a train, a candy cane, and a snow bear. I would also like a dinosaur, and a monster Christmas. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Terry Tatum  
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Dear Santa,  
 I love you!! I want to give you a hug! I would like some make-up, and a new coat. I would also like some paper and paint. I would also like a real frog. I need some new pants and shirt. I need a little bear, too. I will leave you out some water.

Love, Whitney Masias  
 \*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
 I want a real motorcycle to ride, and a real racecar. I love you Santa! I would also like a car to play with, and a toy robot. I need a new bike to ride on, and a video game. I would also like some letters to play with, so I can learn. I will leave you some fish cookies to eat.

Love, Juan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Ariana Celeste Garcia I'm 4 yrs. old. I have been a very good girl. This year I have helped my mama by taking out the trash, for Christmas I want some Ice Skate, a dolly house, a barbie t.v., a bike, and Jamerun Jamia movie. Santa we will have your chocolate chip cookie under the tree.

Love, Ariana C. Garcia  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Nathaniel Scott Martin and I will be 8 months old at Christmas. I'm not too sure what all this Christmas stuff is all about, but I sure do get excited looking at all the pretty lights, trees and wrapping paper! My mommy and daddy think I would like a rocking horse, Little Touch Leap Pad, a fire truck that makes lots of noise, Peek-a-Blocks Train, a new Baby Einstein DVD, books and a baby Big Bird...but right now everything looks good to me.

I will be at home for my very first Christmas and will leave you some milk and cookies by the fireplace. Merry Christmas!

Love, Nathan  
 P.S. Please bring me best friend, Raider, a new toy so he'll stop running outside with mine!!

Dear Santa,  
 I know my ABC's, and the song "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." I would like to get some real football clothes, and a motorcycle and some motorcycle pants. I will leave you some candy, and I love you!

Love, Eathen Reid  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a red Power Ranger, spiderman, flying helicopter, and a really red ranger bike! I think that is it. I will leave you out a fake beard.

Love, JoeAnthony Delgado  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a green and black Power Ranger toy, and a spiderman toy. I would also like a bear toy, and a gorilla toy. I want a little table to play at, and a frog toy. Please bring my mom a beautiful ring. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Harley Valverde  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a white Power Ranger toy, and a real puppy! I want a Hulk watch, and a play fan. I would also like a play cell phone, and that is it. I will leave you some whale cookies.

Love, R. J. Chavez  
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Dear Santa:  
 My name is David Newton and I am 10 years old. For Christmas I want a drum set and drumsticks, NCAA Football 2005 for my PlayStation, Backyard Baseball for my computer. Please remember my grandparents, my cousins and friends.

David  
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Dear Santa,  
 It is my first Christmas, and I have been a good little boy. I don't need much, but I could use some new walking shoes and any kind of toys. My mom and I will leave cookies and milk on the table. Be careful on you long journey.

Love, Creed Jackson Williams  
 P.S. Daddy says, please don't forget his hunting light!!

Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Addisyn Grace and I am 23 months old. Mommy, Nana, and Granddaddy say that I have been a very good girl this year, except for that temper thing, but I have been trying very hard! For Christmas, I would like a Baby Doll and bed, a stroller, and a bottle. I would also like to have a Sing and Boogie Blue and a vacuum cleaner, because I like to help clean, and anything Dora the Explorer. These things would be great, but just bring me whatever you think that I would like. Please remember to bring my cousins Spencer, Cole and Marley something too. We will all be a Granny and Paw-Paw's house and will leave some goodies for you and the reindeer. Santa, please help all the other kids in the world to have a Merry Christmas and tell Mrs. Claus hi for me.

I Love You,  
 Addisyn Grace Bates  
 \*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
 I'm kind of new at this whole Christmas thing. As a matter of fact, I'll be 8 months old on Christmas Eve! My Mommy and Daddy say I'm an angel baby, so I'm thinking it must be true. All I want for Christmas is a rocking chair to sit in when I read books with my Mommy. Some bath toys to play with would also be nice. My Mommy and Daddy will leave you and the reindeer a snack. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Chloe Elizabeth Hall  
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Dear Santa  
 I would like a new swing set, trampling, swimming pool, stereo, tea party set, and Merry Christmas with snow

Thank you  
 Sara Morgan Leonard  
 Rule 1st grade  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a bicycle, a toy gun, a remote control Ford and a pretend barbecue grill.

Kade Lowack  
 1st grade, Rule  
 \*\*\*

Dear Santa:  
 My name is Reagan Hadaway and I am 8 years old. I want a coler pixter and a hullabaloo game. Please, eat my cookies and milk and my dad's favorite hotsauce and chips


Thank you!  
 love, Reagan  
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Dear Santa:  
 My name is Hollyn Hadaway and I am 4 years old. I want a puppy dog, hamster and a guinea pig and a bunny rabbit, and a Barbie kitchen, and a pink motorcycle—a real one. Please, remember my friends, Ashlyn, Kaelyn, Braelyn, Bailey Ann, Ariel, Allie and chief Tonka and Raider Red.

Thank you!  
 Hollyn  
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Dear Santa:  
 My name is Carson Hadaway and I am 10 years old. I want any color of guinea pig, and a big keyboard with lots of different sounds, and Roller Coaster Tycoon 3. Please, remember my friends and family, and Nana Charlene.


Thank you!  
 Carson  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Hoping your holidays are trimmed with happiness.

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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.

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# Dear Santa, Please bring a . . .

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control Boat and a Jhon Wanye Hat.  
Love, Joshua  
4th grade Paint Creek  
\*\*\*

Dear Sata  
I wont som yu-ge-oy cards and a tool set.  
P.S. I Love you Santa.  
Blake  
4th grade Paint Creek  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This I would like a west coast chopper this year and halo playstation 2 game. And a playstation 2. And that's it.  
your's truly, Rodney  
p.s. be careful.  
Paint Creek  
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dear Santa  
I have been very good, sometimes. I would like a Pink Barbee corevett and a my little pony with a pink bridl. I will not ask for coke junk this year.  
Love , Alma  
Paint Creek

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good trip. I hope you have fun to. How are your reindeer doing.  
Love, Shawn Myers  
3rd grade Paint Creek  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Sweet Valley Kids book, a doll, new shoes, a santa bear, and a valley kids bear.  
Love, Samantha Barnett  
3rd grade Paint Creek  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a game and an Art Kit. Santa I will leave you some cookies. I don't want any barbies or dolles.  
Love, Tarah Trotter  
3rd grade Paint Creek  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a license and a brown bunny. I want a big screen T.V. I also want the real Rudolph. I want candy in my stocking please.  
Love, Caitlin Medford  
3rd grade Paint Creek

Dear Santa,  
I would like the game for GameCube, "prince of persia". I would also Like the game 007 for the GameCube. I want a X-Box, and some games for it.  
thank you,  
Christopher Elias  
2nd grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? You are nice. Can I please have a dirtbike. and I want a Jeep. and a G.I. Joes. and I want a pistol. police-set.  
Love, Jordan Davis, 1st grade  
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Dear Santa  
I want a bike.  
Love, Dylan Webb, 1st grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I whont a Care beir and the color is orange. Eney Poll Pocit whinter clows are eney thaning. A Love Cod \$90,000. I have den a good gail.  
Love, Stormy Darnell  
3rd grade Paint Creek

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and I love you. I would like a Barbie Jeep please, an American Doll Please, a little guitar Please and I need a purple handle bar for my swing set. Could you please come to my Meme's house on Christmas so we can have our picture made together. Also, please bring my sister some toys.  
Love, Sarah Campbell  
Rule 1st grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me, all of the red Power Rangers stuff, a car, bike, books, BuzzLight Year toys, Star Wars toys, a t.v., and VCR for my brother, coloring books, crayons, car my brother and I can ride in. Spiderman toys, Spiderman shooting gloves, and Hulk hands. Merry Christmas Have a safe trip!  
Love, Austin Redden  
Rule Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Care Bear, a cotton candy maker, a picture maker, a new bike, and new clothes. I have been a good girl.  
Love, Rebecca Foreman  
3rd grade Paint Creek

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you brought me last Christmas, and I love you Santa. Please bring me some Hulk hands, a race car track, a 4-wheeler, some hunting gear, a CD player, and some new cowboy boots. Please don't forget my big sister, Stephanie she's 12, we argue alot, but I still love her, so please bring her a gameboy SP. that's what she really wants. Have a safe trip, and I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love, Hunter Threet, age 5  
Rule Kindergarten  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Ashlyn Bevel, and I am 5 years old. I would like some Bratz makeup and a toy phone for Christmas. And a skooter, too! And maybe a play computer if you think I've been really good. Please remember my sissies! We'll have some cookies for you. Thank you!  
I love you, Ashlyn  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Kaelyn Bevel, and I am 4 years old. I want a Barbie bicycle. I know I already have a bike, but I want a Barbie one! Also, I would like a new movie—a princess one. And please get me a Barbie with makeup on. We'll leave you some cookies! Oh, please bring Ashlyn and Braelyn something, too.  
I love you, Kaelyn  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Braelyn Bevel, and I am 2 years old. I would like a Bob the Builder doll and another movie of his so I can sing the song! And some Barbie's or babies, too, please. Just some more toys! Please bring my big sissies some gifts, too. We'll get you some cookies and milk.  
Thank you!  
I love you, Braelyn  
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Dear Santa Clause  
I have been good. I want a power ranger action figure (big), and Santa I want one more thing. This is what I want a gameboy w/godzilla game and tac 2 staff of dreams game. I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies and some celery.  
Thank you,  
Taylor Hunt  
1st grade, Rule Elementary  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Gabriel. I am 7 yrs. old. Please bring me a predator, Lord of the Rings video game, Star Wars Trilogy and Lord of the Rings Trilogy and make more medicines to get rid of colds faster. Pleas make all the kids happy.  
Merry Christmas,  
Gabriel Baiza  
Rule 1st grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I've been wanting a new cabage patch kid with a birth sertifocac and a Game boy with a Game boy Game, and also a new cell Phone barbie with a cell phone with it.  
Love Charitie,  
P.S. Wright me!  
4th grade Paint Creek  
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Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a (7 inch) portable DVD player, a remote controle Esclade, a computer, a baby think it over robet doll, a new horse, a puppy (cocker spinal), a kitten, a hampster, a new CD player, a vedo now color (orange), some new clothes, and some new CD's  
Ashley  
4th grade Paint Creek

Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Kourtney and I live in Haskell, Texas. Thank you for the presents you left for me last year. I have also been good all this year. What I want for Christmas is a big, remote-control Hummer car and anything else you want to leave for me. I want you to bring snacks for Lucy and Hunter and Puppoy and I will leave a snack for you and for Rudolf, too. Oh, please bring Rusty a new hog dog because T-Rex died from a big hog and please bring Dad a box of rocks like he gave me last year and I guess perfume for Mindy. Please bring everyone a present. I don't know what; just a present. You will know.  
Love, Kourtney  
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Dear Santa  
I want lots of toys this year. A Scooter electric one, like shoes, clothes for my cat, something for my fish, karaoke machine and also a video now, a set of Drums and Please bring my cousins presents also. I would also like to Thank you for all of my presents you brought me last year for Christmas. We will leave you some tamales and a Dr. Pepper by the tree!  
Thanks, Dana Rodriquez, age 9  
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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys you brought last year. This year I want a new cat, because my cat ran away. I would also like the Spiderman 2 and Scooby-Doo GameCube games. Please bring spy stuff so I can practice being a CIA agent. Please remember my sister, Tayleigh. We will leave you a big Pizza, double everything and a Diet Coke.  
Thank you,  
Tyler Johnson  
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Dear Santa,  
I would Like a motorcycle. I would Like the DVD Santa Claus 2. I would like a watch. I would Like the DVD The Polar Express. I would Like skates. I would like board game.  
Love Si Exum  
2nd grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I want to have a bike, PS2, a toy train. how are you doing Santa claus I want rudol for Christmas.  
Love, Brad Winterstein  
2nd grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a motorcycle and a cp game of Godzilla vs. all monsters and a moster inc. game.  
your, friend, Joey Bostnjak  
2nd grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I want candy, a small toy, the song I Want Candy, a car, a hourse, a raiindeer, a cat, any license, a book, a big screen T.V., a glove, a dragon, a zoo, a wig, this much money (infinity), a baby lion, a rabbit, a nice teacher like Miss Key.  
Sincerely,  
Kadie McCord  
3rd grade Paint Creek  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a train, a four weller. I have been vere good.  
Love, Kody Lee  
3rd grade Paint Creek  
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Dear Santa  
All I want is a Jon Dere farm simulator  
Cheyenne  
4th grade Paint Creek

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### LET US PRAY FOR TRUE PEACE ON EARTH AT CHRISTMAS

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

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

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Danny Manross, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Dusty Garison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - New Vision Family Worship Center**  
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors  
864-3465  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
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  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
  - New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
  - Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
  - First Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion
  - Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.  
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**  
J. C. Baker, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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  - Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
  - First Baptist Church**  
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.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

- First United Methodist Church**  
Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Philip Houston, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
  - Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**  
Josh Stowe, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
  - Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
  - Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
- Wendall Ferguson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
- Alfa y Omegas  
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**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
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