Basketball

VB-G at Jayton Tournament Dec. 28-29

Calendar

Christmas

service

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will host a Christmas Eve service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at

Christmas service

First United Methodist Church in Haskell will hold a Christmas Eve service Thurs., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Christmas service

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell will hold a Christmas Eve service Thurs., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Holiday hours

Haskell Hospital Auxiliary will be closed for the Christmas holidays and New Year's weekend. The store will open Thurs., Jan. 7. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. Practice sessions are held on Thursday nights at HTS.

TeamKID

TeamKID will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for 4 year old Pre-K students through sixth grade at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Drop children off at west parking lot door of main building. Call 864-2581 if your child needs a ride.

Singles **Around Town**

Singles Around Town is a non-denominational fellowship of singles dining out together on Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m. For the month of December, dining will be at Camacho & Charlie's. This event is hosted by Pam Heezen and Kenneth Wallace.

Vet office open

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

Weather

by Kim Hutto **National Weather Service** Volunteer Co-op Observer **Temperature**

Mon., Dec. 14......40°/71° Tues., Dec. 15 37°/67° Wed., Dec. 1630°/57° Thurs., Dec. 17 30°/59° Fri., Dec. 1824°/57° Sat., Dec. 19 34°/64° Sun., Dec. 20.....58°/70°

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Merry Christmas

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AWARDS CEREMONY-Members of Haskell Cub Scouts Pack 136 held an awards ceremony recently. Receiving awards were, front row, I-r, Preston Legion Post 221 from their representative, David Hayes, Beax Shaginaw, Kaden Rosbrugh, C.J. Alexander, Jaxon Torres and Davis, right. The contribution will help the scouts Edgar Ponce; middle row, Aiden Reyna, Brody Letz, Zakeem Billington, with start up expenses, after a four year absence Nicholas Shaginaw and Rylan Alexander; back row, Audie Shaw, Gaige in Haskell. Chartered with 23 boys and 10 adult Strickland, Zarance Billington, Nate Roewe and Carter Crosson. Not pictured leaders, contributions to help with supplies and are Michael McBroom and Cory Mathis. Jason Torres is Cubmaster.



RECEIVES DONATION-Haskell Cubmaster Jason Torres, left, on behalf of Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136, receives a contribution from the American equipment may be made by contacting Torres.

136 recharters in Haskell Scout Pack

The Pack is back!

Cub Scout Pack 136,

Dept. is their sponsor.

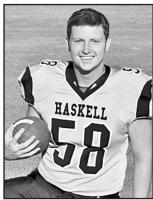
Cubmaster is Jason registered adults. that is, has rechartered, Torres. Scott Kennedy after a four year absence. serves as Assistant The Haskell Volunteer Fire Cubmaster. The Pack has

recently made a donation may contact Torres. to help with start up

23 registered boys and ten expenses. Anyone wishing weekly on Wednesdays

Meetings are held Church.

to contribute to the cost of at the scout hut or at the The American Legion supplies and equipment scout meeting room at First United Methodist



PRYCE STEWART



DYLAN HANSON

Stewart, Hanson named to All-State **Academic Team**

Coaches Association has grade point average of 92 or announced the All-State above for all their high school Academic Football Team for courses. the 2015 season, and that list includes two senior Indians. honor, Hanson was named

Mark and Kristi Stewart, Defense as a defensive back, earned first team honors, as well as to the All-District while Dylan Hanson, son of 2nd Team Offense as a Lance and Rhonda Hanson, quarterback. was named to the second

men excel on the football received Honorable Mention field, but they also excel in the recognition as a defensive classroom. To be nominated for Academic All-State, a student must be an athlete, young men for not only giving student trainer or manager in their all on the playing field, good standing with the team, but also maintaining high

The Texas High School senior and have an overall

In addition to this state Pryce Stewart, son of to the All-District 1st Team

Stewart was listed on the All-District 2nd Team as Not only did these young an offensive lineman, and

Congratulations to these of good moral character, a standards in the classroom.



HOUSE FIRE-The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department answered the call to a house fire about 10:45 a.m. Sun., Dec. 20 at 206 N. 1st East in Haskell. The house, belonging to Kevin West, suffered extensive damage. Cause of the fire is still under investigation.



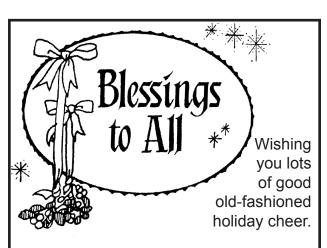
GIFTS OF LAP QUILTS-The Willow Creek Quilting Guild delivered 31 handmade lap quilts Sun., Dec. 20 to residents of Haskell Healthcare Center. On hand to help Santa (Bill Overton) make the special delivery were, I-r, Dolores Medford, Georgia Turnbow, Mary Jennings and Jane Powers. Members of the club are from Rule, Haskell, Stamford, Tuxedo and Paint Creek.

Goodfellows Donations

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

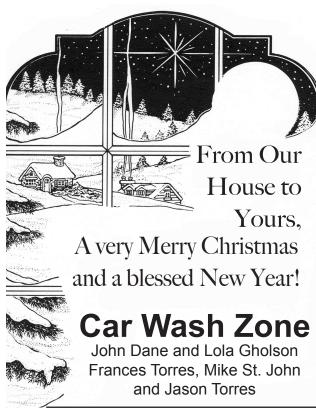
Larry and Linda Short	\$100.00
Robert Tribbey family	\$250.00
Anonymous	\$50.00
Margaret Tanner	
in loving honor of Loudell Barbee	\$25.00
Total this week	\$425.00
Previous total	\$1570.00
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Haskell Co-op Gin





Commissioners' **Court report**

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Dec. 8 with all members present.

A motion to pay all bills presented, plus two additional bills passed.

Haskell County Treasurer Janis McDaniel submitted monthly reports, the Experienced Citizens Center report, and the County Attorney's bank reconciliation reports. A motion passed to accept these reports.

Sheriff Winston Stephens announced that Donna Clayton will retire Dec. 11.

A motion to accept the Indigent Defense Grant Program resolution in order to be eligible to receive grants to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county passed.

A discussion of concerns the City of O'Brien had about the consolidation of election boxes during this past election was held. It was agreed that Judge David Davis would issue a letter to the City of O'Brien.

A motion to replace the Sheriff's department's Tahoe

The matter of replacing the Constable's vehicle was

A motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Rule ISD to bring gravel to fill in ruts and low places where water collects in the parking lot passed.

Haskell Co. **Arrest Report**

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

Robin Rae Loyd, court

Linda Ann Casarez, motion and order for release

Mary Allen Wilson, possession of controlled substance less than one gram methamphetamine.

Thirty calls were made

Haskell Co. **Gin Report**

as of Dec	. 17, 2015
Haskell gin	2,300 bales
Weinert gin	3,400 bales
Rule gin	6,225 bales
O'Brien gin	8,999 bales
Total bales .	20,924 bales

Obituaries

Leon Richard Kretschmer



LEON KRETSCHMER

Funeral services for Leon Richard Kretschmer, 76, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 16 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Pastor David White Kretschmer and Anna Clara

direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Kretschmer passed away Sun., Dec. 13 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Aug. 27, 1939, in Haskell County, he was the son of Richard Kretschmer and Anna Clara (Steinfath) Kretschmer. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He enjoyed collecting knives, comic books, marbles, and loved music, playing guitar, singing, hunting, fishing and antiques.

by his parents, Richard

officiating. Burial was in (Steinfath) Kretschmer; wife, Willow Cemetery under the Melba Jean Kretschmer; infant granddaughter, Jeanie Belyeu; infant greatgrandchild, Kayden Belyeu.

Survivors include his daughter, Lori Renee Tibbels and husband Sherman of Arlington; grandson, Richard Wayne Belyeu and wife Crystal of Haskell; granddaughter, Jenny Lynn Cooke of Burkburnett; five great-grandchildren; sister, Kathryn Medford and husband Bobby of Haskell; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may He was preceded in death be shared with Leon's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Marjorie Palmetta Murphy Dunlap Survivors include her two



MARJORIE DUNLAP

Graveside services for Marjorie Palmetta Murphy Dunlap, 93, of Lake Brownwood were held Mon., Dec. 21 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under Funeral Homes.

Fri., Dec. 18 at her residence in Lake Brownwood.

Born Oct. 21, 1922, in Haskell, she was the daughter of Donald Robert Easterling and Ida Maude (Arthur) Easterling. On Sept. 17, 1937, she married Basil Truman Round Rock; stepdaughter, Murphy, Sr. After his death, Dalelynn Skatch of Des she later married Elam Plaines, Illinois; sister, Dunlap in 1955. Marjorie Runzez Atkinson of was a former owner of Indian Lake Brownwood; nine Grill in Haskell and member grandchildren; six greatof East Side Baptist Church. grandchildren; and She enjoyed quilting, numerous great-greatceramics and bowling. She grandchildren. was a good cook.

death by her parents, Donald Robert Easterling and Ida Maude (Arthur) Easterling; husbands, Basil Truman 457-0090. Murphy, Sr. and Elam Dale the direction of Smith Family Dunlap; son, Roger Dale be shared with Marjorie's Murphy; three brothers; and family at www.smithfamilyfh. Mrs. Dunlap passed away two sisters.

sons, Basil T. Murphy, Jr. and his wife Sharon of Denton, and Curtis W. Murphy and his wife Sandra of Lake Brownwood; stepson, Jeffery Banks and his wife Ivy of

If desired, memorials may She was preceded in begiven in Marjorie's name to American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 Frontage Road, Amarillo, TX 79106. 806-

Online condolences may PD. NOTICE

Jose Castollio Flores



JOSE FLORES

Funeral services for Jose Castollio Flores, Sr., 73, of Rule were held Wed., Dec. 23 at the Alpha and Omega by his parents, Manuel Flores Baptist Church in Rule and Angelita (Castollio)

direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Flores passed away Sun., Dec. 20 at his residence in Rule.

Born Aug. 24, 1942, in Castorville, he was the son of Manuel Flores and Angelita (Castollio) Flores. He lived Alpha Baptist Church. Jose as family.

He was preceded in death with Rev. Manual Marin Flores; wife, Aurora (Reyna)

officiating. Burial was at Flores; brother, Demtreo O'Brien Cemetery under the Flores; and sister, Angelita

Survivors include his three sons, Pete Flores and wife Rachel of Hickory, North Carolina, Joe Flores, Jr. and Felix Flores, both of Rule; daughter, Josephine Camacho and husband Armando of Rule; brother, in Rochester for 40 years and Raymond Flores of Knox was a member of Omega and City; two sisters, Lupe Sanchez of Marble Falls loved to spend time with his and Teresa Ybarra of San family and go out together Antonio; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

> Online condolences can be shared with Jose's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Christmas poster contest winners listed

Chamber of Commerce through fifth grade have been Jonah Flores and Levi Morris,

Winners in the Rule announced.

Kindergarten: Joshua Children's Christmas Poster Flores, first place; Jazmin contest for grades pre-K Amaya, second place; and

tie for third place. First grade: Natalie Murray, first place; Leslie Caldwell, second place; Madisyn Zoey Hollabaugh, third place; and Brylee Teague, Haylee Stone and Averi Baldwin, honorable mention.

Second grade: Kaitlyn Saffel, first place; Juliana Flores, second place; Skylor Kreger, third place; and Kaylee Silvas, honorable mention.

Third grade: Kyleik Mason, first place; Kyle Adkins, second place; Diego Amaya, third place; and Julio Tapia, honorable mention.

Fourth grade: Shelby Saffel, first place; Geneva Pauley, second place; Astrid Guzman, third place; and Zachary Ingram, Timothy Moore, Michael Holt, Zachary Campbell and Donna Greenlee, honorable mention.

Fifth grade: Karleigh Hertel, first place; Karcin Smith, second place; Sean Gatlin, third place; and Julian Trevino, Patrick Lightfoot and Roger Thompson, honorable mention.

First, second and third places received ribbons and prize money of \$5 for first place, \$3 for second place, and \$1 to third place and all other entries.







BENEFIT DRIVE-The students and faculty at Paint Creek School recently held a food and diaper drive to benefit the Noah Project North in Haskell County. Shown in the picture are Janis Brzozowski of Noah Project and students in first through fifth grades of Paint Creek school.



FAIR ENTRIES-Haskell County 4-H member Shalee **Dunnam with her entries for the King County Fair** held in Guthrie.

Student

in the News

Shelby Thomas of Haskell graduated with honors from Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service in Houston Dec. 18.

Thomas, and her husband Micah, make their home in Haskell. She is employed by Smith Family Funeral Homes in Haskell.

She is the daughter of Ricky Dunnam of Haskell and Sharie Dunnam of Wichita Falls.



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Menu

Mon., Dec. 28 BBQ sausage, potato salad,

onions, pickles, pinto beans, garlic toast, tea or

Wed., Dec. 30 Ham and beans, coleslaw, cornbread, onions, pickles,

> Fri., Jan. 1 Closed for New Year's Day

Announcements begin

at 11:45 a.m. followed by

dessert, tea or coffee

coffee

SHELBY THOMAS

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FAIR ENTRIES-Haskell County 4-H member Colton Hopkins with his entries for the King County Fair held Oct. 24.

Dunnam, Hopkins win in Guthrie

members Shalee Dunnam and Colton Hopkins entered the King County Fair in Guthrie Oct. 24.

4-H Club reporter, placed first with her Science Fair entry, first place pillow, first place and Best of Show Acrylic Painting, first place Ceramics, first place and Best of Show Preserved Foods with Salsa, first place and Best of Show Clothing and in Photography

Haskell County Jr. 4-H first place in Domestic Category, Wildlife, Still Life, and Nature and Landscape categories.

Hopkins, Haskell Co. Jr. Dunnam, Haskell Co. Jr. 4-H Club president, placed first with his Textile Decorated T shirt, first place Preserved Foods Dehydrated Peppers, second place Art Division-Acrylic Painting, and in Photography first place in Plant/Flora and Action Photo; second place in Wildlife and Still Life categories.

season's best

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ELEMENTARY UIL-Rule Elementary School students participating in UIL events include, front row, I-r, Juliana Flores, Jelena Martinez-Alvarez, Hailey Garcia, Skylor Leek, Samantha Farquhar, Skylor Kreger and Waylynn Caldwell; middle row, Dylan Campbell, Kyle Adkins, Kaitlyn Saffel, Diego Amaya, Frankie Olivera, Kyleik Mason and Michael Ervin; back row, Geneva Pauley, Karcin Smith, Patrick Lightfoot, Timothy Moore, Trinity Whorton, Karleigh Hertel, Shelby Saffel, Astrid Guzman and Regan Thompson.



RULE JR. HIGH UIL-Rule Junior High School students participating in UIL events include, front row, I-r, Christian Speck, Kurt Leek, Danny James, Taylor Silvas, Madalyn Navarrette, Abigail Ortiz, Jaella Martinez-Alvarez, Bryson Silvas, Lenzi Manske and Jysela Martinez-Alvarez; back row, Danny Kreger, Ian Sotelo, Macy Rogers, Kennedy Fritzler and Jillian Herrera.

Rule ISD students participate in UIL competition

and junior high students participated in UIL events recently. Results include:

Second grade Ready Writing: Samantha Farquhar, sixth place.

Third grade: Music Memory, Hailey Garcia,

Rule ISD elementary third place; Ready Writing, Hailey Garcia, first place; Writing, Karcin Smith, Spelling, Diego Amaya, second place; Storytelling, Hailey Garcia, sixth place.

> Fourth grade: Spelling, Shelby Saffel, fourth place; Music Memory, Shelby Saffel, first place.

Fifth grade: Ready place. fifth place and Ragen Graphs, and Charts, D.J. Thompson, sixth place; Jameson, fourth place; Spelling, Karleigh Hertel, fifth place; Maps, Graphs, and Charts, Karcin Smith, Abigail Ortiz, fourth place; third place; Dictionary, and Lenzi Manske, sixth Patrick Lightfoot, sixth place; Chess, Bryson Silvas,

Art, second place team, Jaella Alvarez, first place;

Sixth grade: Maps, Alvarez, fourth place; Music Memory, Jillian Herrera, fourth place; Ready Writing, Jaella Alvarez, sixth place; Social Studies, D.J. Jameson, sixth place.

Seventh grade: Maps Graphs, and Charts, Jysela

sixth place; Spelling, Jaella Alvarez, second place and Christian Speck, third place; Science, Jysela Alvarez, first place and Christian Speck, sixth place.

> Eighth grade: Spelling, Madaline Navarette, fifth place; Chess: Ian Sotello, sixth place.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 29,2005

Haskell County 4-H'ers winning at the District 4-H Food Show held in Vernon were juniors Meghan Glover, first in Fruits & Vegetables; and Crissy Bassett, second in Breads & Cereals. In the intermediate division were Main Dish; Allison Petty, first in Fruits & Vegetables; Andrea Anderson, second Urich, first in Nutritious Snacks; and Kate Rowan, second in Desserts. Winning in the senior division were Molly Dudensing, first in Breads & Cereals; and Candace Brister, first in Nutritious Snacks.

Kacy Baitz graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, with a Bachelor program. Jones-Cox and Co. major. of Business Administration and Lane-Felker are subjects 1996 graduate of Rule High School, he is the son of Fred and Tami Baitz of Sagerton.

20 Years Ago December 28, 1995

position there to accept a position as Youth Minister New Mexico. at the First Baptist Church in Kaufman. McLelland had students were recognized

nine years. Jenny Dudensing, first in Finnell was in Haskell to Sweetwater. Ray Burnett of unveil the new 70 mph Haskell was named to the speed limit signs posted Dean's Honor Roll, while by the Texas Department Lane Herttenberger of Rule in Breads & Cereals; Stewart of Transportation. Also on was listed on the President's hand were Mayor Ken Lane, County Judge B.O. Roberson and County Commissioner Ray Perry.

30 Years Ago December 26, 1985

Two long-time Haskell businesses have been featured in the syndicated "Eyes of Texas" television She is a junior accounting the program.

Therwhanger were honored with a reception

Randy McLelland, Youth and grandchildren, in Minister at Haskell First celebration of their 50th Baptist Church, resigned his wedding anniversary. They were married in Lovington,

Two Haskell County served at FBC for almost for outstanding academic success at Texas State State Rep. Charles Technical Institute in

40 Years Ago December 25, 1975

Deanna Frierson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Frierson of Haskell, has been initiated into Alpha Chi National Honor Society at West Texas State University.

Kenneth Hilliard, son of degree in Management. A of two different segments of Mr. and Mrs. E.L Hilliard of Haskell, has been appointed Mr. and Mrs. John assistant county extension agent for Lubbock County. This month he will receive hosted by their children a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education from Texas Tech University.

50 Years Ago December 30, 1965

The speech 3 class at HHS presented the traditional play, "Scrooge." The cast included George Sherman, Diane Hester, J.B. Ozuna, Billy Macias, Theresa Galvan, Gene Hester, Barbara Cass, Judy Baitz, Harlan Miller, Debby Wiseman, Betsy Fouts, David Ray, Bill Perry, Brenda Campbell, Kenneth Glass, Bonnie Howard and Kenny Miller.

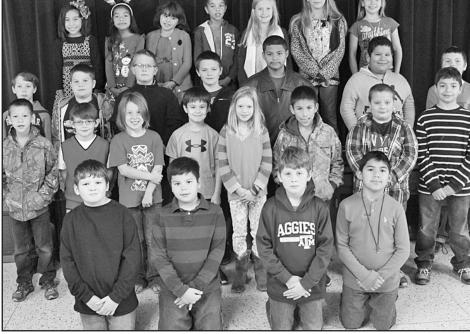
Raymond Andrada and Jesse Sanchez announce the opening of the J&R Radiator Shop, across the street from Skaines Wrecking Yard. They have more than eighteen years combined experience in the radiator repair business.

100 Years Ago December 25, 1915

With the addition of those "Drive to the Right: signs to the street lights on ornamental poles, Haskell will truly be assuming city proportions. The old town is a growing.

A state inspector was here for the purpose of inspecting those schools of the county that have made application for state aid. The County Superintendent, T.C. Williams, accompanied the party on the trip, which was made in a large touring car.

Mr. Theodore Fullbright, who is attending school at Sagerton, is spending the Christmas holidays with home folks.



PAINT CREEK ELEMENTARY UIL-Paint Creek Elementary School students participating in UIL events include Phaiden Spikes, Cowan Rogers, Audie Shaw, Zeke Cisneros, Harry Boyd, Zakarey Jones, Trinity Black, Ethan O'Donnell, Aubrey Payne, Adrian Castoreno, Matthew Howard, Cayden Rogers, Gus Blair, Levi Rhoads, Austen Sanford, Lane Garcia, Kaiden Castillo, Christian Ramos, Mark Hall, Abigail Castorena, Jasmine Anguiano, Chloe Pete, Natalya Mays, Eden Graham, Alia Quinonez and Alisa Walburg.



PAINT CREEK JR. HIGH UIL-Paint Creek Junior High School students participating in UIL events include Steven Crain, Haylee Garcia, Heather Volcko, Jaclyn Snelling, Desiree Acosta, Ethan Jenkins, Mark Garcia, Danica Elias, Brett Meurer, Araceli Cruz, Joshua Blake, Zakary Elkins, Sarah Calvillo, Zamantha Ramos, Bailee Thomas, Brianna Yanez, Jasmine Boyd

and Charts team, third

place; Social Studies team,

Anastasia Hall:

Mathematics, second place;

Mathematics team, third

place; Dictionary, sixth

place; Dictionary team,

first place; Ready Writing,

third place; and Spelling

team, second place.

Paint Creek ISD students participate in UIL events

and Junior High students Dictionary team, first place; recently participated Maps, Graphs and Charts, in UIL events. Results fifth place; Maps, Graphs

Third grade

Eden Graham, Spelling, third place; and Spelling fourth place.

Trinity Black, Story Telling, third place.

Cayden Rogers, Music Memory, fifth place and Music Memory team, third place.

Fifth grade

Levi Rhoads: Art, first team, second place. place; Ready Writing, first place; and Listening,

Gus Blair: Social Studies, sixth place. Sixth grade

Mark Garcia: fourth place.

Mathematics, third place; Mathematics team, third place; Social Studies, fourth place; Social Studies team, third place; Dictionary

Paint Creek Elementary Dictionary, first place; Spelling team, second

Joshua Blake: Spelling, third place; Spelling team, second place; and Social Studies team, third place.

Danica Elias: Mathematics, sixth place; Mathematics team, third place; and Social Studies team, third place.

Seventh grade

Zakary Elkins: Science, third place; and Impromptu Speaking, fourth place.

Eighth grade

Desiree Acosta: Calculator Applications, first place; Listening, second place; and Number Sense, sixth place.

Jaclyn Snelling: Ready Ethan Jenkins: team, first place; and Writing, sixth place.

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HASKELL INDIANS-Members of the Haskell Indians basketball team include, I-r, Chase Gibson, Rocky Haggard, Kyler Hoover, Aaron Skiles, Lane Burson, Kellen Parks, Alec Roewe, Kadin Seeliger and Dylan Hanson.

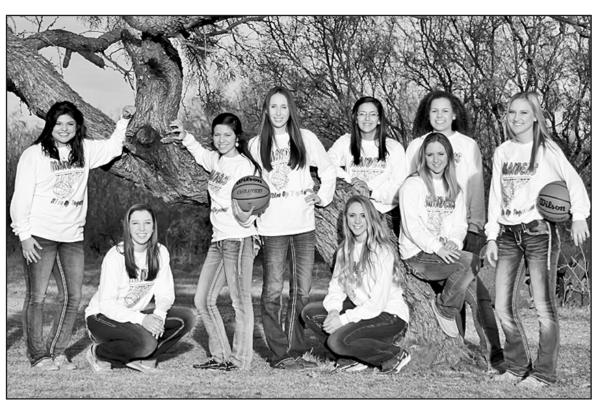
Haskell Indians

Varsity in Jayton Tournament Dec. 28-29 at Jayton

Haskell Maidens

Varsity in Jayton Tournament Dec. 28-29 at Jayton

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HASKELL MAIDENS-Members of the Haskell Maidens basketball team include, I-r, Destiny Benavides, Taylor Manske, Ariel Martinez, Hollyn Hadaway, Jordan Garvin, Courtney Whitt, Mackinzie Garvin, C'Era Taylor and Ashlyn Bevel.

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I love you. Gabby Scheets, age 5 Miles, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want lots of Star Wars stuff, I love dineosours, too. I really, really want a real motorcycle like my dads.

> I love you. Jayden Scheets, age 6 Miles, Texas

Dear Santa,

My name is Heather Pittman and I am 7 years old this year. I have tried really hard to be a good girl this year. So for Christmas I would like a Little Live Pets Bird or a Baby Alive Doll. Thank you Santa! We are leaving some hot cocoa and cookies out for you this year, also I'll leave some carrots out for your reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Love, Heather

Dear Santa,

My name is Lily Pittman and I am 3 years old. I have been a very good girl this year and for Christmas I would like a Baby Alive Doll with brown hair and a stroller or a T-Rex. Thank you Santa. We are leaving you some cookies and hot cocoa on the table. Also there will be some carrots out for the reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Lily

Dear Santa

My name is Aiden Pittman and I am 3 months old. I am new at this because its my very first Christmas. But, I know I am a sweet boy because mommy is always telling me that! So, for Christmas I would like some toys, some new clothes and a walker so I can start learning. Thank you so much Santa. We are leaving out some cookies and cocoa for you and some carrots for the reindeer! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Aiden

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Emilee and I will be 10 weeks old on Christmas Day. I don't need any new toys, so for my first Christmas I would like you to bring presents to my cousins Kendall, Barrett and River. Thank you, Santa.

> Love, Emilee Thompson 2 months old

Dear Santa.

My name is Kennedy Buchanan and I am 6 years old. I would like J.J. and Star Lilly. And my brother would like some clothes. Bring some new shoes to mom. Shawn would like two yodas. I have been really good. Don't forget Dad and NicNic and Moe.

Love, Kennedy

Dear Santa,

This is my wish list. I want a swagway and a lot of Shopkins and mine craft boxes and beats and a ipod a new tooth brush and pillows, blankets, stuffed animals, make up, purses, walets, bike jewlery, art stuff, talking

bird, little live pets tweet talking birds, little live pets clitsi mouse house pink and white, doc mcstuffins stuff, lalaloopsy stuff, Baby Alive dolls, my life dolls, Sofia the first headphones, magic mixer, vet set, my littliest pet shop toys, food fair shopkins, high heels, teni shoes, boots, pjs, sweats and sweater cloths. In shoes I wear 11 in a half. In pj's I wear small 6t. In cloths I wear small 6t.

Sincerely, Jelena

Dear Santa,

My name is Maci and I have been a good girl this year! I would like some Dora light up shoes, a tent with some chairs, and some walky talkies. I would also like some frozen ice skates because mine are broke. I would also like some cheerleader pom poms to cheer with. Please don't forget my little brother puppet, he has been really good too this year. My brother and I will have the tree decorated for you when you come!

Love, Maci Garner, age 4 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa,

My name is Peanut and I can't wait till you come to visit. I like football, can you bring me a football uniform. I would also like a bulldog football uniform as well. I want a field goal so that I can play football at my house. I have been so good in school this year and have made lots of new friends.

Love,

Peanut Jennings, age 5 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa,

My name is Jamison and have been very good this year! I want a BIG fire truck that I can play with outside and a BIG truck too. I want a wagon so that I can put things in it to pull. I want an umbrella and a tractor too. I will leave some milk and cookies for you Santa. Please don't forget my sister Sharita, she has been good too this year.

Love, Jamison Crain, age 4 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa,

My name is Zoey and I have been a good girl this year! I would like some roller skates and some Elsa shoes. I would also like a big pool, Elsa dress and Elsa Necklace. I would also like a Bell dress so that I can look like a princess. My grandma is going to help me make cookies for you and I will put some milk with them.

Love,

Zoey Townsend, age 5 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa, My name is Thomas and I have been a very good boy this year! This year I would like Clifford the big red dog. We read about him in school and he is so neat. I would also like a house and a avenger toy to play with. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,

Thomas Rawls, age 4 Paint Creek Pre-K

May your heart and your home be warmed by the spirit of Christmas this season.

Larned Sales Center

864-2749 - Haskell Merry Christmas from The Larned Family Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee and I am so excited for Christmas! I have been good this year. I want a cheerleader suit with some cheerleader pom poms. I also want some cheerleader shoes to go with my cheerleader suit. I love to cheer. I want a snowflake necklace and a cross necklace. I would like some of my own crayons and paper so I can draw and color. I also want a little Christmas tree. I will leave some milk and cookies for you and please don't forget my brothers and sisters.

Love, Kylee Delmasso, age 5 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa,

My name is Colston and I have been a good boy! I want a football helmet. I also want spiderman gloves that sling webs, some binoculars, and a Spiderman house with a Spiderman to play in it. I also want the game that is the pie in the face. It looks so fun to play. I will have some milk and cookies for you.

> Colston Myers, age 5 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa, My name is Kavan and I am super excited about Christmas! I would like a donkey for my backyard. I would also like a power ranger toy and a BIG HUGE marker board so that I can write and draw on it. I also want the pie in the face game too. Please don't forget my brother Krew. I will have some milk and cookies for you and your long ride. I will also leave some reindeer food for your reindeers.

Love, Kavan Adams, age 4 Paint Creek Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want a kid motorcycle and go-cart, stuffed animal dog and fish, a Christmas tree, a dirt bike and some candy canes.

> Love, Hagen Payne Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Hello Kitty toy with stickers, and Elsa scooter and Frozen Disney Legos.

Love, Jenna Scheets Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, an Elsa movie and an Elsa doll.

Love, Alexa Yanez

Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Lightsaber toy, a flashing light toy, a bracelet that blinks colors and a blue camera

> Love, Kaelem Nystrom Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want an Easy Bake Oven, a Flying Fairies doll, stuffed pink bear with a purple shirt and play jewelry.

Love, Kamryn Delmasso Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Spiderman and Sandman Legos, a real camera, and Ironman toy, a toy Teddy Bear, a trumpet and trombone, Batman Legos and a Power Ranger toy sword.

Love, Logan Santos Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

jacket and a Paw Patrol toy. Love, Kash Holder

Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want ear muffs, a toy bow and arrow, a Dinosaur Transformer toy, and a Skylander toy.

Love, Lukas Jones

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike, a puppy, a Barbie, a new Christmas tree, shirts and jackets, make-up and new

Love, Emily Howard Paint Creek Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents, following rules, doing chores, doing homework, and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas, I would like a Bikoo with a phone and a blue boos and toy unicorn. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present and a snack for your reindeer. I love you Santa.

Love, Sherita Blair Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents, following rules, doing chores, doing homework, and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas, I would like football and a dirt bike. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present, and a snack for your reindeer. I love you Santa.

> Love, Wyatt Walbarg Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents following rules, doing chores, doing homework and taking care of my pets.

I would like a x-box, a mind craft Lego set. I would also like a Htc phone. I will leave you milk and cookies, a presint and a snak for your reindeer. I love you.

Love, Sean Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

come. I have been good this year. I have been listening following rules, doing chores, doing homework, and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas, I would like a big rainbow doll with clothes. I would also like rainbow color nail polish, a stuffed unicorn would be very nice.

I will leave you some milk and cookies and a snack for your reindeer. I love you, Santa.

Love, Jenny Scheets Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents following rules, doing chores, doing homework and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas I would like a bike with training wheels, apple laptop and Buzz Lighter. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present, and a snack for your reindeer. I love you, Santa.

> Love, Cort Rogers Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents following rules, doing chores, doing homework and taking care of my pets.

I want a toy shooter, a a doll house and a ZooMo cede and a shakens. I will leave you some milk and cookes, a present and a snake for your reindeer. I love you Santa.

> Love, Adrianna Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to Paint Creek Kindergarten come. I have been good this

year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents following rules, doing chores, doing homework and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas I would like a new rainbow folder, and pink camo boots, play big car and I drive and fit in. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present and a snack for your reindeer. I love you Santa.

Love, Urijoh Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents following rules, doing chores, doing homework and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas, I would like an Elf on the Shelf, a Barbie Doll and a Barbie Doll House. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present, and a snack for your reindeer. I love you Santa.

Love, Kylie Flores Paint Creek 1st grade.

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents following rules, doing chores, doing homework and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas, I wood like rainbow boots, pink and purple camo boots and a rainbow vest.

I will leave you some milk and cookes, a present and a snack for your reindeer. I love you, Santa.

Love, Carissa Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents, following rules, doing chores, doing homework, and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas, I would I can't wait for you to like a kid dirt bike and my two frunt teth, and a big car.I will leave you some milk to my teacher and parents, and cookies, a present, and a snack for your reindeer. I love you, Santa.

Love, Zander Elias Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents, following rules, doing chores, doing homework, and taking care of my pets.

For Christmas I would like a bag of clay and clos. I want new shoes. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present, and a snack for your reindeer. I love you, Santa.

Love, Embery Cochran Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for you to come. I have been good this year. I have been listening to my teacher and parents, following rules, doing chores, doing homework, and taking care of my pets.

For Christmis, I would like a camo jakit with pokits in the inside and also a dsi and a new bike. I will leave you some milk and cookies, a present, and a snack for your reindeer. I love you, Santa.

Love, Adrian Castorena Paint Creek 1st grade

Dear Santa,

How are you elfves doing. For Christmas, I wod like I bet Rudolf's nose is bright and red. I am going to have nice cookies for you. I want for Christmas an Xbox and conttroller and a whole bunch of Christmas presents this year. How is Mrs. Claus doing this year? Are you going down the chimny? Were going to give some hot coclotute.

Love, Ethano Donnell Paint Creek 2nd grade Dear Santa.

How are the reindeer? I want a bmx bike, snowball machine and a puppy please. I want a life jacket, a tent, and a bigger pool and a diving board. I want a slide to put on the side of my bunk bed. Do you want hot chocolate with marshmellows?

Love, Zak Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Can I please have an elf for Christmas? I love Christmas! On Christmas I am warm all the time. Do you like milk and cookies?

Love, Audrianna Yanez Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? Is she helping you? How's Rudolf and the other reindeer? I was happy with what you gave me. Thank you! I would like a toy horse and a treehouse, but if you can't I understand but hopefully you will. I want you to get my brother BlackOps three, my moma a nice truck and a Buick and my dad a sleigh. Thank you.

Yours truly, Chloe Pete Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa.

Are the elves ok? I want warm clothes and hot chocolate please. I like Rudolf and his nose. I like Christmas. I like trees because of the ornaments. Do you like the cookies? I like to rip the presents.

Love, Amelia Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Are you realy tired when you work in your workshop with the elves? When you deliver with the elves and the reindeers do you like it? Do you like to deliver the presents to the boys and girls? When Christmas comes, we will give you some cookies and milk. Is your sled very fun? Do you have a lot of toys there? I want many things but most of all I want wubble bubble ball, make-up, a little puppy and jewelry.

Thank you Santa! Love, Aubrie Payne Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa, Which elf is your favorite? I would like skates shoes, Xbox 3, remote-control airplane, bike, puppy, rabbits, clothes and a toy truck. I also want a big stocking. What

kind of milk do you like? Love, Hunter Wylie Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas I want some crystal pets, some legos, a new book, and some stuffed animals. I would also like a

bubble wubble ball. Love, Alyssa Anguano Paint Creek 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I hope you like my cookies. I want a DS and an Ipod and I really want an elf on a shelf and DS game. Would you like hot chocolate and cookies? We made your elves and there's a stocking on the curtain in our class. I hope you can fill it up if you have enough time. Merry Christmas!

Love, Abigail Paint Creek 2nd grade

Hello Santa,

My name is Addison Agraz. I am 7 years old and I have been a very good girl this year.

I would like Shopkins, Descendant Dolls and a Basketball goal for Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus and the Reindeer hello for me! Merry Christmas and stay warm!

Love, Addison Agraz

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

Christmas! I would also

Christmas! Enjoy your

Love, Quinten Siegfried

I would like a puppy

I would like a phone for

Christmas! I would also like

to have a doll for Christmas.

I hope you enjoy your milk

Love, Heather Pittman

I would like a Snoopy

Inflatable and an Elf on

the Shelf for Christmas. I

Love, Noah Robledo

I would like paint for

Christmas and a kite. I hope

you enjoy your milk and

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

believe in you!

Love, Braelynn Musquiz

I would like an Ipod for

I would like a doll for

I would like a dirt bike for

Christmas and a BMX bike.

Love, Nathaniel Brown

I would like white

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jersey. Merry Christmas!

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Dear Santa,

and mine craft.

Dear Santa,

milk and cookies.

Love, Cash Bronaugh

I would like a toy

I would like a Wii U for

Christmas and a Hello Kitty

toy. I hope you enjoy your

Love, Elizabeth Meier

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helicopter for Christmas

Love, Aiden Reyna

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Love, Dakodah Estes

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Christmas and a puppy. I

Love, Gloria Perez

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Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

for Christmas!I wish you a

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Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

and cookies.

reindeer!

cookies!

Love, Allie Villa

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cookies.

Dear Santa,

I would like anything minecraft and a puppy.

Levi S. Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Can I please have a trampoline. Can my little sister have some socks, shoes and a baby trampoline. Please bring my brother a lamp so he will sleep in his room. I have been a good girl at school and helping Grandpa too! How's everyone at the North Pole? We will be leaving cookies and milk. Also, carrots for the reindeer.

Emma Vance Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year. I would like a toy minecraft table with a transformer optimus prime inside of it. Also I want Lego Dimensions for the P53 with the scooby doo pack. Thank you Santa.

Keagen Vasquez Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Tyreike Glen Vanderbilt. I've been a good boy this year. What I would love for Christmas is a puppy dog and a dog. I also would like a train and a soccer ball, and a Christmas tree book. Thank you.

Tyreike Vanderbilt Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Please send me a dog, a bike, bark alive shopkins, and pajamas.

Kynzleah Hertel Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Lezli Manske. I am six years old. I have been a good girl this year. I want a necklace and earrings, some rings, JJ the Pup, Puppy Surprise, and a mini kitchen set. I also want Kitty the cat that acts like a real cat. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will also draw you a picture of me, you and the and shokwave and Qixels. elves.

Love, Lezli Manske Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. Hi! Santa. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. I want a Dalmation please and a Barbie house please and Lego Friends please?

> Jazmin Amaya Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Haylee Stone and im 6 years old and in the 1st grade. I have been a very good girl this year, so for Christmas I was wondering if you could bring me a doll, bike, and clothes and a doll for my sisters, hot wheel cars for my brother and I will leave you out some milk and cookies.

Haylee Stone Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I want a phone, a stocking full of candy, more things you get me for Chrishmas a bunch of toys. Thank you.

> Jayde Leek Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a big bike. I would also like a phone. Can I have clothes like yours?

> Rylan Green Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I want an art set, and a pikchr of you, and a barbie dol, and a bakpak, and a bike, te set and a dress.

Averi Baldwin Rule 1st grade Dear Santa,

I want to ask for a few things. Avenger toys, minecraft toys and some hot

> Thank you, Fabian Valdez Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. I really want orbeez crush and pie face. My sister has been good. Please bring her a present. Say hi to Rudolph for me.

Natlie Murray Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I love you so much Santa. I want a easy bake set with the food. A new phone case, some socks, a necklace, my ear pierced, some head phone, some jewelry, some shoes, a new phone, Monster High dol with clothes.

Madisyn Hollabaugh Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I want a pogo stick, a pottery set, games, a phone, a bone for Zeus, a cross for my sister, boots for my bubba, a dress for my mom. I love you Santa. I'll leave out cookies and milk. You are the best.

Brylee Teague Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa,

Tell Quarty to bring this note to you if you want him to. I was a good boy today at school. I want a box of two fake dinosaur hands, Hulk on a truk, Ds with a Mindcraft game, and a machine scooter.

Love, Audie

Hello Santa,

My name is Jazlyn Perales. I am 4 years old and I am so excited for Christmas this

I would like a Tablet, Buzz Lightyear Doll and Jessie Doll. Tell Rudolph I said Hello!

Love, Jazlyn Perales

Dear Santa,

I want a wii, a Splatoon

I love you. Joshua Jordan, age 7 Saginaw, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want an ice cream maker and a unicorn and a new phone with games on it. I really want lots of toys-a big stuffed animal dog. A Big Big puppy dog.

> I love you, Sarah Jordan, age 4 Saginaw, Texas

Dear Santa, My name is Kayden Evans. I am barely 3 years old and live in Fort Worth. I came to my Grammy's house in Haskell for Thanksgiving, so she is writing this letter for me. I would like to have anything to do with Spiderman, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Paw Patrol. I would also like some new clothes. I keep out growing what I have. Don't forget something for my uncle Crow's pickup, my Aunt Tabitha, Uncle Wade, and a new TV for my mama. I love you. My mom will have a snack for you and Rudolph.

Kayden Evans Fort Worth

Dear Santa,

I want an American Girl doll for Christmas. I would also like some accessories in my stocking.

Love, Tessa Eddleman

Dear Santa, I would like a paint ball gun for Christmas.

Love, Jaxson Torres Haskell first grade

Dear Santa, I would like Mine craft six

for Christmas and a phone! Love, Hunter Jowers Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want like to football gloves for Frozen stuff and nurf rebel guns and shirts.

Arena Caldwell Rule 1st grade

Dear Santa, I would like a dog for Christmas! I would also like a BB gun for Christmas!

Love, Miguel Watson Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a football glove for Christmas! I also like boxing glove for Christmas. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies.

Love, Teagen Hodgin Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like NFL 15 for Christmas! I would like to have a dog for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

> Love, Christyn Ramos Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like an x-box 360 for Christmas. I would like a remote control helicopter. Merry Christmas to all the

> Love, Gabriel Exiga Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like an x-box for Christmas! I would also like to have an Ipad for Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Love, Brian Weng Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll also a Christmas and a horse! phone for Christmas! Marry Christmas!

Love, Scarlett Kimmel Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a new game for Christmas! I would also like to have a new toy for Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Damian Castaneda Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like an x-box for Christmas. I would also like to have a dog for Christmas! I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Love, L.J. Castorena Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a dog for Christmas! Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Hailey Spencer Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a kitten for Christmas! I would also like to have a phone. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies.

> Love, Schylar Anderson Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like and Ipod for Christmas! I would also like to have a cat for Christmas! Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Jaylyn Rodela Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll for Christmas! I would also like to have a puppy.

Love, Emma Seballos Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy for Christmas. I would also like a phone for Christmas. I hope you enjoy your cookies and milk.

Love, Lyric Pittman Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I would like a tablet for Christmas! I would also like to have a phone for Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Love, Ernie Martinez Haskell first grade

I would like a phone for

Dear Santa, I would like a baby doll

for Christmas and a toy skate board. I hope you like your cookies. Love, Grace Robledo

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Dear Santa,

I would like Lego Dimension for Christmas and a Wii U.

Love, Ethan Camacho Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a case for my Ipod for Christmas and a computer. Merry Christmas! Love,

Rebekah Cunningham Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a stuffed bear for Christmas and toy dinosaur. I hope you like your milk and cookies!

Love, Ali Bailey Haskell first grade

Dear Santa, I would like Metal Gear Solid for Christmas and a

Super Mario maker.

Love, Blaze Johnson Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a play station I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies!

Love, A.J. Mitchum Haskell first grade Dear Santa, I would like an Ipod for

Christmas and a jewelry box! Love, Kaylyn Rodela Haskell first grade Dear Santa,

I would like an Ipod for Christmas and a laptop! I believe in you!

Love, Natalia Perez Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Star Lilly for Christmas and an American Girl Doll!

Love, Kennedy Buchanan Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

hope you will show me your I would like and X-Box for Christmas and a phone! I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies!

> Love, Beaux Shaginaw Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a polka-dot Ipad case for Christmas and fake glasses! I love you Santa Claus!

> Love, Layla Dominguez Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a football for Christmas and an X-Box 1. I wish you a Merry Christmas! Love, Matthew Silvas

Dear Santa, I would like an X-Box 360

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for Christmas and a talking robot. Merry Christmas! Love, Preston Hayes Haskell first grade

Dear Santa, I would like an Ipod for Christmas and a Ps2. Thank

Love, Gaige Strickland Haskell first grade

converse shoes for Christmas Dear Santa, and a Clemson football I would like Longhorn pants and a camo shirt.

Love, Haegen Pinkerton Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like an easy bake oven for Christmas and a phone. I will be leaving you a present under my tree.

Love, Joselynne Tidrow Haskell first grade

Dear Santa, I would like an Ipod for Christmas and Ugg Boots. Merry Christmas!

> Love, Brynlee Stocks Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a baby doll for Christmas and a doll house! Thank you! Love, Zaylee Rodela

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Dear Santa, I would like an X-Box 1 for Christmas and a toy dog. Merry Christmas! Love, Brooklyn Diaz

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Dear Santa, I would like X-Box 1 for Christmas and a candy maker. Merry Christmas! Love, Colin Walker Haskell first grade

Dear Santa, I would like Call of Duty 3 for Christmas and a magic pen! I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies!

Love, Josiah Martinez Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a fat head for Christmas and a race car! for Christmas and a hover board! I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Love, Tilar Easterling Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like an American Girl Doll for Christmas and squishy sand. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies!

Love, Aubrey Cruz Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy for Christmas and a notepad. Are you allergic to any type of cookie?

Love, Zanna Moore Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a jetpack for Christmas and a pencil sharpener! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love, Sierra Castorena Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer for Christmas and make up. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies!

Love, Jadyn Seeliger Haskell first grade

Dear Santa,

I would like an Easy Bake oven for Christmas and a shopkin. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies!

> Love, Gessika Carrillo Haskell first grade Dear Santa,

I would like eraser markers for Christmas and makeup! I hope you enjoy

your milk and cookies! Love, Payton Stanford Haskell first grade

House for Christmas and a toy horse. Love, Makayalah Isbell

I would like a Barbie Doll

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I would like a motorcycle clothes for Christmas! I for Christmas and a new would also like to have camo scooter. I hope you enjoy

> your milk and cookies! Love, Camryn Lopez Haskell first grade

Dear Santa, I really want a trampoline and a Bing Bong from Inside Out. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies from me. Please bring my brother and cousins something too. I would also like some Pinkalicious Books. Merry

Christmas Santa! Love, Rebekah C., age 7

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline. Rebekah wants some Pinkalicious books. We will leave out some cookies for you. Please bring my mom some sunglasses and my daddy some blue jeans. Please bring some toys to my cousins.

Love, James C., age 3

Dear Santa,

My name is Enzo and I'm 16 months old. I've been a very good boy this year.

I would like a kids electronic tablet, a big slide, and some new books for Christmas this year. I will leave out some cookies and milk for you and some snacks for your reindeer by our fireplace.

Merry Christmas! Love, Enzo Mao





Happy Holidays!





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Indians' **Basketball**

Indians fall to Windthorst, 48-55

The Haskell Indians faced a very talented and physical Windthorst team Friday at the teepee and fell short in a fourth quarter come back.

The Indians led for majority of the game, giving up the lead midway through the third quarter. The Indians were out rebounded 25 to 35.

Indians were led in scoring by Dylan Hanson with 17 points, Kellen Parks added 10 points, Rocky Haggard and Lane Burson added 6 each, Aaron Skiles with 5 and Kadin Seeliger with 2.

"This was a good close game to be playing in, so our boys can learn to play in close games when district gets here. Unfortunately, we couldn't maintain our lead. I give credit to the kids from Windthorst because they hit some big shots down the stretch. Our guys continue to get better every time they hit the floor and that's all I can ask of them."

> JV Indians 43 Windthorst 15



HAT DAY-Rule ISD first grade class celebrated Hat Day Dec. 17. The class got to wear caps because their class brought the most Box Tops. Pictured are, front row, I-r, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Jayde Leek, Natalie Murray, Haylee Stone and Averi Baldwin; back row, Fabian Valdez, Rylan Green, Arena Caldwell, Brylee Teague and Ellen Rieger, teacher. Not pictured is Leslie Caldwell.



SWEEPSTAKES WINNER- Haskell FFA was awarded Sweepstakes for Two Teacher FFA chapters at the District FFA banquet, held in Aspermont Mon., Dec.14. Sweepstakes is awarded based on points earned by chapters through LDE and CDE contests throughout the year. The group that attended the banquet is pictured with the Sweepstakes banner.



DISTRICT OFFICERS-Haskell FFA members elected as District Officers Mon., Dec. 14 at the District FFA banquet in Aspermont were Kameryn Mathis, left, student advisor, and Sarah Fouts,

Are poinsettias poisonous? by Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag, Haskell Co. For years poinsettias

have had the bad reputation of being poisonous. They certainly are not meant to be eaten by humans, pets or livestock and ingesting poinsettias would probably

cause some stomach upset, as would eating most any houseplant. However, poinsettias have undergone extensive testing and there is no evidence that they are toxic or unsafe to have in the house. They are also safe to put into the compost.

According POISINDEX, the service used by every poison control center in the United States, a 50 lb. child would have to eat more than 500 poinsettia leaves to even begin approaching toxic levels.

You should still use caution when handling poinsettias:

A more likely problem to watch out for is contact dermatitis. Euphorbias, the plant family that includes poinsettias, exude a milky sap when broken. Think of milkweed, another common Euphorbias. Many people are sensitive to this sap, which can cause an itchy rash. Be especially careful not to rub your eyes after touching the plants. To be safe, wash your hands after handling a poinsettia plant and try to avoid pinching or pruning them with your hands.

They're beautiful, they're safe and they remind us of the holidays.

Take the Are Poinsettias Poisonous Safety Quiz to test your knowledge!

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Disclaimer: The facts and information listed above are merely suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhausted list of all actions needed to insure your safety.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Let us pray for true peace on earth at Christmas

Along with angels made of styrofoam And colored bulbs that light the entryway, So let's enjoy this gala holiday, Proclaim that it will soon be Christmas day. But also let us not forget to pray, Are further symbols of festivity,

The time has come for us to deck the hall, But at this time, when loved ones reunite, And greet our friends and relatives who call. The world conditions should be kept in sight. The holly and the pine cones in our home, While many lands their freedom did obtain, Yet others under tyranny remain. The presents, gaily wrapped, beneath the tree That when the Yuletide comes around again, We'll celebrate true peace, good will to men.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

·—HASKELL—· **East Side Baptist Church** Terry Bunch, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a.., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell **Christian Church**

Sun. 10:45 a.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Rev. David White, pastor nday 9:30 a Worshin 10: Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 5 p; Wed. 7 p

607 S. 7th, Haskell First United **Methodist Church**

Rev. David Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:45 a, 10:50 a, 6 p. Wed. 6 p 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George **Catholic Church** Father Angelo Consemino Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a, 10:30 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church**

Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a, 11 a, 6:30 p; Wed. 6:30 p 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

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New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell **First Baptist Church**

Ollie Pierson, pastor Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

301 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**

Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

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

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

> Weinert **Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison**

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Sunday 11 a.m Weinert ·--ROCHESTER---•

Church of Christ Mitchell Greer, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church Jim McCurley, pastor

Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester

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

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

-SAGERTON-**Sagerton Methodist Church** Cory Graham, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Sagerton **Faith Lutheran Church** Anna Robbins, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Sagerton ·--RULE---• **First Baptist Church** Scott Hensley, pastor

Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 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 Paul Leonard, minister Sun. 9:45 a, 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p 811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor

Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home **Baptist Church**

Russell Stanley, pastor Sunday 10 a.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule 940-997-2296

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule PAINT CREEK-

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. **Paint Creek** O'BRIEN-

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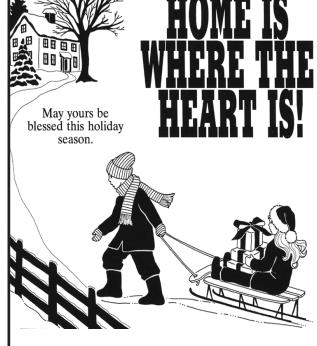
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were, Brandon Mitchell, kicker. Newcomer of the Year quarterback; Chase Potter,

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Receiving recognition for honors went to Chase running back; Ron Mitchell their play on the defensive named to the Second Team

Gonzalez, defensive backs.

Three Bobcats were also Navarette, defensive back.

The Rule Bobcats made for the Bobcat team.

The All-District picks for Thompson. Selected by and Jacob Navarette, tight side of the ball were Chaves, All-District. They include the playoffs, but were Potter, linebacker; and to these young men on recognition of their efforts



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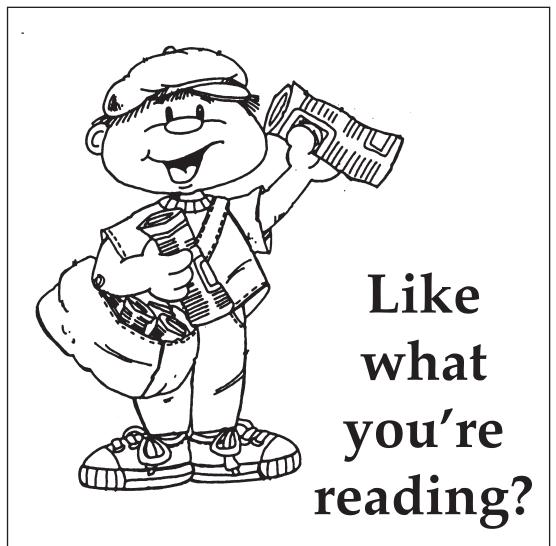
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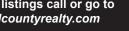
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Maidens corral the **Roscoe Plowgirls**

The Haskell Maidens used tough man to man defense and a high balanced scoring attack to take down the Roscoe Plowgirls 72-15 in the district 7-2A opener. The Maidens raced out to a dominating 43-5 half time lead and never looked back to move to 7-7 overall and 1-0 in district.

37% from the field, (7-26) for 26% from the three point line, and (5-10) for 50% from the free-throw line. Ashlyn Bevel led all scorers with 14 points followed by Mackinzie Garvin with 13, C'Era Taylor 10, Destiny Benavides 9, Taylor Manske 8, Jordan Garvin 7, Hollyn Hadaway 7 and Courtney Whitt 4. Leading the team in assists was Benavides, Hadaway, and Manske with

"Offensively, I really liked our up tempo pace and we executed our offensive schemes really well. The girls did a great job making the extra pass, knocking down open shots, and getting a lot of offensive put backs. It's an awesome game to watch when you have ball movement, player movement, and unselfish play," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens held the Plowgirls to 24% shooting from the field and out rebounded them 42-18. Manske had a team high 9 rebounds followed by Taylor with 8, J. Garvin 6, Whitt 6 and Hadaway 5. Leading the team in steals was Benavides, Bevel, Garvin and Manske with 3 each. "Defensively, the girls did a solid job executing our man to man defense and our zone press. We made things extremely tough on Roscoe from start to finish and I was really proud of our focus, effort, and communication," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought we played great on both ends of the floor and it's always nice to get a convincing win to start off district play. We are getting better each and every week. If we continue to do that, we may have the opportunity to be very successful again this year in district," Eddleman added. Haskell 21 22 8 21 = 72 2 3 6 4 = 15 Roscoe

JV Maidens won by forfeit 1-0 over Roscoe Maidens meltdown the **Lady Blizzards**

The Haskell Maidens put the Winters Lady Blizzards in a big hole early last Friday night and went on to take the 75-34 victory on the road. Haskell moves to 8-7 overall and remains undefeated at 2-0 in district 7-2A.

hitting on all cylinders and Haskell was (30-79) for once again a lot of players contributed to their scoring. Ashlyn Bevel had a team high 22 points followed by Courtney Whitt with 11, C'Era Taylor 9, Taylor Manske 9, Destiny Benavides 8, Hollyn Hadaway 7, Jordan Garvin 6 and Mackinzie Garvin 3. a great job keeping the ball Leading the team in assists was J. Garvin with 3 and Manske 2.

"Offensively, we have a lot of kids that are capable of scoring the ball this year and

opponent. They pretty much have to respect all of our kids on the offensive end. We have the ability to spread teams out and that can really open things up for our shooters from the inside and outside," head coach Blake Eddleman

Haskell forced Winters to The Maiden offense was shoot 21% from the field and out rebounded them 40 to 20. Manske led all rebounders with a career high 11 boards followed by Taylor with 8, Bevel 6, J. Garvin 5, Hadaway 4, and Whitt 4. Leading the team in steals was Manske with 5, Benavides 3 and J. Garvin 3.

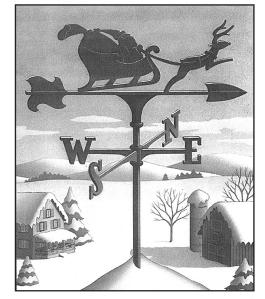
"Defensively, the girls did out of the paint and forcing Winters to shoot contested shots from the outside. We tell the kids all the time that defense travels and it is that can make it tough on our something that you can always

count on when playing on the road," Eddleman said.

"Overall, we played extremely well this week offensively and defensively to open up district play. I credit our success to hard work, preparation, and a really tough non-district schedule. The girls were pushed outside their comfort zone early on this season and that allowed them to grow individually and collectively. Hopefully, those experiences will continue to benefit us as we start to play some of the better teams in our district," Eddleman added. Haskell 18 22 15 20 = 75 8 13 4 9 = 34

JV Maidens (10-1, 2-0) beat Winters 40-15 Jr. High Maidens versus **Anson results:** 7th B won 10-6 8th B won 10-9 7th A lost 15-25 8th A won 49-18



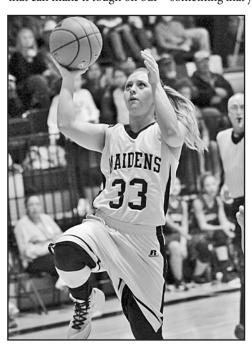


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MAIDENS SCORE-Haskell Maiden #33 Mackinzie Garvin, left, on the fast break layup for two points for the Maidens. Maiden #45 C'Era Taylor, right, drops two for the Maidens on the jumper inside the paint.





MAIDENS VS ROSCOE-Haskell Maiden #35, Ashlyn Bevel, left, makes the pass inside against Roscoe. Maiden Jordan Garvin #25, right, goes up for two against Roscoe in the Maidens' district opener.



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