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## Jackpot winners named

Eleven winners names were drawn for the third Haskell Jackpot Drawings Sat., Dec. 16.

Ruth Lankford of Rule was not present, winning one half of a \$100 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way Food. Roy Forehand was present to win the other half of the jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way.

Jerry Don Klose was present to win a \$100 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Cecil's Country Meat Market.

Wayne Cadenhead was not present, winning one half of a jackpot certificate on a ticket from Sport-About. Wes Alsbrook was present to win the other half of the jackpot certificate on a ticket from Haskell Butane.

Gayla Nanny was present to win a \$100 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Flatlands.

Karen Statham was present to win a \$100 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way.

Gary Loudermilk was not present, winning one half of a \$200 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way. Carl Statham was present to win one half of the jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way.

Dean Lowery was not present, winning one half of a \$300 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way. Lona Phelps was present to win the other half of the jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way.

## Calendar

### Early deadlines

The deadline for the Dec. 28 edition of The Haskell Free Press is Thurs., Dec. 21 at noon. Deadline for the Jan. 4, 2001 edition is Thurs., Dec. 28 at noon.

### Soup kitchen

The second annual Haskell soup kitchen will be Wed., Dec. 27 and Thurs., Dec. 28 at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. Carry outs will be available for shut-ins by calling 864-3875. The meal is funded by donations from Souper Sunday so there is no charge to anyone.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Dec. 21 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

### Goodfellows

Goodfellows will be accepting donations for their annual Christmas program. Packages will be delivered Dec. 23 for those selected. Donations of food will be accepted by Lions Club members; toys and clothes will be accepted by the Child Welfare Board; cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press or mailed to Goodfellows, c/o Haskell Free Press, Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

### Christmas concert

Prayer E Strings will offer a free Christmas concert Fri., Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Haskell.

### Christmas service

First Presbyterian Church, 306 N. Ave. E, in Haskell will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight communion service Sun., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend.

### Adult musical

The First Baptist Church musical, Room in the Inn, will be aired on Cable Channel 7 Sun., Dec. 24 after the regular 8:30 worship service.

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## Merry Christmas

# The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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A VISIT WITH SANTA—Stella Lira and young son, Trey Lira, were among shoppers enjoying a visit with Jolly old St. Nick during the Jackpot Drawings at the courthouse gazebo Sat. Dec., 16.

## Chamber names Christmas lighting contest winners

In announcing the winners of the 2000 Christmas lighting contest, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce commended the citizens of Haskell for giving the time and effort and for doing a wonderful job making Haskell Alive with the many, many festive lights and yard scenes all over town.

Thanks were expressed to out-of-town judges for taking time at this busy season to come to Haskell and judge the many great jobs of decorating.

In the Business Category, the Personality-Slipper Shoppe won 1st place, H & R Block won 2nd, and Flatlands won 3rd place. Honorable Mention went to Brian Burgess Insurance, and the

Children's Favorite was awarded to Boggs & Johnson.

Residential winners were: 1st place, Rob and Amy McKnight of 403 N. Ave. H; 2nd place, Faye Stewart, 1704 N. Ave. G; 3rd place, Don and Linda Flippin, 604 N. 19th St. Honorable Mention went to Charles and Judy Chapman, 1700 N. 19th St. Best Animation winners were Ronnie and Sherry Adams, 907 N. 3rd East. Children's Favorite went to Jimmy and Rhonda Lislé, 1704 N. Ave. F. The Most Original award went to Danny Kierepka, 1005 SE 6th. St.

Over-all Lighting Effect Awards went to Craig and Janet McCormick, 601 N. Ave. H; Raymond and Dawn Rodela, FM

600; Thomas and Mary Rodriguez, 107 N. Ave. B.; T. J. and Doris Brueggeman, 604 S. Ave. G.; James and Silverio Gonzalez, 1404 N. 3rd. St.; and Don and Alice Ballard, 1602, N. Ave. E.



SHOPPERS GATHER FOR THE DRAWING—Dozens of area people stood in the cold to listen for the winners' names called during the third Giant Jackpot Drawings held in downtown Haskell Saturday.

## Goodfellows fund running behind; donations needed

The Haskell Goodfellows organization, sponsored by the Haskell Lions Club, is again planning to deliver boxes to needy families on Dec. 23, as they have done for many years.

Thirty families have signed up for the boxes, with more expected to be listed at a later sign-up day.

Traditionally, donations in the form of cash, food, toys and clothing have made it possible for them to brighten the Christmas of many. The average total cash donations for the fund during the last eight years has been \$1,512.33.

However, this year the group is experiencing a drop in the amount of donations received for the worthy cause. As of Mon., Dec. 18, the total cash received stood at \$325.00. By

comparison, on that same week in 1998, the total was \$1,175.00, and in 1999, the total for that week stood at \$1,264.60. A decline in the total donations will sharply curtail the Goodfellows future project.

Cash donations may be sent to the Haskell Free Press Office at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, 79521.

Donations of non-perishable food, clothing and toys only, may be taken to the Haskell Fire Department. The Fire Station will be open each day from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. to receive the donations.

Anyone wishing information about the Goodfellows project, may call Donnie Rieger at 864-3894.

## Fireworks display planned for Dec. 31

The W. E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, hosted by the Haskell County Historical Society, to usher in the year 2000 was such a success it is being repeated this year.

Promptly at midnight Sun., Dec. 31, Jim Hollingsworth and assistant Danny Ashley will set off the large display at the Hollingsworth farm located between Rule and Rochester, five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 2407 and County Road 146. Thirty acres of land on the west side of CR 2407 have been prepared for the fireworks display. Ample parking along FM 2407 for a mile east of CR 146 will provide a prime view.

Plans for last year's event sprang from the memory of a discussion in 1944 between young Jim Hollingsworth and his grandfather, William Edward Hollingsworth, about the change of the century.

The five-year-old Jim was heartbroken to think that his beloved grandfather would not be with him in 1999 to witness the coming in of the new century on New Year's Eve. He vowed to celebrate in honor of his grandfather nevertheless.

Newspaper stories of last year's event triggered overwhelming response among area grandparents who brought their grandchildren to witness the fireworks party. Hollingsworth threw in honor of his grandfather, after their talk 55 years before.

Last year on Dec. 31, as the normal population of Jud grew from about 40 to 1,000 people, Y2K was ushered in.

With the experience of last year's celebration behind them, Hollingsworth and Ashley expect the 2nd Annual W. E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks Celebration to move along in a continuous 45 minute display.

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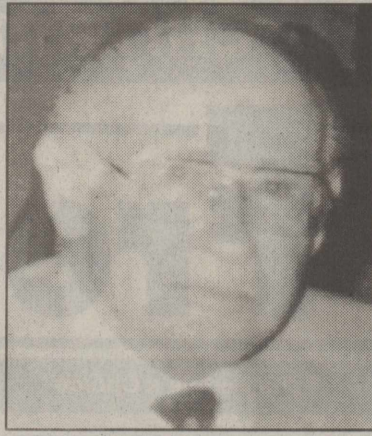
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## Obituaries

### Festus Hunt



FESTUS HUNT

Funeral services for Festus Hunt, 82, of Rule were held Tues., Dec. 19 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley and Rev. J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hunt died Sat., Dec. 16. Born Jan. 15, 1918 in Patillo, he had been a resident of Rule since 1920. He married Eunice McCaul in 1943 in Fort Worth. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of First Baptist Church. He

was a farmer. Survivors include his wife, Eunice Hunt, of Rule; one daughter and son-in-law, Danna and Charles Spearman of Chandler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Hal and Vickie Hunt of Mansfield and Nick and Lea Hunt of Waxahachie; one sister, Lorene Fouts of Atlanta, Texas; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Phil Hunt, Steve Hunt, Charles Williamson, Melvin Fannin, Ronnie Simpson and Durall Bush. PD. NOTICE

### Charleston Heston Riley

Funeral services for Charleston Heston Riley, 47, of Haskell were held Sun., Dec. 17 at the New Covenant Foursquare Church in Haskell with Rev. Hodges and Rev. Glass officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Riley died Sun., Dec. 10 in Houston. Born July 13, 1953, he was the son of Tom and Odessa Riley. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include five brothers, Edward Lee Riley of Oakley, Calif., Odest Riley of Inglewood, Calif., Roy Lee Riley and Daniel Riley, both of Haskell, and W. T. Riley of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Iris Riley of Haskell; and ten nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were L. C. Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Curtis Kilgore, Chris Kilgore, Loyd Parker and Jeffery Randle. PD. NOTICE

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead met their granddaughter Christy at the airport in Abilene on Friday. She will be here two weeks for the Christmas holidays. She is a missionary in Guatemala. Also, granddaughters Tiffany and Wendy from A&M are home for the holidays.

Joyce Hawkins had ten of her eleven children together for their Christmas party on Saturday. They are Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins of Wichita Falls, Garry and Yvonne Hufhines of Dimmitt, Glendon and Donna Hawkins of Irving, Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville, Gary and Vickie Hawkins and Joseph, Billy and Margaret Tatum and Creora, Darlene Conn and David, Clayton Hawkins, all of Haskell, Phillip and Floradean Cockerell and Jimmy of Early, Sammy and Peggy Hawkins and Michael and Brittney of Aspermont. Grandchildren Alonzo and Christy Jimenez and Andrea of San Saba, David and Deniece Conn, Sebronia, Amber, Cody and Julie Cochran and Audree, Jonathan Tatum, Aubree and Caden, Christopher and Melissa Tatum, Zachery, Garrett and Taylor of Haskell. Guest Bobby Scheets, Jacob Dooley, Nacole Breiver and girls Tiffany, Heather and Elizabeth, Christy and girls Cheyenne, Shanee and Taylor Magby.

Saturday Bernice Hilliard attended the pig show at Rochester where her grandson Ross Short was showing pigs.

## Brazos West Art Assn. holds Christmas party

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., Dec. 11 in the Haskell National Bank community room for the annual Christmas party. Each member brought a gift to exchange.

The hostesses, Clara Gholson and Anita Herren, decorated the table with a Christmas theme.

Clara Gholson led in prayer before the Christmas meal was served.

After a short business meeting, gifts were exchanged. Games were played and the toys brought for the Goodfellows were gathered.

The next meeting will be Jan. 8 with artist Paul Frishe of Abilene.

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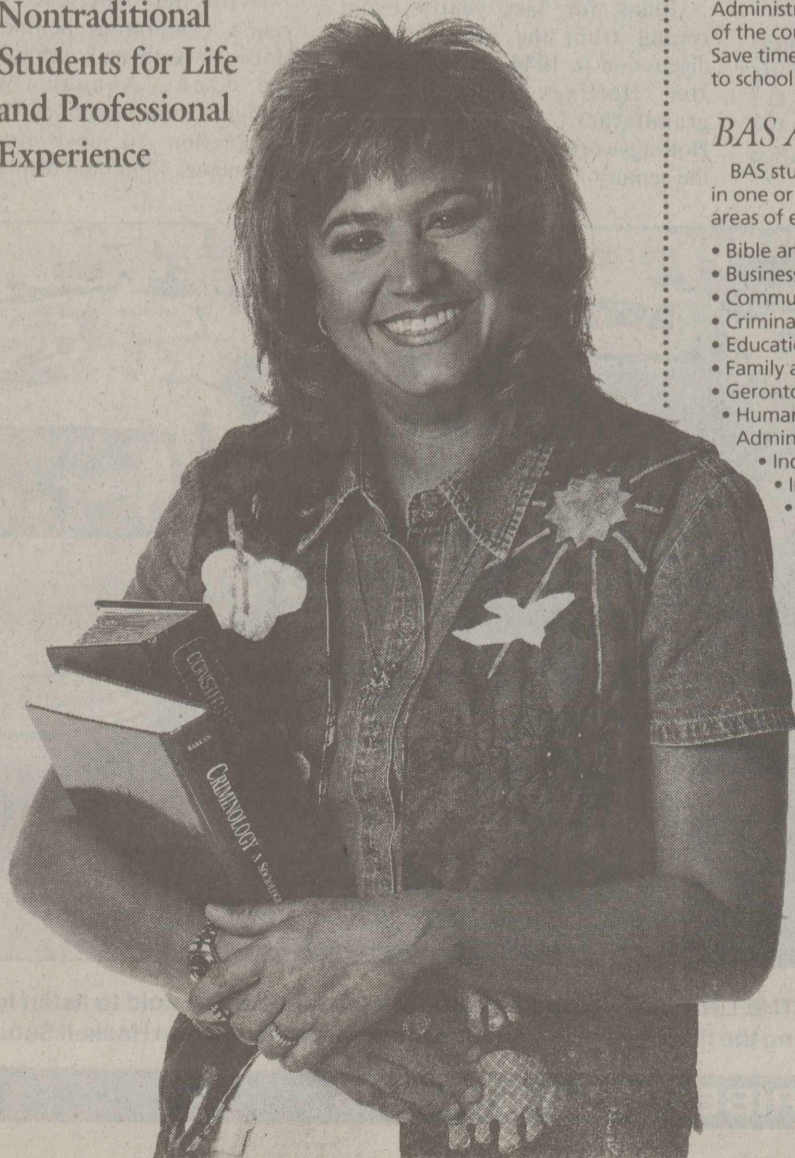
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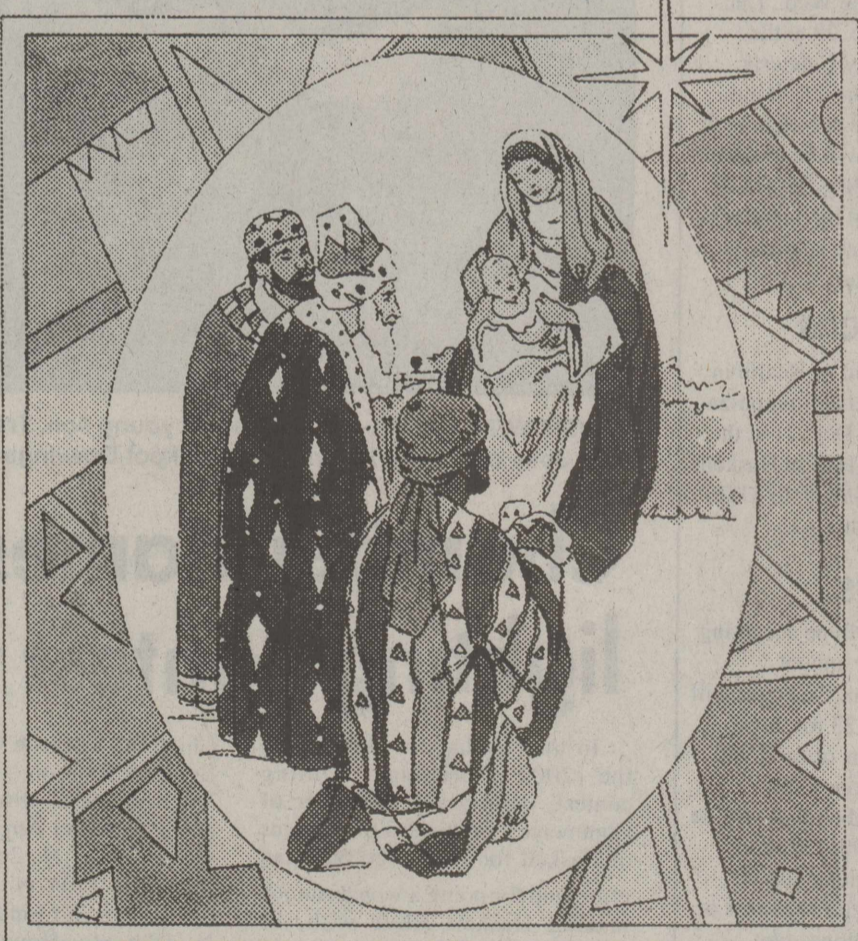
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**Lueders-Avoca 49**  
**Paint Creek 37**  
 Scoring by quarters: Lueders-Avoca 5, 6, 20, 18. Paint Creek 12, 3, 6, 16.  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hearn 13, Brzozowski 6, Gonzales 5, Wade 5, Lopez 4, Walton 4.  
 JV Score - Lueders-Avoca 20, Paint Creek 12.

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**Rule 80, Rochester 25**  
 Scoring by quarters: Rule 18, 24, 14, 24. Rochester 2, 9, 4, 10.  
 Scoring for Rule: Lisle 24, Lehrmann 11, McDuff 10, Marquis 9, Davis 8, Hertel 6, Navarrette 4, Caddell 4, Brown 2, Webber 2.  
 Scoring for Rochester: Adkins 7, Garcia 5, A. Stoddard 5, Byrd 3, Turner 2, Taylor 2, Brown 1.

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**Woodson 48, Rule 36**  
 Scoring by quarters: Woodson 9, 9, 17, 13. Rule 4, 13, 9, 10.  
 Scoring for Rule: Lehrmann 12, Lisle 10, McDuff 8, Brown 4, Marquis 2.

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**Trent 46, Rule 44**  
 Scoring by quarters: Trent 8, 24, 9, 5. Rule 7, 12, 19, 6.  
 Scoring for Rule: Lisle 23, Brown 8, Lehrmann 7, McDuff 6.

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**Rule 72, Stamford 42**  
 Scoring by quarters: Rule 24, 19, 18, 11. Stamford 11, 7, 13, 11.  
 Scoring for Rule: McDuff 24, Lehrmann 23, Lisle 19, Marquis 3, Davis 2, Brown 1.  
 JV Score - Stamford 43, Rule 35.

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**Knox City 70**  
**Rochester 26**  
 Scoring by quarters: Knox City 15, 17, 20, 18. Rochester 7, 7, 4, 8.  
 Scoring for Rochester: Stoddard 9, Garcia 8, Adkins 4, Penman 3, Flores 2.

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**Rochester 49**  
**Jayton JV 32**  
 Scoring by quarters: Rochester 11, 17, 8, 13. Jayton JV 10, 11, 5, 6.  
 Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 26, Byrd 9, Stoddard 7, Penman 4, Adkins 2, Brown 1.

**Boys**  
**Eula 59, Haskell 55**  
 Scoring by quarters: Eula 17, 10, 18, 14. Haskell 14, 15, 11, 11.  
 Scoring for Haskell: Huff 18, C. McGuire 10, Guzman 9, Hunt 8, Goudeau 4, Loyd 4, Palacios 2.

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**Haskell 64, Rotan 49**  
 Scoring by quarters: Haskell 15, 12, 18, 19. Rotan 10, 18, 11, 10.  
 Scoring for Haskell: C. McGuire 21, Webb 10, Huff 8, Goudeau 6, Palacios 6, Loyd 5, Hunt 2, Z. McGuire 2, Guzman 2, Lindsey 2.

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**Lueders-Avoca 84**  
**Paint Creek 32**  
 Scoring by quarters: Lueders-Avoca 25, 18, 14, 27. Paint Creek 6, 5, 10, 11.  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Medford 7, C. Hobbs 6, Duniven 5, E. Hobbs 4, Rivera 4, Hise 4, Hope 2.

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**Knox City 60, Rule 30**  
 Scoring by quarters: Knox City 17, 16, 16, 11. Rule 8, 9, 6, 7.  
 Scoring for Rule: Coker 17, Hensley 7, Flores 4, Truelsen 2.

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**Rule 64, Jayton JV 30**  
 Scoring by quarters: Rule 25, 12, 15, 12. Jayton JV 4, 7, 5, 14.  
 Scoring for Rule: Coker 25, Hensley 12, Forrest 11, Faulkner 8, Stephens 3, Truelsen 3, Murray 2.

**Rochester 54, Rule 51**  
**(OT)**  
 Scoring by quarters: Rochester 10, 9, 15, 14, 6. Rule 9, 10, 16, 13, 3.  
 Scoring for Rochester: Sanchez 17, Taylor 10, Haste 8, Hearn 4, McGhee 4, Hernandez 4, Baker 2, Strickland 2.

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 Scoring for Rule: Coker 20, Faulkner 16, Truelsen 6, Hensley 5, Murray 4.

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**Rochester 52, Trent 40**  
 Scoring by quarters: Rochester

16, 11, 13, 12. Trent 4, 10, 12, 14.  
 Scoring for Rochester: Taylor 19, Sanchez 13, McGhee 9, Hearn 6, Haste 5, Sanchez 2, Hernandez 1.

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**Jayton 91, Rochester 34**  
 Scoring by quarters: Jayton 30, 27, 20, 14. Rochester 11, 6, 6, 11.  
 Scoring for Rochester: E. Sanchez 8, J. Taylor 7, McGhee 7, Haste 4, Hearn 4, Hernandez 2, B. Sanchez 2.  
 E. Sanchez of Rochester was named to the all-tournament team.

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 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	100-199	200-499	98	97
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	AUGUST 31, 2000	AUGUST 31, 1999
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Local and Intermediate Sources:				
5742	Investment Income	\$38,679	\$38,679	\$31,097
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	589,053	17,199	606,252
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$627,732	\$17,199	\$644,931
5800	State Program Revenues	668,206	57,680	725,886
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	56,443	56,443
5020	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,295,938</b>	<b>\$131,322</b>	<b>\$1,427,260</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
0010	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	\$723,287	\$82,025	\$805,312
0020	Instruction and School Leadership	85,801	-	85,801
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	131,407	68,932	200,339
0040	Administrative Support Services	99,487	-	99,487
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	181,870	-	181,870
0060	Ancillary Services	-	-	-
0070	Debt Service	-	-	-
0080	Capital Outlay for School District Facilities	-	-	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	24,140	-	24,140
6030	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,245,992</b>	<b>\$150,957</b>	<b>\$1,396,949</b>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$49,946	(\$19,635)	\$30,311
7020	Other Resources	-	19,635	19,635
8030	Other (Uses)	(19,636)	-	(19,636)
1200	<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$30,310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$30,310</b>
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	406,516	611	407,127
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-
3000	<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$436,826</b>	<b>\$611</b>	<b>\$437,437</b>



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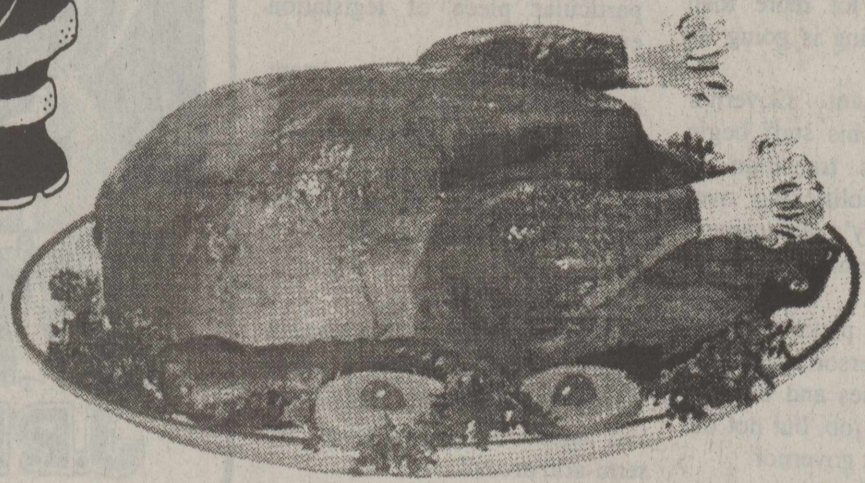
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# OPINION

State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Now that the presidential election has finally been settled, a lot more than Christmas shopping is going on in Austin.

As Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry and his staff begin working on his transition to governor, the politicking over who will be Perry's replacement will gear up in earnest.

Interestingly, when the Texas Senate picks Perry's successor, that person will get all the responsibilities and benefits that go with the job, but not the title of lieutenant governor.

According to the state's Constitution, whoever the Senate elects to replace Perry will "perform the duties of lieutenant governor," but will not be called lieutenant governor. The formal job title is President of the Senate.

Want to see the Texas Legislature take favorable action on a bill you support? Contacting your House member or Senator is probably more effective than you might think.

Here's why: Except on the biggest of issues, lawmakers do not hear all that much from their constituents. (Given that only half of the electorate cast ballots in the presidential election, that should be no great surprise.)

So, assuming a lawmaker is going to vote the way his or her constituents want them to vote, reaching out to your elected representative is hugely important.

But, say the pros in the lobbying business, citizens need to follow some sensible rules.

For one thing, they say, be brief. No long-winded arguments needed. Leave that to the pros. Members simply don't have the time for voluminous briefs from everyone with an opinion on a issue.

Secondly, be truthful in what you do say.

Thirdly, be pro-active rather than re-active. But temper that

with patience. Sometimes it takes several sessions to get a particular piece of legislation enacted.

Finally, a super important point: Be responsive and respectful to legislative staffers. As in most organizations, the worker bees are the ones who really make things happen.

Have an idea for a project that would further water conservation along with food and aquaculture production in semi-arid areas?

If you do, you have until Jan. 2 to apply for research grants offered through the Texas Department of Agriculture by the Texas-Israel Exchange Grant Program. The program has \$1 million in grant funding available.

To gain funding, a proposal must involve both a researcher from Texas and Israel. The proposal needs to say how the research could benefit both the people of Texas and Israel. Also, there's a requirement that 50 percent matching funding be obtained from other sources.

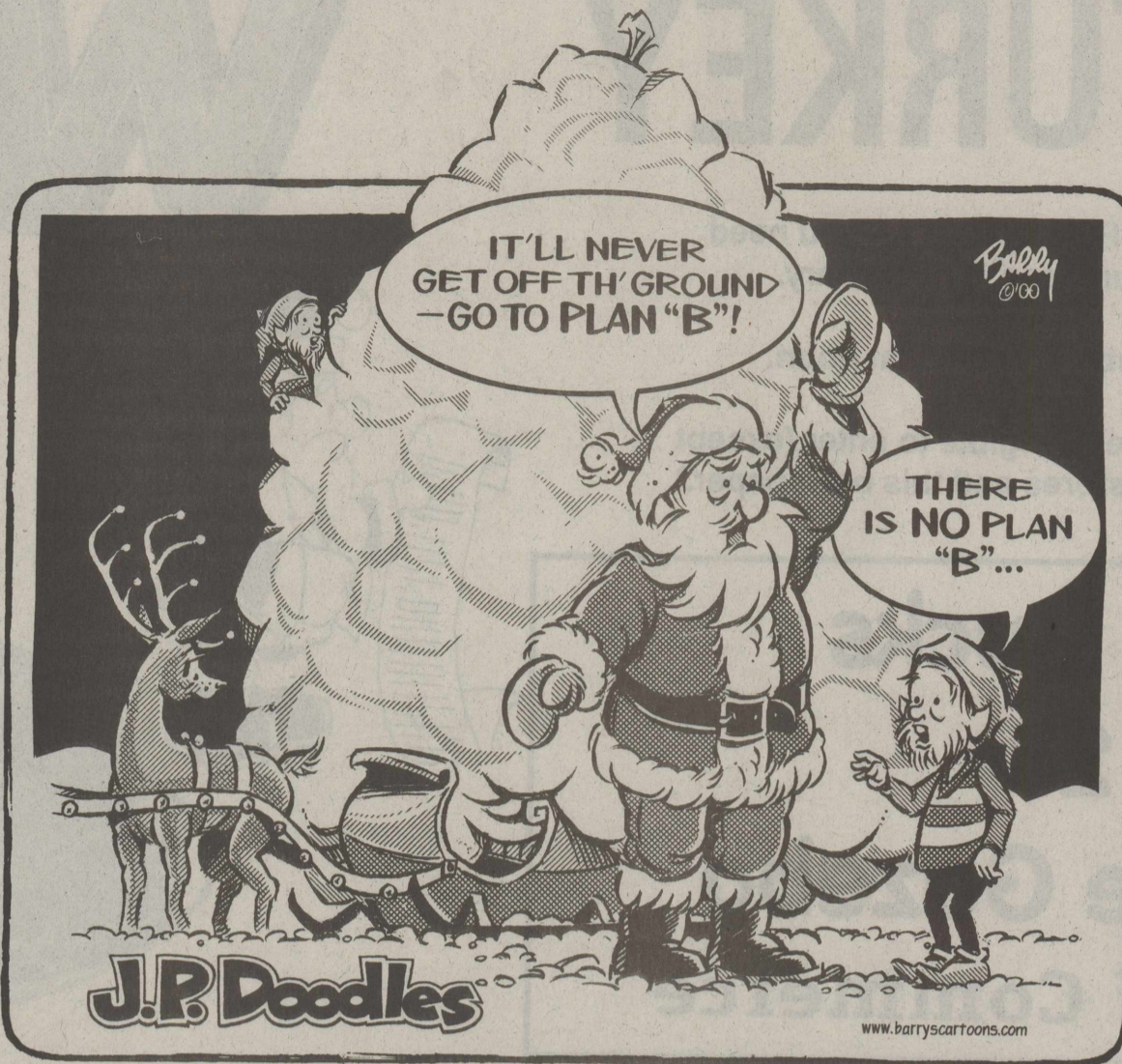
For more information on grant proposal requirements, contact the Department of Agriculture's Carol Funderburgh at 512-463-8536 or via email at cfunderb@agr.state.tx.us.

Effective New Year's Day, rate increases averaging 20 percent go into effect for Texans who receive health insurance through the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool.

The pool, which covers more than 11,000 Texans, is the third largest in the nation.

It was created by the Legislature to provide coverage for those unable to obtain health insurance anywhere else because of past or present medical problems.

Bottom line for the average pool member: A monthly premium increase from \$336 to \$403.



## Live Christmas trees can pose fire threat

Live Christmas trees can pose a serious fire threat.

Dr. Ronald Charles, assistant professor of emergency medicine, says keeping your tree well-watered and away from heat sources is the best way to prevent a fire.

But even artificial trees can be dangerous, Charles said.

"Children and pets are at most risk around a Christmas tree," he said. "The tree can be easily knocked over and the ornaments can break and cause injury, too."

Charles suggests keeping your home clear of potential hazards like discarded gift wraps or toys. Don't overload wall sockets or extension cords, turn off indoor-electric decorations when you leave home and always have a working fire extinguisher in the house. Also keep a close eye on the little ones in your home.

## Falls are most common injury for those over 65

Throw rugs on polished floors, worn spots on carpet and dark hallways may appear innocuous but can provide the perfect setting for an accident.

"Falls are the most common cause of injury among people over 65, accounting for 87 percent of all fractures," says Dr. Susan Murphy, clinical assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Older adults may experience more falls because of poor vision and coordination and muscle weakness."

She recommends a pre-visit inspection to prevent accidents. "Make sure rugs are secured around the edges, attach electrical cords to walls or moldings, minimize clutter in rooms and have appropriate lighting in stairs and doorway entrances."

In the event of a fall - even if you don't suspect serious injury - Murphy suggests contacting your doctor. To decrease pain and swelling, apply an ice pack.

## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler



The brilliant lights of Christmas that have blossomed all over the city of Haskell this season are a wondrous sight. It's amazing how much different the everyday scene we are accustomed to can be changed by seeing it in the illumination of a "new light."

A night's drive around town lifts the spirit in a special way, as we, in childlike fashion, lose ourselves in seeing and experiencing the beauty and the magic, if only for a few moments.

If we could in reality, keep the spirit of Christmas in our hearts when the lights go out, it would no doubt be a different world in which to go about our everyday lives.

However, we so often lose that hopeful view, and become disenchanted with our plight and with those things we are dealt in life that just about do us under.

Yet, in whatever condition or circumstances any of us may find ourselves at this season, we in this country have so much to bless our lives.

Of course, sometimes our standards of whether or not we are blessed become distorted by our perception of what others seem to be so easily receiving in life. We take for granted and become blind to the value of what we do have.

Even if you don't expect to find your stocking stuffed with your favorite wish this year, consider the following thoughts as we approach the holiday season.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back and a roof overhead, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish some place, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed, because even though the majority can, most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed, because you can offer a healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

May all of you find peace and joy and have a blessed Christmas. And may we all count our blessings and keep the light of Christmas in our heart and honor the spirit of it all the year through. It just might light up the way for a positive, happy new year.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 20, 1990

Mindy Ballard and Brad Bevel were chosen sweetheart and hero of the Rochester Steer football team at the final home game of the season.

The Haskell FFA Junior Skills team took third place in the state contests held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Team members are Blake Henshaw, Brian Brzozowski and Matt Perry.

Retiring County Clerk Woody Frazier was honored at a surprise party at the courthouse.

### 20 Years Ago December 18, 1980

Service badges were presented to four Haskell Volunteer Firemen during the annual Christmas banquet. Receiving badges were E. J. Stewart, 30 years; Wayne Wainscott, 20 years; Bill Comedy, 10 years; and Dugan Starr, 40 years.

The Weinert Matron's Club met

for their annual Christmas party. A quartet of women from the Baptist Church sang Christmas songs. They were Alice Yates, Erlinda Mayfield, Wanda Hester and Doris Walker. Gifts were exchanged and the group enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner.

### 30 Years Ago December 17, 1970

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas banquet was held at Felker's Restaurant with seventy in attendance. Speaker for the occasion was local attorney, Joe Williams.

The Haskell Rotary Club met at the City Cafe with president Bob Heren presiding over the session. Guests were five members of the Haskell Indian football team and the coaching staff. Team members were Gary Mayfield, Randy Stone, Keith Everett, Terry Pringle and Eddie Harris.

Fifteen members and one visitor attended.

### 50 Years Ago December 21, 1950

The Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Dotson for their Christmas party. The class has three new members, Doris Robertson, Johnnie Lytle and Marjorie Etheridge.

The Mattson High School boys beat the Megargel Wildcats 32-31 in 13-B conference basketball. Roy Forehand was high point man for Mattson.

### 90 Years Ago December 17, 1910

Chester McFatter has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Rule.

Calvin Buford of Abilene has been employed at the Sutherlin Shaving parlor here.

E. Elliott, who has been in Weinert working in The Enterprise office during the illness of the editor, has returned home.

## Holiday plants can be poisonous

Everyone knows the poinsettia plant is poisonous. But just how poisonous?

"Actually, a 50-pound child would have to eat 500 poinsettia leaves before experiencing any symptoms of poisoning," said Dr. Glenn Shepherd, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine and director of the North Texas Poison Center.

The greater danger is from mistletoe, which can cause upset stomach and cardiac problems if eaten. The holly berry can cause vomiting and nausea, but it is usually not fatal.

For more information on poisonous plants, call the Texas Poison Center Network at 800-POISON-1 (800-764-7661).

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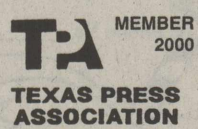
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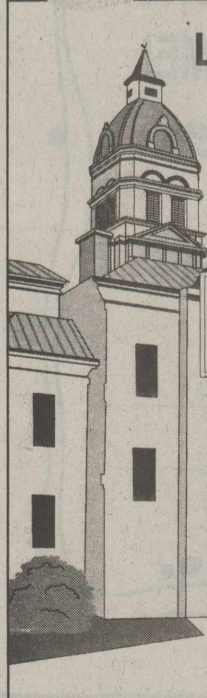


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## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Lights... Camera... Courthouses

Texas has more historic courthouses than any other state. Courthouses have been sites for various community events, and in more recent years, popular filming locations for major motion pictures and television movies.



Movie Title	Year Released	County Name	City Name	Courthouse Constructed
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Lone Star	1996	Maverick	Eagle Pass	1883
Michael	1996	Fayette	La Grange	1891
Powder	1995	Wharton	Wharton	1889
Pointman	1994	Harris	Houston	1910

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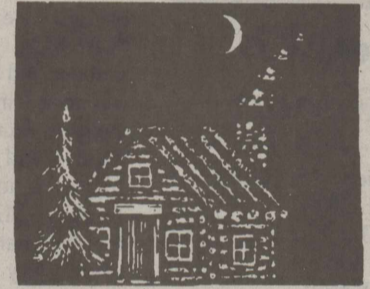


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Thank you to those who took part in making it so perfect and those who came to share this day with Chunky and me.  
Viola Tidwell

On behalf of Cathy Bartley, a big thank you for all the support you gave her as she ran the White Rock Marathon in Dallas Dec. 10. Daughter, Misti, joined her for 17 miles. Brother Van also ran the marathon.  
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# USDA reminds farmers of sign-up deadlines

Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director, Glenn Brzozowski, reminds area farmers and ranchers of pending application deadlines for emergency assistance programs and announces recently developed new emergency programs.

"As area farmers and ranchers continue to fight Mother Nature, increasing input expenses and low commodity prices, FSA continues to develop and deliver programs and with the proposed new programs, USDA and FSA continue to recognize the farm community's need for support," said Brzozowski.

Application deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

**2000 Oilseeds Program:** \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 2000 crops of certain oilseeds. Eligible oilseeds include canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 12.

**2000 Crop Year Peanut Market Loss Assistance Program:** An estimated \$61 million is available to partially compensate over

16,000 peanut producers for low commodity prices and increasing production costs. Application deadline is February 1.

**Flood Compensation Program:** \$24 million is available to producers to help offset losses due to land inundated with floodwaters. Application deadline is January 19.

**Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program:** Approximately \$11 million in relief is available for farmers who suffered economic loss due to low prices during the 1999 marketing year. Application deadline is December 29.

**2000 Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program:** Approximately \$10 million is available to producers whose lamb carcasses meet minimum grade specifications. Application deadline is August 15.

**Local USDA Farm Service Agency offices will also begin accepting applications soon for the following programs:**

**2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP):** Funds will be made available to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The sign-up period will begin January

18. **2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP):** An estimated \$438 million is available to producers for grazing losses due to weather related disasters. The sign-up period will begin January 18.

**Dairy Market Loss Assistance (DMLA III):** Payments to operations that received assistance under DMLA II will be automatically issued to producers later this month. Payments will also be available to new operations and to operations that did not have 12 months of marketing established under DMLA II and will be based on October 1999-September 2000 marketing. The four-week sign-up period for these

producers will begin in late January.

**2000 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP):** Up to \$10 million will be available to producers who lost livestock due to natural disaster, fire and anthrax. The sign-up period will begin January 28.

**Extension of the 1999 Livestock Indemnity Program/Contact Growers (CG-LIP):** Program coverage of last year's CG-LIP will be extended through February 7. The sign-up period will begin January 18.

Producers should watch for new program announcements released from their local Farm Service Agency office. County offices will receive national guidance regarding new program delivery prior to program sign-up dates. Contact the FSA office at 940-864-2617 for additional information about current program eligibility. New program eligibility and application information will be available in January.

## Reading to children is important

Extension specialist for family life, Dorothy James, says reading helps children's minds grow and develop and reading out loud to children can be a bonding experience for families. Access to books is very important and public libraries and events such as the Texas Book Festival help to stimulate children to become readers.

James says children as young as one year can participate in reading by pointing out pictures in a book and helping turn the pages. Toddlers and older children like to have story time and they often prefer to hear the same story time and again.

James says children need different kinds of books to help them develop different skills including picture books, concept books, counting, color, alphabet books and participation books.

## Hospital

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perform at 6:30 p.m. Family and friends are invited.

We also had a door decorating contest. All the doors are very artistic. The doors were judged Thurs., Dec. 14 by Sharon Mullino, Dorothy Carmack and Mrs. H. B. Hearn of Rochester. Prizes were awarded to the following employees: Amber Cooper and Link Glover, first place winners; Birdie Goudeau and Gwen Toliver, second place; and Jaunette Martin and Dixie Reynolds, third place. Honorable Mention went to Diana Mauricio and Larry Brueggeman. The judges stated that it was very hard to decide because they were all beautiful!

The Church of Christ ladies served cake and punch to the residents recently for December birthdays. Residents with December birthdays are: J. C. Williams, Billy Massingill, Elsie Schaake, Donald Tibbets, Frances Moeller, Charlie Lewellen and Viola Tidwell.

## Rice Springs Care Center

by Betty Hearn  
Activities Director

Rice Springs will be having their Christmas party Thurs. evening at 6:00 p.m. and Santa will be there for the Christmas tree. The Country Band will

## Haskell Co. Gin Report

December 18, 2000	
Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	282
Haskell County Gin	737
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	13,597
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Rochester Co-op Gin	750
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Griff's Gin	367
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# Dear Santa, for Christmas I would like ...

## Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I want a rockin' guitar this year! I really need a new black cowboy hat and new boots since I've grown so much this year! I would really like a new bucking horse please!  
I've been really good this year and I'm trying really hard to mind my mommy and daddy! I love to watch the movies about you, Rudolf and the North Pole!  
Merry Christmas!  
I love you, Chase Gibson  
Age 2

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf doing?  
I would like a Nintendo 64, Lavuh lamp, Silver Verzun, scooter, a pet hawk and a pinball machine.  
Give Krysta and Brandei good presents and other kids some, to. Don't forget anyone.  
Ross Wittenborn

Dear Santa,  
This is my first Christmas and I am so excited. I love to tear things and find toys to play with. My big sisters Carson and Reagan tell me this is the best time of the year!! So I guess just bring me anything you think I will like. Remember my sisters and my dog Oscar, too.  
Merry Christmas to all!!  
Hollyn Dee Hadaway  
9 months

Dear Santa,  
I want a cash register and an Amazing Ally. I also want a teddy bear and a Gameboy color with a Mario golf game. And I want a Barbie game and a Rugrats game for the Nintendo. Carson wants an Amazing Ally, too. Please bring a train for Hollyn.  
Reagan Lou Hadaway  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want an Amazing Ally and my sister Reagan wants one, too. And I want you to give my sister Hollyn a little bunny rabbit that is pink and it has a blue nose.  
And I want my Momma to have some new shirts that are pretty and I want my Daddy to have a bunch of new ties and some golf stuff.  
And the special thing I want for my dog Oscar is new bones. And for the cats Casey and Kimberley, I want them to have some new kitty toys. And please send a new bone to Max at the Thompsons' house.  
And one more thing for me is the best teddy bear of all that is brown and has a pink nose. And for my sister Reagan the same thing.  
Peace on earth for everyone.  
Carson Jo Hadaway  
6 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a fancy toothbrush. I

love Clifford the Big Red Dog. You want to play hide-and-seek? Ready or not here I come. Go to Hannah's and Andy's.  
Bye Santa!  
Dylan Hanson, age 3

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I would like a Buzz Lightyear, front-end loader truck, Play-doe, Rugrats watch and some chocolate candy.  
When you come to our house we will have some cookies I made and cold milk. I didn't forget all the reindeer either. I am going to have some oats and carrots for them.  
Love, Reed Lee

Dear Santa,  
My name is McKenzie Barrington. I am 9 years old. This year I would like a computer, hermit crab, a Tech dog and a scooter.  
I also hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and remembers the true meaning of Christmas. Please remember my cousins

Breezy, Maddie, Emma, Kyler and Megan. Thanks, Santa. See you soon.  
Your Friend, McKenzie

Dear Santa,  
I would like the Nintendo 64 games, Madden Football 2001 and James Bond - It's Not Enough. I would also like an Infrared Controlled T-Rex and a package of socks.  
My sister is not big enough to write a letter, but she would like a baby doll. She loves to color so she needs colors and a coloring book. She would also like to have Beanie Baby Bears.  
I would also like to ask for a miracle so that my little sister would not have to take shots every day for her diabetes.  
And I would also like the Silly Six Pins Bowling game for my sister and me, so we can play together.  
Love, Taylor age 7 and Keira Therwhanger age 2

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## Deck the halls; Just don't eat the holly

The holiday season can be a dangerous time for accidental poisonings, UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas toxicologists say.  
"With holiday decorations around the house, there are more opportunities for a child to eat something they shouldn't," says Dr. Greene Shepherd, clinical instructor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern and medical director of the North Texas Poison Control Center. "While many

decorations are not harmful, some can be highly toxic and can cause severe nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The leaves and stems of mistletoe and also toxic. Eating them can cause changes in blood pressure, confusion and vomiting.  
But the poinsettia, commonly considered poisonous, is only dangerous in large quantities. A 50-pound child would have to eat 500 leaves before experiencing any symptoms of poisoning.

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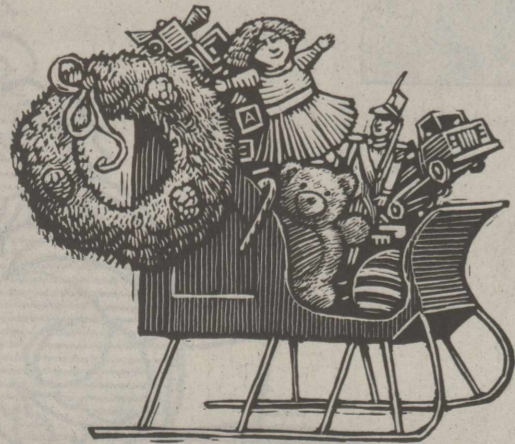
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# Dear Santa, please bring me a . . .

Hi, Santa,  
My name is Tyler Klose King and I am 18 months old. I will be in Haskell at Nan's and Pap's home for Christmas.

I have been a good girl and so has my MamMaw. MamMaw wants new slippers and a warm robe.

Santa, please bring me a Drowsy Doll, a Little Leap Frog, a tricycle and a boom box. Please bring my Tenille crosses for her walls; my Trac a CD burner and do not forget Bryce. He wants a 4x4 diesel pickup.

Love, Tyler

P. S. Do not come down the chimney for Pap will have a fire going.

Dear Santa,

This is my first Christmas. I want a pink electronic talking buggy and some ducks that I can pull.

I also would like some more hair and teeth and a Shih Tzu puppy (actually that's for Mommy).

Love, Madison Bradford  
age 10 months

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good this year. My sister thinks I've been good and bad.

I want a truck and a Scooby Doo dog. My sister wants another dog.

I'll leave out some milk.  
Love, Kyler

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my swingset last year. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a playhouse for outside.

I love you, Santa.  
Ashley Adams, age 5

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas are M&M's at my house.

Love, Kylie Adams, age 2

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christina Cierra Villa. I'm 4 years old and I'm in Pre-K.

I want a Dancin' Debbie doll, play computer, clothes for me and my sister Breanna, too. Don't forget to bring my mommy and daddy something, too. Plus bring peace on earth to everybody.

I will leave you some milk and cookies for you on the table.  
Love you,  
Christina Cierra Villa

Dear Santa,  
I want a little Barbie trampoline and little Barbie swimming pool. I want a little baby and baby bed for my Barbie. I want a Barbie Dream House for them to live in.

Can you bring my brother some baby crayons? We have been good this year. Santa, could you bring my Papa a new Bible because he is good all the time.

I'll leave some cheese out.  
Love, BreAnn

Dear Santa,  
Mommy is writing this for me until I learn to write. I've been a very good boy this year.

For Christmas I want a slingshot, a Batman that moves, a toy motorcycle, a Scooby Doo computer game, a Lion King computer game and a new house for me and my mommy.

We will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer. Don't work too hard on Christmas Eve!

Love, Braeden Alves, age 5

Dear Santa,  
I am writing this letter in the hopes I have been good enough this year for you to come and see me. I think I have, so there are a few things I'd like you to bring me.

I'd like some new computer games, a tent and a trampoline. My sister, Bailey Ann, needs a rocking chair because she always likes to sit in mine. She also needs a new baby doll.

Will have a snack waiting on you when you get here. Thanks, Santa. I love you and Merry Christmas.

Shelton Toliver, age 5

Dear Santa,  
I am now 3 years old and I don't need much. Please bring me lots and lots of balloons, peppermint canes and some chocolate candy.

I love you, Santa!  
Lauren Goff

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 months old so this is my first letter to Santa. I would like a pair of warm pajamas and some bath tub toys.

Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Marie Claire Goff

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas to you from Shawee, Okla.

I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a red fire truck. Thank you, Santa!

Garrison Poyer, 1 1/2 years old

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is James Williams. I have tried to be good all year.

Please bring me a four wheeler, a remote control car, a mitchigan cap, a football helmet, a new pair of shoes, some new jeans and a new necklace.

Please visit all of my family Williams and Villa. I will be in Longview, Texas. So please come visit me there.

My cousins, little sister and I will leave you some milk and goodies.

Merry Christmas,  
James Williams

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Madaline Jo Williams and I am 22 1/2 months old. I have been really good this year.

Please bring me a ring, cross necklace, Baby Doll with diapers, TV with VCR so I can watch my Barney and Mickey Mouse tapes and a toy horse.

My Bubba James has tried really, really hard to be good, so please bring him a real gold rope necklace and new jeans. Daddy wants a saw and shoes. Mommy said that she doesn't want anything, but please bring her something. Okay?

We won't be home for Christmas, so please come visit us at my Aunt Janie's in Longview, Texas. Don't forget!

My cousins, Bubba and I will leave you some goodies and milk.  
I love you, Santa.  
Madaline Jo Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you can make my wishes come true. What I want best is an easy bake and other things. And a balling, and what ever you want.  
Love, Angelica

## Help your child or teen de-stress during holidays

Although we think of the Christmas holidays as a perfect time of happiness and joy, especially for children, in the reality of today's fast-paced world, it can be neither of those things for children or their parents.

To help your child or teen de-stress during the coming holiday season, consider the following suggestions:

\*If you're traveling, take along a goody bag. For long trips, take more snacks, games and toys than you think you'll need. Let teens

bring their own portable music--with earphones--and favorite books and magazines.

\*Keep to a schedule. Don't extend bedtime, or you'll have cranky kids the next morning. Make sure they get meals as close to their normal schedule as possible.

\*Brief them ahead of time. Tell small children if a relative is seriously ill so that they are not frightened or prone to staring. Let them know if a certain toy or gift they want is too expensive.

Review the rules for behavior in someone else's home.

\*Set limits for college kids. They've been on their own for months and their routine may be different from yours, whether it's sleeping with the TV blaring or coming in at 4 a.m. You can respect their independence, but you have a right to ask them to respect your house and grandpa's house. Remind them that everyone has to compromise when you live together as family, and outline your expectations.

## WITH OUR THANKS, AT CHRISTMASTIME

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## Don't mix drinking and driving

Holiday parties and alcohol often go hand in hand. But Dr. Kathleen Delaney, professor of emergency medicine and medical director of the emergency room at Parkland Memorial Hospital, warns that alcohol and accidents often go hand in hand, too.

"During the holidays, a large percentage of the trauma victims we see in the emergency department have been drinking alcohol," Delaney said. "A person may be impaired after only two drinks, even though they may feel OK."

Finding a designated driver or choosing not to drink can make the difference between staying safe and getting injured, she said.

"If you've had a few drinks and feel intoxicated, call a taxi," Delaney said. "A taxi costs a lot less than a motor-vehicle accident."

## GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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# Dear Santa, for Christmas I would like ...

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Love, Tiffany Brewer  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a red motorcycle, a sling shot and a bicycle. That's all!  
Love, Dustin Daniels  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a red 4-wheeler car and a blue motorcycle. I would also like a real puppy to play with. I also want a play stuffed bear. See ya later!  
Love, Dakota Silvas  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and some Barbie toys in a big Barbie house and a big Barbie swimming pool. I also want a black dog and a white cat. I want a ball and a radio, too. Oh, I also want a bus for my Barbies. That's all!  
Love, Selena Rojas  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a black and gold semi-truck and that's all!!  
Love, Trey Lira  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I would like a green bike to ride and a remote control bike. I would also like a green car. I want a remote control bird and a remote control big truck. See ya!  
Love, Aaron Silvas  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a choo-choo train and a race car. I want a green bike that I can ride. I want a pink football. I'll have you some cookies.  
Love, Richard Wilson  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want some make-up and a bike. I also need some new blue shoes and some new clothes. I love you!  
Desserae Castillo  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck!!  
Love, Kyle Glass  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want you to give me a red Dodge and a motorcycle and a choo-choo train. I want a big castle and a big dinosaur. I will make you some cookies.  
Love, Justice Dever  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want a real blue car. I also want a baby to play with and a puppet show. I love you!  
Abby Macias  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
I want some lipstick and make-up and a Barbie to play with. I also want a play bus and a brush. That's all! I love you and I will leave you some candy!  
Love, Sierra Lopez  
Headstart 2000

## Refrigerate holiday leftovers properly

Storing leftovers properly and promptly will save your family from unwanted stomachaches and illnesses during this holiday season.

Proper food storage is important for protection against bacteria growth, says Dr. Vickie Vaclavik, clinical assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Common symptoms that can result from improper food storage include vomiting, nausea and diarrhea.

Vaclavik, who is a registered dietitian, says hot leftover food items should be cooled on the counter for 20 to 30 minutes before they are stored in the refrigerator. The refrigeration temperature should be set at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less and the food items should be covered.

"I would suggest serving small batches of a food item while additional plates or trays of the same food are kept cold in refrigerator, or in a heated oven for later use," Vaclavik says.

## Don't get taken when making holiday purchases

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
The holidays are here and it's time to give gifts. But, many eager shoppers don't realize that there are scam artists looking to cash in. Extension family resource management specialist Sue Lynn Sasser says to always shop with companies you know and never give your private information to

ones you don't. When shopping online, she says to make up different passwords for every site that you make purchases on and to make sure the server is secure before ordering. Make sure any organization asking for charity is legitimate before donating money and if you are taken by a scam, always report it.



May the timeless spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this season and always.

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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LET IT SNOW...!  
LET IT SNOW...!**

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# Dear Santa, please bring me a . . .

Dear Santa,  
I want a green toy and a blue tricycle. I also want a baby with blue clothes. You can leave it on the porch because the door will be locked.

Love, Cheyenne Falcon  
Headstart 2000

Dear Santa,  
My name is Andrea Anderson. I am 9 years old.

I've been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I want a 1. trampoline 2. stereo, like my sister's 3. money 4. white board and markers 5. play school stuff.

I will leave some carrots for Rudolf and the other reindeer and some milk and cookies for you.

Please remember Billy Crow, Tabitha and my cousins.

I love you.  
Andrea Anderson

Dear Santa,  
This year I have tried very hard to be good and let me tell you this was no easy task.

Could you please bring me a red Dodge truck, a Hot Wheels set and some new games for my Nintendo 64. I am very excited about your visit so please hurry. The cookies and milk will be waiting for you.

Love, Justice Lee Dever,  
age 4 years

Dear Santa,  
I'm only 7 months old, so I'm getting help writing and knowing what I want for Christmas this year.

I would like to have an Activity Walker, some Elmo stuff, a small football that I can hold and a toy tractor. And a candy cane; I'm discovering different foods.

Please remember my sisters and we will have you some milk and cookies out for you a snack.

I love you!  
Crow Parham

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I have tried to be a good little boy this year. I would like you to bring me a fire truck, Tonka truck, and anything else especially goodies. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girl this year. What I want, for Christmas is a teddy bear, shoes or boots, pants, a t shirt, jewelry and a girl lab top.

That is what I want for Christmas.

Love, Lacey  
P. S. Tell the elves hi! I believe in you and the elves!

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi! My name is Kenzie and I am 4 years old. How do you get to the North Pole? (We can't find it.)

For Christmas I want My Real Baby, Don't Wake Daddy and a cute stuffed puppy and that's all.

Don't forget my friends at Happy Days, dance class and twirl class. Don't forget Bubba, Hannah and all the other nice kids in the world. (not the mean ones)

I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk under the trees.

I love you, Kenzie Shelton  
P. S. Don't forget Hollie and Caleb's new baby sister Hailie.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?

I have tried really hard to be good this year.

Please bring me some mittens, Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Maker, game boy games, a movie and maybe a scooter and a T.V. You can bring me anything you like.

We will be at my Granny's Christmas morning. My cousin Spencer will be there also. Please don't forget my dog Shadow and her puppies and my cat.

We will leave milk and cookies for you.

Merry Christmas.  
Love, Cole Casey

Dear Santa,  
I've tried to be nice this year. I would like 2 computer games and 1 Playstation game, a new bike, remote control Hummer and a new soccer ball.

I hope you have a safe trip. We will leave you some Nilla Wafers and a glass of apple juice. I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Brennan Medford, 9 years old

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a new bike, Me and My Shadow vanilla puppy, Kelly doll with a sleeping bag and a game I can play for Christmas. I have been a good girl! Would you bring me some toys?

I will leave 2 strawberry-cherry cookies and some pink milk on the table for you.

Remember to bring Brennan some stuff, too and all my new friends. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Caitlin Medford, 4 years old

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year, I would like a walkie-talkie, Mario Party Two. I would also like a scooter and some clothes. I also would like Get a Clue with Mary Kate and Ashley to go with my Game Boy. Also a worm light for Game Boy.

Your Friend,  
Paige LeAnn Adams  
P. S. Don't forget Cuddles!!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelsie Reed Adams. I live in Haskell, Texas. I am in the 2nd grade.

Here is my wish list for Christmas: a scooter, a walkie-talkie, Little Mermaid and a wormlight for my Game Boy and Ms. Pac-Man for my sister's Nintendo 64.

I hope that you have a safe trip.

Love, Kelsie  
P. S. Please don't wake Cuddles.

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Brett Shelton. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I want a new paint set, a G. I. Joe, Mouse Trap and a big boy bicycle. (Any color will be fine.)

Please don't forget my sister Kenzie and my cousin even though he's mean sometimes. Also, don't forget Brittney, Alexis and Hannah and all my friends at school.

I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.

Thank you and have a nice Christmas.  
Brett Shelton

P. S. Please tell us where the North Pole is so we can meet Rudolph and your elves.

## Merry Christmas

## Getting back on track after holiday debt

Did you spend more than you had anticipated this holiday season? You're probably not alone. But rest assured, reality will soon set in when you receive your first bill. For many, frenzied holiday

spending has pushed them into a serious and troublesome financial situation, or has aggravated an existing debt.

Unfortunately, this story is all too familiar. In some circles

holiday debt has become as much of the holiday tradition as Ole Saint Nick himself. Being part of this trend is not wise, especially if you don't have enough money to pay for both current living expenses and yesterday's indulgences.

To keep from carrying this debt through the same time next year, these guidelines are recommended to get back on track:

- Make a plan to pay off debt. Create a budget and stick to it.

- If you are having problems making payments, contact creditors immediately about alternative, more manageable plans.

- Stop charging. Pay off balances each month or if debt has accumulated, pay more than the minimum due.

- Use your debit card instead of your credit cards for purchases. By deducting money straight from your bank account you bypass the chance of racking up a big balance on your card.

- Make savings a priority and put those saved dollars toward reducing your debt. As little as \$5 a month adds up.

- Get rid of the "buy now, pay later" attitude.

- Keep records of all purchases and payments.

- Reliable credit counselors can assist you at little to no cost. Be aware of scams that charge big fees for services you can do on your own.

## Care needed around candles and fireplaces

A serious burn can happen in a matter of seconds.

"Candles have become much more popular recently and we're seeing bad injuries as a result," said Dr. Gary Purdue, professor of surgery and a burn specialist. "One brush of your clothing over a candle and your entire outfit can catch on fire."

The best advice is not to have burning candles in your home, he said.

Burn injuries can also happen around fireplaces and in the kitchen. Keep a screen around your fireplace and use appropriate accelerates like paper or wood - never gasoline.

"Most children's burns occur in the kitchen and most are preventable," Purdue said. "I know it's hard, but keep children out of the kitchen when cooking. A burn is very painful and it stays with you a lifetime."

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# Paint Creek students compete at UIL

UIL competition was held Nov. 15 and 16 at Rule ISD. Paint Creek ISD UIL winners are:

### Junior High

Calculator - 7th Grade: 2. Lindsay Reel 4. Cyle Brown 6. Christina Ratliff. First place team: Lindsay Reel, Cyle Brown, Christina Ratliff

Dictionary - 7th Grade: 6. Lindsay Reel

Impromptu Speaking - 7th Grade: 4. Christina Ratliff 5. Rebecca Hope

Listening - 7th Grade: 2. Cyle Brown 6. Justin Hannsz. Second place team: Cyle Brown, Justin Hannsz, Rebecca Hope.

Maps, Graphs & Charts - 7th Grade: 5. Justin Hannsz. Third place team - Justin Hannsz, Cyle Brown, Lindsay Reel.

Math - 7th Grade: Third place team - Justin Hannsz, Callie Thomasson, Jessica Messenger

Number Sense - 7th Grade: 6. Callie Thomasson. Second place team - Christina Ratliff, Callie Thomasson, Rebecca Hope.

Ready Writing - 7th Grade: 4. Jessica Messenger

Science - 7th Grade: 5. Cyle Brown. Second place team - Justin Hannsz, Todd Emert, Cyle Brown.

Spelling - 7th Grade: 6. Callie Thomasson

Reading Writing - 8th Grade: 5. Britta Manske

### Elementary

Art - 4th and 5th Grades: First place team - Kailey McCord, Barrett Thomasson, Rusty Rogers, Caleb Whitfield, Marty Hall and Steven Fillmon.

Calculator - 6th Grade: Third place team - Noel Rivera, Tamy Daniels, Harvey Terrell.

Dictionary - 5th Grade: 4. Barrett Thomasson 5. Tiffany Ratliff. First place team - Barrett Thomasson, Tiffany Ratliff, Vanessa Vasquez.

Listening - 5th Grade: 3. Kailey McCord 5. Barrett Thomasson.

Third place team - Kailey McCord, Barrett Thomasson, Vanessa Vasquez.



**UIL WINNERS**—Paint Creek Junior High winners in the UIL meet at Rule, Nov. 15-16, were: top row, l-r, Noel Rivera, Cyle Brown, Todd Emert, Rebecca Hope, Kristen Barr, Kimberly Medford. Middle row, Jessica Messenger, Justin Hannsz, Lindsay Reel, Callie Thomasson, Tammy Daniel. Front row, Harvey Terrell, and Britta Manske.

Maps, Graphs & Charts - 5th Grade: 3. Barrett Thomasson 5. Tiffany Ratliff. Third place team - Barrett Thomasson, Tiffany Ratliff, Vanessa Vasquez.

Maps, Graphs & Charts - 6th Grade: 5. D. J. Hall. Second place team - D. J. Hall, Kim Medford, Kristen Barr.

Number Sense - 4th Grade: 1. Caleb Whitfield. Second place team - Caleb Whitfield, Marty Hall, Steven Fillmon.

Number Sense - 5th Grade: 1. Barrett Thomasson. Third place team - Barrett Thomasson, Vanessa Vasquez, Kailey McCord.

Oral Reading - 5th Grade: 1. Alice Blair 3. Barrett Thomasson

Oral Reading - 6th Grade: 4. Kristen Barr

Reading Writing - 3rd Grade: 1. K. C. Bogle 6. Tracy Medford

Reading Writing - 4th Grade: 2. Steven Fillmon 4. Caleb Whitfield

Reading Writing - 5th Grade: 2. Barrett Thomasson 3. Kailey McCord 6. Vanessa Vasquez

Reading Writing - 6th Grade: 3. D. J. Hall

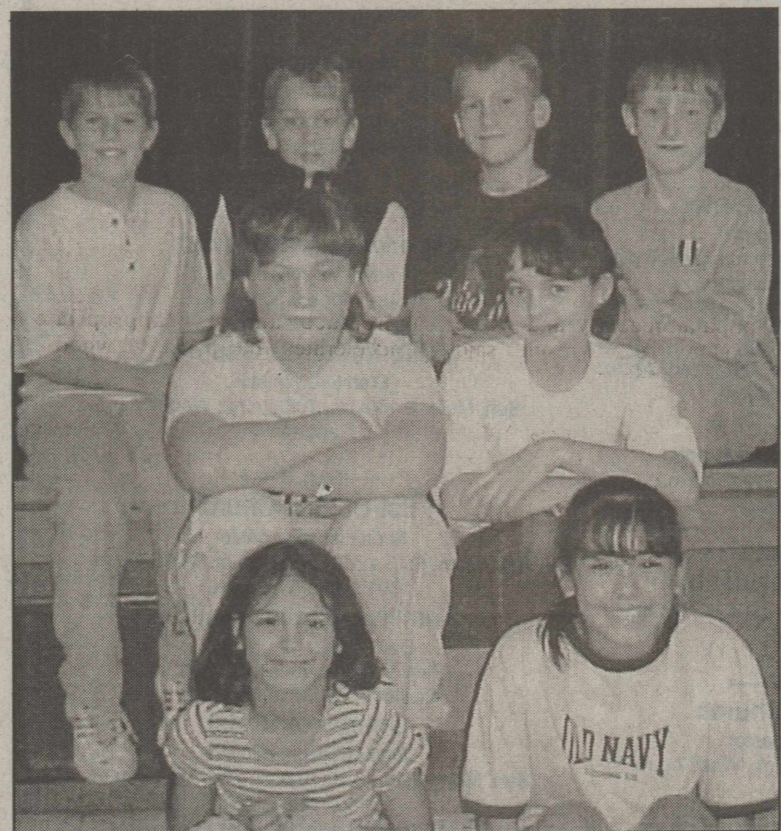
Spelling - 3rd Grade: 1. Jessica Pendergraft 3. Colton Smith 4. K. C. Bogle. Second place team - Jessica Pendergraft, Colton Smith, K. C. Bogle

Spelling - 5th Grade: 5. Kailey McCord 6. Vanessa Vasquez 7. Alice Blair

Storytelling - 2nd Grade: 1. Dillon Emert 4. Bailey Fillmon 6. Jonathan Kraatz



**UIL WINNERS**—Paint Creek Elementary students winning in the meet at Rule ISD, Nov. 15-16 were: back row, l-r, Jessica Pendergraft, Tracy Medford, Jonathan Kraatz, Johnny Escamilla. Middle row, Blake Thomasson, K. C. Fikes, Colton Smith. Front row, Bailey Fillmon and Dillon Emert.



**UIL WINNERS**—Paint Creek Elementary students winning in the UIL meet at Rule ISD, Nov. 15-16, were: back row, l-r, Caleb Whitfield, Steven Fillmon, Barrett Thomasson, Rusty Rogers. Middle row, Alice Blair, Kailey McCord. Front row, Tabitha Schonstedt and Vanessa Vasquez.

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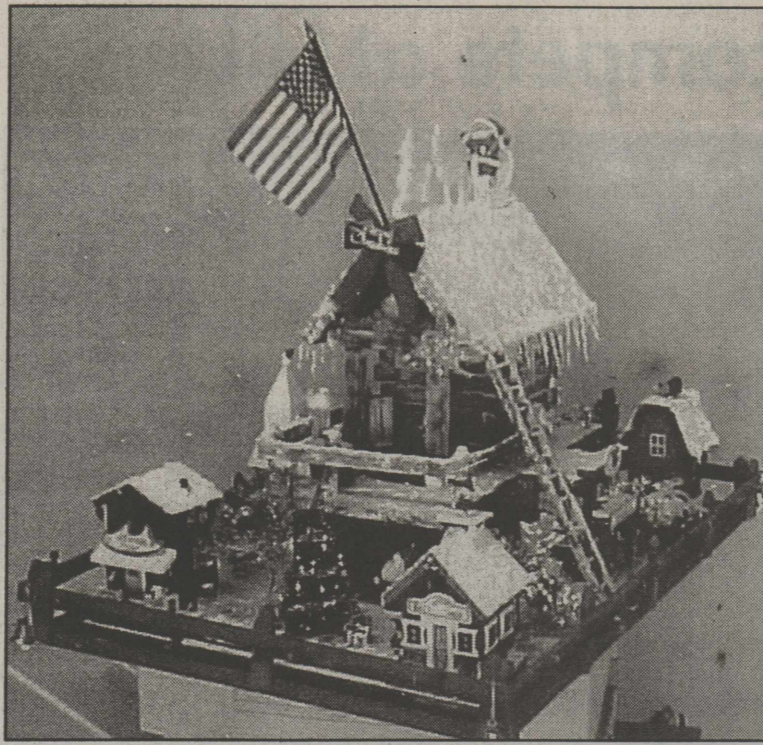
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**BIRD TOWN**—Bob McKinney of Haskell has completed the second Christmas Bird Town in his collection of the decorative pieces he makes and sells. The bird village scene will be donated to someone during the Christmas season.



**GRAND PRIZE WINNER**—Shane Stout, left, is awarded the mini-monster remote-controlled toy truck by employee Paul Sorrells during the open house held at Richardson's.

## Open house held by Richardson's

Held Sat., Nov. 11, in conjunction with a major sale widely advertised in the area, Richardson's Truck and Tractor, along with their major lines of CASE-IH, True Value and NAPA, hosted an open house.

During the day door prizes were awarded and hotdogs and drinks were served. Over 200 people registered for the hourly drawings. The grand prize winner was Shane Stout, who was awarded the NAPA mini-monster toy truck, a 1:10 scale remote-controlled model.

Richardson's Truck and Tractor, located at Hwy. 277 North, has been providing Haskell and surrounding counties with a complete line of farm and ranch supplies, auto parts and home accessories for 37 years since they first opened at the present location of Trussell's Tire Store.

"We are honored to have been supported these 37 years by our many customers and friends," said owner A. C. Richardson. He added that more special promotions are planned for the future at Richardson's Truck and Tractor.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### GOD'S LOVE APPEARS IN THE SPARKLING WHITE OF WINTER

When autumn colors fade away  
And skies aren't overcast with gray,  
The brightest stars are on display  
To brighten up the night;  
And meanwhile, on the earth below,  
The ground and trees are all aglow,  
They're blanketed with ice and snow,  
To everyone's delight

The icicles adorn the trees  
And all the world would seem to freeze;  
However, everyone agrees  
It is an awesome sight.  
Each lesson of our faith implies  
A blessing we should recognize;  
The love of God before our eyes,  
With winter's sparkling white.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**  
David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Dusty Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father Michael Melcher  
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Brett Anderson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Rev. Kenneth Blair  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
John Lewis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

#### First Baptist Church

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

#### Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion

#### PAINT CREEK

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek

#### WEINERT

#### First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, 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

Troy Culppepper, 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

Tommy Wilson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

Stan Leaf, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton

#### RULE

#### First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
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#### Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

#### First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

#### Sweet Home Baptist Church

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

## ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., Dec. 25**  
ECC closed for Christmas.
- Wed., Dec. 27**  
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
- Fri., Dec. 29**  
Lunch-Steak, gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, cabbage slaw, fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee  
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The best choice is the one that fits your investment and retirement goals. Also consider such factors as your age, your cash flow needs, and the investment options available in each plan.  
For example, if you are under age 59-1/2, a lump sum distribution may result in a 10 percent penalty, as well as ordinary income tax. Leaving your 401(k) where it is or transferring it to a new retirement plan or IRA avoids the penalty and allows all of your money to continue to grow tax-deferred.  
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# Uncontrolled diabetes and its dangers

Diabetes. Oh, if you have it, doesn't that mean you just can't have sweets? Not too much of a problem, true? No, not true.

Look at the possible results of having uncontrolled diabetes - blindness, irreversible kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, stroke, complications in pregnancy. And diabetes mellitus was the sixth leading cause of death in Texas in 1998, increasing from 4,753 deaths in 1997 to 4,888 in 1998.

Diabetes is a serious disease. With it, the body either does not produce insulin (Type 1 diabetes) or does not effectively use or produce adequate amounts of insulin (Type 2 diabetes). The hormone insulin allows sugar or glucose to enter cells and be used for energy. Insulin also is needed to make protein and store fats. In uncontrolled diabetes, sugar and fats remain in the bloodstream and, with time, damage vital organs.

The Diabetes Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) estimates that more than 1 million Texans 18 years and older have diabetes. About 890,000 of these - 6 percent of the state's population - have been diagnosed and the remainder are not aware they have the disease.

In Texas, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and people who are overweight are more likely than others to develop diabetes. In 1999 in Texas, 7.8 percent of African Americans, 7.1 percent of Hispanics and 5.6 percent of whites and other ethnic groups had diagnosed diabetes. A family history of diabetes, high or low blood sugar, limited physical exercise and being age 45 or older also point to those who may develop diabetes.

"Early detection, good care and education on self-management are essential for people with diabetes," said Dr. Philip Huang, chief of the

TDH Bureau of Disease, Injury and Tobacco Prevention. "These steps are especially vital to take since the incidence of this type of diabetes linked to obesity, Type 2, has jumped significantly in children and adolescents as the percentage of overweight youngsters has increased."

Once diagnosed, careful management of diabetes is vital to prevent or delay serious complications and premature death. "There is no known cure," Huang said. "Diabetes is certainly treatable, but it is a chronic condition that people must learn to deal with daily."

Among the keys to keeping diabetes in check are to:

- Eat healthy meals and snacks that can include veggies such as carrots, celery or cucumbers; small fruits such as apples or oranges; popcorn; or a small bagel.
- Take the proper medicine.
- Monitor blood sugar and keep

a daily log.

- Exercise at least three times a week for 20 minutes.
- Live a healthy lifestyle including no smoking, less stress, adequate sleep and avoiding excessive alcohol.
- Lose weight if overweight and then maintain recommended weight.
- Reduce and control high blood pressure.
- Adjust meal plans and exercise to keep blood sugar in the desired range.
- Check and take special care of feet and skin every day.
- Make and keep follow-up appointments with health care providers.

Symptoms of diabetes may include blurred vision, fatigue and a lack of energy, extreme thirst or hunger, frequent urination, sudden weight change, numbness or tingling in hands or feet, slow healing sores or cuts, frequent infections or depression.

Many of these symptoms go unnoticed, so people most likely to develop diabetes should be tested. Current guidelines also recommend that everyone age 45 and older consider being tested every three years. In addition, people with diabetes should get pneumococcal and annual influenza vaccinations because they are more likely to die with complications of pneumonia and flu.

# Alzheimer's affects Baby Boomers

Alzheimer's disease, perhaps the most feared disease of our time, is starting to worry Baby Boomers more than ever. Millions of them are watching their parents fade away from it if they are not actively caring for them already. Unless a cure for Alzheimer's is found, it looms on the horizon for up to 14 million Americans by the year 2050. Is there any way we can protect ourselves and even our children now from Alzheimer's disease later on? New research suggests that there may be.

Much of the research is aimed at curing Alzheimer's disease through drugs and other treatments after a person has already developed the disease. But there's another way of looking at it, a way that is more relevant to today's generations because it involves taking action today. That approach involves the shoring up of mental reserves against the onslaught of Alzheimer's the way animals fatten themselves up for the winter. In other words, you build up the brain the way you strengthen your muscles through exercise. This

approach seems to lower one's risk of developing Alzheimer's, and even if the disease does strike, you may be able to linger longer in the early stage, when much of your mind and personality are still intact.

Dr. David Bennett of the Rush Alzheimer's Center at Rush University in Chicago says, "We know people have different abilities to tolerate disease. Rather than focusing on the pathological effects of Alzheimer's disease, I'm looking at how to manipulate people's cognitive reserves."

Dr. Bennett believes that by promoting maximum mental fitness through lifelong learning, we can build up our ability to withstand the damage of Alzheimer's disease.

Millions of Baby Boomers are now "sandwiched" between growing children, aging parents, marriage and a job. Many feel that their life is in fast-forward, that they are cast in roles they never tried out for, and that they're making it all up as they go along.

A new book by the American

Health Association may provide them with the support group they don't have time to join.

*I'll Be There: Caring for Your Parents, Kids, Job and Marriage* draws upon the real-life experiences of "middle generation" caregivers who find themselves struggling to keep up with the seemingly endless demands of their lives. Based on interviews with real people, the book addresses a large range of caregiving issues, from the interpersonal to the strictly practical.

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"While they were there, the time came for her delivery. She gave birth to her first born, a son, and wrapped him in winding cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn." (Luke 2)

A humble birth scene to be sure. The smells of hay and animals, the bray of donkey, the bleat of sheep. But warm with the body heat of these same animals.

This is all very different from what we think is necessary today. We dust, we vacuum. We decorate everything in sight. Baking and Christmas trees give our homes their own smells. And we are busy. It is easy to forget a simple child. It was busy in Bethlehem too. So busy there was no room for a simple family. Few Noticed. The same can happen today.

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