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**JV B-G**  
Rule Invitational Tournament  
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**JV-V B-G vs Hawley**  
Tues., Dec. 14, 4 p.m.  
at TBA  
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**7th-8th-9th B-G vs Hawley**  
Mon., Dec. 13, 5 p.m.  
Boys at Haskell  
Girls at Hawley

## Calendar

### Bethlehem Morning

The Haskell County choir will present a Christmas cantata "Bethlehem Morning" Sat., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church and Sun., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Those attending should bring Christmas goodies, a gift to exchange and a toy for the Goodfellows.

### Open house

Headstream Mental Health Center at 1201 N. First in Haskell will host an open house Thurs., Dec. 9 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Finger food and snacks will be provided.

### Poinsettias

The Rochester Senior class is taking orders for poinsettias. Plants are high quality, locally grown. 8 choices include pink, marble, jingle bell, red, white, red winter rose, white winter rose and marble winter rose. Plants cost \$10 each and will be delivered by Dec. 16. To order call Colby Christie or Darrell Vinson at 940-743-3260, 743-3566 or 743-3441 or contact any Rochester Senior.

### Christmas program

Weinert Baptist JC Kids will present a Christmas program "A Mouse's Tale" Sun., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Sr. Citizen Dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., Dec. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-989-2925 or 866-997-9505 for information.

### Christmas musical

A Christmas musical will be presented by Paint Creek Elementary students for their parents and the public Thurs., Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Paint Creek School cafeteria. An open house will follow. The school board will meet in the library at 7:30 p.m.

### Lighting contest

Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual Christmas lighting contest for homes and yards. Entry deadline is Fri., Dec. 17. Entries may be made by calling Rule City Hall at 996-2214. Judging will be conducted Sun., Dec. 19. Prizes will be \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place and \$25 for third place.

### Sr. 4-H to meet

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will meet Sun., Dec. 12 in the home of Greg and Debbie Brister from 4 to 5 p.m. Along with refreshments and games, club members will participate in a Chinese Christmas auction. Each member is to bring a \$5 gift that can be used by a female or male. Gifts may be practical or gag gifts. For more information, call the County Extension office at 940-864-2658.

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"The People's Choice"

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**SANTA RIDES INTO TOWN**—With no snow or reindeer in sight, Santa Claus came to town Saturday riding on a buckboard pulled

by horses, to join in the fun of the Christmas parade. Lonnie Meredith of Haskell, furnished the jolly old elf's transportation.

## Goodfellows applications accepted

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 11, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

## Windthorst rallies to end Haskell season

On a cold, clear night in December, the wrath of Windthorst clouded the hopes of the Haskell Indians for victory. Thus ended the dream for the state championship.

The Indians warmed the crowd when running back Josh Barbee, Mister Outside, took the opening kickoff some 69 yards to the Trojans' 27 yard line. Barbee got the next two offensive plays, and picked up 8 on one play and 12 on the other; first and goal from the 7 yard line for the Indians. On the fourth down and 2 yards to go for the "touch," Mister Inside, Cameron Short, got the call and blasted his way to the promised land, the Windthorst end zone. The PAT kick try was blocked, but a penalty was called on the Trojans. The Indians then elected to go for the 2-point conversion, which failed when Barbee was tackled on the one-yard line.

At the 8:29 mark in the first quarter, Haskell led 6 to 0. The Indians then used the on-side kick, to the surprise of the Trojans, to regain the pigskin at the Trojans' 49 yard line. This was a great call by the Indian coaching staff. Haskell was unable to move the football, and was forced to punt.

Windthorst then put together a 10-play, 70-yard drive to tie the game. Upon a successful PAT kick, the

Trojans took the lead 7 to 6 at the 2:55 mark in the first quarter, and they never look back. Windthorst, the defending State Champs in Class A, would score in every quarter.

With only 0:59 seconds to go in the first half, the Trojans put together a 49-yard drive in 6 plays. They again tacked on the PAT kick to lead 14 to 6 at the intermission.

During the third and fourth quarters, the Trojans' running back, Kevin Hoff, a 6'1," 208 pounder, would score once in each quarter. One TD on a 15-yard run, and one on a one-yard run. Windthorst would add only one extra point during the second half.

The Indians fought as gamely as possible, but could not get anything going on a sustained drive. Haskell did not have any good field position to start any series on offense the entire second half. Although outsized, and not as speedy as Windthorst, the Indians put forth great effort and made the Indian fans really proud of their own Haskell Indians.

It looks as if Windthorst has the team to again win the Class A State Championship. This loss to them brings to a close one of the most successful football seasons in Indian history.

Haskell closes its 2004 campaign

with a record of 12-2—District Champs, Area Champs, Regional Champs, and Quarterfinal Runner-up—a truly impressive record.

The entire town of Haskell, thanks to the Indians, the school, and Coach Brad Brunson and his staff for an enjoyable and successful football season.

Haskell had 142 yards on 44 rushes, with Brandon McClatchey getting 22 yards on 9 carries. Josh Barbee had 21 rushes for 71 yards. Cameron Short got 35 yards on 13 rushes and one TD. Ronald Chapman had 14 yards on one rush. McClatchey threw for 7 yards, having one completion for 5 attempts and one interception. Ronald Chapman had one catch for 7 yards.

The Indians had one of the best offensive rushing teams, and one of the best defensive teams in the Big Country this year; something that

Coach Brad Brunson can build on for the next campaign.

"Very proud of these young men," said Coach Brunson. "They are a true testament to the fact that the grandest quality of a true achiever is not natural talent or acquired skill, but persistence—the will to keep going when the way grows hard. The true achiever never gives up when difficulty comes. He fights off the discouragement of defeat. Persistence is the important quality of a consistent winner. Every one of these kids have seen that hard work can overcome adversity in any situation. That's what this game teaches. That's what athletics promotes. And that's what makes the difference between a life of happiness and a life of mediocrity."

Haskell players named to the 2004 District 9-A All-District Teams were: Most Valuable Player, Josh Barbee.

### Offense

Quarterback, First Team, Brandon McClatchey. Offensive Line, John Dulaney. Second Team: Ramon Cuellar. Running backs, First Team: Cameron Short.

Honorable Mention, Center, Andrew Long; Tackle, Gary Frierson; Guard, Aaron New.

### Defense

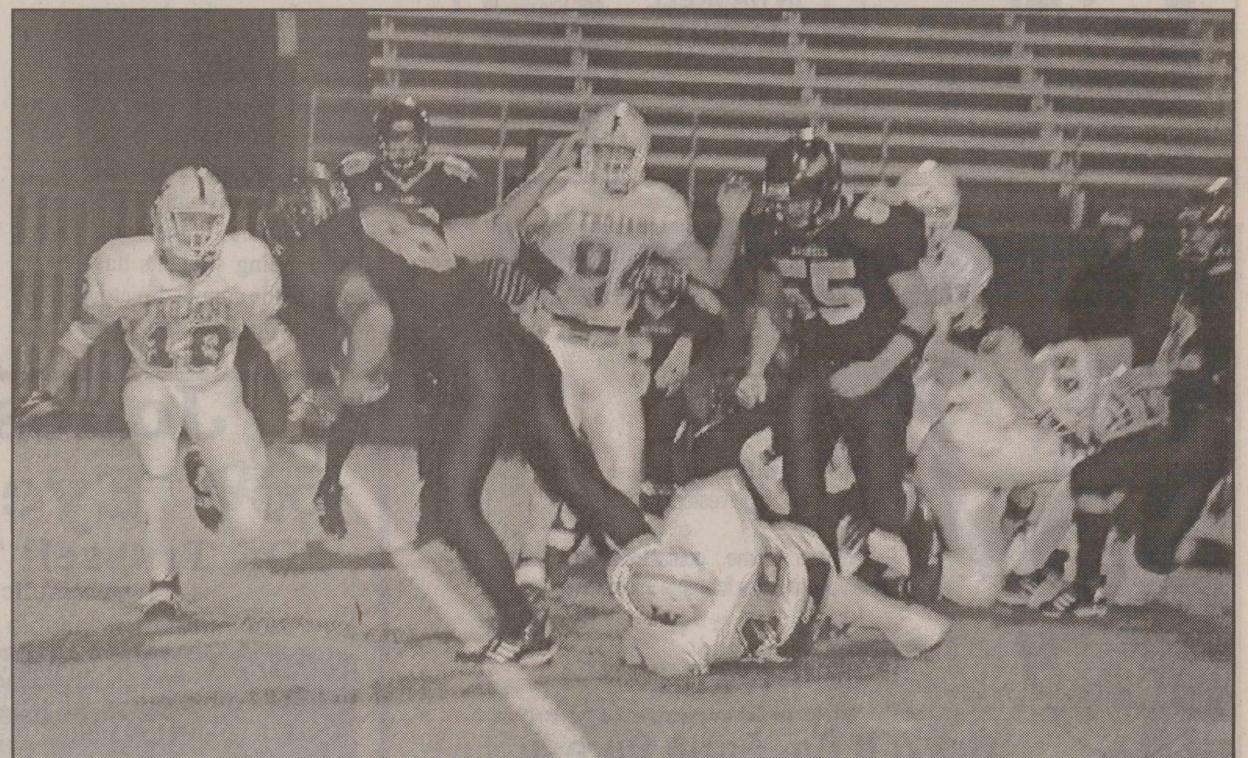
Most Valuable Player, Ramon Cuellar.

Defensive Ends, First Team, John Dulaney; Second Team, Nate Webb. Defensive Line, Second Team, Josh Kimmel.

Inside Linebackers, First Team, Cameron Short.

Outside Linebackers, First Team, Brandon McClatchey.

Secondary, First Team, Brad Blanks; Ronald Chapman. Second Team, Julio Solano. Honorable Mention, L. J. McCulloch, corner.



**SEASON ENDER**—Haskell's Cameron Short makes the last touchdown in the Indians' bid for State in the season ending State Quarterfinal loss to Windthorst, Dec. 3 at Wichita Falls. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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## Obituaries

### Meta Emilie Rueffer



META EMILIE RUEFFER

Funeral services for Meta Emilie Rueffer, 91, of Weinert were held Wed., Dec. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church with Ronald Rennegarbe officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rueffer died Sun., Dec. 5 at a local hospital.

Born Jan. 29, 1913 in Thorndale, she was the daughter of John and Ida Woelfel. She married Henry Karl Rueffer Dec. 30, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1994. She was a homemaker and member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her

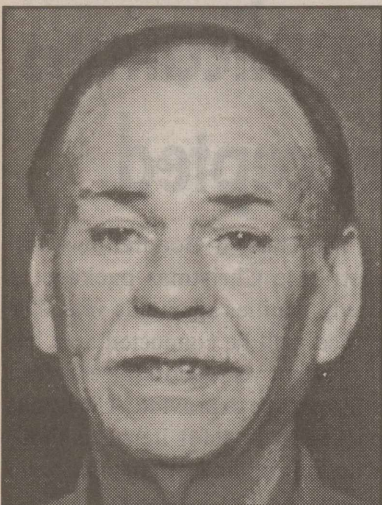
husband, parents, five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include her sons, Carl Rueffer of Weinert and Melvin Rueffer and wife, Ruby of Waco; daughters, Erna Quiram and husband, Helmut of Duncanville and Verlene Whiteley and husband, Richard of Alvin; eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 7630 East Hwy. 380, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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### Ronald L. Crouch



RONALD L. CROUCH

Graveside services for Ronald L. Crouch, 60, of Fort Worth were held Wed., Dec. 8 at Holly Hills Memorial Park in Granbury. Services were under the direction of Blessing Funeral Home of Mansfield.

Mr. Crouch died Sun., Dec. 5 in Fort Worth.

Born Jan. 23, 1944 in Carlsbad, N.M., he was the son of O. L. and Loretta Pearl Turney Crouch. He was a retired owner of Ron's Transmission in Kennedale.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zena; and his mother, Loretta.

Survivors include sons, Ronald 'RJ' Crouch of Arlington and Michael Crouch of Stephenville; father, O. L. Crouch of Granbury; sisters, Margie Wright of Plainview, Marilyn Edlund of Fort Worth and Sharron Franklin of Arlington; brothers, Marshall Gail Crouch of Amarillo, Fred W. Crouch of Converse and Darrell Crouch of Granbury; and grandson, Daniel Grice of Stephenville.

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### Maxine Stewart

Funeral services for Maxine Stewart, 68, of Haskell, formally of Azle, were held Sun., Dec. 5 at East Side Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Manross officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stewart died Thurs., Dec. 2 at her residence.

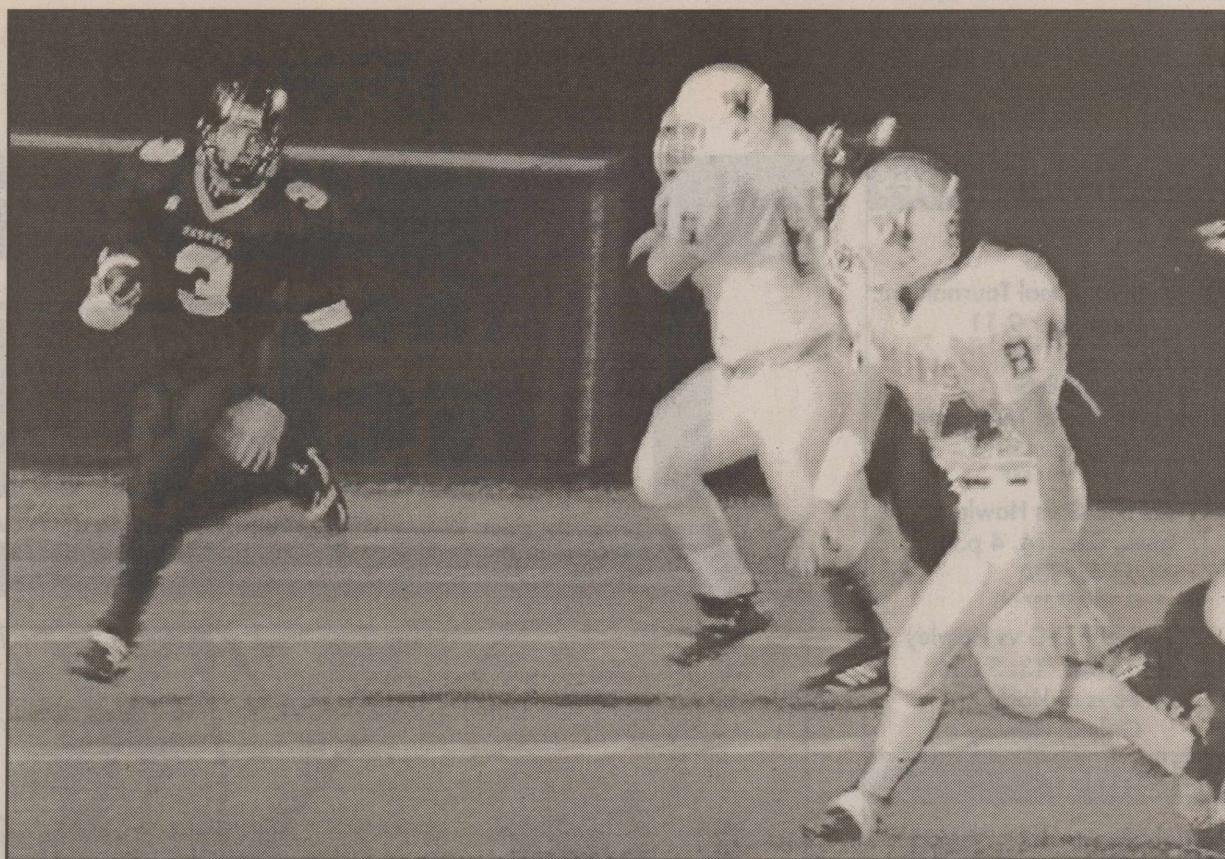
Born Sept. 13, 1936 in Iredell, she was the daughter of Roy and Ollie Mae Locker. She was full of life, loved to garden and play practical jokes. She loved spending time with her number one fan, her dog, Honey. She always enjoyed being with her family. She moved to Haskell from Azle four years ago to be closer to her family. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, several brothers and sisters and her son, Tommy.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Janis and Larry McDaniel; daughter-in-law, Karen Evans; sons, Bobby Evans, Rod Stewart and wife, Sheila, and Terry Joe Stewart and wife, Kayla; fourteen grandchildren, Casey and Katy McDaniel, Kristina, Victoria, Crystal and Michelle Evans, Scott Sheffield, Jeremy, Adam, Jason and Saydonica Stewart, Ryan and Alex Bayless and Krisi Perry.

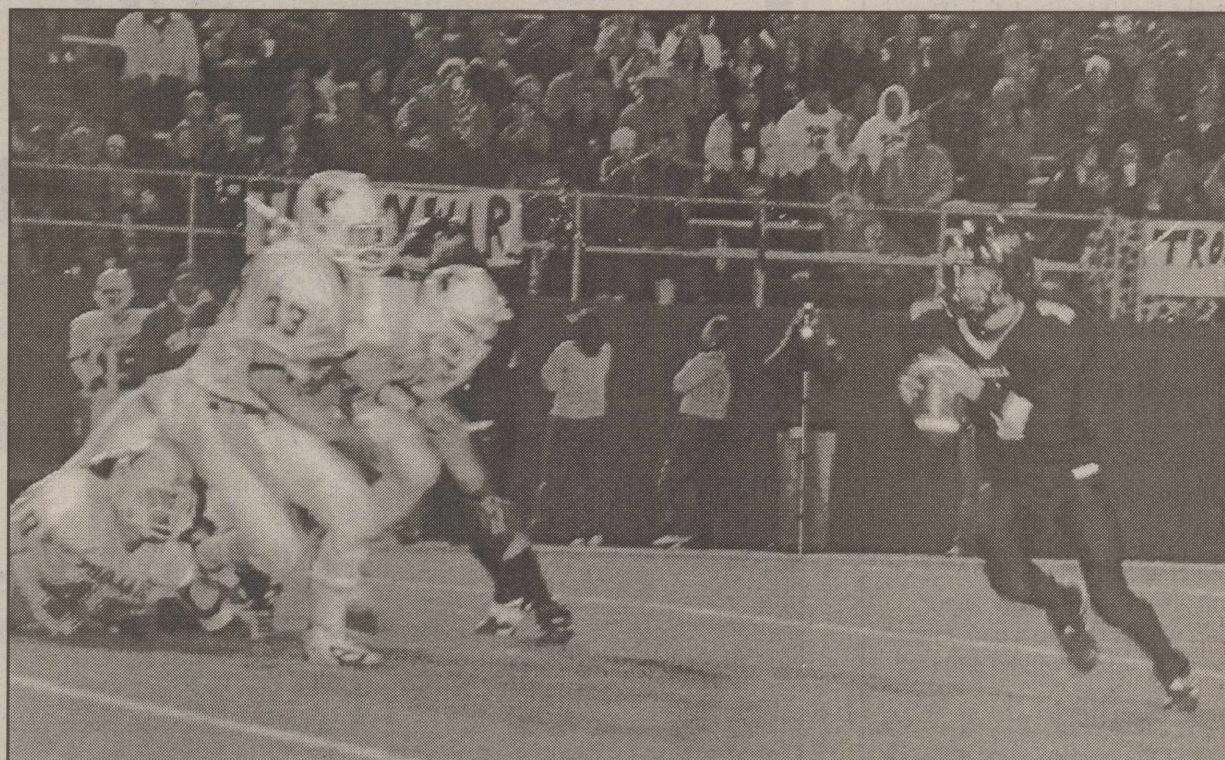
Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Harford St., Abilene, Texas 79605.

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RUSHING ON THE TROJANS—Haskell Indian, Josh Barbee, carries the ball in one of his 21 rushes for 71 yards in the State Quarterfinal game with the Windthorst Trojans.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



QB MAKING YARDS—Haskell quarterback, Brandon McClatchey, throws for yardage in one of five attempts and one completion in the game with the Windthorst Trojans.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

# College financial aid night set in Rule Dec. 13

A Financial Aid Night will be held at 6:30 p.m., Mon., Dec. 13, in the Rule High School library. Speaker at the meeting will be Don Hilton, representative from the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Abilene, who will give information and answer questions about applying for financial aid to attend college.

Reporting the meeting, Leslie Kupatt of Rule ISD said the process

and standards for applying for financial aid are the same for most colleges, technical and trade schools, and other post-secondary schools. "Therefore, the information you receive is applicable no matter which school your son or daughter will attend," she said.

Kupatt has received the new forms for the 2005-2006 college school year that the seniors will fill out this year. The entire form will be worked through during the meeting, and a discussion will be held about filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on the internet.

At the meeting Hilton will give the recent updates on federal, state, and school financial aid programs. Kupatt pointed out that although a student may not actually apply for financial aid until January of his/her

senior year, it is helpful for parents of junior students to learn about the financial aid process a year in advance. Juniors may also fill out a financial aid form this year in order to get a projection on possibly receiving a Pell Grant their senior year. These will be explained at the meeting, she said.

Refreshments will be provided during the meeting.

Anyone having questions may call Kupatt at 997-2783.

## Students in the News

The 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the name of B. J. Opsahl of Haskell, a student at Texas State Technical College West Texas who has been selected as a national outstanding campus leader.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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## Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

### Life Really Is a Bowl of Cherries

by Sandy Miller Hays  
 Agricultural Research Service

Here's some advice that no one would have to twist my arm to make me follow: Eat more cherries!

Whenever I go to the grocery store, I can get "lost" in the produce section; like a little kid in a candy store, I want everything I see. But one item I never pass up is fresh Bing cherries; even if they're so pricey that I have to start thinking about a second mortgage, they're going home with me.

Now there's some news from Agricultural Research Service scientists that soothes my conscience (if not my wallet) a little bit about splurging on those cherries: Results from a preliminary study by the ARS scientists and their university colleagues suggest that some natural compounds in those plump, juicy Bing cherries may reduce arthritic inflammation.

If you're like me—in other words, with more "miles" on yourself than you'd care to admit—you're probably finding that these days you have just a few more aches and twinges in your joints than in the past. According to these scientists, cherries could help—and what's more, eating cherries may also help lessen the severity of other inflammatory conditions, such as cardiovascular disease.

Actually, this isn't the first time someone in the scientific community has suggested that cherries can fight inflammation. But the ARS study was the first ever to track the anti-inflammatory effects of fresh Bing cherries in a controlled experiment

with healthy volunteers.

In the previous studies, scientists studied extracts from sweet or tart cherries to find out more about the cherries' health-promoting properties. But those were test-tube studies, whereas the ARS scientists were the first to test key inflammatory disease indicators in blood samples from healthy volunteers who were fed precise amounts of fresh Bing cherries.

In the ARS study, conducted in California, 10 healthy women (gosh, where was I when they were asking for volunteers?) were asked to eat 45 fresh, pitted Bing cherries for breakfast. The women, aged 22 to 40, were told not to eat strawberries or other fresh fruits and veggies, or to drink red wine or tea, for two days before the cherry breakfast. That's because those foods have high levels of antioxidants, thought to fight inflammation, and they might have interfered with the scientists' ability to gauge the effectiveness of the cherries.

The researchers were particularly interested in a very painful arthritic condition called gout. During an attack of gout, crystals of a naturally occurring chemical called uric acid accumulate in joints (especially the toes) and cause pain. Urate in blood plasma is a "precursor"—sort of a "preview of coming attractions"—of these uric acid crystals. So what the scientists monitored very closely was the volunteers' blood plasma levels of urate, checked before the volunteers ate the cherries and at intervals of 90 minutes, three hours and five hours afterward. They also

indirectly measured the amount of urate flushed out of the volunteers' bodies in their urine.

The good news is that the volunteers' urate levels decreased significantly during the five hours after they ate the cherries. Also, the levels of urate removed from their body in urine increased during those five hours.

The scientists also checked the levels of certain substances in the blood that indicate a healthy immune system is at work, fighting inflammation. One of these is called C-reactive protein, and it's produced by the liver. When you have an inflammation, such as a gout attack, the level of C-reactive protein in your body increases rapidly. But in a healthy body, the levels of C-reactive protein in the blood are extremely low.

Another indicator of an inflammation is increased levels of a natural substance called nitric oxide—a "bad guy," since it's thought to play a role in damaging arthritic joints.

In the California study, when the volunteers' blood was checked three hours after they ate the cherries, their levels of C-reactive protein and nitric oxide were lower than at the start—not dramatically lower, but definitely headed in the right direction.

For me, finding out that I really need to eat lots more of those Bing cherries is the best science news I've heard since they announced that chocolate is actually good for you!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

# Baitz family holds reunion

Emmalee and Rick Phemister recently hosted the Fritz and Emma Baitz family reunion in Haskell on Friday after Thanksgiving. The Baitz family grew up in the Old Glory community, and the gathering marked the first official reunion since the death of their parents.

The Baitz's lived on a farm east of Old Glory, and their mother primarily raised the children after the untimely death of their father in 1938, when he was killed by lightning. Emma Baitz continued to farm the land and raise her family of five children, all under the age of ten, instilling in them respect for the land and love for God and all His creation.

Attending the reunion were Dorothy (Baitz) and Joe Clark of Sagerton; Patsy, Don and Tom Bivens, Emmalee, Rick, Chambray Jean and Cassidy Jo Phemister, all of Haskell; Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford; Mae (Baitz) and Leon Stegemoeller, Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller, all of Sagerton, Stephanie and Matt Duding of San Antonio; Michelle Stegemoeller and Ross and Christi Stegemoeller, all of Lubbock; Bryce Jonston of Lubbock and Water Valley; Calvin

and Cherrye Lynn Stegemoeller of Duncan, Oklahoma; Eric Stegemoeller of Dallas; Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson; Clifford, Brannon and Bailey Stegemoeller of Hamlin; Ruby (Baitz) Olson of San Angelo; Melvin and Annella Baitz, Fred and Tami Baitz, all of Sagerton; Kacy, Grace and Aiden Fred Baitz of Waco; and Kami Baitz of Dallas.

After the Thanksgiving meal, families were introduced and Leon Stegemoeller gave a brief history of the Baitz family for the benefit of the younger generation.

Four new additions to the family in 2004 were, Aiden Fred Baitz, Cassidy Jo Phemister, Micah Ray Smith and Eric David Vogel.

Family members recognized for serving in the United States military were Mindi Stegemoeller, with the Army in Germany; Brandon Cotton, with the National Guard in Iraq; Phillip Clark, with the Army in Korea; and Eric Vogel, with the Marines in Yuma, Arizona.

Games of Bunco concluded the evening's entertainment.

The family plans to meet regularly in reunion in the years ahead.



MR. AND MRS. TOM KAIGLER

# Kaiglers to celebrate 60th anniversary

Tom and Mary Kaigler of Haskell were married in Lubbock, Dec. 8, 1944.

Sun., Dec. 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., they will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary at a reception in their honor for community friends and family at the Haskell First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Kaiglers have been residents of Haskell since July 4, 1985, when after retiring, they moved to Tom's home town. Born and raised in Haskell, he is the son of the late C. M. and Lela Park Kaigler, longtime speech teacher with the Haskell school system. His grandfather, Mose E. Park, was an early-day settler and sheriff of Haskell County.

The couple met in Lubbock, after Tom returned from serving in World War II as a medic attached to the 25th Infantry Division in the South Pacific, where he was wounded on Guadalcanal and awarded a purple heart.

Through the years they have lived in Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland and Austin. Beginning in early 1944, until his retirement, Tom was associated with franchises of the Tom Huston Peanut Company.

In her working career, Mary was employed ten years as a bookkeeper with Sears, Roebuck and Co., in Midland, and retired after sixteen years as a decorating consultant with the Sherwin-Williams Co., in both Midland and Austin. In 1997 she began writing for the Haskell Free Press, and later became the editor.

The Kaiglers have one daughter, Dr. Karen Kaigler-Walker, professor and chair of the Department of Marketing at Woodbury University in Burbank, California. She and her husband, M. E. 'Bud' Walker, live in Altadena, California, and will be hosting the event.

They invite everyone who would like to join the Kaiglers in celebrating their anniversary, to come and share in their happiness at having reached this milestone in their life together.

# Sanders family celebrates holidays

Several of the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, gathered over the weekend at the Circle S Ranch, southwest of Haskell, to celebrate their Thanksgiving and Christmas get-together.

In the past, as long as their parents lived, the family always went home for the holidays. Now, each year, their oldest sister, Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell invites all the family for a gathering between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year Phelps had all of her immediate family there.

Attending were Kenneth and Elaine Campbell and their daughter Karen Mitchell and her children, Kendall and Allison, who brought two of their friends and their Aunt Donna Tidrow; Travis Sanders of Coleman; Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains; John Hardman, son of the late Eva Hardman of Cary, North Carolina, who traveled the farthest; Martha and Bill Maupin and Loretta of Odessa; B. C. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth; Walter and Sue Cox, Brenda, Austin and Sallie Sartain, Junior, Christi, Kade, Drew and Macy Cox, all of Omaha; Jacky, Sandra and

Jaelyn, Ricky, Shana and Shambry Sanders of Weatherford; Rocky Sanders and his son, Shawn; Kathy and their two children of Abilene.

Sunday morning, the family exchanged fondest memories of spending Christmas at their Grandma and Daddy Jack's house in Weinert. The house had twelve foot ceilings and a Christmas tree almost reaching the ceiling, stacked high with presents. Their Daddy Jack always bought all the daughters and daughter-in-laws a dress, and Mamma bought the boys and sons-in-law a shirt for Christmas. This year the family learned that two of their sisters always opened the boxes ahead of time, picked out which dress they liked best and put their own names on the box.

Several members of the family could not be there to exchange these memories this year.

## Births

Janice Caddell Billington and Kenneth Billington of Haskell announce their birth of their baby, Za'rance Dontrell Konya' Billington born Fri., Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. in Abilene weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz.

# Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Thirty members of the I. T. Briscoe family gathered for a Christmas dinner at the Haskell National Bank Community Room on Saturday.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman over the weekend were their sons, Keith of Georgetown and Terry and family of Norman, Oklahoma.

Cody Blair and daughter, Abbie, of Woodson visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair.

Thanksgiving visitors with Hyrum and Jean Richards were son, John Richards, friend Shannon Johnson, son, Lane from Dallas; son, Scott Henshaw, Conner Rey and

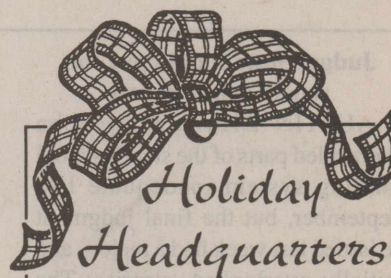
Lauren Elizabeth, friend, Diane Turner and sons, Ben and Sam of Casper, Wyoming; son, Brady Henshaw, Savannah Jean and Philip Scott of Albuquerque, N.M.; nephew, Chad Lundy and son, Canyon and friend, Kitty Beaman and son, Michael of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Jean's sister, Charlotte Foreman of Odessa and niece, Monica Childs and son, Matthew of Midland. They also visited with grandmother, Iola Henshaw and mother and grandmother, Lois Redwine.

## Births

Sara and J. G. Heidenheimer of San Diego, California announce the birth of their son, Zachary Oren Heidenheimer, born Nov. 28 at 2:31 p.m. in Naval Medical Center in San Diego. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Susan Kittley of Rule. Great grandparents are Anita Baldree Dozier of Old Glory and the late Oren Baldree and Pete and Swede Kittley of Rule.

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# FFA teams place at state

Competing at the State Leadership Development Contest at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Sat., Dec. 4, members of two Haskell FFA teams placed and brought home banners.

The Haskell teams were among teams representing 100 schools from across the state, and they competed against teams from 6-man schools through 5A schools.

Representing Haskell FFA Chapter were the Greenhand Quiz

and the Farm Radio Teams, which qualified for going to state competition by advancing in the District and Area contests held in November.

The Greenhand team, consisting of Jared Webb, Leslie Tonche, Meredith Harvey and Kristen Caparoon placed 29th in the state competition.

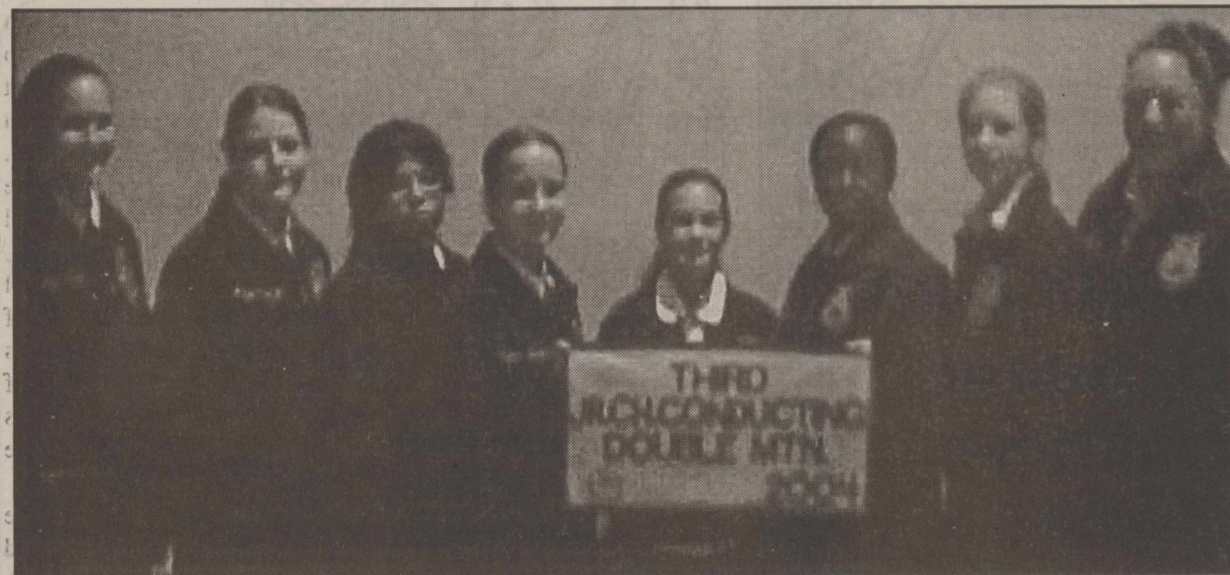
The Farm Radio Team, consisting of Alexis Reed, Lindsay Pannell and

Jaclyn Drinnon took 9th place in the state.

At the District Area Leadership Development Contests held Nov. 16 at Anson High School, the Haskell FFA took 37 students on 11 different teams and advanced 6 teams to the to the Area contest held at Howard College in Big Spring, Nov. 20. Out of those 6 teams, the Farm Radio and Greenhand Quiz teams advanced to the state contest in Huntsville.



JR. QUIZ TEAM—Haskell FFA members winning 20th place among representatives from 100 schools across the state, were; l-r, Jared Webb, Leslie Tonche, Meredith Harvey and Kristen Caparoon.



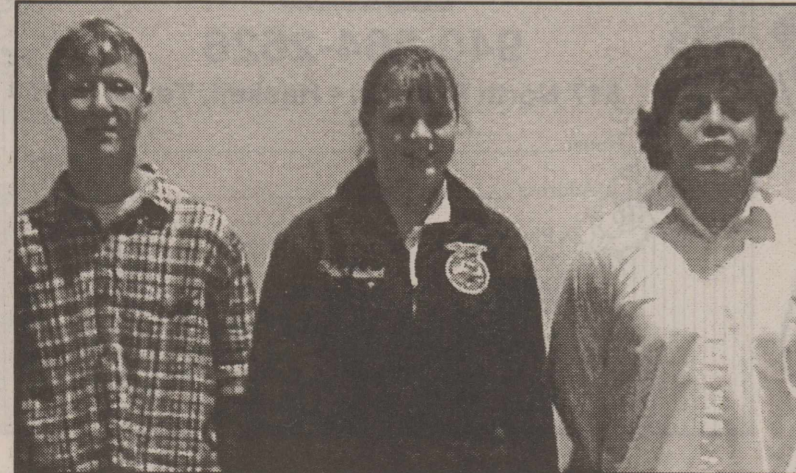
JR. CHAPTER CONDUCTING—Placing 3rd in District were: l-r, Lacey Peiser, Maegan Baugh, Alexis Chavez, Candace Brister, Meredith Harvey, Veronica Sessions, Paige Wheatley, Mali Torres.



GREENHAND QUIZ—Kristen Caparoon, Meredith Harvey, Leslie Tonche, Lacy Peiser, not pictured, Jared Webb; 2nd in Dist., 2nd in Area, advanced to State.



FFA JR. FARM SKILLS TEAM—l-r, Amy Hamilton, Vanessa Glass, Jodi Langford, won 2nd in Dist. 4th in Area.



FFA SENIOR QUIZ—District participants were: l-r, Jared Webb, Chelsea Bullard, Ramon Cuellar.



FFA SENIOR SKILLS—l-r, Stephanie Grand, Alexis Reed, Kerri Newton placed 3rd in District.



FFA JOB INTERVIEW TEAM—l-r, Eden Thomas, District participant, and Monica Buerger, 2nd in District, 6th in Area contests.



JR. CREED SPEAKERS TEAM—l-r, Haskell FFA members, Maegan Baugh and Candace Brister were District participants.



FARM RADIO TEAM—Members of the Haskell FFA Farm Radio Team proudly holding their banner after placing 9th at State contest were: l-r, Alexis Reed, Lindsay Pannell and Jaclyn Drinnon.



AGRICULTURAL ISSUES TEAM—Placing 2nd in Dist. and 2nd in Area contests, were: l-r, Erin Hise, Amber Bingham, Maggie Teague, Ashley Foster, Kristen Martinez, Diana Mauricio and Kellye Tidrow.



FFA PUBLIC RELATIONS—Teddy Sue Harris, Sydney Roberson, Jaclyn Drinnon, Chambray Bartley; 1st in Dist., 4th in Area.



FFA FARM RADIO TEAM—l-r, Stephanie Grand, Alexis Reed, Lindsay Pannell; 1st in District, 2nd in Area, advanced to State.



**MAIDEN MAKING POINTS**—Haskell's Kerri Newton takes action amidst the Holiday Lady Eagles. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

Haskell 50, Stamford 37  
Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 14, Kendall 13, McKnight 6, Pannell 6, Bartley 5, Newton 4, Wallace 2.  
JV score: Haskell 33, Stamford 14.

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Roby 40, Rule 26  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 9, Brown 8, Lisle 4, Smith 4, Johnson 1.

JV score: Rule 38, Roby 34.

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Haskell Invitational  
Haskell 45, Holliday 26  
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 11, Buerger 11, McKnight 5, Acosta 5, Newton 4, Pannell 4, Wallace 3, Wallace 2.

Haskell 63, Hawley 26  
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 20, Buerger 13, McKnight 12, Pannell 5, Bartley 4, Newton 3, Acosta 3, Tribbey 2, Wallace 1.

Haskell 34, Throckmorton 26  
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 6, McKnight 6, Bartley 4, Wallace 4, Buerger 4, Newton 4, Acosta 4, Tribbey 2.

Champion: Haskell  
All-Tournament Team: Calina Kendall, Monica Buerger and Mollie McKnight.

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Woodson Tournament  
Rule 44, Newcastle 43  
Scoring for Rule: Lehrmann 14, Brown 14, Smith 8, Scheets 4, Lisle 4.

Gordon 88, Paint Creek 6  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall 4, Barr 2.

Strawn 43, Rule 21  
Scoring for Rule: Smith 11, Scheets 2, Brown 2, Kittley 2, Lisle 2, Lehrmann 2.

Woodson 64, Paint Creek 7  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall 4, Barr 3.

Albany 63, Rule 28  
Scoring for Rule: Smith 14, Scheets 5, B. Johnson 3, Lehrmann 2, Kittley 2, Brown 1, Miller 1.

### Boys

Stamford 59, Haskell JV 54  
Scoring for Haskell JV: Foster 17, Lara 12, Chavez 12, Mitchell 6, Kilgore 2, Bitner 2, Ashley 1.

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Roby 57, Rule 48  
Scoring for Rule: Brown 13, Saucedo 12, Pace 9, Kittley 6, Simpson 4, Flores 2, Dudensing 2.

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Haskell Invitational  
Haskell JV 46, Holliday JV 38  
Scoring for Haskell JV: Chavez 20, Lara 7, Foster 6, Hodge 6, Mitchell 5, Kilgore 2.

Hawley 65, Haskell JV 61  
Scoring for Haskell JV: Chavez 19, Mitchell 18, Hodge 11, Kilgore 7, Foster 3, Bitner 2, Lara 1.

Haskell JV 57, Hawley 41  
Scoring for Haskell JV: Chavez 21, Hodge 13, Mitchell 12, Foster 4, Lara 4, Ashley 2, Kilgore 1.

Runner-up: Haskell JV  
All-Tournament Team: Miguel Chavez and Kendall Mitchell.

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Woodson Tournament  
Rule 68, Newcastle 45  
Scoring for Rule: Kittley 23, Saucedo 22, Hall 7, Brown 5, Dudensing 4, Pace 3, Turner 2, Flores 2.

Gordon 43, Paint Creek 38  
Scoring for Paint Creek: A. Cisneros 12, Wright 11, R. Cisneros 10, Myers 2, Tatum 1.

Rule 51, Strawn 44  
Scoring for Rule: Kittley 15, Dudensing 12, Saucedo 12, Brown 10, Pace 2.

Woodson 55, Paint Creek 25  
Scoring for Paint Creek: R. Cisneros 9, A. Cisneros 8, Myers 5, Bryant 2, Tatum 1.

Albany 80, Rule 49  
Scoring for Rule: Brown 11, Pace 11, Saucedo 11, Carreon 6, Kittley 6, Dudensing 3, Hall 1.

All-Tournament Team: Colt Kittley and Tully Brown.

## In the Service

Air Force Airman Tamara K. Schonherstedt has graduated from basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base, San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Rusty Schonherstedt of Buffalo Gap, and granddaughter of Kathryn Schonherstedt of Weinert.

Schonherstedt is a 2004 graduate of Jim Ned High School, Tuscola.

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Dec. 6, 2004

### Haskell

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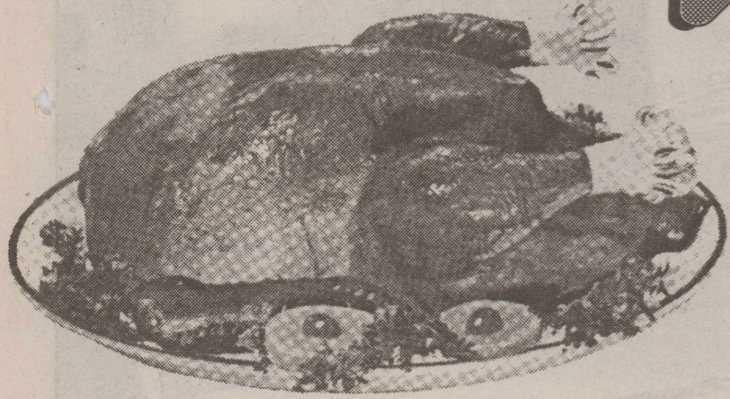
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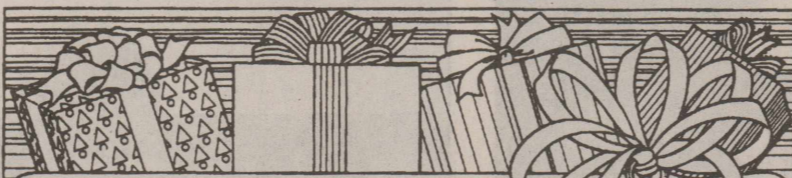
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FLYING OVER EAGLES—Haskell's Kendall Mitchell, soars above the crowd in the Indian's win over Holliday. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## 2004 All-District 9-A football teams listed

A number of county school athletes were named to the 2004 Football All-District 9-A Teams.

Kolt Kittley of Rule was named Most Valuable Player. Coach of the Year was Mike Reed, of Rule.

Named on First Team Offense were: Center, Craig Simpson, Rule; Running back, Emery Dudensing, Rule; Spread back, Tully Brown, Rule; Utility back, Kolt Kittley, Rule; Kicker, Casey Judd, Rule, and Special teams, Stephen Pace, Rule.

Named on Second Team Offense were: Tight end, Samuel Turner, Rule; Utility back, C. J. Saucedo, Rule.

On First Team Defense were: Lineman, Casey Judd, Rule; Linebacker, Emery Dudensing, Rule; Safety, Kolt Kittley, Rule; Utility player, Julian Menchaca, Rule.

On Second Team Defense were: Linebacker, Tully Brown, Rule; Cornerback, Kade Kittley, Rule.

Receiving Honorable Mention

Offense were: Utility back, Matt Ruiz, Paint Creek; Tight end, Jeremy DeLaCruz, Paint Creek; Tight end, Brandon Bryant, Paint Creek; Tight end, Abel Cisneros, Paint Creek; Running back, Roland Cisneros, Paint Creek; Running back, Kade Kittley, Rule; Wide receiver, Stephen Pace, Rule; Wide receiver, Julian Menchaca, Rule; Tight end, Matthew Turner, Rule; Tight end, Casey Judd, Rule; Running back, Paul Griffin, Rule; Running back, Tye Clark, Rule.

Named to Honorable Mention, Defense were: Lineman, Matt Ruiz, Paint Creek; Lineman, Abel Cisneros, Paint Creek; Lineman, Rylie Tatum, Paint Creek; Lineman, Taylor Williams, Paint Creek; Cornerback, Roland Cisneros, Paint Creek; Linebacker, Brandon Bryant, Paint Creek; Safety, Craig Simpson, Rule; Lineman, Matthew Turner, Rule; Lineman, Paul Griffin, Rule; Lineman, C. J. Saucedo, Rule. Cornerback, Austin Flores, Rule.

## Vaccine helps protect children from flu risks

As the weather turns colder and children are together indoors more, the chances of youngsters getting the flu increase.

The local Department of State Health Services (DSHS) clinic has vaccine available for children covered under the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program who are considered "high risk."

The high-risk groups include children who are: ages 6 months through 23 months; ages 2 through 18 years with chronic medical conditions; ages 6 months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy; ages 6 months through 18 years who live in a home with a child age 6 months or younger.

Children who are uninsured or underinsured, covered by the Children's Insurance Health Program (CHIP), who are of Native American or Native Alaskan heritage, as well as those on Medicaid are eligible to receive vaccine through the TVFC

program. This program guarantees that flu and other childhood vaccines are available to health care providers at no cost for children meeting the criteria.

"All children need plenty of sleep, physical activity, nutritional food, lots of water to drink and encouragement to wash their hands frequently," said Dr. James Zoretic, medical director of DSHS Health Services Region 2/3 in Arlington.

"Good prevention practices for children and adults include thorough hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes," he said.

To schedule a high-risk child for a flu shot, contact the DSHS clinic in Stamford at (325) 773-5681.

## Citrus vs cancer

by Jane Rowan

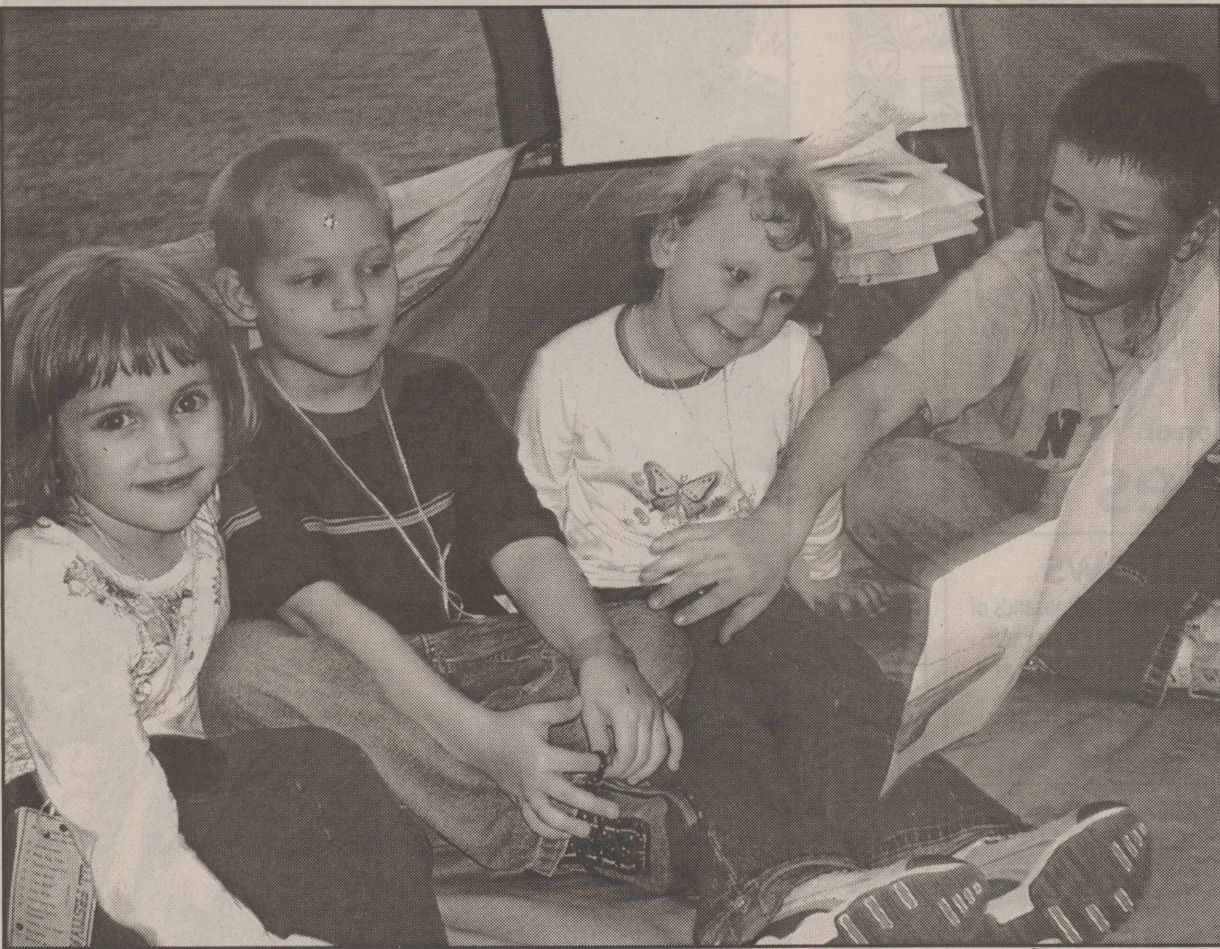
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Orange juice could be the secret weapon against childhood cancer. Texas Agriculture Experiment Station scientists found compounds in citrus, called limonoids. These targeted and stopped tumor cells in the lab.

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**CAMPING OUT IN THE TENT**—Drake Edwards, right, reads about Texas to fall festival participants, l-r, Katelyn Hudson, Hayden Hudson and Felicity Gentry, at the 4th grade Texas Camp Out organized by teachers, Stacie Everett, Sherry Adams and JoNell Roberts, to allow their students to share their knowledge of Texas History with other elementary students.



**SALUTING COUNTY VETERANS**—Haskell 7th graders, l-r, Breanna Villa, Aubrey Bassett and Jordan Burson watch as Lauren Lampe irons out the wrinkles on a Veteran's banner made in Wanda Thompson's class. The project was done in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant, and honored the veterans at the breakfast served at Haskell Elementary, Thurs., Nov. 11.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### FAITH WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO PRAY

A prayer is intended to be a beautiful communion with the Almighty, but we sometimes turn it instead in to a request for some material gain: often of doubtful benefit. To do so is to dishonor God by assuming that He is not already aware of your needs. So go to your church this Sunday

and pray for His guidance to help you become a better person. And, instead of attempting to give God information, just thank Him for what you already have and reaffirm your trust in His infinite wisdom in knowing what is really best for you.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**HASKELL**  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
 Danny Manross, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell  
**Christian Church**  
 Dusty Garison, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 107 N. Ave. F., Haskell  
**New Vision Family Worship Center**  
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 East Hwy 380, Haskell  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
 Art Flores, interim pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Allen Brooks, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**First Assembly of God**  
 Rev. J.C. Amburn  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
 Father George Roney  
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
 901 N. 16th, Haskell  
**Church of Christ**  
 Brett Anderson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
 Steve Beatty, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
 Tony Grand, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell  
**New Covenant Foursquare**  
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Mission Revival Center**  
 Rev. William Hodge  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell  
**First Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Church in the Park**  
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Gazebo or Pavillion  
**Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
 Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.  
 1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell  
**WEINERT**  
**First Baptist Church**  
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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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**First United Methodist Church**  
 Dolan Brinson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
 Rochester  
**SAGERTON**  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Philip Houston, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
 Sagerton  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Deborah Nissen, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Sagerton  
**RULE**  
**First Baptist Church**  
 Josh Stowe, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1001 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule  
**Church of Christ**  
 John Greeson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 811 Union, Rule  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Wendall Ferguson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 1000 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
 Alfa y Omegas  
 Manuel Marin, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 500 Elm Street, Rule  
**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Bill Trice, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule  
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Robert Sweet  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule  
**PAINT CREEK**  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 Paint Creek  
**O'BRIEN**  
**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
 Jim Reid, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
 O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

**Dec. 13-17 Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Friday:** Banana nut muffin  
**Lunch**  
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.  
**Monday:** Winter Wonderland nuggets with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, gingerbread people cookies  
**Tuesday:** Enchiladas, garden salad, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salsa, pineapple tidbits  
**Wednesday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, Oriental coleslaw, mandarin orange salad  
**Thursday:** Corndogs, french fries, ranch style beans, apple wedges  
**Friday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, Cool Ranch or Nacho Cheese chips, fresh fruit, cookie

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Dec. 13-17 Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Biscuits and gravy  
**Tuesday:** Toasted cheese sandwiches or cereal  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** French toast  
**Friday:** Toast or cereal  
**Lunch**  
 Milk and tea are served daily.  
**Monday:** Chicken fajitas, sauteed onions, corn, salad, rice pudding  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad, garlic bread, jello with fruit  
**Wednesday:** Beef vegetable stew, cornbread or ham sandwiches, peach cobbler  
**Thursday:** Burritos, salad, corn, fruit cups  
**Friday:** Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, chips, refried beans, pudding with graham crackers

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Dec. 13**  
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check  
 11:15 a.m. Christmas songs  
 Lunch—Meat balls and onion gravy, yellow squash, garden salad, mashed potatoes, cornbread, applesauce cake, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., Dec. 15**  
 10:30 a.m. Bingo  
 Lunch—Ham slice, cheese potatoes, blackeyed peas, cranberries, yeast rolls, jello and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Fri., Dec. 17**  
 Lunch—Beef stew, carrot salad, onion slices, sliced beets, cornbread, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Holidays don't have to be so stressful

by Jane Rowan  
**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**  
 Christmas can be a trying time for families. During the holidays it's easy to let time and money run out. To have a holly-jolly Christmas, Extension specialists recommend that families stop and look at their priorities. If it is important to save money this season have children hand-make gifts. Draw names in large groups so each person only has to buy one gift. Gag gifts can also be given. If spending time with loved ones is most important make time to do that. Sometimes times it is the best present.

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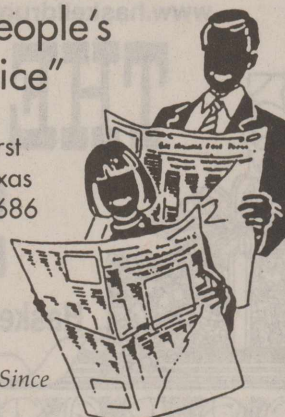
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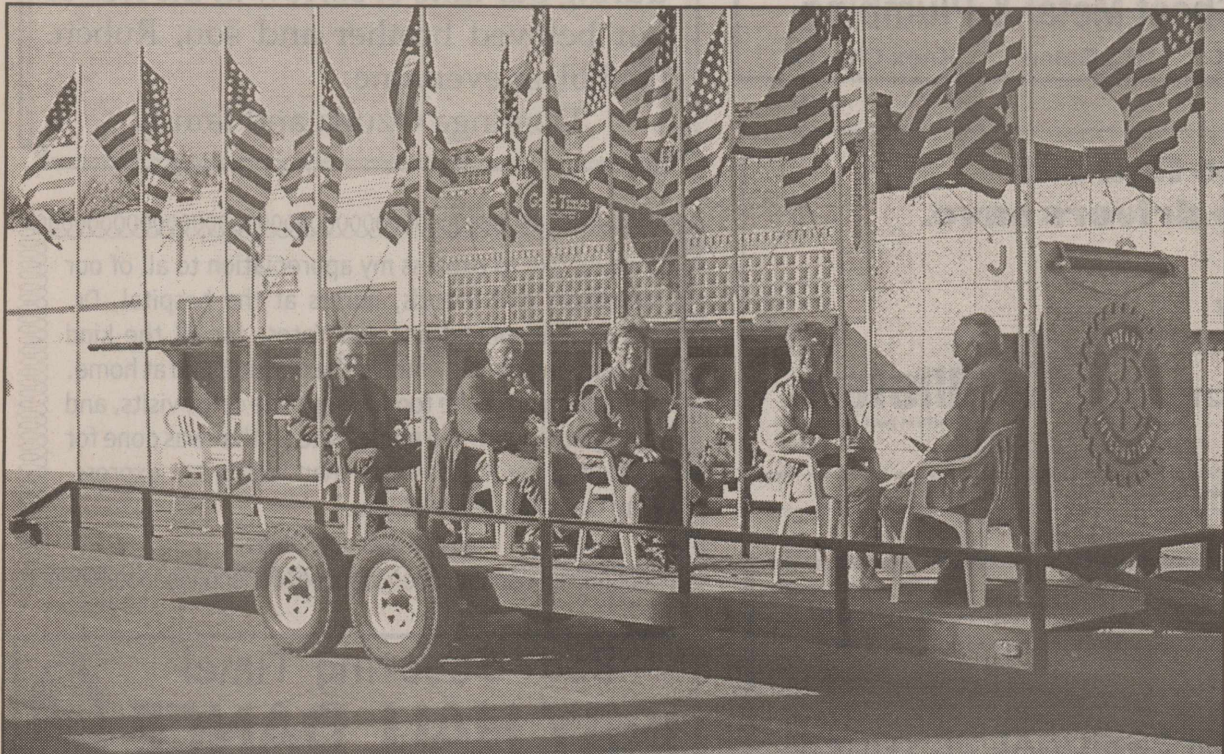








**"JAIL HOUSE ROCK"**—Personnel from the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center enjoyed making and riding on their float which won second place in the Christmas parade, Saturday.



**PATRIOTIC CHRISTMAS**—Taking first place in the Christmas parade, with the flags they distribute in the community on each national holiday, were Rotary Club members, l-r, Abe Turner, Mayor Ken Lane, Nelda Lane, Darlene Smith and Bob Smith.



**LITTLE SANTAS**—Having fun riding in the "Communities in School" float that won third place in the Christmas parade, were Haskell Elementary children enrolled in the 21st Century Books and Beyond after school program.

## Santa letters due Dec. 13

Hey Kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him.

Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the *Free Press* office at 420

North First Street or mailed to Santa Claus at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The deadline for having the letter printed in the newspaper is 5:00 p.m. Mon., Dec. 13. All letters received

by that time will be printed in the Dec. 23 edition.

## Parade winners named

Approximately twenty-five entries were present for the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade through the downtown area, Sat., Dec. 4.

Winners were judged by out-of-town judges, and three floats were awarded cash prizes for their creativity and efforts. The Rotary Club of Haskell took first prize. The "Jail House Rock," entry of Rolling Plains Detention Center won second

place, and the Communities in School float of the Haskell Elementary Grant Program won third.

Santa came in an old-fashioned horse and buggy, and will be present again during the Christmas drawings to be held at the gazebo on the Courthouse square, Dec. 18. The drawings will be held at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce would like to thank each and every one who helped with the parade and also all of the participants.

The Chamber also thanked Bob and Darlene Smith for the outstanding job they did in decorating the County Courthouse square and making the town look festive for the Christmas holidays.

## Special musical gift planned for the county

As a special gift to the people of Haskell County during the holiday season, two performances of "Bethlehem Morning," will be presented, featuring a fifty-voice choir representing nine churches from Haskell, Rule and Rochester.

The first performance will be Sat., Dec. 11, at the First Baptist Church in Rule, and the second on Sun., Dec. 12, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Each performance will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will last about an hour.

The timeless musical for Christmas, created by musical writers, Marty Hamby, Craig Adams and Jonathan Crumpton, will include ten songs and medleys of traditional Christmas carols as well as more recent music. It will be directed by W. O. Elmore and co-directed by Paul Gibson and Larry LeFevre. Dusty Garison and Katie Martin will

narrate. The choir has been working on the production since late September.

All people are invited to attend the program, which is planned as an evening the entire family can enjoy together. No love offering will be taken at the performances.

"It is a message of Christ, given as a special gift to the county," director Elmore said. "We are hoping in the future, to have more churches involved, and to be able to do this annually."

## Calendar

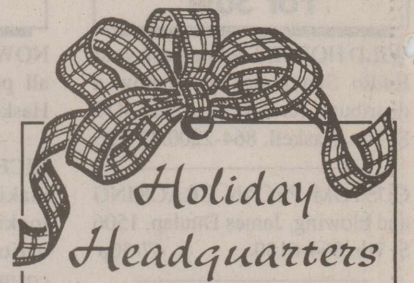
### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization and flu clinic Mon., Dec. 13 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Flu shots will be available for people 65 and older or anyone with long term health conditions such as asthma, lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes and anemia. Clinic times are from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

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