

## Pirates listed on All-District teams

Paint Creek Pirates listed on the District 10 Six Man All-District football teams were:

First team defense: Safety and punter, Charlie Myers, senior.  
Second team offense: Center, Matt Ruiz, senior.

Named to the Academic All-District team were Caleb Whitfield, junior and Rusty Rogers, senior.

### Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
JV-VB, JV-VG vs C. City  
Fri., Dec. 21, 4 p.m.  
at Colorado City  
**PAINT CREEK**  
VG-VB vs Moran  
Fri., Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.  
at Moran  
**RULE**  
JVB-VB vs Nazareth  
Fri., Dec. 21, 3 p.m.  
at Wilson

### Calendar

#### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the New Year's edition Thurs., Dec. 27 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.  
Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Jan. 3 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 27 at 5 p.m.

#### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Dec. 20 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

#### Candlelight service

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a candlelight service Mon., Dec. 24, Christmas eve, at 11 p.m. at the church located on the Throckmorton Highway in Haskell.

#### Candlelight service

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

#### Candlelight service

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

#### Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

#### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

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## Merry Christmas

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Free Press editor will be missed by community

by Lisa Shaw

This newspaper and this community lost a friend last week with the passing of Haskell Free Press editor, Mary Kaigler.

I first knew Mary as a guest columnist for the newspaper. She had retired as a decorating consultant and with her husband, Tom, returned to his home town to live. She had a lifetime interest in writing and found pleasure in the way words could reflect the feelings of the writer and the reader. She had written numerous newspaper feature stories and columns, as well as some prize-winning poems and short stories.

For the Free Press, she wrote a column titled "From the Inside Out." A title that at first I didn't understand. But, through the years, as we worked alongside each other and grew to be dear friends, I found the meaning to be a true reflection of this special lady. I remember times when she wrestled with stories that in her words, "I just can't turn loose." She wanted her every word to be interpreted in the proper perspective. She was known for her deep thinking and ability to find meaning in the lessons of life, always leaving a story, whatever its nature, in a positive light.

Mary was named editor of The Haskell Free Press July 31, 1997. She absolutely loved her job and the opportunities it offered her to help and to report on her community and its happenings. She brought an elegance and style to the words of the publication.

She filled the summer editorials with a special "Mystery Reader" column which gave her an opportunity to share with readers information about people who were from Haskell, keeping both the mystery person and the mystery reader in touch with their hometown Haskell.

She and Tom have a daughter, Dr. Karen Kaigler-Walker, and her husband, Bud of Altadena, California. She made journeys to far away places with her daughter, traveling to China and Europe, on trips with students from her daughter's college classes.

Mary was active in clubs, community volunteerism and church while living in Haskell. She served on the board of directors of the Haskell Civic Center, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Haskell County



MARY KAIGLER

Chapter of Keep Texas Beautiful. She had been president of the Cancer Society, Haskell Garden Club and the Progressive Study Club.

An active member of the Progressive Study Club, she served in many offices, committees and capacities at all levels including District and State levels. She was local president from 1989-91. She was First Vice President of the Mesquite District

of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. She later served as State President from 2000-02, where her special project was Operation Smile, a project benefiting patients who suffered with cleft palates. A substantial donation was made to the charity in her honor. Additionally, she had served as chairman of the TFWC United Nations committee.

She was a board member of the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation board, and helped judge homecoming displays designed by Haskell students.

She and Tom delivered lunches for the Experienced

Citizens Center in Haskell. They opened their beautifully decorated home to local organizations for fund-raising tours.

She had a knack for slogans and names. Her slogan 'Haskell Alive—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' is used by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, Haskell's soon to be constructed living center, was appropriately named 'La Vista Place' by Mary's well researched words.

She found her most important service in her work with her church, the First United Methodist Church. She was the

church's treasurer. She had served as the communion steward alongside Tom, a service that her mother had performed long ago and Mary held dear to her heart. She had taught the Hazel Weaver Sunday School class. In her work with others as church historian, she provided her year's of expertise in decorating by assisting with renovation projects.

Mary's influence, positive spirit and love of this community will be missed by this newspaper and many others in our community. I know that my dear friend, Mary, truly lived her life 'from the inside out.'

### Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

American Legion Auxiliary .....	\$50
Friendly Folks Sunday School Class of	
First United Methodist Church, Haskell .....	\$100
In lieu of Christmas cards, by Eloise and Dudley Perrin ..	\$25
Anonymous .....	\$100
Jim K. Williams .....	\$200
In memory of Carl Wheatley, Allene Wheatley, Adell Thomas and Ann Thomas Wilson, by Jerry D. Wheatley and Mary Ann Wheatley .....	\$400
In memory of Lois Redwine, by Hyrum and Jean Richards .....	\$25
In honor of Dr. Cliff Ray, by Joe and Caron Yates .....	\$200
Total this week .....	\$1,100
Previous total .....	\$225
Total to date .....	\$1,325

## Rule drops state title game

The Rule Bobcats fell to Richland Springs, 98-54, in the six-man state championship game, held in San Angelo Saturday.

Undefeated this season, the Bobcats met their match with the Coyotes, a team that stopped the Bobcats in last year's title game by a score of 78-58.

The Coyotes have posted three of the last four state titles.

Rule's #3 Stephen Pace opened the Rule scoring with a seven yard run in the first quarter. Late in the first quarter, Kyle Simpson #24 carried a Pace pass

to the goal line. First quarter scoring ended with Rule trailing the Coyotes 22-14.

In the second quarter, #6 James Wolfe returned a 73 yard kickoff for a touchdown. Pace added the PAT. Simpson added more points with a reception from Jay T. Spitzer #5. The final score of the half was made by Wolfe who carried a 57 yard Spitzer pass to the goal line. Pace added points with his kick.

Rule was behind at intermission, trailing by four points, 28-24.

Returning in the second half,

the Bobcats continued their fight coming within four points early in the third quarter. Pace caught a 52 yard Spitzer pass at the 8:47 mark of the third quarter, followed by a Pace kick for the PAT.

Richland Springs quickly answered back with four straight touchdowns as the Bobcats watched the Coyotes pull away to capture the championship title.

Rule's final score of the game came at the 5:52 mark of the fourth quarter with an eight yard run by Spitzer, followed by a Pace PAT, ending a great season for the Bobcats.

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**Area Basketball scores**

**Girls**  
Hawley 56, Haskell 44  
Scoring for Haskell: Peiser 10, Rodgers 8, Wallace 7, Reid 6, Newton 3, Bassett 2, Adams 2, Rutkowski 2, Torres 2, Johnson 2.

JV: Haskell 38, Eula 36  
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Haskell 41, Stanton 28  
Scoring for Haskell: Torres 10, Peiser 8, Wallace 6, Rutkowski 4, Reid 4, Rodgers 3, Isbell 2, Adams 2, Newton 2.

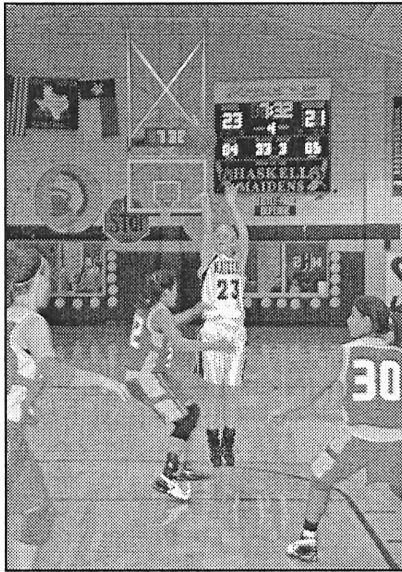
Eula 45, Rule 25  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 19, Muniz 3, M. Dudensing 1, Benavidez 1, Messenger 1.  
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Woodson 40, Paint Creek 16  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Waggoner 10, Martinez 2, Gilbreath 2, Wigley 2.

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Rule Booster Club Tournament  
Baird 50, Rule 23  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 16, Messenger 4, Munoz 2, Dudensing 1.

Rotan 44, Rule 42  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 22, Messeinger 10, Dudensing 8, Johnson 2.

All-tournament team: Scheets, Rule.

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**Boys**  
Paint Creek 54, Woodson 26  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Myers 23, Ruiz 12, Goves 8, Rogers 4, Whitfield 4, Bishop 2, McDonald 2.



**LONG SHOT**—Haskell Maiden #23 Ashton Rutkowski shoots a long shot in the game against Stanton Dec. 14.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Maiden #45 Lisa Rodgers adds two points to the score in the Stanton game. The Maidens came out on top 41-28.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

**Obituaries**

**Mary Lynn Kaigler**



**MARY L. KAIGLER**

Funeral services for Mary Lynn Kaigler, 83, of Haskell were held Sat., Dec. 15 at First United

Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Tom Long officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Kaigler died Tues., Dec. 11.

Born Oct. 23, 1924 in Waco, she was the daughter of the late Herbert Homesley and Lennie Wiseman Homesley. She married Thomas Kaigler Dec. 8, 1944 in Lubbock. She was a decorating consultant for Sherwin Williams in Midland and Austin from 1966 until she moved to Haskell in 1983. She was the 2001-02 president of the Mesquite District of Texas Federated Woman's Club, a member of the Progressive Study Club and a member of the Texas Press

Association. In July of 1997, she became the editor for the Haskell Free Press. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Ralph Homesley.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Kaigler of Haskell; daughter, Karen Kaigler Walker and husband, Bud of Altadena, California; brother, Jack Homesley of Dallas; sister-in-law, Frances Kemp of Lubbock; and many nieces, nephews and a host of dear friends.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 201 North Avenue F, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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**Arvella Hargrove Moore**



**ARVELLA MOORE**

Funeral services for Arvella Hargrove Moore, 79, of Rule were held Sun., Dec. 16 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Bro. John Greeson officiating and Russell Stanley assisting. Burial

was in Rule Cemetery, under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Moore died Thurs., Dec. 13.

Born Sept. 14, 1928 in Elbert, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Clebern Hargrove and Ina Mitchell Hargrove. She married James Moore Sept. 14, 1945 in Haskell and has been in the community since 1946. She worked for Tanner's Grocery in Rule as a sales clerk and seamstress for Heidenheimer's in Haskell for twenty years. Some of her greatest joys were her VP Gang, The Golden Girls, attending First Baptist Church in Rule, where she was a member, and above all, spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Ina Hargrove; husband, James Moore; brothers, Gaylon and

Carroll Hargrove; and sister, Maudine Frierson.

Survivors include her son, Pat Moore and wife, Mary of Bertram; daughters, Marilyn Moore of Austin, Marsha Simpson and husband, Larry of Rule, Amelia Moore and husband, Mario of Del Rio, and Emily Moore of Del Rio; sisters, Oleta Scruggs of Glen Rose, Tommy Jean Swilling of Greencastle, Indiana, and Christine Armstrong of Olney; brothers, Vernon Hargrove of Crown Point, Indiana, and Cecil Hargrove of Rio Vista; grandchildren, Geri Anne Crowley, Cathy Guthrie and husband, Chuck, Jeff Milliman, Jennifer Milliman, David Shipman and wife, Sally, Heather Simpson, and Brad Simpson; great grandchildren, C.J. and Piper Guthrie and Isiah and Jacob Shipman.

PD. NOTICE

**Ann Barler**

Funeral services for Ann Barler, 67, of San Angelo were held Thurs., Dec. 13 at Edmund Boulevard Baptist Church with Rev. Donald Moon officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barler went to the Pearly Gates Tues., Dec. 11 in San Angelo.

Born Aug. 23, 1940 in Rule, she was the daughter of T.E. and Sally Carter White. She married Valton Barler Dec. 22, 1956. They were blessed with almost 51 beautiful years of marriage together. She was a loving and faithful wife, mother and 'MawMaw.' She devoted her life to taking care of her family. She was a great cook and she was an exceptional gardener. She had a tremendous love of flowers and their beauty. She loved the Lord, and she was dedicated to attending church services, even to her last days when it was hard for her physically to attend.

She volunteered at the State School and also at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen for many years. She was never judgmental or selfish and always touched the lived of those she met. She was also very fun-loving and she loved the practical jokes her grandsons played.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Valton Barler Jr.; and one sister, Phyllis White.

Survivors include her loving family: husband, Valton Barler of San Angelo; children, Cindy Burns and her husband, Steve of Sugar Land, and Gerri Goetz and her husband, Art of San Angelo; her grandchildren, Lane Rutland of San Angelo, Risa Rutland of Flagstaff, Arizona, Chris burns of Sugar Land, Travis Goetz and his wife, Jamie, of San Angelo, Ashley Goetz of San Angelo and Steffani Barler of San Angelo; one great grandchild, Madison Goetz of San Angelo; two brothers, Truman White of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and John White and his wife, Marilyn, of Farmington; and four sisters, Ruth Salazar and her husband, Frank of Big Spring, Sue McGee and her husband, Ben of Haskell, Linda Newbern of Corpus Christi and Donna Sasseen of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews and other family members.

Pallbearers were Travis Goetz, Lane Rutland, Chris Burns, Mike McGee, Matt Stanley and Elwayne Crotwell.

Memorials may be made to the Edmund Boulevard Baptist Church or The Lady Bird Memorial Highway Beautification Fund.

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We are reconstructing our channel lineup to better serve you. Changes will begin soon and be completed by December 31<sup>ST</sup>.

Good news! More channels will be available to you without the use of a digital box! Here's a look at our new channel lineup.

These Channels have moved from Digital to Basic:

<b>TLC</b>	<b>Discovery CHANNEL</b>	<b>FX</b>	<b>TV LAND</b>
<b>Basic Cable</b>	87 Home & Garden <i>MOVED</i>	<b>Cinemax*</b>	916 Retro-active
2 TBS <i>MOVED</i>	88 A&E <i>MOVED</i>	550 Cinemax	917 Electronica
3 PBS - KRMA	89 AMC <i>MOVED</i>	551 More Max	918 Dance
4 QVC Network <i>MOVED</i>	90 E! <i>MOVED</i>	552 Action Max	919 Lite Hills
5 FX <i>MOVED</i>	91 Comedy Central <i>MOVED</i>		920 Adult Top 40
6 KIDZ - LP	92 SpikeTV <i>MOVED</i>	<b>Showtime / Flix / TMC*</b>	921 Hit List
7 Local Access	93 CMT <i>MOVED</i>	600 Showtime	922 Kids Only
8 KXVA	94 G4 <i>MOVED</i>	601 Showtime 2	923 Party Favorites
9 NBC - KRBC	95 Oxygen <i>MOVED</i>	602 Showtime Showcase	924 Showcase
10 CBS - KTAB	100 Noggin	603 Showtime Extreme	925 90s
11 CSPAN	101 Nick Games and Sports	604 Showtime Beyond	926 80s
12 ABC - KTXS	103 Discovery Kids	605 Flix	927 70s
13 HSN <i>MOVED</i>	104 Toon Disney	650 The Movie Channel	928 Solid Gold Oldies
14 CNN Headline News	105 Nick Toons	651 The Movie Channel Xtra	929 Smooth Jazz
16 MSNBC	106 Discovery Home		930 Jazz
17 Versus	107 Discovery on Espanol	<b>Starz / Encore*</b>	931 Blues
18 SoapNet	108 Style.	700 Starz!	932 Reggae
19 Trinity Broadcast <i>MOVED</i>	109 DIY	702 Starz! in Black	933 Soundscapes
20 Bravo	113 GSN	703 Starz! Kids & Family	934 Easy Listening
21 FXM	114 BBC Americas	704 Starz! 5 Cinema	935 Big Band and Swing
22 Golf Channel	200 Bio	750 Encore	936 Singers and Standards
23 Speed Channel	201 History International		937 Show Tunes
24 Animal Planet	202 The Science Channel	<b>Pay-Per-View*</b>	938 Contemporary Christian
25 The Weather Channel	203 Discovery Times	801 Indemand 1	939 Gospel
26 Lifetime	204 Discovery Health	802 Indemand 2	940 Classical Masterpieces
27 TCM	205 Bloomberg	803 Indemand 3	941 Light Classical
28 Fox Sports Southwest	208 ESPN Classic	804 Indemand 4	942 Pop Latino
29 CNN	209 FITV	805 Indemand 5	943 Musica Urbana
30 Univision	300 Lifetime Real Women	806 Indemand 6	944 Salsa Merengue
31 Travel Channel	301 Lifetime Movies	891 TENCLIPS by the Movie	945 Mexicana
32 ESPN	305 Military Channel	892 TEN by the Movie	946 Rock en Espanol
33 ESPN2	307 MTV 2	893 TENREAL by the Movie	
34 Disney Channel	308 MTV Jams		
35 USA	309 MTV Tr3	<b>Digital Music*</b>	
36 SCI-FI	310 MTV Hits	901 Sounds of the Seasons	
37 ABC Family	311 CMT Pure	902 Todays Country	
38 Discovery Channel <i>MOVED</i>	312 VH1 Classic Rock	903 Classic Country	
39 TNT	313 VH1 Soul	904 Bluegrass	
40 Cartoon Network	316 Sundance	905 R&B and Hip-Hop	
41 TV Land <i>MOVED</i>	652 LOGO	906 Classic R&B	
42 TLC <i>MOVED</i>		907 R&B Soul	
43 VH-1 <i>MOVED</i>	<b>HBO*</b>	908 R&B Hits	
44 MTV <i>MOVED</i>	500 HBO	909 Rap	
	501 HBO 2	910 Metal	
	502 HBO Signature	911 Rock	
<b>Digital Channels*</b>	503 HBO Family	912 Arena Rock	
83 Nickelodeon <i>MOVED</i>	504 HBO Latino	913 Classic Rock	
84 Fox News <i>MOVED</i>		914 Adult Alternative	
85 CNBC <i>MOVED</i>		915 Alternative	
86 History Channel <i>MOVED</i>			

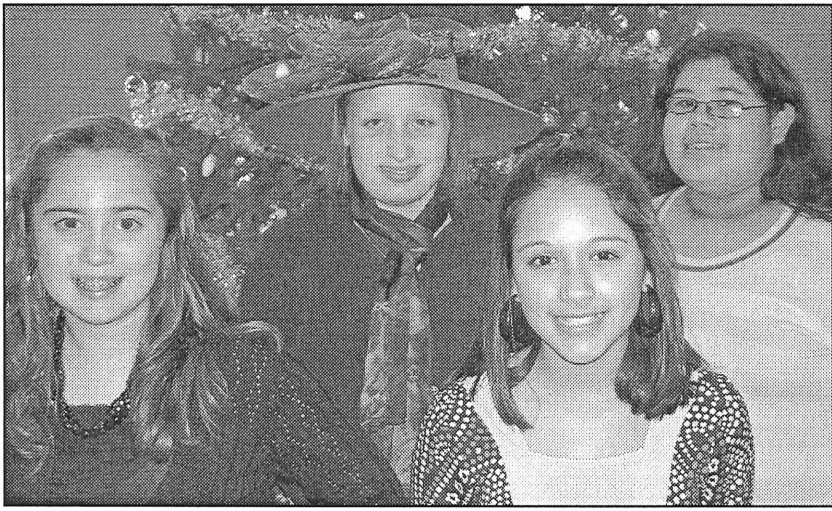
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**FOOD SHOW CONTESTANTS**—Competing in the Intermediate Division of the District 4-H Food Show held Dec. 8 in Vernon were, front row, l-r, Emily Fouts and Meghan Glover; and back row, Tillie McGuire and Celeste Caddell. Not pictures in Stewart Ulrich.



**JUNIOR COOKS**—Entering the Jr. Division of the District 4-H Food Show held Dec. 8th in Vernon were, front row, l-r, Sam Fouts and Sarah Guess; and back row, Crissy Bassett and JoLene Navarrette. Not pictured is Kylie Adams.

# Top cooks named in District 4-H Food Show

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
224 boys and girls from 24 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show in Vernon Sat., Dec. 8 at the Wilbarger Auditorium. Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June 2008. Each received a plaque and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State contest. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners are unable to compete. Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received ribbons but do not compete beyond the District level.

From Haskell County:  
Jr. Main Dish: Sam Fouts, Sagerton, fourth place.  
Jr. Fruits & Vegetables: Sarah Campbell, Rule, fifth place.

Intermediate Main Dish: Meghan Glover, Rochester, third place.

Intermediate Bread & Cereal: Emily Fouts, Sagerton, second place.

Intermediate Nutritious Snacks: Stewart Ulrich, Rochester, third place.

Intermediate Desserts: Celeste Caddell, Rule, fourth place.

Sr. Main Dish: Kate Rowan, O'Brien, second place.

Sr. Fruits & Vegetable: Brooke Bullinger, Haskell, first place.

Others from Haskell County that participated included:

Jr. Nutritious Snacks: Kylie Adams of Haskell; Jr. Bread & Cereal: Crissy Bassett of Haskell; Jr. Desserts: JoLene Navarrette of Weinert; and Intermediate Fruits & Vegetables: Tillie McGuire of Haskell.

Special cash awards, were presented to first and second

place winners in main dish in which beef was an ingredient.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders.

Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

Two invitational features were special Food and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling

Plains as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the district.

These 4-H'ers were recognized with certificates. Brooke Bullinger and Kate Rowan both prepared an educational display.

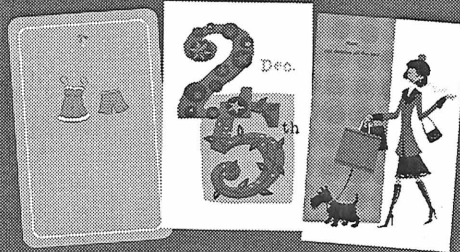
This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Kelli Lehman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H & Youth, with Texas Cooperative Extension. 4-H is the youth development program of Texas Cooperative

Extension.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and

nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.

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(No presents please - just your presence)



**SENIOR PARTICIPANTS**—Kate Rowan, left, placed second in the Senior Main Dish division and Brooke Bullinger placed first in the Senior Fruits & Vegetable division at the District 4-H Food Show held in Vernon on Dec. 8.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### State's top ethics cop announces retirement

AUSTIN—Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's chief ethics cop, will serve out his term of office which expires at the end of 2008, but not a day more.

Earle, on Dec. 14, announced his decision not to seek reelection. The 65-year-old Democrat will have served 32 years when his term expires.

In a prepared statement, Earle said, "There are particular cases pending that are enormously important to this state, this country, and democracy itself. If they are not resolved during the forthcoming last year of my term, I will offer my assistance on those matters on a pro bono basis to my successor."

Among those pending cases are indictments against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Republican political fund-raisers John Colyandro and Jim Ellis.

### Panel hears NFL-cable spat

The House Committee on Regulated Industries met Dec. 10 and heard testimony in a dispute between cable interests and the National Football League Network.

At issue were whether cable customers should be charged extra for access to NFL games and if the Texas Legislature should have any say-so in how the dispute is handled.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones spoke for the NFL Network.

Jones said his side is against "big" cable companies that desire to put professional football games on a separate, higher-costing tier.

Goodell added that fans might have to pay as much as \$8 per month to watch games only available on the higher tier if certain cable companies get their way.

Goodell also said he would like the NFL Network and the cable industry to enter a negotiated settlement.

Representatives of the Texas Cable Association countered that cable packages are governed by the Federal Cable Act, and therefore the Federal Communications Commission, not the state, has jurisdiction in the issue.

Ernest Young, a law professor

with University of Texas, represented the NFL at the hearing. He said there is precedent for the Texas Legislature to intervene as an alternative to litigation.

At the end of the hearing, committee chair Phil King, R-Weatherford, said he was not convinced the state has jurisdiction.

### Online, mail order tax is closer

Texas and a coalition of other states are closer to agreement on a set of sales tax laws to help state and local governments receive sales tax revenue from online and mail order sales.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the "Streamlined Sales Tax" governing board on Dec. 13 unanimously approved a compromise allowing Texas and other sales tax-dependent states to continue taxing intrastate sales at the rate in effect at the seller's location, but to tax interstate sales at the rate in effect where the merchandise is delivered.

"In fiscal 2006, Texas lost an estimated \$541 million in state sales tax on Internet and mail order sales," Combs said. "We must monitor and fix this leak."

### DPS labs receive accreditation

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported its 13 crime laboratories, after years of evaluation, have received international accreditation.

The DPS laboratories are located in Austin, Garland, Houston, El Paso, Waco, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Tyler, Lubbock, Midland, Abilene, Amarillo and Laredo.

Only three other state police laboratories in the U.S. have received international accreditation: Oregon, Utah and Idaho.

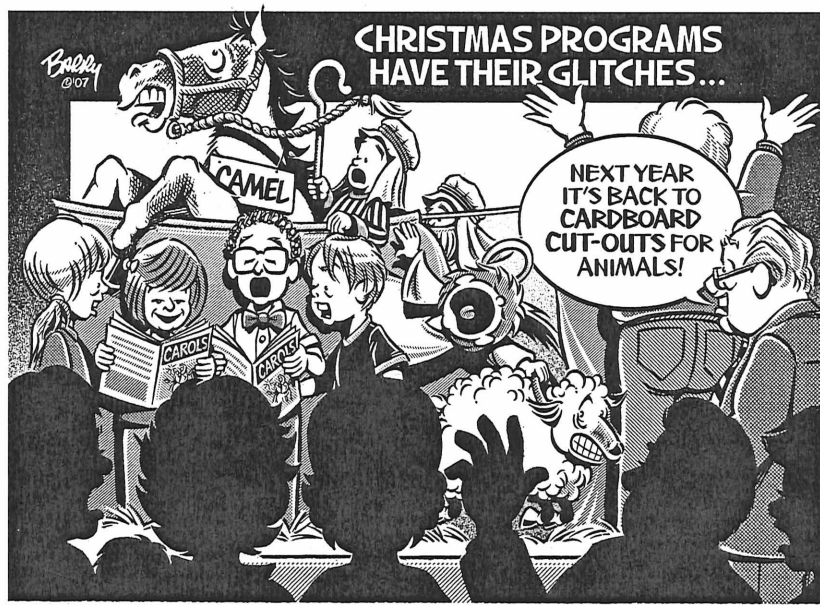
### State returns Crockett letter

The Texas Historical Commission announced Dec. 7 it would return a letter said to be the last one written by David Crockett.

Simpson Galleries in Houston offered the letter to the State of Texas for \$490,000 with 120 days to decide whether to purchase it.

The state decided not to, after putting the letter through forensic analysis by a private North Carolina firm.

The analysis failed to confirm the document's authenticity.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 18, 1997

Lewis Thomas received the Champion Classic Barton variety award and Bud Turnbow received the Champion Commercial Cheyenne variety award at the Pecan Show.

Residence winners in the Chamber Christmas lighting contest were 1st place, Tony Burson; 2nd place, Faye Stiewert; 3rd place, Danny Kierepka; Honorable Mention, Ronnie Adams; Special Award Children's Favorite, Allie Belle Smith.

Winners in the Home and Yard Lighting Contest in Rule were 1st place, Eric Robinson; 2nd place, Wes and Kristi Jones; 3rd place, Jerry and Cindy Kendall; Honorable Mention, Liz Westmoreland.

### 20 Years Ago December 17, 1987

Debbie Williams, bookkeeper at the First National Bank, has been named Employee of the Year.

Jesse Ray Medford won three trophies at the baby pageant in Abilene. He is the son of Jeff and Martina Medford.

Erna and Walter Schaafe of Stamford visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knipling.

Dusty Meeks, a Haskell Indian and Joy McKeever, a Haskell Maiden, made the all-tournament team.

### 30 Years Ago December 15, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McClure visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McClure of McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Knight of Austin, were weekend visitors in

the home of Linda's parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. David Letz visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Galloway at Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clark of Big Spring, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark.

Lloyd Bradley of Goree, visited his mother, Mrs. Lillie Bradley.

Derrell Sorrells and his mother, Florene Sorrells visited W.O. Lewis.

Dorothy Spann of Munday visited Mrs. Tommye Hawkins.

### 40 Years Ago December 14, 1967

Mrs. Morrell Dick returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. Jess Woodring of Coleman.

Rule Chapter Four-H Club elected officers were, president, Barry Hobbs; vice president, Mike Summers; secretary, Gail Lott; treasurer, Danny Hisey; recording secretary, Nolan Pittcock; reporter, Tommy Davis. Conference delegates were Barry Hobbs, Mike Summers, Debra Denison and Julie Young.

Barry Hobbs of Rule has been named to junior membership in the American Hereford Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Curd and children of Arlington, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson.

Mrs. J.D. Turnbow, Mrs. Garth Garrett and Mrs. Johnny Camp visited Mrs. Roy Herricks and Mrs. C.L. Garrett.

### 50 Years Ago December 19, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Don Timberlake of Abilene, spent the weekend

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Rainey in Weinert.

Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Shepherd of Olney, visited in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Barton of Abilene visited in the home of Mrs. Barton's mother, Mrs. L.N. Lusk.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Merchant and Mrs. Jack Merchant visited Mr. and Mrs. John H. Merchant in Amarillo.

Mattson honored Loyd Klose, Football Hero and Dorinda Kretschmer, Football Sweetheart.

### 100 Years Ago December 21, 1907

J.A. Pierson, of the Plains country, is visiting the family of M.L. Perry.

Vera and Fay Neathery who have been visiting in Dallas, Farmersville and other points returned home.

J.R. Miller and family, who lived on Capt. W.W. Fields farm west of town this year, made and picked 30 bales of cotton besides a remnant left in the field, which sold for \$110.

John W. Wood of Rotan was in Haskell on a business trip. He is a brother of Mrs. N.I. McCollum.

J.B. Shelburne arrived here from Belton with two carloads of furniture and livestock. He owns a tract of land southwest of town which he purchased some time ago out of the old Post Ranch.

C.H. Merchant of the northeast side, was in town and said that most of the farmers in his section had finished picking cotton.

## AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

### Identity Thieves Impersonate Texas Banks

A new identity theft scheme is targeting Texans, particularly those who bank at Amarillo National Bank, a legitimate Texas financial institution. Spoof e-mails are directing Amarillo National Bank customers to call a telephone number and confirm their personal information. Customers who make the call do not actually reach their hometown banker, but instead end up on the telephone with a scam artist who wants to steal their identity.

This type of scam, also known as "phishing," typically involves e-mails that falsely appear to have been sent by trusted and well-known institutions, such as large banks or popular Internet-based merchants, like eBay and PayPal. In the latest twist, however, identity thieves are clearly targeting Texans by posing as trusted local institutions.

The Office of the Attorney General first learned of the Amarillo National Bank scam when its own employees received a series of e-mails with the subject line: "New Message From Amarillo National Bank." The e-mails read, in part:

We recently reviewed your account, and we suspect an

unauthorized ATM based transaction. Therefore as a preventive measure we will temporarily limit your access to sensitive features. To ensure that your account is not compromised please call our security center ... and verify your identity to prevent deactivation.

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The message provides a toll-free number for consumers to call and furnish their personal information. However, neither the e-mail nor the telephone number is affiliated with Amarillo National Bank.

As always, Texans should never provide personal information in response to unexpected e-mails or telephone calls, even if they appear to be from a respected local institution.

The Office of the Attorney General is working with Amarillo National Bank and Texas banking groups to remind consumers that no legitimate institution sends e-mails or places calls to their clients threatening to suspend their accounts unless they immediately provide personal information. Texans who receive these types of e-mails or telephone calls should simply delete the message or hang up on the caller.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Noah Project—North would like to thank each and every person that has been a part of the "Blankets for Noah." Our thanks to Pam Norton for organizing the first successful blanket party. She really started a great worthwhile project. We have received a number of blankets from individuals and churches. They are all beautiful.

We appreciate all of the time, effort and money that it took to make these blankets. If you could see the big smiles on the faces that we get to see, you would know what a big difference you make with your blankets. It is wonderful!

Thank you and we wish you all a very happy holiday season!  
Donna Sue Anders  
Service Area Director



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

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## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

December 13, 2007

Cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade finished lower Tuesday on speculative liquidation as most traders ignored a long-awaited government report which came within trade expectations. Wednesday, cotton futures regained some ground after the market drew influence from strength in grain prices.

"There was limited reaction to USDA's monthly supply/demand figures simply because there were no surprises in the data," one analyst said. USDA, as expected, raised its estimate of the 2007-08 U.S. cotton crop to 18.99 million bales versus trade estimates ranging from 18.9 to 19 million bales. Last month, USDA pegged the U.S. crop at 18.86 million bales.

The 130,000-bale increase in the U.S. crop came from all over the Cotton Belt, not only from Texas as some had anticipated. The Southeast contributed 70,000 bales, the Delta 5,000, Oklahoma had a 10,000 bale increase, and the California figure was boosted by 20,000 bales. Record yields already are being reported in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. In Texas, ginning will continue well into March in some areas; therefore, analysts expect to see an increase in the crop size in later USDA reports.

On the global front, USDA cut Pakistan's cotton crop and raised its estimate for India by 500,000 bales. Pakistan's production and consumption were cut by 1.25 million and 1.0 million bales, respectively. India's bottom line showed an additional 300,000 bales of ending stocks in the country.

For now, analysts say the focus will turn to how much lower U.S. cotton plantings will be in 2008 due to the strong performance of grain prices this year. U.S. cotton plantings in 2007 already were estimated by USDA at an 18-year low of 11.01 million acres, and a further decline in acreage is expected next season.

"Fiber contracts may even firm in the weeks and months ahead due to the widespread expectation that U.S. cotton acreage will suffer in 2008 as farmers switch to more profitable grain crops," an analyst said.

USDA's weekly export sales report also failed to impress the market this week despite the fact that net sales of 355,000 bales were up 62 percent from the previous week and 69 percent more than the four-week average. Major buyers included China, Indonesia, Turkey, and Pakistan. Net sales of 12,300 bales for delivery in 2008-09 mainly were for Mexico.

Export shipments of 273,200 bales were 29 percent more than the week earlier and 48 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

Meanwhile, in the week ended Dec. 13, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 55,696 bales compared to 17,588 bales the previous holiday shortened trading week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 58.43 to 59.73 cents per pound versus 54.96 to 59.86 cents per pound one week earlier.

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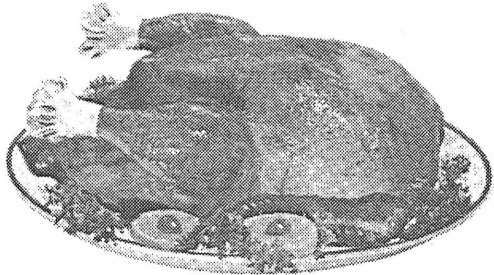
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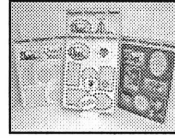
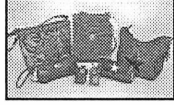
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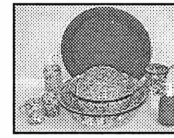
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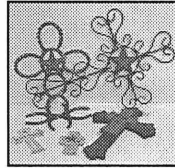
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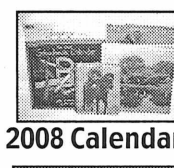
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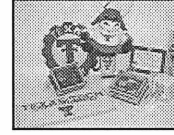
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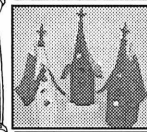
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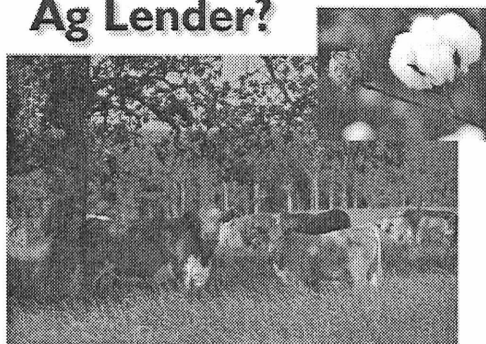
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## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Dec. 24**  
Center Closed  
**Wed., Dec. 26**  
Lunch—BBQ sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, onions, pickles, garlic toast, surprise dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

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# Chamber offers health insurance to members

The Texas Midwest Chamber Cooperative, a collaboration of Chambers of Commerce in the Texas Midwest Community Network and FirstCare Health Plans, is offering businesses in the Texas Midwest access to health insurance discounts previously available only for large employer groups. The innovative cooperative is the first of its kind in Texas, bringing together multiple Chambers of Commerce in the region to allow business members access to health insurance plans they would not have access to individually. The plans offered to cooperative members are streamlined health insurance plans that keep premium costs low and provide basic healthcare benefits. The cooperative will keep health insurance affordable for employers who have never before been able to offer group health insurance and offer a new option for employers who are at risk of dropping insurance for employees because of cost. "I've had calls from outside the region from Chambers of Commerce and interested business leaders asking how we were able to organize a regional cooperative," said Nicki Harle, executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network. "It would not have been possible if we had not already had a network of community leaders in place and an insurance provider willing to work with us in developing the unique products offered through the cooperative." To be part of the cooperative, businesses must be a member of their local Chamber of Commerce. Interested employers should contact their local Chamber of Commerce to join the cooperative.

# Study Club meets

The Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Dec. 13 in the home of Pam Norton. President Julia Harrell welcomed seventeen members and guests Pauline Couch, Shirley Reed and Connie Benton. Evelyn Cobb gave the invocation. Members brought toys, personal items, or nonperishable food to be donated to the Haskell Goodfellow's Drive. Nancy Toliver gave the Federation Counselor's Report. She reported on the Clubwoman Magazine and urged members to subscribe. Bettie Wainscott reported that a tiered cart had been purchased to be placed in the Haskell Civic Center. The restoration of the LaBriere house was discussed. Harrell reported that a windmill has been placed in the City Park at the house. Norton led the group in the singing of Christmas carols. Hostesses were members of the Yearbook committee, Lynn Dodson, Susan Cockerell, Judy Burnett, Dorothy Hartsfield and Oleta Cornelius.

## Births

Holly and Landon Terry of Stamford announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Dale Terry, born Dec. 5 at 12:06 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. She was 20-1/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her siblings, Lance and Lawton Terry. Paternal grandparents are Pam and Leland Terry of Haskell. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth and Glenn Leighton of Hollywood, Maryland.

# MLK banquet set Jan. 21

The second annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. banquet will be held Mon., Jan. 21 at the Nolan County Coliseum Annex, 1699 Cypress St., in Sweetwater from 5 to 7 p.m. The keynote speaker is Gilbert Gerst of Dallas, a Sweetwater native. For information or to volunteer, call Rod Amos at 325-933-0076.

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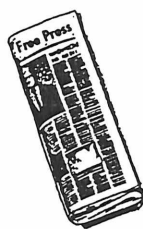
Written By  
**Rick Rodgers, CPA**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR 2007 TAX-CUTTING**

Even though 2007 is nearly over, shrewd taxpayers can still make last-minute reductions in their tax bill. Most people have sought to maximize their personal earnings throughout the year. Now it's time to reverse course and look for ways to minimize your taxable income. For instance, if you sold stocks for a net gain this year, consider offsetting those gains by unloading securities that have lost value. In addition, you can deduct up to \$3,000 of net capital losses against other income. If you are thinking about selling appreciated stock in 2007, you should know that taxpayers in the 10% or 15% tax brackets will pay no capital gains tax in 2008. If you are in either of these tax brackets, you might postpone sales until next year. On the other hand, taxpayers age 18 to 24 should consider selling appreciated securities this year. Why? Because in 2008, the new "kiddie tax" rule will require many in this age group to pay tax on unearned income over \$1,700 at their parents' higher tax rate. Another tried-and-true tax-cutting strategy is a year-end charitable donation. But beginning this year, even cash gifts under \$250 must be substantiated by a written receipt or bank document (such as a cancelled check) to qualify for a deduction. Cash gifts of \$250 or more still require a written receipt from the charity. For these gifts, a cancelled check alone is not sufficient. Another way to make a contribution is a charitable IRA rollover. Taxpayers age 70-1/2 and older can donate up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA. What's more, the donation qualifies as part of the taxpayer's required minimum distribution from the IRA. At press time, this provision was set to expire at the end of 2007, so it might be now or never. For the latest information on this and other tax-saving moves you might consider for 2007, give our office a call.

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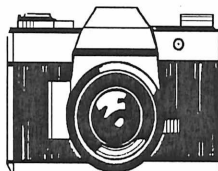
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Entry requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:  
1. Sponsored by a law enforcement agency; 2. Attained 20th birthday before the first day of class; 3. High School Diploma or G.E.D.\*; 4. No felony convictions; 5. No convictions of any class involving family violence; 6. Must not be prohibited from possessing ammunition or firearm by state or federal law; 7. No convictions above the grade of Class C misdemeanor within the past 10 years; 8. No military discharge under other than honorable conditions; 9. Pass physical examination; 10. Pass reading comprehension examination.  
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The City of Haskell, Texas and the County of Haskell, Texas, hereby give notice of the intent to sell certain real property through a sealed-proposal procedure. The property, known as the Rolling Plains Detention Center, (RPDC) is more fully described as follows:

Approximately 42.78 acres of land, more or less, in two tracts, out of the northwest part of OutLot 100, Brown & Roberts Subdivision of the Isidro Ramos Survey, Haskell County, Texas. The property is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Highway 277, north of the city of Haskell, at a point of intersection of county roads 208 and 206.

The First Tract, of approximately 24.03 acres, more or less, is the primary property subject to this invitation and is the land the Rolling Plains Detention Center is situated upon.

The Second Tract, of approximately 18.75 acres, contains three existing structures that are owned by the Development Corporation of Haskell. This tract and the existing structures are not part of the governmental debt of the City of Haskell or Haskell County, Texas, but said land and structures were acquired with the intention of aiding and contributing to the viability of the RPDC, and are to be included in the proposed sale.

The City of Haskell and the County of Haskell jointly own the 24.03 acres of land, together with the physical structures composing the Rolling Plains Detention Center (RPDC). The Development Corporation of Haskell owns the 18.75 acres of land, together with the physical structures thereupon. The RPDC was originally financed, constructed and placed into operation in 2000, with an existing capacity of 548 beds. The RPDC is currently experiencing populations in excess of 530 inmates.

The City and County will accept proposals from all qualified proposing entities to purchase the property and improvements described herein, subject to the following procedures:

An original and six copies of the sealed proposal shall be provided to the Procurement Officer for this project:

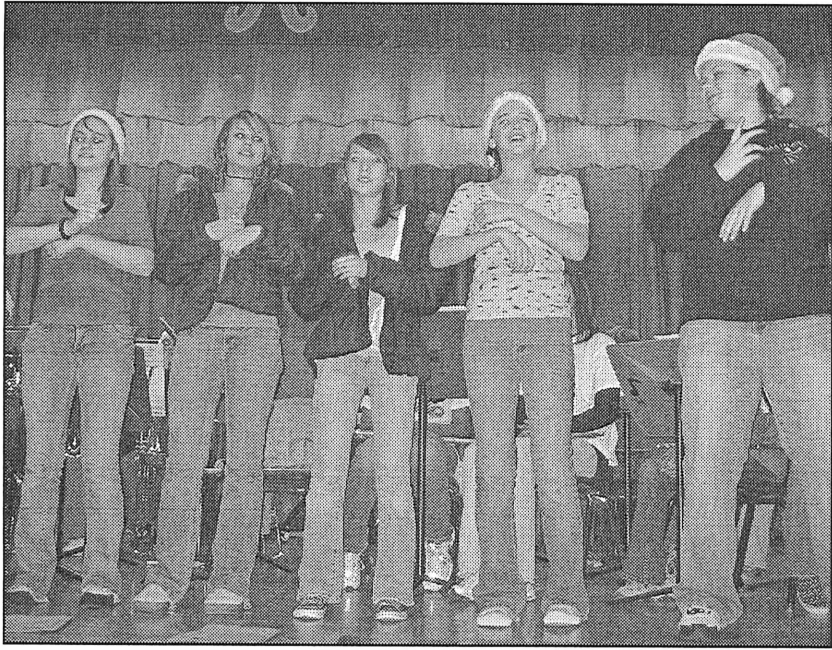
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An Invitation for Sealed Proposal package, containing the general conditions of the proposal process, may be obtained upon request from the Procurement Officer identified above.

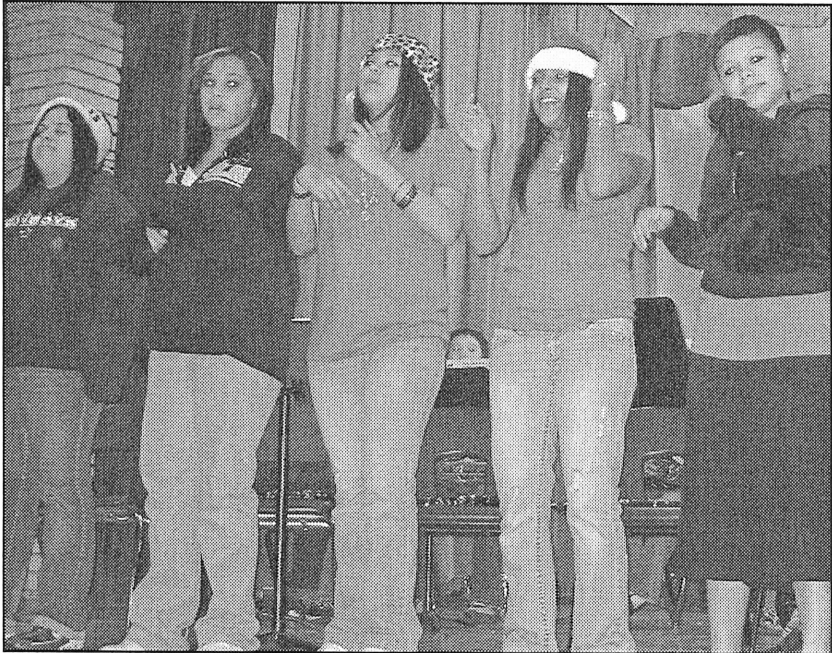
The deadline for submitted a responsive proposal is Friday, January 25, 2008.

The County and City may reject any and all proposals submitted.





**SPANISH SINGING**—Singing songs at a recent concert at Rochester Junior High School were Spanish students, l-r, Lisa Hibbits, Kymbre Kupatt, Sasha Walker, Laycee Tullos and Jasmine Klose.



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## Fireworks display set in Jud

The ninth annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Mon., Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.

Jim Hollingsworth, chairman of the commission, and his family, will set off another large load of fireworks on their farm between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 617 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of County Road 146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 617 for a mile east of CR 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

This year the fireworks display is dedicated to all the brave men and women who served our country in the various branches of the military during World War II. Every freedom that we have as citizens of the United States is the direct result of the valor and efforts of these veterans. Haskell County Judge David Davis reminds us, "One day of honor in November seems hardly enough to say 'thank you' to those who gave their all. We can honor our veterans by acknowledging the sacrifices they made. This year's fireworks display will be the beginning of a year of thanking our veterans for their service, their sacrifices, their lives."

It is estimated that the small but close-knit Jud Community, population about 25, swells to hundreds of people on New Year's Eve. The event has become a ritual for many area residents. The Haskell County Historical Commission invites everyone out to view the display.

It's that time of year again and Santa's on his way. Ho - Ho - Hope you'll drop in for some fun and food. It will really brighten our day!

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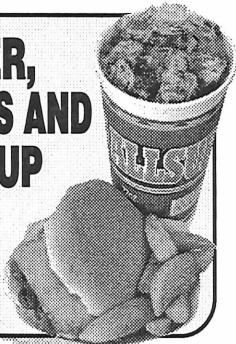


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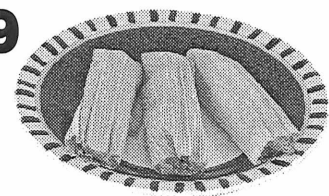
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# Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf doing? I love you! Don't forget to come see all my friends. Remember to go see Sarah, Emily and Sam because they live in the country. I want you to bring me a surf board that you can do in the water, the race car and hunting game like Sam has for the computer, a real car I can drive called a Toy Gator. I want to be able to drive it in the mud. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,  
Eddie McBroom  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a new baby from you this year. I also want a Princess Scooter like Landry's big scooter. I also want a big new house! I want to leave you cookies and chocolate milk. I love you Santa!

Love,  
Delaney Hanson  
3 years old

Santa,  
Do you have a sleigh? I want a new dog because Kadi Mae and Jake died. I also want a guitar. I will leave you some white milk because that is my favorite, and some cookies.

Love,  
Hannah Long  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
For my 1st Christmas I would love a baby doll, some new books for my mommy and daddy to read to me, some new toys (anything that plays music), Disney movies and some new clothes. My clothes get dirty at daycare because I'm into everything.

P.S. Santa I've been a very good girl this year and my mommy and daddy said I could have anything I want...well almost anything.

Averie Grace Cypert  
11 months  
Lubbock

Santa,  
I want you to bring me cookies. My favorite color is pink so anything that color is great! I also want a new baby doll and bottle to play with at home. I need a guitar to play music with Hannah. I love you Santa!

Mia Long  
3 years old

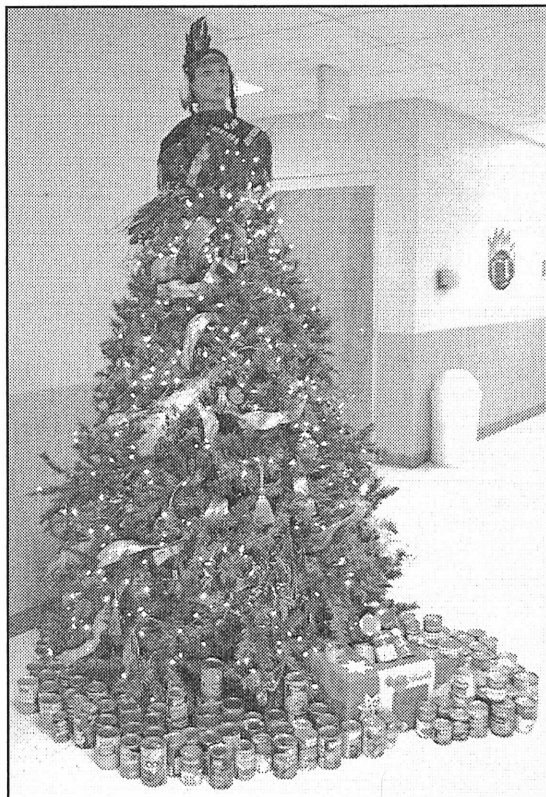
Dear Santa,  
My name is Michael and I've been a pretty good boy this year. It's been a rough year for me because I have had two sets up tubes in my ears this past year. I think I deserve lots of goodies under my tree. I really would like to have a car that I can drive around the house. Colby has one at daycare that I just love to ride. I'm not picky and I will play with just about anything but I especially like to play with trucks and cars. Don't forget my big brother Eddie. He is a pretty good boy too. We don't get in trouble much at all!

Love,  
Michael McBroom  
1 years old

Dear Santa,  
I hope all is well at the North Pole. I saw you at the store the other day but was a little unsure about sitting in your lap. Maybe I'll try next time. I am really looking forward to sharing this Christmas with my new baby brother who will be here in a couple of days. Ryan and I will be sure to leave you out some milk and cookies!

Don't forget about cousin Madi all my friends at the daycare, Colby, Caden, Laney, Mia, Hannah, Michael and Eddie. See you soon Santa!

Kenley Grace Cox  
2 years



**FOOD COLLECTION**—Rochester Junior High students collected canned goods for a food drive and placed items under the school's Christmas tree.

# I would like a . . .

Dear Santa,  
I want to thank you very much for the gamecube. its very cool! I like the games too. Plus, also I'm going to give you one dollar. I think. Now here is my list.....

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...Well thats all of my list. I Love You!  
Jonah Bulls  
second grader  
(Wylie Elementary, age 8)  
P.S. My real name is Jonah Glenn Bulls but i'm in second grade

Dear Santa,  
How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeers? Is everything going ok? Is everyone alright? I hope your jingle bells are working.

I have been a good boy this year.  
Jonah lost a tooth last night, and I made a reindeer out of a bag.

Please Santa, can I have a Playstation 3. And don't forget Abbie and Jonah.

I'm going to leave you milk and cookies, Santa. Bye, Santa!

I love you,  
Ethan Bulls  
Age 5  
Kindergarten  
Wylie Elementary

# Please bring me a . . .

Hi Santa!  
My name is Caden and I am 1 years old. I'm a busy little bee and I get in to everything! Mommy has been a little upset with me since she put out the Christmas decorations. I've already broken a couple of ornaments and I've also broken two of her figurines. Guess she should not put that stuff within my reach, huh? I've already got a houseful of toys because my birthday was just in October. Also, mommy has a daycare at our house so our house is really full of toys. But, I would like to have a rocking horse, some new books and a Laugh and Learn vaccum. My brother Colby likes to tackle me and play rough with me, but don't forget about coming to see him too. We will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Caden West  
1 years old

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I want to leave you some milk and cookies. I want you to bring me a cake and some birthday candles for Christmas. I also want presents, maybe a firetruck and a big race car with a motor. When I'm bigger, I want a big race car that do burnouts like Pop-O's red car. I want Jon to open my door and let the smoke out and I want to race down to then numbers. I want a red scooter like Ayden got for his birthday at Grandma and Pop's. I love you Santa. Don't forget my baby brother Caden, my baby cousin Averie and my new baby cousin in Aunt Kristin's tummy.

Love, Colby West  
3 years old

Merry  
Christmas

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## Dear Santa,

Dear Santa:  
Hi, Santa! I am not too sure about sitting on your lap, but I think you look really interesting. I have been a really good girl this year even though Mommy says I can be very opinionated. I just want to make sure everyone knows how I feel about things!

Please Santa, I would like a play kitchen for Christmas. I want to help Mommy cook. Thank you, Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies with my big brothers but only if I don't get hungry first. Please remember my brothers, Jonah and Ethan. They have been mostly good and play with me some every day. I love you, Santa!

Abbie Bulls  
Age 18 months  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope every one has been good cause I have. I want a x box, a playstation 2, a trampoline, a rat that is black with red eyes, 3 hard swords, 3 rifles, a tree house (I will leave you a map of where to put it) and I really really want a sneaky sneaky sparrow trap and I want 4 sides on it and I wont be afraid of them (if you can't make one then just leave instructions).

Please bring my sissy Andrea a Longhorn pillow, a Longhorn blanket and a Longhorn christmas tree. I will leave you and the reindeer some snacks.

Tabitha and Wade and Mikey and Maggie will be here also, bring them a surprise.

Don't forget Nasty, Jasmine and JoJo.

Crow Parham  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shalee Dunnam and I'm three years old. I've been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas could you bring me a bear and some presents? Don't forget that I moved to my new red house. I'll leave you a snack by the tree. Thank you Santa and be safe.

I love you,  
Shalee  
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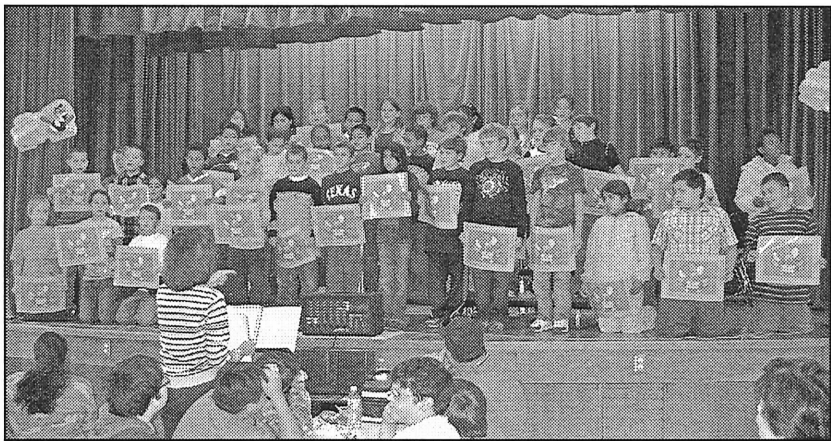
Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo DS, and a baby alive for my sister Olivia. My little brother would want a real puppy. My big brother would like a Nintendo DS also. My cousin wants a cell phone. For my mom could you get her a laptop?

Love,  
Kylei Stewart  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
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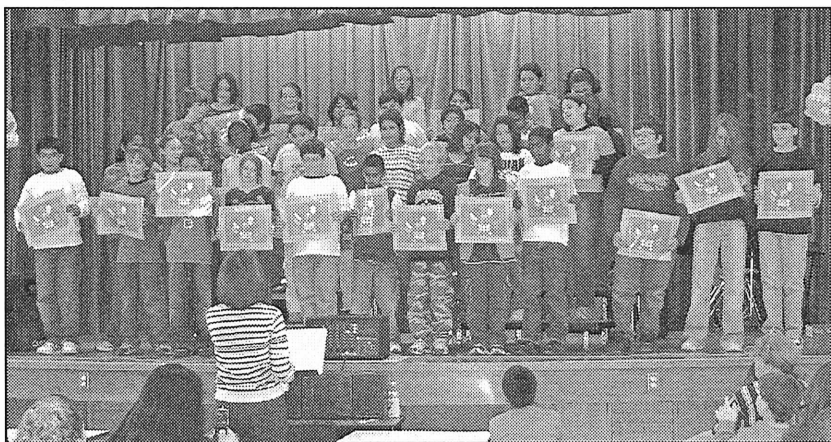
Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy and I want a phone dear Santa I like your boots.

Love,  
Ashley  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary

**Happy Holidays**



**MUSICAL PRESENTATION**—Members of Pam Gibson's third grade music class presented Thanksgiving songs to parents and students. Singing were, front row, l-r, Garrett Campbell, Ayle Stewart, Lane Burson, Amber Alexander, Richard Rodriguez and Rudy Espinoza; second row, Hayden Hudson, Colton Wright, Ashley Roque, Devon Barrios, Ashlyn Bevel, Jonathan Primm, Sam Fouts, Gabby Mendoza, Payton Thomas, Hayden Leach and Aaron Wolf; third row, Chase Gibson, Isaiah Alvarez, Macey Coker, Colbie McKay, Alex Alvarez, Day'veon Dockins, Dylan Brunson, Kylie Adams, Jacee Guess, Austin Alsbrook, Chase Helms, Lincoln Strickland and Laura Brown; back row, Madaline Williams, Kelsey Guzman, Katie Newberry, Bryce Rodriguez, Victoria Hertel, Alex Roewe, Chelsea Chavez, Krysta Winegeart and Kaylee Hardin.



**THANKSGIVING MUSICAL**—Haskell Elementary fifth graders presenting a Thanksgiving musical to parents and fellow students were front row, l-r, Paul Nieto, Kade Colley, Warren Flye, Shawnee Hill, Dakota Baumbach, Angelo Pena, Richard Wilson, Nathan Reid, Justice Dever, Trevor Clayton, Tracy Fulton and Reed Lee; second row, Destiny Billington, Breiana Bell, Hayley Holland, Shayla Hunt, Crissy Bassett, Breezy Gibbs, Gloria DeLosSantos, Laurie Curiel and Crystal Reynolds; third row, Riley Meinzer, Kyle Fraga, Ace Valverde, Rhett Lampe, Tristan Salas, Eddie Martinez and Toby Castorena; back row, Amie Munoz, Abbie Alsbrook, Jacie Klose, Reagan Hadaway, Adriana Roque, Alannah Luce and Alyssa Abila. The students are members of Pam Gibson's music class.

## Santa, I've been really good . . .

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you? I'm great! My name is Addisyn Grace Bates and I am 4 years old. My Mommy and my Marty say that I have been a pretty good girl this year. I hope that you think so too!

For Christmas I would like a doll house with furniture, Pinky Pie, A V Smile with a Dora game, anything Hannah Montana, and some Barbie stuff. I would also like to have a green Teddy Bear, a real brown purse with a blue wallet, and an orange breakable angel that I will be very careful with. I understand if you can't bring me all of these things but I hope that you can bring me at least one. What do you think?

Please bring something for my cousins Spencer, Cole and Marley. We will be at Granny and Paw-Paw's house again this year and we will leave you some goodies. Oh and Santa, please remember McKenzie, Emma, and Allie in Throckmorton. Also I hope that you visit all of my friends in Mrs. White's class and bring baby Jaxon a new toy. I hope that you visit all of the kids in the world!

Have a safe trip Santa and tell

Mrs. Claus, the elves and reindeer hi for me, especially Blitzen and Rudolph.

I love you Santa,  
Addisyn Grace Bates  
P.S. Can you bring my dog Daisy a doggie bed? Mommy and Marty say that she can't sleep in my bed anymore because she sheds too much. She could really use a new chew toy too. Thanks Santa!

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a little mermaid castle and makeup, and Santa will you please come eat pancakes with me and my daddy.

Also bring Darian a riding lawn mower.  
Love  
Mya Ann Hernandez  
Age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would love to have a deer target and a bow and arrow. I would also like a talking bird, a rock and roll CD, and a guitar. I also want a shotgun with bullets.

Love,  
Adam Address

Dear Santa,  
I wish I would have a barbie Jeep. Santa I wish I would have alot of dollars and I wish I would have a loose tooth. I want anew mermaid Barbie.

Love,  
Abby Address  
age 4  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I have been good. I want a camera, a pink one please. A pink guitar thank you. I want a blue computer, I would also like a little pet shop with all the little pets, and an MP3 player.

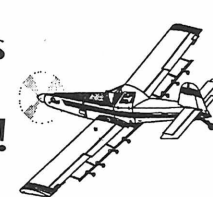
Love,  
Allie Address  
age 7  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Lauryn and I am six years old. I want a real cat, and a to horse and doll and a play phone for Christmas. We will leave cookies and chocolate milk out for you. Please don't forget my brothers Kurt and Skylar.

Love,  
Lauryn Crane

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# For Christmas, I'd like a . . .

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I am trying so hard to be a good girl and mind my parents and my teachers. Would you please bring me a new Barbie, clothes, bows, new baby doll, shoes and a play refridgerator. Love you and Mrs. Santa

P.S. I will leave you milk and donuts to eat.

Thank you.

Love,  
Aubrey Isbell, 3 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Makayla I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a real puppy and a real kitty. I have one but I want another one. I also want a soft pillow and a soft blanket. I will leave you cookies and white milk. I have my Christmas tree up already.

From,  
Makayla Arendall  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year! For my brother Tray I would like you to bring him some playstation games, and for my other brother TJ he wants playstation games too. My sister Ravyn wants some Bratz. I want a baby doll and a bounce and spin zebra. I will leave you some cookies

Love,  
Malayah Giles  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a gameboy charger and game for Chistimes.

Love,  
Taryn  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a laptop, a baby alive, and a Nintendo DS. Also a wii and games and a real puppy. I would also like a Chris Brown bed set and a water bed. And also I would like a 72" plasma tv in my room. Could I also have a 4-wheeler and High School Musical 2 movie? My last thing is a mini-motor cycle and some Heeley's. I will bring you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Colbie McKoy  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
I so want a robot sut it whud be so cool if it turned in to a car. I also want a tranes former Jass and optmes prim. I been so good.Thank you.

Love,  
Cody Dutton  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. can I have a little TV and a Transformers game bobafett and a coin and a tox. and a Texas longhorn beanbag 2 transformers cars. labtop.

## Shorter showers help ease dry winter skin

As we get older, our skin becomes drier, requiring the regular use of moisturizer to prevent itching and flaking. But skin also becomes more dry and itchy in the winter, as the cold air draws more moisture from the skin.

"Take warm, not hot, showers and try to keep the time spent in the shower to under five minutes," advises Dr. Erin Welch, a dermatologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Then apply baby oil or moisturizing cream immediately to the skin after bathing."

Keeping the skin well moisturized can also help prevent flare-ups of conditions like atopic dermatitis (eczema) and psoriasis which are often more bothersome in the wintertime.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kobie Walker, I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a game boy, princess tent, a little baby puppy,a cowgirl suit and thats it. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

From,  
Kolbie  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. I would want Santa to bring my New John Deere tractor for my Uncle Carl.

I hope yall have a wounderful Christmas!

Love,  
Madison Hughes  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a hamster. And a 4 whiler. Also some toys. And clothes please.

Love,  
Brandon Gonzalez, age 9  
\*\*\*

Santa's,  
I want a Barbie Car.

Love,  
Marina  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie car.

Love,  
Gwen  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Halee Alsbrook. I have been good. I want a I-pod "A real one."

Love,  
Halee Alsbrook  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer and my brother give him a real puppy. For my Cousin Nemo give him a puppy. Also I would like a water bed and a water ball. And I would like High School Musical 2 movie. And I would like a game boy and a doll.

Love,  
Kristen Silvas  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claws,  
I've been good boy dis year.

From,  
Juan  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa?  
Have I been good. How are your Reindeers; are you feel good. Necklace and a pilow.

Love,  
Kelsea Tidrow  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Dear Santas,  
I been a good boy.

Love, Justin  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. I want a water ploon set. And I want a polly pocket set. I also want a cretit card with 10000 bollers on it.

Love,  
Riley  
Youth Headquarters  
Haskell Elementary  
\*\*\*

Santa,  
I have been good. I love you.

Caleb  
Youth Headquarters  
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# Dear Santa, Please bring me a . . .

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas!! Have a safe holiday!!

This year I'm 2 and a half, I live with my mama in Rochester, Texas. I want to leave you milk and cookies at both my mama and my daddy's houses (He lives in Haskell.) that way you won't miss me—I would like any thing John Deere Makes, and I also like Speed McQueen, and any other trucks and cars, a train is nice, puzzles are fun, so anything is fine with me. Daddy reads to me sometimes when I visit, so a new book would be good too.

Love,  
Wayland Isbell  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Riley Meinzer, I am in the fifth grade and I am 10 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I want an iPod, Pokemon Diamond and Pearl video games, a cell phone, and some cd's. I also want my little brother and mom and dad to get what they asked for. Don't forget all the other boys and girls around the world. That is all I want Santa.

Your friend,  
Riley  
P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus hello.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dalton Meinzer, I am in the second grade and am 7 years old. I have been a real good boy this year. I would like a mini four-wheeler, a Nintendo DS, a wii, Pokemon Diamond and Pearl video games, and some Pokemon cards for Christmas. Thanks Santa. I hope all the other little boys and girls get what they have asked for too.

Your friend,  
Dalton  
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies by the fireplace.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Isabella Flores. I am 4 years old and I have tried to be a really good girl this year but sometimes it was really hard. For Christmas I would like anything cinderella, a collar for my cat Crispy, and a jack sparrow blanket ( and pjs for my mommy). And I would like good treats for my aunts, uncles, and cousins and for my papa!

I will leave some milk and cookies for you.  
Love,  
Isabella Flores  
From North Richland Hills  
P.S. Tell Rudolph I said Hi!  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Logan Steele. I am 6 years old. My brother Aaron and I live in Munday. I have been a good boy as usual this year. For Christmas I would like a 4-wheeler, bicycle, Hot wheels racing track, Heelies, and guitar hero. I will leave you cookies and milk. Please don't forget my new brother Aaron.

Love you,  
Logan Steele

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aaron Quintero. I am 4 months old. I'm new to this stuff, but I have been very good. My big brother Logan says you'll bring lots of goodies to good kids, and I need lots of new toys to help me learn and grow.

Love you,  
Aaron Quintero  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a desk and a computer. Please get a remote control truck with batteries for my big brother, Abraham? He's been pretty good too. For my little sister, Samantha, can you bring her a new doll and a backpack?

Love you,  
Vanessa Gonzalez  
6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying hard to be good this year. Can you please bring me a big boat to take to the lake? That would be awesome!! My brother wants a little refrigerator to go in his room. Can you bring a guitar for my little sister? Thank you, Santa.

Love,  
P.J. Pryor  
6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a teddy bear for Christmas. I want a Playstation II too.

Love you, Santa.  
Caius Tramel, 5 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Andrew. I live in Haskell. I have been good this year. Bring me some Nintendo games to play. Can you bring some presents for my little brother too?

I love you, Santa.  
Andrew Zavala, 6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want an X-Box 360 and some games for Christmas. Bring my big brother, Paul, some presents and games too. He has been good.

Love,  
Bobby Nieto, Jr., 6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year. I want a Valentine heart and a Bible for Christmas. And I want a phone. That would be awesome!

I love you, Santa.  
Halee Alsbrook, 5 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
I have been good this year. I love you a bunch. Bring me a computer and some toys. My sister wants some toys too. I can share them with her

Love,  
Fernando Torres, 6 yeras old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This year I think I've been good, but if I have been bad it's fine. But, I will always believe in you. This year I want a Dream Life Superstar for Chirstmas. We will have milk and cookies waiting for you

Love,  
Reagan Hadaway, age 11  
\*\*\*

Dear Mr. Santa,  
I love you very much and this year I want a Littleest Pet Shop Keep Your Paws Off Journal. I hope you have a wonderful rest of the year. There is going to be wonderful milk and cookies at our house. I love you very much.

Love,  
Hollyn Hadaway  
age 7  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Chloe, and I am 3 years old. I already had my birthday, and I can spell my name all by myself. I have been a good girl, Santa. I have minded my Mommy and Daddy, and I give them kisses. Santa, I would like a violin and a guitar for Chirstmas. Please don't forget my cousins, because I think they have been good when they are not "pisterpotting" me. Have a safe trip from the North Pole.

Love you,  
Chole  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dir Santa,  
I want a gatar plez. I also want a helicoptr plez.

Love,  
Tommy Gonzalez  
age 6

# All I want for Christmas is a . . .

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kurt and I am four years old. I want a Spiderman toy, a helicopter, Cars stuff and Hot Wheels for Christmas. We will leave cookies and chocolate milk out for you. Please don't forget my sister Lauryn and my brother Skylar.

Love,  
Kurt Leek

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaclyn and I've been really good. I would like an etchasketch, first, and Girl Tech to color my hair with. A salon doll to fix hair. A microscope, an arcade crane game, an air castle, a lipstick case, a gobble monster.

I love you and will leave cookies and milk for you, a candy cane for theadore and hay for the reindeer.

Love,  
Jaclyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Skylar Leek and I am three months old. I would like some new clothes and toys for Christmas. We will leave cookies and chocolate milk for you. Please don't forget Lauryn and Kurt.

Love,  
Skylar Leek  
\*\*\*

Dir Santa,  
My name is Angelle Maynard, I am 7 yrs old. For Chirstams I want brbes, clos, a little computr, a clock, and baby stroller, a baby crib for my babies and ticets to see Hannah Montana.

Love,  
Angelle Maynard  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Im Justin, I am 3 years old. Im a cowboy. I want horses and bulls to ride. A cowboy hat. Boots! A BIG Horsey! I have \$3.40 for a horse can you help me with the rest?

Justin Maynard  
3 years old  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Bicycle, gun, book, new shoes, puppy, chicken, car, baby with a bottle. Please Santa!

I wuk (love) you!  
Anna Urbanczyk  
age 3  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Bicylc, owl, I want a ball, a Christmas ball, chicken, noodles, broom, balloon. Please Santa!

I Lub you,  
Aeeya Urbanczyk  
age 3

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## Make good nutritional choices in holiday meal ingredients

The winter holidays shouldn't be a nightmare for people watching their waistlines. Experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center offer a few tips on how to cut calories and eat sensibly.

"Place a super-sized salad bowl filled with fresh leafy greens and colorful veggies at the front of the serving line," says Lona Sandon, a registered dietician at UT Southwestern. "This will encourage you and your guests to start the meal with a healthful, high fiber, low-calorie appetizer."

Other tips include:  
•Use broth to sauté instead of butter—104 calories saved per tablespoon;

•Substitute 1/3 cup of mayonnaise and 1/3 cup of nonfat yogurt for 2/3 cup of mayonnaise—480 calories saved;

•Use nonfat milk instead of whole milk—60 calories saved per cup;

•Use plain nonfat yogurt instead of cream—720 calories saved per cup; and

•Eat skinless chicken—360 calories saved per whole bird

Cooks should also experiment with sugar substitute Splenda, a no-calorie sweetener ideal for baking at up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Every time you use one tablespoon of Splenda rather than sugar you save 45 calories.

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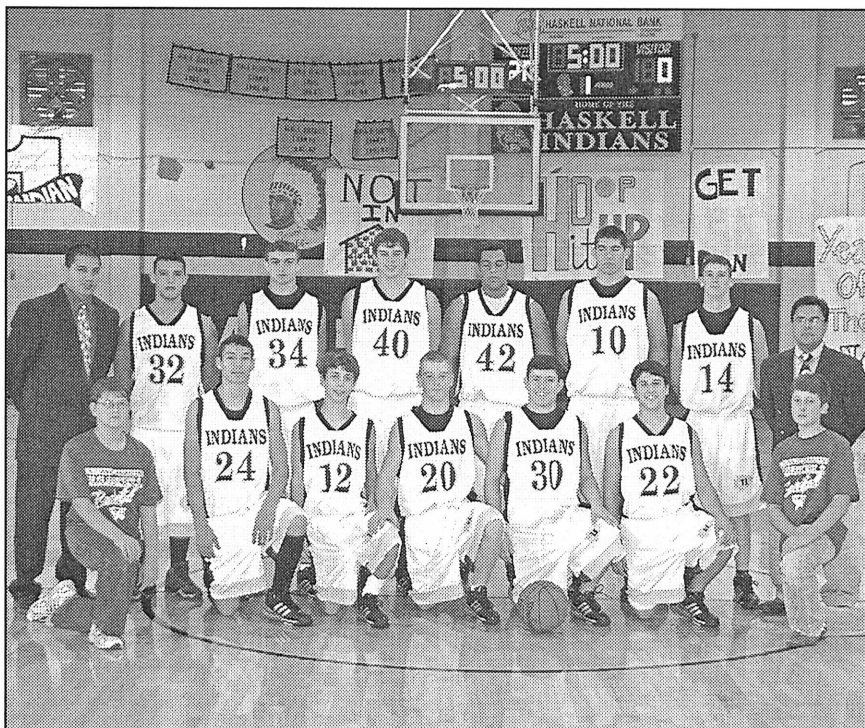
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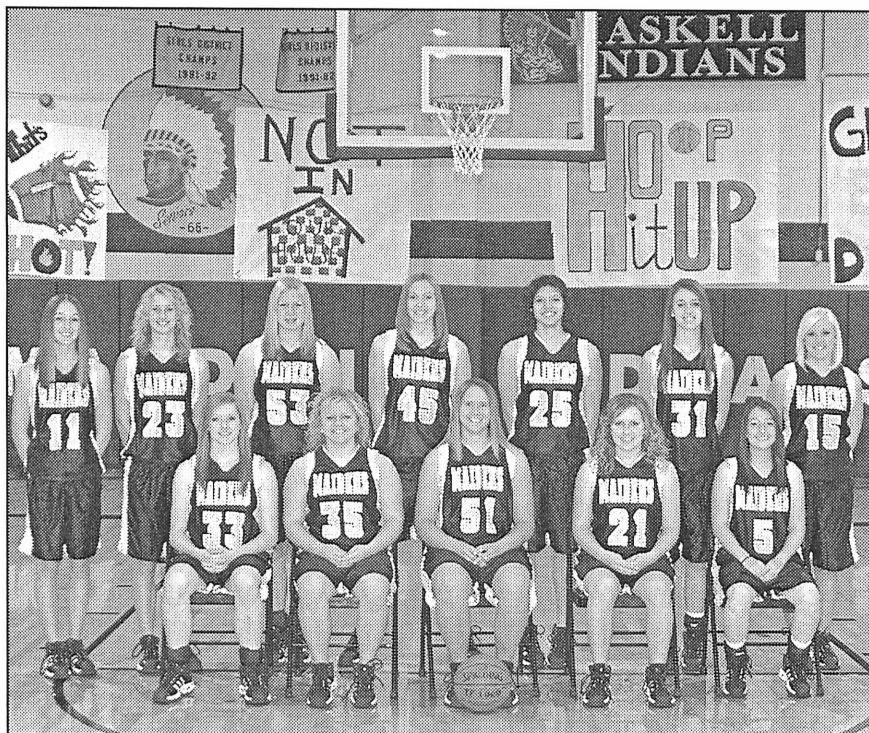
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JV & Varsity Boys  
vs Colorado City  
at Colorado City**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski and Coach Toby Villa.

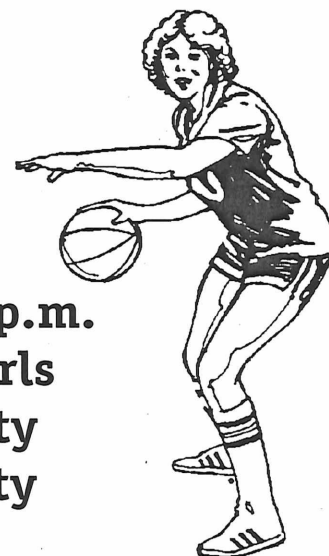
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# Haskell MAIDENS



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Hope Reid, Lauren Newton, Lacey Peiser, Paige Adams and Claire Isbell; back row, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace and Aerial Thane.

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# Dear Santa, Please bring me a dinosaur, an airplane . . .

Dear Santa,  
I want Dinosaurs, cars, and a big Red Fire Truck, and Spider. I will be Real Good.  
I Love you Santa,  
Kyle Reynolds, 4 years old  
My sister Crystal has been Good too.

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Nathan. I have been a good boy this year because I make Mama and Daddy and everybody happy. My biggest wish for Christmas is a tractor clock like the one at Meme and Papa's house. I also want a computer toy, a camera, tools, a bowling set and toys. I would like an airplane or a helicopter that flies like everybody's I like tractors, big trucks, trains and cars too. I want a Playhouse Disney Mickey Mouse Clubhouse and a circus toy.

I can't wait to sit on your lap Santa Claus. I think you live in the big building on the square and sleep there and make your toys there. I'll leave you some cookies and milk under the tree and celery for you reindeers.

Love,  
Nathan Martin, 3 years old

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Dear Santa,  
Hello my name is Cie Avel and I have been a good girl this year. I am five years old and I love to color and play with dolls.

I would like a Little Pet Shop diary, Aqua Dots, a Princess dancing set, Princess lotion, and a Webkins Pony.

Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Have a good trip,  
Cie Avel Rangel, age 5

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Dear Santa,  
Hi! I would like an Ipad cover with lots of glitter. And that's all!

Be sure to eat our cookies.  
Love,  
Kaelyn Bevel  
age 7

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marley Casey and I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year, or at least I have tried to be.

Please bring me a V-Smile video game system and a new T.V. for my room. I also would like a Hannah Montana doll and a new baby doll. I also like puzzles and movies. I will be happy with anything you bring me. Please don't forget my brother Cole. He would like an iPod and a Stereo for his room.

We will be at my Paw-Paw's Christmas morning. My cousins, Spencer & Addisyn will be there too.

We will leave you some goodies. Please tell Mrs. Clause & the elves & reindeer hello for me too!

I love you Santa,  
Marley

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Dear Santa,  
I want a PS3, iPod, PS2, PSP, spinners, most of all I want a fusion scouter. sling shot with bullets, BeBe gun I will leave you milk and cookies.

Your friend,  
Taylor Hunt, age 9  
Rule, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
I would like the all Terrain Hover Craft Vehicle, and the thing that rolls and aims with it's eye and shoots darts at a target and it is a remote control. I would also like a real leather Nike football. I would also like a telescope, and "The Interactive Star Wars Light Saber Game. At www.hammacher.om.

Love,  
Cole Beeson, age 7  
Lubbock, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
Hey, Santa! Please bring me clubhouse. I also like doctor and police suits. And maybe a Xbox, if they're not just for boys.

Love,  
Braelyn Bevel, age 5

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me deisel the Train for Christmas. And Molly the train. And Henry the train. And some rock track, and a big Junior train. I will leave you a doughnut and cookies and milk by the fireplace. Please come quickly!

Love,  
Cy Beeson,  
age 3  
Lubbock, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Heavenly Love Perez. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl at home and school. This year I would like a Rudoph teddy bear, books, folders, and a wish box. I enjoyed seeing you at H.E.B. in Abilene. Santa don't forget my parents, family and Mrs. Washburn. Have a safe trip Santa. I will leave cookies and milk for you!

Love,  
Heavenly Love Perez

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Dear Santa,  
Hey! I would like a I pod cover—a pink and green polka-dot one. And new head phones, cause mine broke. Please bring me a playstation and guitar hero. That would be awesome!

Love,  
Ashlyn Bevel  
age 8  
P.S. Be sure to eat our cookies!

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Brayden Brzozowski and I am 4 years old. For Christmas I would like a kitchen set, so I can cook like mom and dad, but I want a pretend one not a real one. I would also like an army and truck set. Don't forget my dad, mom and brother in mommy's tummy.

Love,  
Brayden

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Dear Santa,  
I am trying really hard to be a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a monster truck. Logo Blocks, drums and some new shoes.

Don't forget my brother and sister.

I'll leave you a coke and candy bar.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Landon Williams  
2 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I want a bike an some toys for my room. I have been really good with mom and Nene. I have been trying really to be good in daycare.

P.S. I will leave you a cookie and milk.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Joshua Powers  
2 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I've been trying to be good. Can you please let me have Rudolph? Even if just for a week. I really love him! He is awesome! Can you bring me an electric guitar with an amplifier so I can play in my band? Most of all I want a girlfriend.

Love,  
Braxton Jackson, 6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a computer and a desk for Christmas. And a chair. My mom has been really good too. Can you bring her a cover for her bed for Christmas? Thank you, Santa.

Love,  
Heavenly Perez, 6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacari. I have been very, very good this year. I want a Playstation with some new games for Christmas. Can you bring me a Spiderman toy that shoots webs out? I want some money too. My sister wants some presents for Christmas because she was good too.

Love,  
Jacari Holland, 5 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
I want an X-Box for Christmas. I also want an airplane and a race car. I have been good. My brother has been

real good too. Can you bring him some Christmas presents too?

Love,  
Caleb Wright, 6 years old  
almost 7  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Brody. I have been good in class. I want a fishing pole for Christmas and a fishing hat. And I want a black computer like my mom's.

I will leave some cookies out for you, but not milk.

Love,  
Brody Frierson, 5 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a bunk bed and a Ipod for Christmas. I also want an MP3 player and a Playstation. My brother Dylan has been good too. He wants a basketball for Christmas. My little sister wants a little baby doll. Can you bring some earrings for my mom? My dad wants a new truck. Thank you, Santa.

Love,  
Landry Hanson, 6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Kara. I have been good. I want a desk with a computer and a talking monkey for Christmas. My sisters have been pretty good too. Please bring them lots of presents too.

Love,  
Kara Stout, 6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good girl this year. Please bring me a bunk bed for Christmas. My brothers have been pretty good so please bring them lots of presents too.

I love you, Santa.  
Krislyn Tatum, 5 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a doll buggy, shoes, drums and a monster truck. I love you.

Thank you.  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies and milk

Love,  
Molli Easterling  
1 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I have been real good this year. I have been in a few fights with my big brothers, Michael and A.J., but I didn't start it. So it was not my fault. I have kept my room clean but my older sister Jessica keeps her side of the room dirty. Thats why our room looks dirty all the time. I listen to mom and dad too.

Since I have been nice and good can I have a Barbie Jeep, a little kitten, clothes, a game boy and a few games.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,  
Victoria Rodriguez  
6 years old  
Haskell Kindergarten  
Mrs. Cox room

## Holiday working rules

The holiday season is a jolly one for job seekers who gain valuable experience through temporary employment while earning extra cash.

Work opportunities abound during the holiday season as businesses brace for heightened holiday sales. Retail employers hire additional workers to prepare for the annual increase in holiday traffic. Between the months of September and December 2006, 93,500 jobs were added to the Texas labor market, creating opportunities for job seekers.

"Extra work around the holiday season benefits employers, employees and the economy as a whole," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Seasonal employment not only adds to an individual's income, but in many cases, a temporary job can be a springboard to a permanent career."

The biggest workforce boosts for temporary workers typically are in the retail sector, along with transportation, warehousing and wholesale trade, and professional and business services. The last holiday season indicated a significant rise in the number of people employed across the state compared to reporting periods at other times during the year.

"Employers in many industries expand their workforces to accommodate heavier business traffic in many major industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing

Employers Ron Lehman. "Gains are evident in nearly every major industry, and the increase in sales inspires employers to hire seasonal workers to address their immediate needs."

Among the most widely used resources that address the workforce demand is WorkInTexas.com, a powerful Web-based tool that matches employers from a variety of business sizes with full-time and part-time workers. Career resources, including information about resumé preparation, job-interview tips and current employment data also are offered on the Web site.

"It's encouraging to see so many workers entering the labor force," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Workers gain valuable workplace skills that are especially helpful in building a resume."

Employers and their workers should be aware of specific laws associated with seasonal staffing and temporary work. They include:

- Temporary employees are subject to the same laws and protections as regular full- or part-time staff. Even if a worker's job is scheduled to end at a specific time, temporary staff members are not contract labor.

- The Texas Payday Law requires that both temporary and regular employees receive their wages in full and in a timely

manner. Employers cannot withhold any amount of a paycheck without prior written authorization from the employee, or unless authorized by state or federal law or by court order. Additionally, current minimum wage laws apply to wages earned.

- Employers must pay Unemployment Insurance taxes on their temporary employees. The wages earned must be reported and are subject to taxes. This law applies even though a temporary employee knows from the outset that the job will end at a set time, and the employee doesn't plan to seek another job after that assignment has ended.

- Federal and Texas child labor laws ensure that children are not employed in an occupation or manner that is detrimental to their safety, health or well-being. Any individual under 18 years of age is defined as a child. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside school hours in various nonmanufacturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than three hours on a school day, 18 hours in a school week, eight hours on a nonschool day or 40 hours in a nonschool week. Except during the summer, 14- and 15-year-old employees may not begin work before 7 a.m. or work after 7 p.m.

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# Santa letters

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a babydoll, spiderman toy and a truck. Don't forget my friends at my daycare. I'll leave you pizza and a coke.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Jaycee Caudle, 3 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like some Barbies, pink bike and some new clothes. I have been really good with mom and dad and especially with my brother. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Clyne Williams, 2 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like some power rangers, a spiderman, trucks, a mustang, new clothes and new shoes. I have been really good especially in daycare. I will leave you a candy bar and coke!

Thank you.  
Love,  
Colton Hopkins, 2 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I love you! Would you please bring me a Barney movie, moster truck, new boots, a cowboy hat, superman, drums, and a new shirt. I've been a good boy! Don't forget my brother and all my cousins.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Brock Bridges, 2 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, bike an dlots of toys for me and my brother. I have tried to be a good girl but its been really hard. I will leave you a stick of candy and milk.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Baylee Cloud, 2 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I am just one year old Santa, but I've been a good boy. Would you please bring me a John Deere farm playset. Abbie, Austin and Halee would like some new toys. I'll leave you milk and ceareal to eat.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Allen Alsabrook, 1 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a bull, chaps, fighting clothes and a bucking horse. I've been a really good boy and nice to my sister. Clyne wants dolls and clothes so don't forget her. Mom and dad said to bring them some new clothes.

## Don't let drinking wreck your holiday

The holidays are filled with familiar sing-along refrains, like "Let it snow, Let is snow, Let it snow."

Another one worth repeating? Don't drink and drive, Don't drink and drive, Don't drink and drive.

Not surprisingly, the number of injuries and deaths from alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents increases during the holiday season as people leave festivities after drinking too much.

It's not because people are depressed; it's just because they're partying, and they think it's OK to drink and drive," says Dr. Kathleen Delaney, an emergency medicine and internal medicine physician at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "It's better to call a cab than to pay for a hospital bill—or a funeral."

Legal blood-alcohol limits for a driver vary among states. Regardless, people experience coordination impairment and

Thank you.  
Love,  
Creed Williams, 4 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be a good littl boy. Would you please bring me a black monster truck and a big car. My sister's Tori and Alex have been good too. They would like new dolls. I love you and Mrs. Santa!

P.S. I'll leave you a coke and cookies.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Collin Hollingsworth,  
3 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a spiderman toy, and a siderman bike. I have been really, really good. But sometimes my sister gets me mad. But I am still nice to her.

P.S. I will leave you a poptart and milk.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Grayson Cloud  
4 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I want some monster trucks and spiderman toys. I've been very nice to my sisters I try really hard not to be ugly to Aubrey, because I know you are watching me. I'll leave you a snack.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Logan Isbell  
3 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to please bring me a baby carson, a doll house and some new clothes. Mommy would like a new coat and please bring Joe a candy cane. I will leave you a candy cane and coke to eat.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Aubrey Dixon  
3 years old  
Haskell C.I.S.D.  
Early Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be a good girl. Would you please bring me a baby doll, carseat and clothes for my baby doll. Santa please bring me some teacher stuff so I can be a teacher. I would like a Christmas tree with lights. Mommy wants a ball and Daddy wants a new tractor.

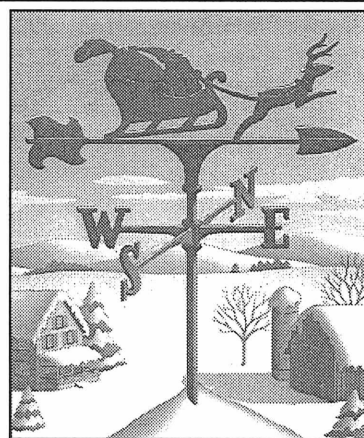
P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Shalee Dunnam  
3 years old  
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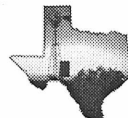
**FFA DISTRICT OFFICERS**—The Double Mountain District FFA Banquet was held Mon., Dec. 10 at the Haskell Civic Center with over 130 members and guests from twelve surrounding schools in attendance. The officer tests and interviews began at 4 p.m. followed by the banquet at 6:30. Two Haskell FFA members received District officer positions for the 2008 school year. Sophomore Cody McLemore, right, received the honor of District President, while Paige Adams, a junior, received the District Secretary position. Individuals took a 50 question exam, went through an interview process and presented their candidate speech on stage. Ten district officers are responsible for helping with all district activities including District Greenhand Day, District Leadership Contest, Spring Speaking Contests, and the 2008 District FFA Banquet.

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### Greetings Of The Season

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## This Week's Devotional Message:

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



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

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

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p>—HASKELL—<br/><b>East Side Baptist Church</b><br/>Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor<br/>Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p><b>Christian Church</b><br/>Richard Barr, minister<br/>Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.<br/>107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p><b>Church of God</b><br/>Bruce Ray, pastor<br/>Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.<br/>714 North First East, Haskell</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>Ron Rennegarbe, pastor<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30<br/>Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p><b>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario</b><br/>Art Flores, Interim pastor<br/>Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Rev. Tom Long, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.<br/>201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p><b>First Assembly of God</b><br/>Rev. J.C. Amburn<br/>Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>St. George Catholic Church</b><br/>Father George Roney<br/>Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.<br/>901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>Philip Sims, minister<br/>Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b><br/>Kelly Pigott, interim pastor<br/>Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.<br/>306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>Trinity Baptist Church</b><br/>Larry White, pastor<br/>Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.<br/>114 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p><b>Hopewell Baptist Church</b><br/>Rev. Tom Collins, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p> | <p><b>Greater Independent Baptist Church</b><br/>Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.<br/>301 N. 3rd St., Haskell</p> <p><b>New Covenant Foursquare</b><br/>Bill and Renee Glass, pastors<br/>Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.<br/>200 S. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p><b>Mission Revival Center</b><br/>Rev. William Hodge<br/>Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.<br/>1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Greg Gasaway, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.<br/>301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>Church in the Wind</b><br/>C.C. Curran, pastor<br/>Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.<br/>Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.<br/>203 S. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p><b>Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church</b><br/>Morris R. Johnson, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>1600 N. First St., Haskell</p> | <p>—SAGERTON—<br/><b>Sagerton Methodist Church</b><br/>Stephania Gilkey, pastor<br/>Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.<br/>Sagerton</p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b><br/>Curtis Baker, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sagerton</p> <p>—RULE—<br/><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Russell Stanley, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p><b>Primitive Baptist Church</b><br/>Dale Turner Jr., pastor<br/>First &amp; Third Sundays 10 a.m.<br/>Corner of 8th &amp; Robins, Rule</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>John Greeson, minister<br/>Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>811 Union, Rule</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Tom Long, pastor<br/>Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.<br/>1000 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Alfa y Omegs<br/>Manuel Marin, pastor<br/>Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.<br/>500 Elm Street, Rule</p> <p><b>Sweet Home Baptist Church</b><br/>Larry Neal, pastor<br/>Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;<br/>Gladstone Ave., Rule</p> <p><b>West Bethal Baptist Church</b><br/>Rev. Clovis Dever<br/>Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.<br/>300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> <p>—PAINT CREEK—<br/><b>Paint Creek Baptist Church</b><br/>Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>Paint Creek</p> <p>—O'BRIEN—<br/><b>O'Brien Baptist Church</b><br/>Jim Reid, pastor<br/>Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.<br/>O'Brien</p> |
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***Please don't drink  
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