

Merry Christmas

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## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
VG-VB Eula Tournament  
Dec. 29-31  
**RULE**  
VG-VB Jayton Tourney  
Dec. 29-31

## Calendar

### Youth center survey

A survey in reference to the development of a teen center in Haskell is available for community response at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=doDsUpz0ywwns1vM2fJzCg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=doDsUpz0ywwns1vM2fJzCg_3d_3d). Citizens are encouraged to log on to the link and express their thoughts on the center by filling out the survey.

### Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program on Federation and conservation. Pam Norton will present a program on the highlights of 35 years of the History and Missions of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

### Candlelight service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

### Christmas service

St. George Catholic Church will celebrate Christmas Eve Wed., Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

### Candlelight service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell.

### Candlelight service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Haskell.

## Holiday scam

A holiday scam has been brought to the attention of the staff at the Haskell Free Press.

A Haskell citizen received a 'Notice of Unclaimed Winners' letter from a company called Universal Trust and Finance offering the receiver a large sum of winnings. The citizen was to wire money to the company before the winnings were to be released. If you are required to 'pay' for something, that is a warning that the winnings probably are not legitimate.

Citizens are warned that scammers work to relieve you of your money. The scammers are after a quick dollar. Remember—if the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Citizens should always be diligent in protecting their monies and their identification.

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**RECOGNIZED FOR TRAINING**—Eight members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department received awards recognizing the completion of their Basic Training Certification for the State of Texas. The presentation was made during the department's annual end of the year Christmas banquet. To receive basic certification from the State Firemen's and Firemarshals' Association, a fireman must complete 167 hours of training in 31 different areas of expertise. Haskell firemen completing the training were, l-r, Casey Moeller, Mathew Cunningham, Charlotte Arendall, Felix Rodriguez, Tim Wilson, Brian Scifres and A.J. Shaw. Randall Martin is not pictured.

## Annual fireworks display to be held in Jud on New Year's Eve

The tenth annual W. E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Wed., 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 County Road 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

About this time in 1999

a local article was published about Hollingsworth and his grandfather William Edward Hollingsworth's discussion in 1944 about the change of the century. A five year old boy was heartbroken that his beloved granddad would not be with him to witness the new century on New Year's Eve.

Jim vowed to celebrate in honor of his grandfather

nevertheless. News wires picked up the story for Abilene, Wichita Falls, Amarillo and Lubbock newspapers. That article triggered an overwhelming response among area grandparents. The older generation brought their grandchildren to witness the fireworks party that Hollingsworth gave in honor of his grandfather's memory a half century after their talk. The roads were lined triple deep for miles around. Hollingsworth says he feels the presence of his granddad every New Year's Eve during the fireworks display.

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.

## Use caution with fireworks

Many areas across the state will be in danger of accidental wildfires this month as some Texans celebrate the holiday season with fireworks.

Fireworks are commonly linked to Christmas and New Year festivities, but Texas Forest Service warns the outcome can be disastrous if proper safety precautions are not taken.

"Many Texans will be using fireworks to celebrate Christmas and the New Year," Texas Forest Service Fire Operations Chief Mark Stanford said. "TFS wants Texans to use fireworks safely in order to protect themselves and to avoid accidentally starting wildfires."

Under Texas law, county government officials have the authority to restrict certain types of aerial fireworks when drought conditions exist or when hazardous fuel conditions are present during the winter months. County officials also

consider drought conditions when determining outdoor burn bans for their counties. Texas Forest Service does not make decisions regarding restrictions on fireworks or outdoor burning bans. The state agency does, however, provide drought condition information to counties.

Currently, many parts of Texas are in danger of accidental wildfire because of continued drought. Most of Central and West Texas is experiencing drier than normal conditions. In Southeast Texas, debris from Hurricane Ike and vegetation killed by saltwater is contributing to the problem, as is cured debris that remains from Hurricane Rita.

Tips for the safe use of fireworks:

- Adhere to all county and city fireworks laws.
- Use fireworks outdoors away from dry grass and buildings.

## Goodfellows Donations

Anonymous in honor of Mike Poteet.....	\$50
Bridge Club Bunch .....	\$100
Don and Bobbye Collins .....	\$50
Anonymous .....	\$100
Jim and Diane Isbell.....	\$200
This week's total .....	\$500
Previous total .....	\$705
Total to date.....	\$1,205

## Haskell firemen honored at banquet

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members held their annual banquet Mon., Dec. 15.

Response to calls reports listed 118 total runs including 64 wildfires, six car fires, 14 structure fires, three EMS assistance calls and one water rescue.

Training hours completed by members for the year included 3,670 hours in basic certification, 665 hours in intermediate certification and 359 hours in advanced certification.

Two firemen, Charlotte Arendall and A.J. Shaw, attended a basic firefighter's course over a six weeks period to earn 96 hours towards completing their basic certification.

Eight firemen recognized for completing their basic certification requirements were A.J. Shaw, Felix Rodriguez, Charlotte Arendall, Mathew Cunningham, Randall Martin, Casey Moeller, Brian Scifres and Tim Wilson.

Rodriguez and Wilson were also recognized with five year service pins.

## Ballots available to nominate citizen, volunteer of the year

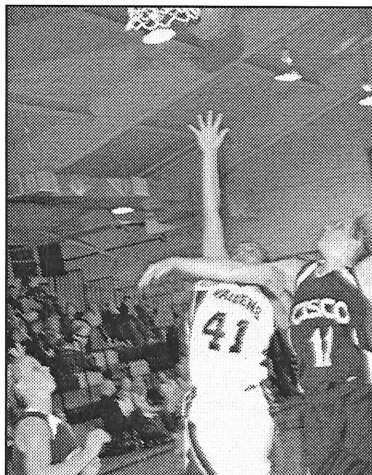
Ballots for the 2008 Haskell Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are available at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office, 510 S. 2nd.

Haskell residents are given the opportunity to nominate their choice and list a reason for the nomination.



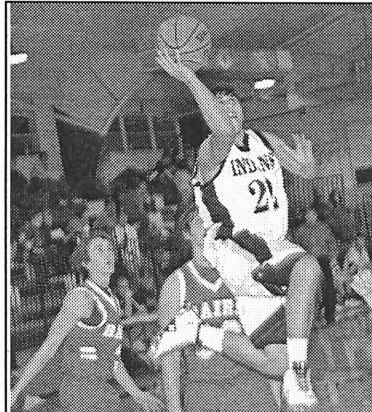
**MARATHON RUNNERS**—Among 16,000 participants at the Dallas White Rock Marathon held Sun., Dec. 14 were, l-r, T.J. Cooley, Alli Beard and Jessica Rieger. The Albany residents ran in the half marathon event, which finished at Victory Park at the American Airline Center in Dallas. They are members of the Albany Running Club. Rieger is the daughter of Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell.

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**MAIDENS WIN**—Adding points to the Haskell Maidens tally during the game against Cisco played Dec. 16 are, left, #45 Lisa Rodgers and right, #41 Brië Torres. The Maidens defeated Cisco, 45 to 37.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**INDIANS DEFEAT BAIRD**—The Haskell Indians defeated Baird Dec. 16 by a score of 62-55. Indian #54 Cody Wyrick, left, and Indian #22 Austin Marshall hustle to add scores to the Indians' shooting total.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Obituaries

### Felton M. Everett



**FELTON EVERETT**

Funeral services for Felton M. Everett, 79, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 17 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Greg Gasaway officiating. Burial was at Rockdale Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Everett died Mon., Dec. 15 at his home in Haskell.

Born March 9, 1929 in Haskell, he was the son of James Traverse Everett and Iola Simmons Everett. After graduating from Haskell High School in 1946, he attended business college in Fort Worth. He owned and operated a service station in

Haskell until he was drafted, and then served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. After his discharge, he returned home to Haskell where he met and married Melva Andress Aug. 1, 1954. She was the love of his life and they spent fifty-four happy years together. They lived in various parts of Texas where he worked as an insurance agent and supervisor. He earned recognition and numerous awards for his salesmanship. In 1972, he returned to his hometown of Haskell and continued his insurance career until his retirement.

He spent his life loving and serving the Lord. He was an active member of First Baptist Church where he was a deacon for over thirty years. He had served the church as Deacon Chairman and a trustee, as well as on many committees through the years. He served as a greeter on Sunday mornings, which was one of his favorite places of service because he was such a people person. He considered his greatest treasure to be his family, which included his wife, four daughters and his six grandchildren. He loved nothing more than

spending time with them and his extended family. Felton was a loving and supportive son, brother, 'Daddy,' 'Pa,' uncle, 'Telty' and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Buck Everett; and his grandson, Lisle Raughton.

Survivors include his wife, Melva Everett; his daughters and their husbands, Pat and Steven Grand of Haskell, Nancy and Tim Raiter of Arlington, Sherrie and Jim Raughton of Haskell, and Cindy and James Castleberry of Paradise; grandchildren, Leslie Grand Jeanes and husband James, Stephanie Grand, Tyler Raughton, Taylor Castleberry and Cole Castleberry; sister-in-law, Carolyn Everett; many cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Tim Everett, Keith Everett, David Elmore, Joe Elmore, Randy Elmore, Robert Jones and Wes Jones. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Business Men's Sunday School Class, deacons of First Baptist Church, and deacons of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church. PD. NOTICE

### R.S. Sanders



**R.S. SANDERS**

Funeral services for R.S. Sanders, 87, lifelong resident of Haskell County, were held Fri., Dec. 19 at First Baptist Church in Weinert conducted by Bro. Donny Hardors, Bro. Dan Bullock and Bro. Terry Sanders. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Sanders went to be with his Lord and Savior Wed., Dec. 17 at a local hospital.

Born March 21, 1921, he was the son of A.J. Sanders and Fronia Alexander Sanders. He grew up on the Sanders farm one mile west of Weinert and graduated from Weinert High School in 1940. He served his country during World War II as a member of the Army Air Force, attached to the 9th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, in the China, Burma, India Theatre of War. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge and World War II Victory Medal. After returning home in Nov. 15, 1945, he farmed one

year before entering Hardin-Simmons University in 1947 and graduating Magna-Cum Laude in May of 1950.

On March 25, 1948, he married Betty Jo Gideon at her home near Winters. The couple was blessed with two children, Larry Duane and Janice Elaine. R.S. and Betty were privileged to spend the next sixty years together. He moved his family to the Sanders farm west of Weinert in 1951 where he began farming and taught math and history and served as principal of Weinert High School.

In 1954, he became postmaster at Weinert, a position he held for twenty-seven years, retiring in 1981. In the years that followed he and Betty traveled to Europe, the Middle East, Canada, Nova Scotia, Hawaii and many of the eastern states where R.S. researched his family.

In 1980, he published his first book, Ancestors and Descendants of the Henry Simeon Sanders, with his niece, Dr. Lola Williams, as editor. He researched and Betty wrote Just Passing Through Weinert in 1986. He then researched his Alexander kin and Betty wrote The Alexanders of Plum Creek. In 1996 he enjoyed visiting with many 'old-timers' all over Haskell County and recording their stories about the history of rural communities in Haskell County, Texas from 1885 to 1940, resulting in the book, Cowpokes and Sod Busters.

Continuing his love for

research, he recorded names, dates of birth and death, and sections of the Willow Cemetery in Haskell in 1998, which he gave to the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society to publish. R.S. joined the Weinert Baptist Church in 1951 and served his Lord in numerous ways as long as he was able. He was a Sunday school teacher, Director of Sunday school, treasurer, chairman of committees, member of the choir and sang specials with his wife Betty.

Always interested in history, he organized and became the first president of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Haskell County. He was a charter member of the Lions Club in Weinert. From 1990-93 he served on the Haskell County Appraisal Review Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Larry Duane; sisters, Laura Bell and Myrtle Phemister Therwhanger; brothers, David Clarence and Eddie Jackson.

He loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ supremely, his wife and children devotedly, his fellow man caringly.

Survivors include his wife; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Randal Boatright; daughter-in-law, Linda Sanders; grandchildren, Robert and Claire Sanders, Lynette Kennard and great grandson, Chase Kennard.

Memorials may be made to Weinert Cemetery, Weinert Baptist Church or the Haskell County Library. PD. NOTICE

### Odelia McGuire

Funeral services for Odelia McGuire, 85, of Sulphur, Louisiana were held Thurs., Dec. 11 at Robison Funeral Home Chapel with Brian Spicer, minister, officiating. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery in North Sulphur.

Mrs. McGuire died Mon., Dec. 8 in a Sulphur Care Center.

A native of Rochester, she was a longtime resident of Sulphur. She graduated from

Rochester High School. She was a member of Maplewood Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Ocie McGuire of Sulphur; one son, Ocie 'Bud' McGuire and wife Tami of Sulphur; one sister, Teresa Scoggins and husband Johnny of Rochester; one brother, Pat Martin Jr. and wife Jennie of Archer City; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

### Basketball

#### Varsity Girls

Aspermont 59, Rule 22  
Scoring: Dudensing 11, Benavides 3, Petty 2.

Jayton 64, Paint Creek 6  
Scoring: Buerger 2, Gilbreath 2, Armstrong 2.

Haskell 45, Cisco 37  
Scoring: Reid 12, Wallace 10, Rodgers 7, Rutkowski 5, Bassett 5.

JV score: Cisco 43, Haskell 32.

Haskell 62, Knox City 16  
Scoring: Agraz 12, Bassett 8 Torres 8, Wallace 6, Johnson 7, Newton 6.

#### Varsity Boys

Rule 67, Aspermont 40  
Scoring: Clark 21, Hall 16, Perales 12

JV score: Rule 51, Aspermont 18

Jayton 54, Paint Creek 18  
Scoring: Bishop 8, Ramez 7, Williams 3.

Haskell 60, Knox City 49  
Scoring: English 24, Marshall 15, Myers 9.

JV score: Haskell 42, Knox City 18.

### Student in the News

Matthew Bowers of Haskell was listed on the Honor Roll for the Fall 2008 semester at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

The Honor Roll lists students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.64 while completing at least 12 semester hours.

Bowers is a junior pursuing a degree in Computer Information Systems and Business.

### Gin Report

Dec. 18, 2008

#### Haskell

Haskell County Gin..... 4,950

Haskell Co-op Gin..... 6,183

#### O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op .....11,000

#### Rule

Rule Co-op Gin ..... 4,428

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**GRANT AWARDED**—The Haskell Educational Foundation awarded a \$500 mini-grant to Haskell second grade teacher, Rhonda Hanson, left, for materials to enhance Math curriculum through literature. Board member Shane Hadaway, right, presented the award on behalf of the foundation.



**MINI-GRANT**—The Haskell Educational Foundation awarded a \$500 mini-grant to Debbie Miller, left, to match funds toward the purchase of a projector and screen to enhance student programs and presentations. Board member Shane Hadaway, right, presented the award on behalf of the foundation.

## Study Club has Christmas meeting

Members of the Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Dec. 11 in the home of Pam Norton. President Dorothy Hartsfield welcomed seventeen members and guests, Pauline Couch and Carrie Murphree.

Members brought toys, personal items and nonperishable food to be donated to the Haskell

Goodfellow's drive. Nancy Toliver gave the Federation Counselor's report reporting on the restoration of the Federation Club Women's Headquarters in Austin.

The outstanding clubwoman/volunteer was discussed. Thula Perry was voted unanimously for the honor.

## Talk and walk to ward off seasonal extra pounds

With the holidays upon us, watching our spending isn't our only challenge. We also need to keep our waistlines in check.

Dr. Linda Michalsky, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, offers tips to help keep in shape both during and after the holidays.

- Move! Gather your friends and relatives for a talk-as-you-walk after the meal and circle the buffet table two or three times before getting seconds or dessert.
- Limit intake to half or less

of normal portions except for your favorite dish.

- Wait 15 to 20 minutes before going back for seconds or dessert, and limit both. If you cut a piece of pie or cake in half, someone will grab the other half immediately.

- Use smaller plates. If you only have large plates, leave some room so that part of the plate is visible.

- Drink water between other beverages.

- Choose a seat away from the food tables.

- Bring low-calorie foods you like.

Hartsfield reported on the sending of gift boxes to troops in Iraq. Eight boxes were sent to young men from Haskell County. She hopes to continue with the project.

Hartsfield also reported on the placing of flags at Willow Cemetery for Veterans Day. A special thanks was given to Keith Medford and his students for the work they did in placing the flags.

Evelyn Cobb gave a presentation on 'wise giving.' She mentioned several different ways to be a wise giver and perhaps a more conservation one also, such as paying cash instead of using credit cards. Another tip was to use envelopes with cash for each gift recipient. When the cash is gone, shopping is complete.

Cobb introduced Carri

Murphree of Edward Jones who spoke of the present financial issues and about long term health care. The average stay for someone in a nursing facility is 2-1/2 years with the approximate cost of \$57,000 yearly. She mentioned that each individual should evaluate his/her own situation concerning long term health care insurance. Murphree was presented a gift of appreciation.

Closing the meeting, Hartsfield read 'A Bad Day for Santa' which gave everyone a chuckle.

Social hour followed with Norton, Julia Harrell and Lynn Dodson serving as hostesses. Everyone brought a family favorite dish with recipes attached. After refreshments, Norton lead the group in the singing of Christmas carols.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

**Caterpillar to move one assembly plant to Texas**  
AUSTIN—What Texas can do to stay strong in a faltering world economy is something top state officials are more than pondering these days.

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 17 met with trade association and labor union leaders to get input on how the economic downturn is affecting industries and workers in Texas.

On Dec. 18, Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick jointly announced a deal that will move one of Caterpillar Inc.'s assembly, test and paint facilities to Texas, creating more than 1,400 jobs.

The state agreed to peel off \$10 million from its \$350 million Texas Enterprise Fund to aid Caterpillar in moving the facility to Seguin.

Texas was in competition with South Carolina and Mexico for the facility, Perry said.

A Fortune 500 company, Caterpillar manufactures construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and medium and high speed diesel engines.

The company already has plants in Amarillo, Channelview, Coppell, Dallas, DeSoto, El Paso, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, Laredo, Mabank, McAllen, McKinney, Midland, Sherman, Waco and Waskom.

#### Study addresses worker shortage

Meanwhile, on Dec. 17, Comptroller Susan Combs said there is a widening gap between the demand for skilled workers in Texas and the state's ability to supply them.

"Texas' secondary and postsecondary education system is not meeting the demands of the current workplace," Combs said. "Employers tell us that good paying jobs are going unfilled because they cannot find qualified workers. And we're hearing from students about the value to them of programs at community and technical colleges. For Texas to remain an economic powerhouse, our education system needs added focus on career and technical training to fill available jobs."

Combs has issued a new report, Texas Works, a look at the changing Texas job market and the growing shortage of workers with the technical skills required for many of the fastest growing jobs.

The report recommends establishing a fund to help

with startup costs for new technical training programs and eliminating obstacles that discourage students from pursuing "CTE" or career-technical education.

Texas community and technical colleges offer training facilities and employment opportunities after just one or two years, Combs said. But state funding of community and technical colleges has declined, not keeping pace with inflation and hampering schools' ability to train the next generation of Texas workers, she added.

CTE courses can be expensive for a college, often requiring state-of-the-art technology and equipment, but the state does not provide funding for startup costs.

Combs' report recommends:

- The creation of a \$25 million Jobs and Education for Texas fund to provide support for postsecondary CTE courses, including startup funding for new programs.

- Linking any incentive funding to measurable results to ensure the state receives a positive return on its investments.

#### Leal now heads Texas Rangers

Antonio "Tony" Leal, 44, has been named chief of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Texas Ranger Division, making him the first Hispanic to lead the elite crime-fighting force.

Leal, a 24-year veteran of DPS also is the youngest person ever named chief of the Texas Ranger Division. He was born in Sugar Land and raised in the Fort Bend County area.

His appointment to Ranger chief took effect Dec. 10.

#### Race for U.S. Senate seat widens

More Texans have entered the race to succeed Kay Bailey Hutchison as a U.S. senator. Bill White, a Democrat and Texas Railroad Commission Chair Michael Williams, a Republican, have joined former state comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, in declaring candidacy.

Hutchison, a Republican, has said she won't seek another term in the office she has held since 1993. She has filed papers and transferred campaign funds to consider and perhaps run for governor in 2010.

If Hutchison resigns her Senate seat to run for governor, standing Gov. Perry will appoint someone to serve out the remainder of her term.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 24, 1998

Haskell High School students, Lollie Diaz and Daisy Cothron, visited the Rotary Club.

Robert Ace Turner of Rule, Steve McGuire and Joe Wheatley, both of Haskell, participated in the Texas Farm Bureau convention in Lubbock.

The Joyce Hawkins family celebrated Christmas at the Haskell National Bank community building. Fifty-nine attending family members had fun playing Chinaman Christmas, the letter being S.

Seven out of nine Haskell FFA leadership teams advanced to the Area II FFA competitions held at Howard College in Big Spring.

Rochester ISD was honored to receive the rating of exemplary District for 1997-98 school year. RISD was also awarded the TIF Grant.

### 20 Years Ago December 29, 1988

The Haskell Indians 85-47 victory over the Seymour Panthers was win No. 200 for Indian Coach Randy Stone.

Abe Turner offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who vandalized the old Turner laundry building and rent house.

Willie F. (Buster) and Norma Tredemeyer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Abe and Ruby Turner hosted a coffee open house for the benefit of the Noah Project.

Lions Club Goodfellows

delivered 55 boxes of food and toys to needy families for Christmas.

### 30 Years Ago December 28, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Shaake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Catherine Ann Kimbrough was awarded a bachelor's degree in Nursing from the Texas Women's University.

Students from Paint Creek school sang Christmas carols for the residents at Rice Springs Care Home.

A total of 34 people met at Wallace Bird's home over the weekend to celebrate Christmas.

Ladies of the Young Adult Dept. of the East Side Baptist Church held their Christmas party in the home of Sue McGee.

### 40 Years Ago December 26, 1968

Charles Lott has been named to the Abilene Reporter News Class "B" all area team. Lott is a senior at Rule High School.

Kathy Hager, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hager, Jr. of Weinert, has been chosen as Chairman of the District III 4-H Council.

The "Nine-Teens," local high school ensemble under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bell, presented the program at the lucheon meeting of Rotarians at Felker's Restaurant.

Haskell Business and Professional Women's Club and West Texas Utilities sponsored a Christmas Home

Lighting contest.

### 50 Years Ago December 25, 1958

Mrs. F.L. Peavy hosted the Rainbow Sewing Club's Christmas party.

The Neighbors Hobby Club met in the home of Donna Thomas. The group sang Christmas hymns, exchanged gifts and elected officers for the new year.

County Judge and Mrs. Alfred Turnbow were in Tulia last week where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estle Gilleland, former residents of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aycock of Haskell are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ivy in Ruidosa, New Mexico.

Field personnel of the Game and Fish Commission, for the first time, don uniforms. They will be issued a hat, olive green wool shirts, a jacket and trousers. Shoulder patches will further identify each person's particular rank and work assignment.

### 100 Years Ago December 26, 1908

W.T. McDaniel ordered four 70-saw Pratt double ribbed stands for his gin, which will enable him to gin cotton that is pulled in the boll. McDaniel is the first man that demonstrated that boll cotton could be ginned.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient's steel railway is ready for the wheels that will carry men and merchandise from Wichita, Kansas to Sweetwater.

## Be nice - designate a driver

The Texas Department of Transportation and Santa Claus have some advice for Texas motorists: drive sober this holiday season and avoid a stiff fine, losing your driver's

## Holiday fire safety

license, jail time and a lump of coal in your stocking. Santa and his reindeer are teaming up with TxDOT and several other partners to encourage holiday revelers

of water. "Spray live trees with a fire retardant. Tree vendors and local home improvement stores usually carry fire-retardant spray.

"Check the box and the safety tag on artificial trees to make sure they are flame-resistant. Do not place light strands on metallic trees.

"Do not place trees near fireplaces, furnaces, candles or other sources of heat. Also, avoid placing trees near room exits. If the tree catches on fire, you may not be able to get out.

Open flames: "Place candles in holders that will not tip over, and keep them away from drapes, trees and other flammable objects.

"Put candles out before you leave home or go to bed. "Have a professional chimney sweep inspect your fireplace annually, before you use it.

Between Dec. 24 and Dec. 26, deaths, injuries and dollar losses caused by fires increase an average of 50 percent, 61 percent and 43 percent, respectively, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. The public is encouraged to follow these tips to reduce the chances of fire during the holidays.

Holiday lights: "Do not overload electrical circuits. Follow manufacturer guidelines for the number of light strands connected to each other. Do not use multiple-plug adapters to increase the number of items you can connect to a standard electrical outlet.

"Inspect all electrical items before you use them. On light stands, look for broken or cracked light sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections. Make sure the ground prong on three-prong plugs is in place.

"If you use electrical cords or lights outside, make sure they are rated for outdoor use.

Trees: "Make sure live trees are fresh, with no brown needles or dry limbs. Give them plenty

of water. "Even a little holiday cheer can impair your driving. That's why TxDOT is urging you to designate a sober driver if you're going to be celebrating or simply celebrate without alcohol if you're going to be driving," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "Just a little bit of planning can prevent traffic crashes and ensure a safe and happy new year for everyone."

This marks the eleventh year of TxDOT's holiday public education campaign, which uses whimsical holiday characters to deliver a responsible driving message. This year, the campaign also expands to cyberspace. Consumers can find out more about Santa and his reindeer friends and download holiday-themed computer desktop backgrounds and a special ringtone at www.MySpace.com/SantaInTexas.

Though the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities in the state has decreased over the past few years, Texas continues to lead the nation when it comes to alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

Penalties for a first-time DWI offense include driver's license suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to six months in jail.

As always, all callers will remain anonymous.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,  
A big thank you to the wonderful folks of Haskell, Texas!

A few days ago my family and I were traveling east on Highway 380, when we hit a big buck deer and demolished our car. A local rancher was behind us and quickly checked to see if we were okay, then called law enforcement and a wrecker service.

Every car that came down the highway stopped to make sure we were okay and offer assistance.

A sheriff's deputy arrived quickly and was soon joined by Sheriff David Halliburton. We explained that we were on our way to Dallas so that our daughter could catch a flight to Korea at 6 a.m. the next morning. Her husband is in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed there.

Sheriff Halliburton located a phone number for a car rental company, loaded us up in his pickup and hauled us to the airport in Abilene where we rented a car and continued on to Dallas.

Our daughter caught her plane and is now happily in Korea, thanks to the good people of Haskell.

Thank you so much. We hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas!

Ed and Jan Davis  
and our daughter,  
Lacy Harvey  
Salt Flat, Texas  
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Dear editor,

Dear Paint Creek students that came to our home last Wednesday morning and sang Christmas carols to us—we really appreciated you. The students were a very sweet, orderly group of children and very well taught. We wish you could have stayed longer!

The gifts were appreciated and very good.

May your Christmas be a good one and we hope that Jesus is in each heart.

We love you and  
thank you,  
J.L. and Martha Toliver  
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Dear editor,  
Dear Paint Creek students and teachers,

Thank you so much for coming to our house and singing beautiful Christmas songs. We loved it and it was so beautiful. You blessed our hearts and made us happy to see so many beautiful children.

Thanks for the goodies. You made our day.

Thank you all.  
All our love and  
Merry Christmas,  
J.L. and Martha Toliver

## Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Hamlin Fire and Police Departments, is seeking information concerning an arson fire that occurred around 3 a.m., the morning of June 7, 2008. The fire at 650 NW Ave. F in Hamlin consumed the entire residence. The Texas Fire Marshal's investigator determined the fire was deliberately set.

Both the Fire Marshal's Office and the Hamlin Police Department have been investigating the fire. They have followed up on numerous leads and are now asking for your help.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or person responsible for this crime. Call the Clear Fork Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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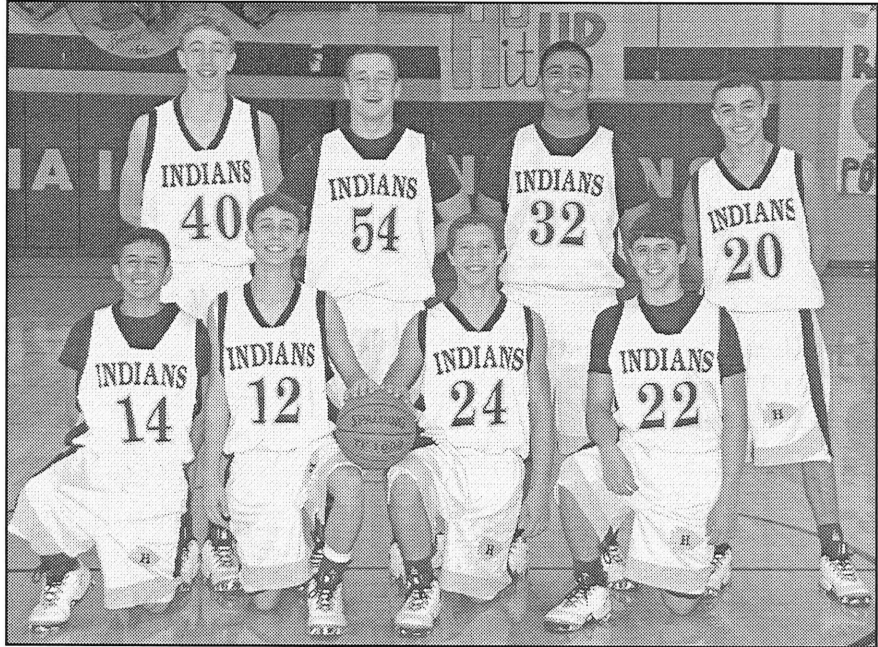
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**BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, D.J. Macias, John English, Christian Myers and Austin Marshall; back row, Ross Wittenborn, Cody Wyrick, Simon Rodriguez and Tyler Rodriguez.

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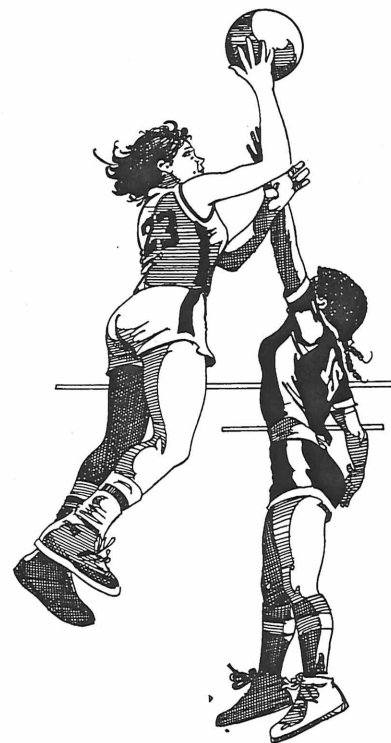
# GO INDIANS

**Dec. 29-31  
Varsity Boys  
Eula Tournament**



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

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# GO MAIDENS

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# Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll, a drum, a bicycle...

Dear Santa,  
I would like a puzzle and an omnitrex from Ben 10. I would like a Nintendo DS. I would like a piano. I would like a puppy so that me and my brothers can play with it outside. I have been very good.

Love, Dylan Souther  
Age 5

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a tow-truck and a transformer on it. I would also like some clothes and some new shoes. I would like some cars, and a robot, and a bike.

Love, Steelyn Blair  
Age 4

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a big truck. I would like some clothes and new shoes. I would like

a wagon. I would like some cars. I would like a green and blue race car. I would like some Ben 10 figurines. I have been a very good boy, so if you could I would like a cute cuddly puppy.

Love, Augustus Blair  
Age 3

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Clyne and I'm my mommy's girl forever and ever. I've been really good this year and I want a Strawberry bow and arrow so I can fight back in case you get Creed a bow and arrow. I would also like a Strawberry Shortcake bed, a Mrs. Goodbee dollhouse, some babies, and some pretty clothes. Be careful on your way to Haskell, and I will leave you some cookies on the table.

Love,  
Clyne L'Shae Williams

Age 2

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Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Creed and I live in Haskell, Texas. I've been good, but sometimes I be kind of ornary. But that's OK. I want a bow and arrow and a new Indian headdress. I also want a big jersey like my friend Garrett's, with a #5 on it so I can wear it next year. I also want a real guitar, a remote control T-Rex toy, a Haskell Indian football helmet, and a Diego pillow. I'll leave you a burrito on the table and Rudolph a bucket of water and corn on the front porch.

Love,  
Creed Jackson Williams

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Dear Santa,  
Here are the things I want for Christmas. 1. a D.S., 2. Wild Petz dolphins, 3. Sonic Rivals, 4. New Super Mario bros. By the way, do you like the dallas cowboys? I sure do!! I love you and I'll leave you Dr. Pepper and cookies. Thank you!

XOXOXO Love,  
Jonah Bulls, Age 9  
Abilene, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
What's 1+1? I want Shark Boy and Lava Girl 3-D with 3-D glasses, and Martian Matter, and a soccer goal with cones, and a hot tub - a little tank that we can fill with hot water. Don't forget Abbie and Jonah's presents. Thank you!

I love you!,  
Ethan Bulls, Age 6 1/2  
Abilene, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
My mommy is helping me write my letter this year. How are the reindeer? I love looking at the reindeer this Christmas! I love to look at our Christmas tree - I keep saying it is so tall and pwetty! I have been a good girl this year - well, mostly! And I'm sorry I am always so shy - I really do love you! For Christmas this year, I want a big Dora house with the toy Dora and Boots to play with and a puppy in a purse. Santa, please don't forget my brothers - they are mostly nice to me. I'll leave cookies and milk for you.

I love you Santa!,  
Abbie Bulls, Age 2 1/2  
Abilene, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
I am only 1 month old, but I think I am a pretty good baby. I don't need too much yet, but I would like a necklace, bracelet and baby doll. My dog Jack would like a new bone.

Thank you,  
Rebekah Cunningham

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Chloe Elizabeth Hall, and I am 4 years old. I really liked getting to see you at the Santa House with my Meme. Listening to you read "The Night before Christmas" was great! Santa, for Christmas

I would like a piano, a baby, and a baby cradle please. I love you Santa, even if I won't sit in your lap. Please remember all of my cousins and my friends this Christmas. Have a safe trip!

Love, Chloe  
P.S. We will leave you some treats under the Christmas tree!

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylin Siegfried, I am 10 months old. I am a very good little girl (just ask my mom)! Could you please bring me a kitchen set and some baby dolls and I really like books! And anything else you want to bring. We will make some cookies for you! Thank you Santa.

Love, Kaylin Siegfried

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Taylor. You know if I've been good or not. For Christmas I want a PSP. Thank you, Taylor Hunt

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Dear Santa,  
I want a Wii, games, BB gun, trampoline, Tise De and a playground set. I will do my best to be good.

Love, Logan Steele  
Munday, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
I want a car and spongebob and elmo stuff. I will do my best to be good.

Love, Aaron Quintero  
Munday, Texas

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a set of leap frog marachas, like at daycare, so I can be on the radio like mom.

Love, Evan Casino  
Age 16 months  
Haskell CISD Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like some new music toys for me and my daycare buddies to play with.

Love, Jameson Daniels  
Age 14 months  
Haskell CISD Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I want an exersaucer so I can learn to sit up and play with my friend Spencer. Also, I second the steak and potatoes!

Love, Angelo Andrade  
Age 4 months  
Haskell CISD Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like 5 or 10 new pairs of shoes to match all the awesome clothes grandma buys me and a bedazzled basketball.

Love, Addison Agraz  
Age 8 months  
Haskell CISD Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a crawl through kitchen like at daycare and

new shoes because I can walk! Also for my grammy to peirce my ears.

Love, Kaylin Siegfried  
Age 10 months  
Haskell CISD Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like to have some new designer jeans to show off my new walking skills. Also some new hairbows and new pearl earrings from my GiGi.

Love, Paisley Chavez  
Age 9 months  
Haskell CISD Early Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a kitchen like at daycare. Also, some bows for my hair and diamond earrings from my dad.

Love, Paige Scheets  
Age 9 months  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like for the baby food company t come out with steak and potatoes because I am growing fast. Also maybe some teething rings too.

Love, Spencer Martin  
Age 4 months  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like 3 trucks so I can share with my daycare buddies.

Love, Brayden Lampe  
Age 14 months  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like some cheetos for my buddies at daycare. Also please bring me some new trucks and new dishes for my nanny!

Love, Aiden Lindsey  
Age 13 months  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a new baby doll and some new clothes for Christmas. Also please bring me some boxing gloves to protect me from my bubba and sister stealing my toys.

Love, Carley Isbell  
Age 17 months  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a play kitchen and a new baby doll too. Also please bring me some big blocks to build with!

Love,  
Allie Boone  
Age 15 months  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a kitchen for Christmas and a new baby doll too. Also, please bring me some orajel because I'm gettig lots of teeth.

Love, Veda Guzman  
Age 16 months

Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like some books, a kitchen, princess dressup stuff. Please bring Grayson a new truck. I've been a very good girl and so has Grayson. Merry Christmas!

Love you, Baylee Cloud  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a power ranger game and movie and a new truck. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa! I will leave you a coke and burrito.

Love you bunches,  
Wyatt Pace  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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I want a princess, a disney princess, a dolly, a trip to Disney World, a Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse. Merry Christmas!

Love, Hope Bridges  
Age 4  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, diapers, crib, high chair, baby spoons and forks, baby bottle, baby toys, a pacifier and a baby jacket and hat.

Love, Reagan Daniels  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, bunny rabbit and a new kitchen shelf. Please bring Dakota and Morgan some new toys. Please bring my mommy a red sucker and daddy a new princess cap. Merry Christmas! Tell Mrs. Santa the deer and elves I miss them. I will leave you a corndog and a coke.

Love, Raelea Lowack  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I would like a pixel to write on and all the potting babies. My mommy would like a new computer. My daddy would like a new pencil. Please remember my friend Colton. He wants a new Indian shirt. Please bring my friend Logan a new play kitchen. Jordan needs new shorts. Thank you for my gifts last year. Tell Mrs. Santa I love her too! I will leave you milk and cookies.

Merry Christmas,  
Shalee Dunnam  
Age 4  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girl! I want a strawberry bed, a strawberry baby and a strawberry toy! Would you please bring Creed an Indian bow and arrow and a baby toy and a dino game. Daddy wants a hug from you. Mommy wants a strawberry bow and arrow. Merry Christmas!


Love you bunches,  
Clyne Williams  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy puppy dog and a new blanket. Would you please bring my sister a baby cat and teddy bear. Please bring my mommy new shoes and daddy new boots and a hat. I've been good all year long. Merry Christmas to you, Rudolph, Mrs. Santa and the elves. Don't forget to bring all my friends some presents.

Love you,  
Lenzi Manske  
Age 4  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

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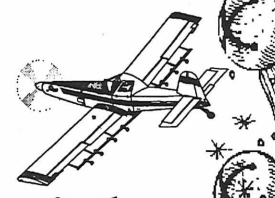

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# 'Tis The Season To Be Wary.

## Please don't drink and drive. ... (And watch out for the other guy!)

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good all year. Would you please bring me a "Big Tractor" and a big real shooting gun. Please bring Mom a big football jersey and me and my dad too. My mom wants a cheerleader suit. Tell Mrs. Santa, the deers and elves Merry Christmas and I love all of you!

P.S. Don't forget my friends at my daycare.  
Love you bunches,  
Evan Enriquez  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I would like a motorcycle, a horse and a race car. Please bring my daddy a motorcycle just like mine. Please bring my mommy a butterfly, Aubrey a princess outfit and Carly a baby toy. Please bring a horse to my PoPo, I also would like a power ranger. Merry Christmas! I will leave you cookies and milk!

Love you, Logan Isbell  
Age 4  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a choo-choo train, a basketball and a basketball net and a card. I also want a playhouse and play pig, a glove and a Santa playhouse, reindeer and sled. I love my mama and daddy.

Love, Colton Hopkins  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a firetruck, a dump truck, hot wheels cars, a superman truck, toys and race cars and two monster trucks. Please bring Lahna some food. She cries when she's hungry.

Love, Ethan Rosenbaum  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard game, a transformer and a snowboard game. I also want a batman bed.

Love, Jordan Casillas  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle for my dad. I want a toy truck, transformers, optimus prime, bumble bee, ratchet, ironhide.

I want a toy motorcycle and a cash register.

Love, Nate Roewe  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a power ranger, a basketball, a robot and some blocks. Please bring me tractors. Also bring my brother a basketball.

Love you, Brock Bridge  
Age 3  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a new kitchen. Love, Krislyn Rodriguez  
Age 1 1/2 yrs.  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a new baby. Love, Miley Yohner  
Age 1 1/2 yrs.  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a football. Love, Rance Massey  
Age 1 1/2 yrs.  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want animals. Love, Kelsey Biba  
Age 2  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a go cart. Love, Allen Alsabrooke  
Age 2 1/2 yrs.  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want baby dolls. Love, Ashlee Isbell  
Age 2  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want meg lego blocks. Love, Alyssa Martinez  
Age 2  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want blocks. Love, Ainsley Gasaway  
Age 1 1/2 yrs.  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want puzzles and books. Love, Kacey Coleman  
Age 2  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
I want puzzles and elmo. Love, Jonathon Brown  
Age 2  
Haskell CISD Learning Center

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brayden Brzozowski and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a bow and arrow and a Nintendo DS with a lunch box to put it in like my cousin Gavin. Could you also bring my little brother Gaige a set of blocks so he will quit getting into mine. We will leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you.

Sincerely,  
Brayden  
P.S. I would also like a computer

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gaige Strickland and I am 9 months old. For my first Christmas could you please bring me a walker so that I could learn how to walk and maybe some blocks so that I will stay out of my big brother Brayden's because sometimes he gets upset with me because I am always into his stuff. I would also love to have a sandbox for my big brother and I at our new house.

Sincerely,  
Gaige

Dear Santa,  
I want a real laptop so I can email my Nana in Midland. I also want a baby that cries, a baby stroller and clothes. I want a Nintendo DS like my best friend Audrey.

Love Always,  
Angelle Maynard  
Age 8  
Haskell 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want lots of dinosaurs for Christmas. I would also like "The Land Before Time" movies.

Love Always,  
Justin Maynard  
Age 4  
Haskell Pre-K

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a WWE replca Johncena belt. And I want a Special Bell from one of your raindeer. I have wanted one for years.

p.s. Thank you for the trampoline  
From:  
Turner James Wade  
To: The Jollyman Santa  
I live on 505 South 6 Street

You'r the man Santa,  
I swear I won't tell a soul if you let me ride with you: My dream.  
I'm a third grader.

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Adriana and I am 12 years old and 4 Christmas I want is...

1. Girl Tech Password Journal  
2. littlest Pet shop virtual Inveractie Pet, Dog.

3. littlest Pet Shop-Get Better Center.  
and thats what I want 4 Christmas this year and + I have 2 sister's and 1 brother and the first sister is Ashley and she is 9 year's old and my other littlest sister is Kimberly and she is 4 year's old and my Bother is Jorge and he is 3 year's old and 4 Christmas Ahsley whats is...

1. Step 2-Price play Food set  
2. Girls make up  
3. Fake high hills and my sister Kimberly she wants 4 Christmas is...

1. BaBy Alive wets 'N' wiggles Girls  
2. My little Poly-Newborn Pony  
3. Fisher-Price snow Explorer Dora.

and my Brother Jorge he want 4 Christmas is  
1. Handy mandy  
2. Cars-Disney Pixer Cars vehicle 3-pack, Gold, Mia, Gold Tia, Bling Bling McQueen.

3. Toy Wall-E and that's what we want 4 Christmas this year and have a grate Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Adriana, Ashley,  
Kimberly and Jorge  
Haskell

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a motorcycle like Papa's for Christmas? I can't wait to ride it all the time. I have been very good and really sweet. Madi really wants a pink Barbie Jeep. She has been pretty good too. I hope you bring it to her so we will both have something to ride. Thank you very much!

Love,  
Colt Moore

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is the North Pole? How are your reindeers? I have been very nice this year. My brother, Colt, has been extra nice too. Would you please bring him a motorcycle and a Bob the Builder movie (Fix A New Town)? I would like a Barbie Jeep and a Tinker Bell toy with Fairy Friends. You don't have to bring me the dollhouse because Gaga is going to get it for me. What kind of cookies do you like? We will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you very much!

Love,  
Madilyn Moore

Dear Santa,  
I hope everything is going well at the North Pole. My Mommy and Daddy say that I have been super good this year. They say that I am a great big sister. I would like some new baby dolls for Christmas and I think Ryan needs some trucks. He has been good too. Thanks for letting me sit with you at Christmas in November. It was really fun and our picture looked great. My mom still has it on the refrigerator. Sorry my brother threw such a fit. Maybe he will do better next time. Love you Santa!

Kenley Grace Cox  
Haskell, Texas  
Age 3

Dear Santa,  
I am excited to have a great Christmas this year. Last year I was really too young to remember or do much! I have been a good boy all year and am really hoping for some big boy toys! I am tired of having to play with my big sisters dolls and strollers. Bring me trucks and tools. Thanks Santa. By the way, sorry I threw such a big fit when I went to sit on your lap. I am not real good with guys with white beards. Maybe next time!

Ryan Jeffery Cox  
Haskell, Texas  
Age 1



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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

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
  - Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Greg Gasaway, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**  
C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephania Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**  
Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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- O'BRIEN**
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Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
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You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get

more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the

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If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

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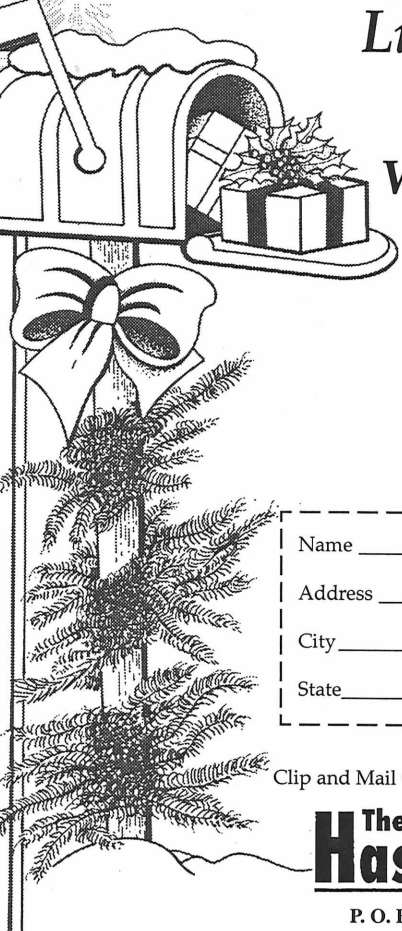
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# Santa letters...

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeer? How are Mrs. Claus and the elves? I have been a good girl this year.

I would like to have Bendaroos, Tumbles My Rollover Pup, an Easy Bake Oven and anything High School Musical. Also it would be great if I could have a Cabbage Patch Kid with chocolate ice cream and rainbow sprinkles.

Please don't forget my cousins McKenzie, Emma and Allie. Me, Marley, Cole and Spencer will be at Paw-Paw's. We will leave you some goodies. Have a safe trip!

Love, Addisyn Grace  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Bratz journal, a Zoey One-On-One computer and I want a Mrs. Clause doll and a Santa doll, a Bratz magic haircolor and Bendaroos.

Love, Adaline  
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Ho Ho Ho Santa!  
Ho Ho Merry Christmas! I'm Colby Ryan West and I'm 4! I want a Transformer and Spiderman. I also want a real Spiderman. I want a Longhorn's jersey cause we don't like "gun's up," we like "hook 'em horns!" I want a John Deere truck cause I like green. That's not all I want. I want a new bible because someone colored on mine. Also a real baseball bat, helmet and real baseballs. Santa, will you bring my brother Caden a 4-wheeler that is blue? Bring my cousin Jathan a real fun for when he gets big and also my cousin Averie a baby doll. I think you like chocolate milk and cookies cause you only get chocolate in the morning. I will leave some for you.

I love you Santa,  
Colby C-O-L-B-Y West  
(I like to spell my name after I say it!)  
Age 4  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Caden West and I am 2 years old...need I say more? I am very busy, extremely hard headed and also strong willed. But, my mommy and daddy still love me and say I deserve something from you! I want a seesaw for me. I also like anything such as balls that I can throw in mommy's house and break things. I like John Deere trucks so those would be great too! I also like yee-haws (AKA horses) so any of those would be great too! I will try to be nicer next year cause mommy is about to lose her mind! (That's what she tells me anyways!)

Love, Caden West  
Age 2  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Jathan and I am 6 months old. If you check your "nice list," I'm sure my name is there because my mommy and daddy say I've

been a very good little boy. This is my very first Christmas and I'm having fun learning what all this excitement is about!

For Christmas this year, I would really like a baby tad, a ride along/push toy, some new books, and since I'm teething, pretty much anything I can put in my mouth would be perfect! One more thing...I'd really like to learn to crawl, so anything you can do to help with that would be great too!

Please don't forget my cousins, Colby, Caden and Averie. I'm pretty sure they've been good this year too and deserve lots of fun toys (especially ones I can play with when I come to visit!) Oh, and my Copper needs some new toy bones and doggy treats. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas!

I love you, Jathan Bishop  
Wichita Falls, Tx  
Age 6 months  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Crow Parham and I am 8 years old. Please let me tell you something important because you are number 1 and please wake me up because I've got to show you something and give you something. And please don't get mixed up like you did last Christmas Eve. I want a drum, tree house instructions, motorcycle gloves and helmet with flames, shoe with laces, Wii or X-box, boxing gloves, soccer ball, big slide, guitar hero and a pocket knife with flames.

My dog, Nasty, got hurt. Please bring him a magic potion to help him get to feeling better and be able to walk without falling and limping.

And tell Rudolph I said hi and I watched a movie about him and it was good. I'll put out 10 cookies and 2 glasses of milk.

I love you, Crow  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year and helped my family. I would like Picos, a journal, moon sand, bocugone, jewelry, a flat-screen t.v. and anything else you want me to have.

Love, Lori Beth Rodgers  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Nathan Martin. I am 4 years old. I try every day to do the right thing and be a good boy. I would like a V.Smile motion and games for Christmas. I also want a new bicycle trike game and a tag pen deal that helps you read books. I would really like a motorcycle with a mask, a Wall-E movie, Hot Wheels, T-Rex dinosaur and a scooter with a helmet for Christmas. Don't forget the batteries.

I have a new baby brother this year named Spencer Ryan. He would probably like a baby rattle and a train. Don't forget my cousin, baby girl, Rebekah. She would like a

rattle too.

I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for your reindeer by our fireplace.

Love, Nathan Martin  
Age 4  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Spencer Ryan. I will be 5 1/2 months old at Christmas. Everyone says that I am good baby and very quiet. My big brother Nathan says that all I want for Christmas is a baby rattle and a train. My mommy and daddy think I need to ask for a new jumper or activity center. They say that I need some new toys that are all mine.

Please remember my big brother Nathan. He is a great big brother and does the best job at making me laugh. Don't forget to stop by my baby cousin Rebekah's house too.

Love,  
Spencer Ryan Martin  
Age 5 1/2 months  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Marley Casey and I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year, or at least I have tried to be.

Would you please bring me an Easy Bake Oven, the new Tinkerbell movie and anything Barbie. I also love to color and draw, so anything to do with art would be great too! I would really like anything that you would like to bring me. Please don't forget to bring my brother Cole something also. As always, we will be at my Paw-Paw's house on Christmas morning. Spencer and Addison will be there too. We will leave you some goodies to eat.

Please tell Mrs. Clause and all the reindeer hello for me. I love you Santa,  
Marley  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, Texas Tech cheerleading suit, dog that plays tricks and some new pairs of shoes. I want a Christmas tree, a Santa Clause dress, a bouncy ball and that's all.

Happy Christmas!  
Love,  
Piper Kay Lauren Smith  
P.S. I forgot I want my own cat that does tricks.  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Spencer and for Christmas I want glow station, D-Rex, Ben-10 Alien Maker, Kung Fu Panda, Horton Hears a Who, a Cooking set, new markers and Godzilla Unleashed. I will be a good boy always. Remember I will be at Pops and Grandmams.

Love always,  
Spencer Ian Simons  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Pokemon diamond. I would also like to have Medal of Honor European Assault. If you could find it I would like Lord of the Rings. I would also like the games Gauntlet, Heroes and Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2. I hope you can

find them all on Game cube. I wonder if you could find Cabela's Alaskan adventures. Please see if you could find another of Tom Clancey's game that is a two player game so Riley could play because I care for him and I love him, he's my brother. I would also like webkinz. The webkinz I want are the Bengal Tiger, German Shephard, Rhino and the Kangaroo.

Your friend,  
Dalton Meinzer  
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Santa,  
I am being good. My mom wants a car and my dad wants a hat. Happy Holiday!

Love, Heavenly Perez  
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Please Santa,  
I can't wait until Christmas and you come. These are the things I want: metal detector, Bratz Magic Hair Color, Girl Gourmet Cupcake Maker, Sticker factory, Spa factory, Swim-to-Me Puppy, Pixos, Bendaroos, blue I-pod speaker, play-doh magic swirl and ice cream shoppe.

Santa and elves please try really really hard to bring all these.

I love you,  
Jaclyn Snelling  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a Cub Cadet Power Wheels Mower. Can you also bring Tess, my puppy, a new bone?

Thanks Santa!  
Love, Creed Coker  
Rule, Texas  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Khristian Landaverde. I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this Christmas. I want a pink puppy, a stove so I can cook for my mom when she gets home from work, a new bike and a phone. You can bring my Nana a necklace with lights. Bring my brother and sister a blue horse and my cousin Celicia a car that is green. I will you some eggs and toast so you can eat for breakfast because you will be traveling all night.

Tell your reindeers I will leave them hotdogs on my Nana's roof. Almost forgot, bring my daddy a pink fishing boat.

Love,  
Khristian Landaverde  
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Dear Santa,  
I like to have a Zero Gravity car and a Bakugan that has 1,000 G's and a R2-D2 Droid.

Merry Christmas,  
Peytan Smith  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Heather Pittman. I am 3 months old, so this is my very first Christmas and I would like: A swing to play in, some new dresses to wear, A stroller to walk with mommy, some fuzzy stuffed animals to sleep with, and last but not least a sucker to eat!

Thank you Santa and Merry Christmas.  
Love, Heather

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tristen Payne and I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year so I would like: some new Xbox games for my step-dad and I to play, some new winter clothes to wear, lots of Star Wars toys for my Papa and I to play with. I also wanted a cell phone, but Mom says I'm not old enough yet. I would also like some new movies like Wall-e or Horton Hears a Who. Last I would like some candy!

Thank you Santa and Merry Christmas!  
Love, Tristen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Evan Enriquez and I am 3 years old. I have been the very best that I could be this year and I think that you can find my name on the Nice list.

Santa, could you please bring me a Dallas Cowboy helmet, a Dallas Cowboy jersey and a toy John Deere tractor or some Clipo blocks?

Thanks Santa. I'll leave some tamales and hot coca for you.

Merry Christmas Santa!

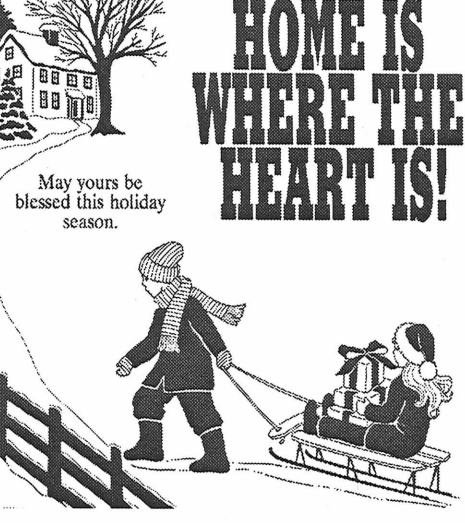
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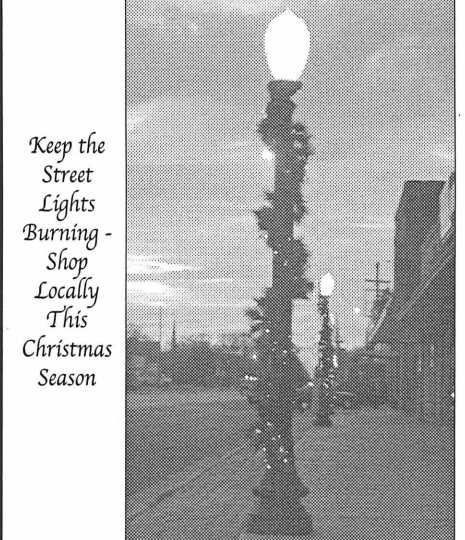


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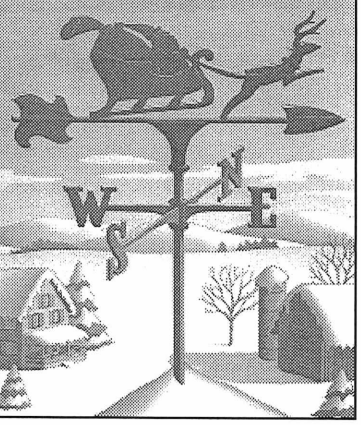


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