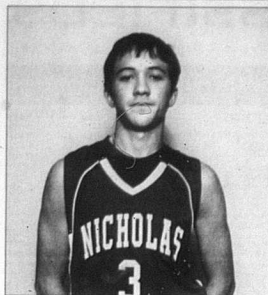
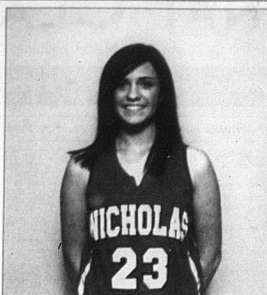


# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



D.R. Purvis

D.R. Purvis has been named the Player of the week against Manifee County. D.R. had 18 points, 3 steals and 4 assists. "This the career high for D.R. He played an excellent floor game." Coach Coler said.



Jessica Gilkerson

Jessica Gilkerson has been named as the player of the week for the Manifee and Harrison County games. She was the Leading scorer this week with an average of 11 points per game and shooting 100% from the free throw line.

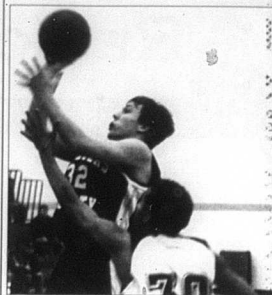


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### Jenkins Joins Elite Group

Nicholas County High School junior Kyle Campbell joined the elite 1000-point club in his first game as a junior. Campbell, as he reached his 11th point of the game against Manifee County, moved into the group. Daniel Brown holds the boys' record at NCHS with 2543 points, while Kim Jenkins holds the all-time record with 2671 points.

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# Need is dire as Toys for Tots drive strives to help Nicholas needy

By Melissa Mitchell  
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"With things the way they are right now, some who have received assistance in the past may not receive anything this year," said Mark Hughes, NC Fire Chief and Toys for Tots coordinator.

The Christmas holiday may be bleak to bad for many who have received assistance in years past from the Nicholas County Fire Department and the Toys for Tots program.

In his experience of more than 25 years heading up the program, Hughes said this is by far the worst he has ever seen.

"It's sadder and doesn't look good at all. We need folks to reach out and help this year - probably as more as ever."

"The season to be jolly! And you can experience the priceless gift of giving by assisting the Nicholas County Volun-

teer Firemen with their annual Toys For Tots drive. It's matter of reaching a little deeper this holiday, as donations are well below any year past.

"We have provided gifts for approximately 250 children each Christmas," said Hughes. "This year we may that number be even larger with the way things are here and most everywhere," the veteran fundraiser said.

Hughes added that his group also provides seniors and those with disabilities with food boxes so they can have a delicious holiday meal.

"Our food boxes are filled with nutritional and tasty products and are increasing in demand each year as the worst spreads and the need increases. Last year we delivered more than 125 food boxes."

"People in Nicholas County have always been so very generous and we are humbly ask-

ing that they continue that generosity this Christmas season."

Adults and those young or small, with toys that they no longer have a need for, are encouraged to drop their toys at Hughes Auto Sales at 361 East Main Street for this year's drive.

Monetary donations are badly needed to purchase toys and help provide food for the food boxes.

Checks may be made to the Nicholas County Firemen's Auxiliary fund for a tax-free exemption.

"We're collecting new and used toys in good condition for our less fortunate neighbors. We're also accepting non-perishable food goods to use for the food baskets."

"In years past the people of our community have been a big help and we deeply appreciate the help everyone has put forth thus far to make this year's Toys For Tots drive a success."

"The annual event has always been a success and we believe it will be a success again this year. However, I am realistic. Times are hard and we're hoping for record levels of help."

Anyone with any questions about donations or drop-offs please contact Hughes at 749-7207, or Stephanie Scooby, who is assisting with the unloading, drive, at 707-8336.

"We deeply appreciate every donation," Hughes said. "Even the smallest donations can have a very big impact on someone in need at Christmas."



Photo submitted

Scott Allison, representative for the Nicholas County Fire Auxiliary along with Amy Johnson of Carnice Restaurant, would like to thank everyone for making their Toys for Tots Drive a huge success, as more than sixty toys were donated.



Photo submitted

**Visiting Santa**  
Gracie Kiskaden visits with the Grand Old Man in the school library Monday morning. Her list may take on special meaning with Santa. Students throughout the building had the opportunity to visit Santa.

### Pastor's Study Answers

1. None. She was a virgin.
2. The angel, to the shepherds.
3. Mary, Joseph, baby
4. False. We are not told how many wise men there were.
5. In Jerusalem.
6. Child, frankincense (incense) and myrrh.
7. The Lord warned him in a dream.
8. Egypt
9. Nazareth
10. Elizabeth's.

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