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Basketball games

Haskell
JV-VGB vs Colorado City
Fri., TBA at Colorado City
JV-VGB vs Chillicothe
Tues., 4 p.m. at Haskell

Haskell 7th, 8th & 9th
Haskell vs. Electra
Mon., 4:30 p.m.
Girls Here, Boys There

Paint Creek
Paint Creek vs Woodson
Tues., 6:00 at Woodson
Lueders-Avoca Tournament
Jan. 8-10 at Avoca TBA

Paint Creek Junior High
PC vs. Rochester
Thurs., 6:00 p.m. at
Paint Creek

Calendar

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Jan. 4 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The hall opens at 2 p.m. The meal will be stew.

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will begin the new year with a celebration of healthy families. A dinner is planned for Jan. 13 at Haskell Elementary School for students and parents of any child in the Haskell School system. The free meal begins at 6 p.m. Parents need to notify the school of the number of family members planning to attend. Deadline is Fri., Jan. 9.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Tues., Jan. 6. The service, through United Regional Health Care System's Women's Diagnostic Mobile Unit, will be located on the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 940-864-2621.

Wins painting

Jerry Don Hudgens of Haskell was the winner of the limited edition "Blue Quail" painting by Wyman Meinzer. The painting was donated to the Experienced Citizens Center by Outreach Health Services to help the center raise some much needed funds.

Historical group to meet

The Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 5 in the Community Room of the First National Bank. Judge David Davis will present the program on the work of the commission.

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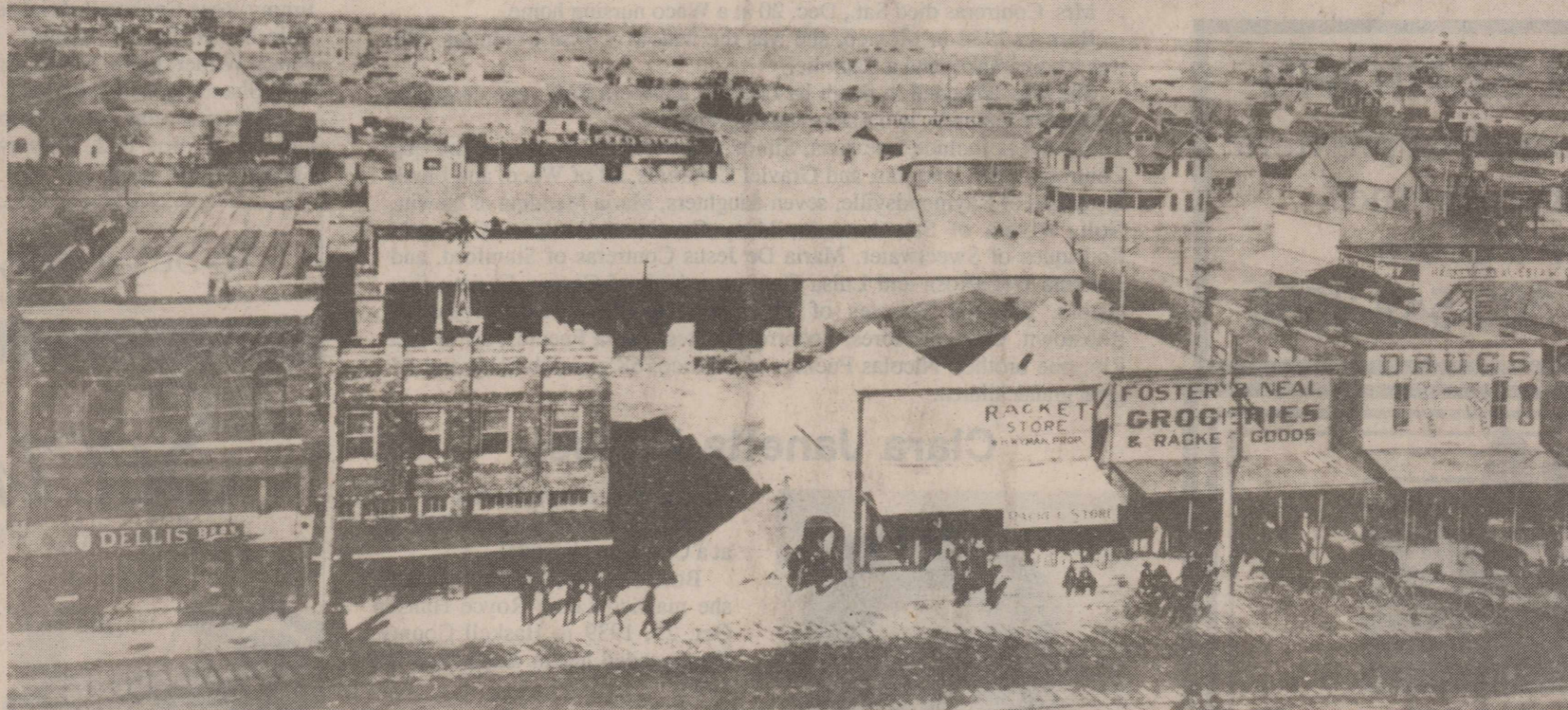


Photo of the north side of the square in early Haskell.

1997, a year of new beginnings and some endings

A year in the life of any community always brings changes; some expected, some otherwise. With comings and goings, openings and closings, beginnings and endings, the community of Haskell has been no exception during the year of 1997.

Officials were elected, honors given, winners announced, prizes awarded, queens crowned, games won and lost, warm welcomes made, sad goodbys said, proposals made, studies completed, precious memories recounted, and prairie days celebrated.

From the pages of *The Haskell Free Press*, this is the year that was.

January

Haskell County elected officials sworn in Jan 2, were: Bobbye Collins, Tax Assessor; Bill Jones, County Attorney; Kim Bassett, Constable; Johnny Mills, Sheriff; Bill Hester, Commissioner Prec. 1; Kenny Thompson, Commissioner Prec. 3; and David Davis, County Judge.

Max Stapleton was honored with an award for his many years of service to the livestock association.

Benny Harris was named the new Haskell Postmaster, coming from the Post Office in Roscoe.

February

Members of the Haskell CISD Board were recognized for their vital role in education. They were Bob Aycok, president; Danny Josselet, vice-president; Dr. Tom Hairgrove, secretary; Mike Jordan, Joey Kimbrough, Tiffen Mayfield and Melisa Robison.

The Haskell High Career Fair featured presenters, Haskell exes Patrick Perez, Bo Watson, Trey Burson, Don Kretschmer, Dr. Michael Felker, Nancy Toliver, Sharon Bird, Melisa Robison, Susan Blanks, Wallace Cox, Lanny Ivy, and Weinert ex Joe Yates.

The Haskell Indian basketball team defeated Nocona 67-44 to win the Bi-District trophy.

Delegate Franciene Johnson attended the first inaugural session of the National Silver-Haired Congress held in Washington, D.C.

Haskell Band students brought home 24 medals from Regional UIL competition in Abilene.

March

Defeating Peaster in the first round of regional play-off, the Bi-District Champion Haskell Indians lost to Italy in the second round of play.

Seventh graders Eddie Guzman, Tyrone Billington, Kyle Michaels, and Adam Diaz won first place in the 1600 meter relay at the Stamford High Track Meet.

Older Worker week spotlighted local enrollees of the Green Thumb Program, Lona Mae Phelps,

Florence Peden, Nellie Wilson, and Faye Wright of Rule, and Wendy Brown of Lubbock.

Pete and Swede Kittle of Rule were named Man and Woman of the year at the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet.

April

Paint Creek High School junior, Jason Shackelford, son of Larry and Martha Shackelford, received the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony conducted by Scoutmaster, Dr. Russell Dressen and Troop 257 at the Paint Creek Baptist Church.

During a gala pageant Hilee Mulligan was chosen Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen to promote the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration planned by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Jerry Larned was the speaker at the first annual banquet of the newly formed Haskell CISD Educational Foundation.

Greg Kaase was named Haskell County Extension Agent-Agriculture, coming from a similar position in Borden County.

Greg Melton, Haskell High School Principal, was chosen Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

The Haskell boy's tennis team advanced to Regional playoff, the Haskell girl's golf team won in District play, and the Indian Band received a 1 rating in the UIL Region 2-South Zone Sight Reading contest in Hamlin.

Rule High School and Munday High School took their one act plays to District.

May

Haskell students Will Trammell, Gavino Ortiz and Shayne McKenzie advanced to the state track meet in Austin. Wendy Gray advanced to state in individual girl's golf, and the Haskell boy's double tennis team won 3rd place at Region 11-2A games in Stephenville.

Haskell and Paint Creek students participated, did well and were honored for their showing at the UIL academic meet in Austin.

The Wear House, new women's apparel store, was opened in Haskell on the north side of the square by owner, Tina Bitner. The opening ribbon was cut at the Decker Flea Market, owned by Rick and Sammy Decker.

New telephone area codes 940 and 254 went into effect May 25, with a three months permissive dialing period.

Tragedy struck during the Memorial Day weekend when a house fire claimed the lives of four Rule residents, Agnes, Cleo and Pauline Bush, and Erika Sanders.

Joe Salinas, Corey Breckel, Will Trammell, Jim Crawford and Timmy Masias were named to

Dist. 9-2A baseball's first team. The Haskell Indians ended baseball season with a 14-5 record.

June

June 2-8 was Western Week in Haskell. Special events for the 2nd annual Wild Horse Prairie Days included a gala and style show, ranch rodeo, chuckwagon cook-off, brisket/rib cook-off, stick horse rodeo, team roping competition, cowboy poetry reading, two dances and a Sunday morning cowboy church service.

Funeral services were held for Charles McCauley, long-time Haskell civic leader and funeral director.

Two new pastors were welcomed to the area. Rev. Shane Brue came from Plainview to be the new pastor at Haskell First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Joel Rister was called to fill the pulpit at the Weinert First Baptist Church.

Citizens met in a town hall meeting to discuss a proposal to locate a private prison in the area.

July

A number of community leaders completed their nine months of training sessions in the 1996-97 Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program with a trip to Austin. Receiving graduation certificates were Don Byerly, David Davis, Dickie Greenwood, John Hicks, Joey Kimbrough, David Middleton, Carol Posey and Sam Watson.

Pharmacist Lonnie Meredith was named Kiwanis Layman of the Year for 1996 by Nancy Miller, Kiwanis Lt. Governor, Texas/Oklahoma Dist. 35.

A new 911 Communication Center was installed at the Haskell County jail.

Haskell Church of Christ held its annual singing school with 123 students coming from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma and California.

Tom Turner of Rule was promoted to Assistant Vice-President for Lending by the Haskell National Bank.

Haskell Blacksocks baseball team advanced to the state play-offs. Haskell Lions Club received awards for supporting the Lion's Leader Dog Program and for collecting hundreds of used eyeglasses for use by medical missions to third world countries.

Students Jimmy Huff, Katie McDaniel and Nathan Long attended the Talent Recognition Program at Duke University.

August

The month began with a tragic water well accident which claimed the life of Haskell resident Burnell Gilliland and his grandson Heath McMeans of Lubbock.

Youth in the news were Hilee Mulligan, who returned from

twirling competition at Notre Dame University, and Kevin Patton, who received his Eagle Scout rank at a ceremony at the Haskell United Methodist Church.

Doyle High was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Texas Pharmacy Association.

James Bevel, agriculture science teacher at Haskell High School, received a 35 year award from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

Area residents enjoyed the annual Sunday in the Park activities sponsored by the City of Haskell and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

September

"Precious Memories" was the theme when the 23rd biennial Haskell, Mattson, Weinert Homecoming activities took center stage this month. The Homecoming Committee, led by chairman David Middleton, finalized plans that made it a success. Haskell ex, Robert Reynolds was the featured speaker at the general assembly which attracted several hundred ex's and friends. A commemorative postal cancellation was designed by Tommy Waldrip.

Nurse Practitioner, Jamie Caldwell, joined the staff at the Hospital Clinic in Haskell, moving from Abilene.

Kenny Watson was named Chief Appraiser for the Haskell County Central Appraisal District.

J. J. Comedy received the 4-H Gold Star Award, and Roland, Sharee and Brandy Gardner were named 4-H Family of the Year.

Haskell ISD Superintendent, Robert (Bob) Pheil, was selected for advanced leadership development training through the program of Lamar University Superintendent Academy.

Bealls announced plans to open a store in Haskell in Oct.

October

Participating in the Music Region 2 UIL Marching Contest in Abilene, the Haskell Band advanced to Region with a Div. 1 rating.

The Haskell County American Heart Walk was held in the City Park, and the Funds for Fencing project was announced with a Bean Supper to raise money for fencing around the rodeo grounds/ civic center/ ballpark/ recreation area.

Local citizens joined in the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program designed to train and promote a network of leaders in the economic and community development of Haskell, Jones and Knox Counties.

Ribbon cuttings were held for the new Bealls Store and also the Haskell County Insurance Agency owned by Chan Guess.

Rice Springs Care Home

Final drawing winners named

Six jackpot drawing winners won Mon., Dec. 22 at the last drawing of the '97 shopping season. The drawings were sponsored by Haskell merchants and businesses.

Receiving gift certificates and Haskell bucks were Sue Conner and Jamie Bosnyk, \$100 each; Tammy Elkin and Janie Rodriguez, \$150 each; and Norma Nava and Jerry Don Klose, \$250 each.

Producers approve peanut quotas

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of the Haskell County FSA Office, received preliminary results of a referendum held Dec. 1-4 showing that peanut producers have approved poundage quotas for the 1998 through 2002 crops, according to Keith Kelly, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

Of 8,679 votes cast, 8,227, or 94.8 percent, were in favor of quotas for the next five crop years.

announced plans for the new concept of an "Eden Alternative" for their residents.

Halee Walton and Trey Dancer were chosen Paint Creek Homecoming King and Queen. Amy Burson, escorted by Jeremy Harlan, was named Haskell High Homecoming Queen.

November

Renovations were made to the County Library ceiling, parking lot, and plumbing to the water well.

Winners were named in the annual Cub Scout Parent-Son Cake Bake.

After a good 7-3 season, the Haskell Indians football team advanced to the play-offs to lose to Lindsay 30-14, in the second quarter of the bi-District game in Mineral Wells.

Haskell Young Homemakers held their annual Arts and Crafts Sale, bringing shoppers to town from surrounding areas.

Josh New and Amy Burson were named 1997 Band Beau and Sweetheart by members of the Haskell High Indian Band.

Students attended Haskell's 10th annual College Fair at the Civic Center.

Doris Jean McMeans was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-five volunteers from the community shared books and read to students during the Book Week activities.

Local merchants began the Christmas season by announcing the Giant Jackpot drawings planned for Dec.

December

Announcement was made by the Public Utilities Commission that telephone customers in Haskell are one step closer to having a wider local calling area available.

During four drawings, 24 Giant Jackpots totaling \$4,000.00, were awarded to lucky winners in the form of gift certificates from local merchants and businesses.

Winners were announced in the Light up Haskell Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

New business, Rike Real Estate was opened by Mary Rike, and long-time business, Conner Nursery and Floral moved to a new location on the square.

Local student Wendy Gray participated in the Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii as a member of the National Cheerleading Association All American Team.

Thirty-eight Haskell FFA students participated in the Double Mountain Leadership teams competition, winning several contests.

Obituaries

Eva Dell Jones

Funeral services for Eva Dell Jones, 63, were held Tues., Dec. 23 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Kenneth Blair officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jones died Sat., Dec. 20 at a Lubbock Hospital.

Born Aug. 14, 1934 in Throckmorton, she graduated from Rochester High School. She never had any children, but mothered and loved all of her nieces and nephews. She was talented with needle and thread and made beautiful things for her home and others. She was a happy cheerful person and worked as a secretary for Meals on Wheels for a number of years. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ola Faye Berry; one brother, Jimmy Allen Lees and one nephew, Dale Lees.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Jim Berry of Abilene, Dana Garcia of Kress, Rhonda Marshall of Plainview, and Mack Lees of Lubbock; two aunts, Anna Mae Davis of Haskell and Hortense Lees of Haskell and several cousins.

Elizabeth Baldwin

Graveside services for Elizabeth Baldwin, 95, of Dallas were held Tues., Dec. 23 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Dusty Garrison officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Baldwin died Sun., Dec. 21 at a Dallas nursing home.

Born in 1902 in Haskell, she was raised and graduated from high school in Haskell. She later graduated with honors from TCU with a degree in education. She had a 40 year career in teaching, mostly in the Houston School District. She was a member of the East Dallas Christian Church.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Clara F. Contreras

Funeral services for Clara F. Contreras, 85, of Waco were held Tues., Dec. 23 at Saint George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father Michael Melcher officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Contreras died Sat., Dec. 20 at a Waco nursing home.

Born in 1912 in Mexico, she was the widow of Jose Contreras. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by one son, Perfecto Ruiz; one daughter, Guadalupe Granada; two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include five sons, Simon Contreras of Louisiana, Enrique Contreras, Joe Contreras, and Graviel Contreras, all of Waco, and Frank Contreras of Raymondville; seven daughters, Maria Mendina of Hewitt, Golla Rivera of San Antonio, Mary Garcia of Abilene, Consuelo Rodriguez of Sweetwater, Maria De Jesus Contreras of Stamford, and Josefina DeLaRosa and Luisa Contreras, both of Corpus Christi; five sisters, Senovia Fuentes of Pelestia, Mexico, Jesusa Ribera of Robstown, Gravida Flores, Socorro Fuentes, Paula Fuentes, all of Del Rio; one brother, Nicolas Fuentes of Mexico; 68 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren.

Robert Edward Hawkins

Graveside services for Robert Edward Hawkins, 21, of Haskell were held Sat., Dec. 27 at Willow Cemetery with Bruce Craig officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Director. Hawkins died Thurs., Dec. 25 at his home. Born in 1976 in Haskell, he was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harlan Curtis Hawkins and grandfather, John W. Hawkins.

Survivors include his mother, Pamela Burns Becker of Richland Springs; his grandmother, Joyce Hawkins of Haskell; three sisters, Shelly J. Hawkins Krueger of Burnet, Christina L. Jimenez of San Antonio and Carolyn Becker of Richland Springs; one brother, John Becker Richland Springs; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Honorary pallbearers were James Kevin Hawkins, Brian Dea Hufhines, Terry Dewaine Hawkins, Clifton Dwight Hawkins, Darrell William Conn, Daniel Patrick Conn, Joseph Lee Hawkins, Jonathan Wayne Tatum, Christopher Lynn Tatum, Stephen Kyle Cockerell, Jimmy Ross Cockerell, Michael Shawn Hawkins, Marlin Burns, Shaw Dale Burns, Patrick Bishoff, Bobby Joe Bishoff, Joshua Dale Burn, Scotty Wilder, Larry Wilder, Scotty White, Lance Miller, Jamey Russell Cole Shanburg, and Dale Polk.

Memorials may be made to the Brownwood State School, Sancti Unit, P. O. Box 872, Brownwood, TX 76804 or the Haskell County Sheriff's Department.

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Clara Janetta Hanson



CLARA HANSON

Funeral services for Clara Janetta Hanson, 77, of Irving, were held Sun., Dec. 21 at the First Baptist Church in Rochester with Brother Ed Buerkel officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith

Funeral Home in Rochester.

Mrs. Hanson died Fri., Dec. 19 at a Grapevine hospital.

Born Dec. 20, 1919 in Denison, she married Louie Royce Hanson Oct. 23, 1939 in Haskell County. He preceded her in death June 28, 1977.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Harvey (Jr.) Jones, and two sisters, Hazel Jones Armstrong and Mary Ethel Anderson.

She was a sweet and quiet person, who always loved to see her family. The birth of her two great grandsons made her very happy. She was a hard worker, living and working on their farm, along with working 25 years as a proof reader at Taylor Publishing. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Leona Hanson of Haskell; one daughter, Joy K. Baker of Southlake; four grandsons, Keith Baker and his wife, Karen, Lance Hanson and his wife, Rhonda, Craig Hanson and his wife, Jennifer, Stevan Baker and his wife, Amanda; one granddaughter, Kristina Hataway and her husband, Stuart; two great grandsons, Jacob Hataway and Dylan Hanson.

Pallbearers were Keith Baker, Lance Hanson, Stuart Hataway, Craig Hanson, Stevan Baker and Leonard Howard.

Job search skills workshop is Jan. 9

A workshop for learning job search skills will be held at the Knox City Texas Department of Human Services, 606 E. Main, on Fri., Jan. 9.

Provided at no charge to the public, the workshop conducted by Peggy Cummings of Career Stop in Abilene, will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with an hour break for lunch.

The workshop is designed to help make the job search successful faster; increase confidence and self-esteem; help create a list of skills and how to show them; help build a helpful resume; learn how to obtain job leads, and how to deal with problem questions in an interview.

Interested parties are asked to contact the local Department of Human Service offices in Knox City, 940-658-3524 or Haskell, 940-864-2594.



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Patterson, Logsdon repeat vows

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Patterson Haskell are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lee Virsha, to Stephen Randel Logsdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beason, of Rochester and the late, Ivan Logsdon.

Haskell, Dec. 12, officiated by Gina Brown, Justice of the Peace. The bride is a 1996 graduate of Haskell High School. The groom attended school at Knox City. Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon are residing in Sweetwater, where they are attending Texas State Technical College.

The wedding was held in



MR. AND MRS. ROD JETER

Munson, Jeter wed

Shari Munson and Rod Jeter, both of Houston, were married Nov. 29, at Hope Methodist Church in Hope. The Rev. Troy Culpepper, grandfather of the groom, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Munson, Jr. of Yoakum. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Edna Gritzcek and the late Irvin Raper of Hallettsville. Mrs. Anna Lou Munson and the late Allen Munson, Sr. of Hope.

The groom is the son of Bill and Carolyn Davis of Bryan, and Rod and Doy Jeter of Haskell. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Culpepper of Haskell and the late Edwin Jeter and the late Mr. and Mrs. Mozelle Cooper.

Shannon Gerlich attended the bride as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Tami Munson, sister of the bride, Shayla Jeter,

Hospital Auxiliary holds Christmas party

Haskell Hospital Auxiliary met Mon., Dec. 15, for a business meeting and Christmas social.

Work done by the auxiliary for the year was reviewed and plans for the new year were discussed. Appreciation to all the members for their work during the year was expressed by the president. Pins for the year from June 1996 to June 1997 were presented. Those receiving bars with their hours were Margie Cardwell-150, Oleta Cornelius 600, Jessie Couch 300, Alma Counts 100, Marie Culberth 300, Betty LeFevre 100, Debbie Kreger 700, Don Kreger 150, Ruby Martin 1000, Bennie Shelton 500, Alma Solomon 100, Travis Solomon 150, Charles Swenson 800, Coleta Whitfield 100 and Nancy Mathews 100.

Following the business meeting, members were served variety of finger foods, punch and coffee.

The Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the people of Haskell County for their contributions and support of the Hospital Auxiliary. All contributions are welcome and gratefully accepted. Through this support, several machines have been purchased for the Haskell Hospital.

sister of the groom, Amanda Hajek, and Liz Pecchi. Ashton and Anissa Munson, neices of the bride, attended as flower girls. Austin Scott served as ringbearer.

Bay John Long served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Allen Munson, III, brother of the bride, Josh Helms, Jason Ward, and Erik Harvey. Ushers were Terry Leatherwood and Jesse Esparza.

A reception was held at the Hope Community Center immediately following the ceremony. The couple will reside in Houston.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Yoakum High School. She attended U.T. Pan American College in Edinburg for two years on a golf scholarship and graduated from Texas A & M in August 1997 majoring in accounting. She is employed by Universal Computer Systems in Houston.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Borden County High School. He received an associate degree from West Texas College, and graduated from Texas A & M in May 1997 majoring in Agricultural Development. He is employed by First Prosperity Bank in Houston.

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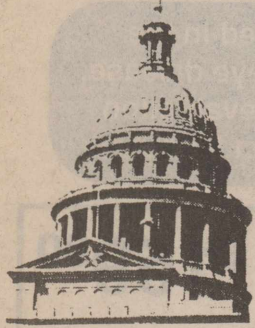
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney said last week that despite the shrinking number of Democratic officeholders, the Democratic majority in the House is likely to remain in place.

Laney told the Associated Press he had collected enough pledges from current House members in both parties to remain speaker even if Republicans keep their seats and add eight others for a 76-74 majority.

"They predicted last time it was going to turn, and it didn't and I don't think anything has changed," Laney told the A.P. Laney, D-Hale Center, has served in the House for 24 years, and has been elected speaker three times.

Key Democratic House members who are not seeking re-election include Mark Stiles of Beaumont, chairman of the Calendars Committee; Allen Place of Gatesville, chairman of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; Allen Hightower of Huntsville, chairman of the Corrections Committee; Hugo Berlanga of Corpus Christi, chairman of the Public Health Committee; and Keith Oakley of Terrell, chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

As chairman of the Calendars Committee, Stiles scheduled hearings for legislative bills. He had the power to put bills on the back burner or the fast track.

Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas said Stiles' retirement was a "huge blow to the Democratic establishment of Texas."

Mattox to Announce for AG

Democrat Jim Mattox of Austin said he will file as a candidate for Texas attorney general—seeking to return to the office he held from 1983 to 1991.

Since then, Mattox, 54, has lost in Democratic primaries for two statewide offices. In 1990, Ann Richards beat Mattox in a runoff for governor, and in 1944, Dallas businessman Richard Fisher beat him in a runoff for U.S. Senate.

"Both friend and foe alike have agreed that I was a decisive administrator. Everyone always knew where I stood," Mattox told the *Austin American-Statesman*. "Our office issued thousands of legal opinions. Few were challenged and even fewer were overturned. I attracted the highest quality of personnel in the office."

In the 1998 Democratic primary, Mattox will face Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Morris Overstreet of Amarillo and Gene Kelly, a Universal City lawyer.

Liability Rates Reduced

The State insurance commission

last week lowered automobile liability insurance rates for high-risk drivers in the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan. The association, known as TAIPA, insured drivers who have been turned down for coverage in the standard market.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said the reduction — an average of 3.9 percent — is similar to that recommended by administrative law judges who heard testimony concerning the rate. TAIPA had requested a 22 percent increase.

The association assigns drivers to various insurance companies, which can charge rates set by the insurance commissioner. About three-fourths of the drivers assigned to TAIPA carry only mandatory liability coverage.

The new insurance rates take effect March 1.

More Gun Licensees Charged

Statistics compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety show that criminal charges filed against Texans with concealed handgun permits rose sharply in 1997.

Last week *The Dallas Morning News* reported felony and misdemeanor cases involving permit holders rose from 431 in 1996 to 666 so far in 1997 — a 54.5 percent increase.

Despite the statistics, state Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, the chief author of the right-to-carry law, said, "The preponderance of the evidence suggests that a vast majority of permit holders act responsibly."

Patterson pointed out that no Texas permit holder has been convicted of a homicide since the law took effect Jan. 1, 1996.

According to DPS statistics, the number of permit holders increased from 114,500 in 1996 to 161,702 through mid-December, a 41.2 percent increase.

Fewer than 1 percent of Texans have concealed handgun permits. So far, the state has revoked 377 permits.

Other Capitol Highlights

The number of nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses fell to a historic low for the state in 1996, according to the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission. The agency said the rate fell to 6.3 incidents per 100 full-time workers in 1996, down from a rate of 7.2 per 100 in 1995.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter markets in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled a record 2.94 million head on Dec. 1, up 11 percent from a year ago, according to a report by the Texas Agriculture Statistics Service.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

January 7, 1988

The Haskell cheerleaders while in Nashville, attending the National Cheerleading Championships, got to meet the country music legend Roy Acuff.

Mrs. Claudia Reid of Rochester won the first Haskell Free Press football contest by picking 12 of the 17 bowl games.

Jack Speer celebrated his 88th birthday on Sunday, with three of his surviving brothers.

Haskell Indians and Maidens opened the season with victories over Hamlin Pied Pipers.

20 Years Ago

January 5, 1978

The first baby born in Haskell county was to Mr. and Mrs. Wallar Overton, a son, Marcus Overton.

The children and other relatives of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Walter Pickering gathered for a family reunion in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. J.D. Davis of Weinert.

Showing at the Grand Drive-In theater, in Stamford, Friday and Saturday was "One On One" with Robby Benson.

30 Years Ago

January 4, 1968

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department made 80 calls during past year as reported by Chief Tom Watson and Floyd (Satch) Lusk.

Mr. Charles McCauley buys interest in Holden Funeral home. In the future will be operated as Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, Inc.

Postal stamps went up to six-cents for first-class and ten-cents for air mail.

40 Years Ago

January 2, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Elmore announce the opening of a Maytag Coin-operated Laundry. The price for one washer load is 20 cents and 2 loads dried is 25 cents.

Dr. Gladys Hicks, State AAUW President will be guest speaker at the luncheon for the American Assoc. of University Women.

50 Years Ago

January 1, 1948

Sharr's Blacksmith and Machine Shop, which has been located south of the jail, will be moving to the former Hise Blacksmith Shop.

According to Mr. M.R. Hemphill of Haskell, an ordinary 10 cent box of table salt poured into the radiator of a car will provide protection against freezing.

80 Years Ago

January 5, 1918

The M.O. Lyles Garage, the Haskell County Mule Barn, and small dwelling between the two was destroyed by fire.

Steve Sloan from Fort Logan at Houston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan of Pinkerton.

From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

As the song from *Fiddler on the Roof* says of the flowing nature of a year, it's "one season following another, laden with happiness and tears." And so it is with us again; a year goes, a year comes; the beginning of another cycle.

This time always gives us pause to look back to the year just gone (as the *Free Press* does today), to make ourselves new promises, and to entertain good intentions about the next 365 days. Now, perhaps more than any other time of the year, we become philosophical as we contemplate calendar endings and beginnings.

Personally having lived through a good many days and decades of this experience called life on earth, I can look back on most of the age phases that seem to go along with it. Last year, while thinking of beginnings and endings and spaces in between, I began to consider the boundary lines of life as they have related to each phase of my own life. I wrote the following poem, which was later judged as "Best Overall" in the state-wide Texas Federation of Women's Clubs poetry contest.

Here at the ending and beginning of another year for all of us, I share my thoughts and my poem with you.

BOUNDARIES AND LIFE SPACE

Unquestioning as to fence or freedom, unaware of boundary, the close cocoon of Childhood was comfort, safety and delight of Now—with room enough for shy, emerging newness of self.

Dreaming of walks in green grass beyond, Youth yearned, but dutifully respected patriarch perimeters laid down by those who cared but felt the dread of failure for feet in paths outside.

Painfully aware of self and limitations, Mid Life's boundary lines of circumstance and outlook sometimes stifled, sometimes opened gates to new horizons, yet sometimes closed unheeded, fearful of an untried road's demands.

Late Life learns, perhaps too late, that through it all there never was real boundary, save that of self imposed acceptance. In this little while of freeing thought, unfettered spirit soars, even as aching it looks back at fences that never were.

With limits now perceived ahead of infirm limbs and time-frame running out, Old Age comes full circle to the ending bounds of Now, glimpsing the beginning of unbounded comfort, safety and delight of Always—with room enough and haven for shy, emerging newness of self.

the end—the beginning

Epilogue: "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely, I have a delightful inheritance." *Psalms 16:6*

What can this coming year mean for us in Haskell? The words of Angeles Arrien would be well for all of us to remember as we begin it.

"Through the resource of power we are able to show up. Through the resource of love we are able to pay attention to what has heart and meaning. Through the resource of vision we are able to give voice to what we see. Through the resource of wisdom we are able to be open to all possibilities and unattached outcomes."

This year, may we all find the power, the love, the vision and the wisdom we need in our lives, to make it a happy new year.

And, may all the boundary lines fall for you in pleasant places.

Legal Matters

By Attorney General Dan Morales

For many consumers, December holidays bring not only extra cheer, but also extra expense. Many consumers use credit and financing during this season. Unfortunately, for some families, the ease and convenience of buying on credit can sometimes all up to a nightmare.

If you owe money and reach a point where you cannot keep up with your payments, your best bet is to contact the creditor directly as soon as the problem occurs. Many creditors will work with you to arrive at an easier payment plan.

If your creditor refers the bill to a collection agency, be aware that you have rights. Last year the Office of the Attorney General received more consumer complaints about debt collection than about any other issue. You should know that although a debt collector may call you about your debts, the law prohibits abusive, harassing, or threatening collection tactics.

What The Law Says

Although debt collectors have the right to collect debts, state law prohibits them from:

- Using profane or obscene language;
- Threatening violence or other criminal acts;
- Falsely accusing the consumer of fraud or other crimes;
- Sending documents to a debtor that falsely appear to be from a court or other official agency;
- Making collect telephone calls without disclosing the true name of

the caller before the charges are accepted; and

•Using the telephone to harass debtors by calling anonymously or by making repeated or continuous calls.

In addition, federal law prohibits a debt collector from contacting a debtor at work if the debtor has notified the collector in writing that calls at work are unacceptable. Also, debt collectors may not call debtors at home before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m., unless the collector knows such times are more convenient for the debtor.

Credit Clean-Up Scams

If you owe money, you may end up with a bad credit rating, which may make it difficult for you to buy a car or a house. The only effective way to restore a good credit rating is to pay bills on time, and pay them in full.

So-called credit improvement companies often promise to fix your credit and erase negative items on your credit reports. While they cannot keep their extravagant promises, they do keep your cash fee, which ranges anywhere from \$50 to \$500.

Typically, the only service these credit improvement companies provide is to write credit bureaus and have false items corrected. You can do the same thing yourself for free. Under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumers have the right to have inaccurate information on their credit reports corrected. The credit reporting

agency cannot charge you for the necessary corrections. If you are denied credit, you have the right to get a free credit report from the credit reporting bureau that denied you. If there are erroneous entries on your credit report, write the bureau and insist that they take the mistaken items off your report.

For More Information

Many communities have private, non-profit Consumer Credit Counseling services that can help you get back on the road to a good credit rating. As part of their service, some offer classes in smart money management.

State law prohibits us from representing individuals. We do, however, offer an informal consumer mediation service if you are unable to resolve a debt collection problem. You may also file a consumer complaint with us if you feel the debt collector is violating the law. We have prosecuted a number of unscrupulous debt collectors for the State of Texas. For more information about these and other consumer protection issues, visit our Web site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>. For a list of our free consumer protection brochures, write to:

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P.O. Box 12548
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Mrs. Bairds	Bread
Total this week	\$145.75
Previous total	\$930
Total to date	\$1075.75

Dear editor:
The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 1997 project. The donations of money, food, toys, time and clothes are appreciated.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County

Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,
Linda Haynes
Haskell County Child Welfare Board
Donnie Riegler
Haskell Lions Club

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Happy new year to all our readers...we wish you good health, happiness, and a prosperous year ahead!

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful snow that we received. Trees and fences were covered with 2 to 3 inches of pretty, white, wet snow. Pictures were made early in the morning which proved to be good idea since it was all gone by night.

Over 100 friends and relatives met at the community center Saturday night to help Alvin Ulmer celebrate his 80th birthday. The party was hosted by his children and grandchildren. The center was decorated in red, white, and blue and guests were given miniature caps or name tags as they arrived. After a chili supper, birthday cakes decorated as a Texas flag was served with punch. All of the Ulmer children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were here for the special occasion except one. Hosting the party were Winston and Mary Ulmer of Seguin; Jana and Keith Whitaker of Meeker, Colorado; Brad, Dora and children of Houston; Mark, Dawn and son of Houston; Paige and Mark Stockard and family of Katy; Kyle and Sherry Whitaker of Thomson, Colorado. Happy birthday of Alvin on January 6.

The Monse family met in the home of Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont on Christmas day. Those in attendance included Bubba Mrazek of New Braunfels; Frances Howle of Clyde; Jeff and Tracie Howle of Abilene; Jill and Jay Sharp of Mission; Tommy, Debbie and Jennifer Mrazek of Lubbock; Doris Lehrmann of Rule; Virgil and Geneva Vahlenkamp of Denton; Charles Vahlenkamp of Sanger and Minnie Monse of Sagerton. The Vahlenkamps visited in the home of Minnie Monse in the afternoon.

On December 27, Mrs. Monse joined Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont; Bubba Mrazek of New Braunfels; Ricky, Carla, Brian and Meagan Lehrmann of Katy; Randy, Carla and Vanessa Lehrmann of Sweetwater, Bobby, Norva and Josh Smith of Rule; Hollie Smith of Levelland; Mike, Marla, Mitchell and Mikeah Mills of Lubbock in the home of Doris Lehrmann of Rule for a family gathering.

Christmas legends-legends and Symbols of Christmas' with international themes was the topic for the Haskell Progressive Study Club on Thurs., Dec. 11, in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Martha Bruns was guest speaker.

Tables were decorated with the various symbols and themes of different countries.

Several symbols were explained as star-eternal light, flying birds-spiritual life, peacock-eternal life, holly-thorn on Christ's head, evergreen tree-always green and always alive, and the explaining of the Advent wreath. Bruns explained the first Christmas gift was from God and was Jesus symbolizing peace, hope and salvation.

In the business meeting, Geneva

Congratulations are past due for Joe and Yvonne Swofford who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 22 with a family dinner in Abilene hosted by their daughters, Susan Pendergraft and JoAnn Weaver.

Grandchildren Brittany Weaver and Colt Pendercraft joined the Swofford family members for the Christmas holiday.

Mary Neinast enjoyed visiting with her children Kenneth, Betsy and Laura Kate of Emory, and Roy, Judy, Darin, Doug and Dustin McEwen of Ralls during Christmas.

Guests in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark for Christmas and the weekend were Emmalee Bivins of Haskell; Don and Patsy Bivins of Valley View; Tom Bivins of Denton; Diane Cross of Sanger; Phillip, Janelle, Mikala and Megan Clark of Fort Riley, Kansas; Peggy Adler of Houston; Emma Raphael, Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford; and the Wally Martin family of Abilene.

Kay Tonnar of Sherman spent Christmas with her grandmother, Frances Clark.

Clifford, Theresa and Brannon Stegemoeller of Houston visited with his parents, Leon and Mae went the week before Christmas and attended the Cowboy Christmas Ball in Anson. Other family members enjoyed their Christmas dinner in the Stegemoeller home Saturday. They were Calvin, Cheri Lynn, Eric, Ross and Cristi of Hewett; Emma Raphael of Stamford; Clyde of Richardson and Clayton, Paula, Stephanie and Michelle of Sagerton. Leon and Mae spent Christmas Day in Hobbs, New Mexico with their other son, Carl, Beth, Mindi, Jonathan and Maegan.

Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller, Stephanie and Michelle visited in the home of her parents, Wilton and Dixie Payne of Tahoka for Christmas.

Everyone is reminded that the annual meeting at the community center will not be held on January 6. The date of the meeting will be announced later.

Word was received of the death of Lydia Juergensen of Humboldt,

Stone was accepted into membership of the club. Federation news was given by Erma Liles, pledge to the American flag was led by Sandy Forehand and Mona Gibson introduced the guest speaker, Martha Bruns. Nominating committee Nancy Toliver, Eva Dunnam, Mary Kaigler, Debbie Earles and Dorothy Hartsfield were reminded to report in the January business meeting.

The serving table was covered with a decorated Christmas cloth and held a Christmas arrangement. Refreshments was served to members and guests. Hostesses for the evening were Gladys O'Neal, Kay Croft, Frances Lane and Franciene Johnson. Guests present were Joyce Howard and Martha Bruns.

Study Club hears Christmas legends

Miller, Lacey Stephens and Sonya Camacho.

Following the program, the children were given gifts of candy filled canes and served an assortment of cookies, punch, nuts and mints from the serving table decorated in the Christmas theme. Skinny Santa Clauses were table decorations of the various tables around the room.

Gifts were brought by members for the Noah Project. Members were reminded of the next meeting, Jan. 15, as Federation Day and business meeting.

Kansas. Mrs. Juergensen was the wife of the late Rev. Carl F. Juergensen who was pastor of Zion Lutheran Church back in 1927. They were the first residents of the new parsonage that had been built and served the Sagerton congregation for several years followed by pastorates in Bowie, San Benito and various placed in Nebraska and Kansas. She passed away after a short illness. Services were held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Humboldt. She is survived by a son, two daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an aunt of the late Euna Dell Jones of Old Glory.

Gene and Adela Teichelman had an extended Christmas celebration with their families. Before Christmas they went to Houston where they visited with the Jimmy Cook family. They were accompanied by Tommy Nierdeck and Shannon and Adam Greenwood. Joining them were Joy and Tommy Cook and family from Tennessee and Jennifer Cook from Huntsville. On Christmas Day they visited with Larry and Sarah Teichelman in Abilene with Billy Teichelman and family and Terry Hubbard. On Sunday the celebrating ended after a family dinner in their home with the Dickie Greenwood family of Haskell and Sheila Nierdeck of Bryan.

The Toney family had a family dinner on Christmas Eve with their children Renee, John and Josh McAden of Abilene; Bruce, Michelle, Tarah, Clay and Megan Toney of Azle; her sisters, Lois and Ed Peel and Dahlia Perkins of West Columbia; aunt and uncle, Walter and Erna Schaake and mother, Freida Knipling. The Peels and Ms. Perkins visited for several days with their mother, Freida Knipling.

Charles had Christmas dinner in Graham with their son, Steve, Donna and Shawn. Joining them were Bob, Tommy Jo, Kyle, Jennifer and Judson Clark and Mrs. M.Y. Benton.

The home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre was the scene of a family gathering Christmas with their entire family present including Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule; Shane LeFevre of Sundown; Laressa and Eric Earthman of Weimer; Linda and Jack Pierce and Brad Bailey of Wylie; Bryan and Vonda Bailey of Garland; Rob and Becky Bailey and family and Becky's brother from Montezuma, New Mexico; Russ Bailey of McKinney; Kent, Kathy and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola; Frances Clark, Ken, Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown.

Members of the Methodist Church are announcing the arrival of a new member, Andrew Daniel Ramey, born Sunday in Abilene.

The Pastor and his wife have another son, Matthew.

Guests in the home of Bill and Margie Hertel on Saturday included Karla and Kenny Taylor; Will and Misty Smith of Spur; Vickie, Jack, Eric and Jessica Ralph of New Braunfels, Dr. Mary Ralph of Universal City, Gladys Martin of Stamford; Craig and Annette Smith of Old Glory; George, Lanelle, Al, Jodie and Mattux Martin of Amarillo; Monty Martin; Mike, Cheryl, Jeremy, Michael, Kristin and Andrew Hertel, all of Rule.

Charles and Helen Diers spent Christmas at Fredicksburg with their daughter, Kimberly and Darin Dorothy.

Corene Lowack had Christmas dinner for her son and family, Aiden, Janice and Ricky Lowack of Old Glory; Bobby and Kim Lowack of Sagerton.

Melvin and Annela Baitz hosted Christmas supper on the 27th for Fred, Tami and Kami Baitz, Kacy Baitz of Waco, Jordan and Brady Baitz, and Jacky Morrow of Rule.

Donny, Diane and Eric Barbee of Big Spring and Jessica Row of Whiteface have been visiting with the Jack Monse's and Donny's family in Rule.

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Haskell School Menu

Jan 5-9
Breakfast
 Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, buttered toast, jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Pancakes/syrup
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage
Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast

Lunch
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Corndog, macaroni/cheese, pork and beans, pickle spears, congo bars
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, blackeyed peas, rolls, ice cream
Wednesday: Fish scrod/dles/ hush puppies, French fries, tossed salad, pineapple jello
Thursday: Enchilidas, pinto beans, tossed salad, apple crisp
Friday: Hamburger, curly fries, hamburger trimmings, pudding cake

Head Start Menu

Jan 5-9
 Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.
Monday: Cream of wheat, fruit cocktail
Tuesday: Waffle w/syrup, pineapple slice
Wednesday: Cheese strawberries
Thursday: Cinnamon toast, apple sauce
Friday: Banana muffin, pear halves

Lunch
 Milk served daily with lunch.
Monday: Chicken and rice, English peas, carrots, orange slices
Tuesday: Hot dog, pork and beans, apricots
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, apple slices, roll
Thursday: Hamburger stroganoff over rice or noodles, baked sweet potatoes, green beans
Friday: Ham/cheese sandwich, cucumber slices, orange slices

Snack
Monday: Banana, milk
Tuesday: Ritz cracker, orange juice
Wednesday: Animal crackers, milk
Thursday: Peanut butter cookies, orange juice
Friday: Graham crackers, apple juice

This Week's Devotional Message:
LET'S START THE NEW YEAR BY LOOKING BACK



As the year and the holiday season both draw to a close, the natural thing for us to do is to look ahead to the new year, while reciting our annual vows of self-improvement. However, it might first profit us to take a backward look, and review the year that is now almost over. Try to recall the determined resolutions you made this time last year, and see how many of them

you carried out; or indeed, if any of them survived the first week. If not, then now is your chance to make a fresh start on a record of which you can be more proud one year from now. For example, you can resolve now to go to your Church regularly, if you are not already doing so. This may not cover everything, but it's a very good place to start.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
 David Page, pastor
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
 Dusty Garison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Vergil Smith, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
 Dale Huff, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
 Jasper McClellan, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Freddy Perez, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

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

First Baptist Church
 Jim Turner, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
 Joel Rister, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church
 Rev. James Patterson
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowmover
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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 Rev. Andrew Rochester
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

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Sagerton Methodist Church
 Daniel Ramey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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 Jeff Zell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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RULE
First Baptist Church
 Scott Hensley, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
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 Daniel Ramey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Breakfast
 Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Eggs, sausage, toast
Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Cheese toast, macaroni salad, stew, fruit salad
Wednesday: Pizza, corn, salad, peaches
Thursday: Bean, tacos, lettuce, cheese, onions, tomatoes, pears
Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, cheese, onions, tomatoes, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Friday, January 2
 Lunch-Meat loaf, corn, English peas, tossed salad, jello/topping, milk, tea or coffee

Monday, January 5
 Lunch-Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, tomatoes, green beans, cabbage slaw, fruit, milk, tea or coffee.

Wednesday, January 7
 Exercise-10:30 a.m.
 Lunch-Roast beef/gravy, new potatoes, frozen mixed vegetables, tossed salad, cobbler, milk, tea or coffee.

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