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### David Halliburton announces for re-election as Haskell Co. Sheriff

I am taking this time to make my announcement to run for re-election for Sheriff of Haskell County. It has been a quick 4 years.

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I appreciate the information that we have received from concerned citizens. It takes all of us to keep Haskell County a safe and a good place to raise our children.

Again, I thank you for your support and will look forward to being re-elected to Sheriff of Haskell County.

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## Precautions for flu and cold season offered

by Jane Rowan  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Texans are always grateful for the cooler weather that comes during the winter months. However, with this welcome weather comes the dreaded cold and flu season. Each year, 10-20 percent of Americans will contract the influenza virus, better known as "the flu." The common cold takes an even greater toll on people—affecting around 25 percent of the population annually. While there are no proven methods to prevent these maladies, there are some simple precautions that may help reduce your risk of feeling under the weather.

**Wash Your Hands:** Most cold and flu germs are spread by direct contact. If you were to sneeze into your hand and then touch a doorknob, the germs may stay on that doorknob for hours—even days. LaShanda

Williams says that she washes her hands frequently at work because she shares many public spaces with co-workers. "So many people in my office are sick or have sick children and may or may not wash their hands during the day," said Williams. "I figure that if I keep my hands clean, I can reduce my risk of being sick." LaShanda is doing the right thing to protect herself from the germs of others. She is also reducing the risk of spreading any germs she may carry to her co-workers.

So wash your hands often—you will be taking a big step toward preventing illness.

**Sneezes and Coughs:** Many people have the initial reaction to cover their nose or mouth with their hands when they sneeze or cough. A better practice would be to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or handkerchief. Germs cling to your

bare hands—muffling coughs and sneezes with your hands results in passing along your germs to others. If you don't have a tissue, turn your head away from people near you and cough into the air. If you do cover a sneeze or cough with your hands, remember to wash your hands immediately.

**Drink Plenty of Fluids:** Your body cannot function properly without fluids—especially water. Water flushes your system, washing out the poisons as it rehydrates you. In addition to water, natural fruit juices give you the hydration that your body needs in addition to vitamins and minerals that may be lacking. On average, an adult needs around 8-eight ounce glasses of water each day. Dehydration is a common occurrence with any illness so remember to keep your fluid intake up.

**Relax and Be Happy:** Stress may

have a very negative effect on your health. Recent studies have shown that people with a positive attitude—energetic, happy and relaxed—are less likely to catch colds than people who are depressed, nervous or angry. People with a positive attitude may show fewer signs and symptoms of illness because healthy attitudes tend to promote healthy lifestyle habits.

**Sleep:** Remember that sleep plays a very important role in your body's ability to heal itself. Linda Bice says that a good night's rest is often all she needs when she starts feeling ill. Says Bice, "I usually don't get sick and when I do, I know it's because I haven't been getting enough rest. So, I start drinking more fluids and try to get as much rest as possible." Sleep is very important for so many of the functions of the body but especially in the role of illness prevention.

**Vaccinate:** Though there is really nothing to be done about the common cold, a vaccine for the flu is available each year. Studies have shown that the flu shot reduces the number of people who contract pneumonia as a result of the flu, upper respiratory infections, missed days at work and visits to a doctor for respiratory infections. Even if a flu shot does not prevent the flu, the vaccine can reduce the severity of flu symptoms and decrease the risk of complications. In addition, the flu shot is now covered by most health insurance plans. Ask your healthcare provider about whether or not you should have the flu shot this year.

Since there are no known cures for colds and flu, prevention must be your goal. The winter months that bring the Lone Star State its cooler weather do not necessarily have to bring colds and flu to you and your family. For more information about this topic, please contact your healthcare provider or your Haskell County Extension Agent, Jane Rowan-CEA-FCS, at (940) 864-2546.

## Quitting smoking? A New Year's resolution you can keep

Every January smokers across America pledge to quit smoking. But by February, many have given up the effort and are back in the habit, saving that New Year's resolution for next year. How can people really make 2004 the year they quit smoking?

According to Frederic Grannis, M.D., a lung cancer specialist at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles, "The most important ingredient in successful smoking cessation is for the individual smoker to make a personal decision to stop smoking in order to avoid the risks to future health. Having said that, it must be understood that it is very hard to stop smoking. The smoker is addicted to nicotine and also has a complex behavior pattern and habit of smoking. Although some people can quit 'cold turkey,' without any help, most people fail on their own and need help."

When people quit smoking the body reacts to the absence of nicotine, resulting in withdrawal symptoms that can include depression, feelings of frustration or

anger, irritability, difficulty sleeping, restlessness, headaches, tiredness and increased appetite.

Nicotine substitutes and prescription oral medicines, such as bupropion, can help ease withdrawal symptoms. There are many types of nicotine replacements including nicotine patches, nicotine gum, nicotine nasal spray, nicotine inhalers and nicotine lozenges.

Once the physical symptoms of quitting are under control, it is time to focus on the psychological challenges. For many people, smoking is strongly linked to daily activities such as waking up, eating a meal, watching TV or drinking coffee. To cope with cravings that come at these moments, it is necessary alter your behavior.

"For example, if you usually have a cigarette when you drink coffee, try taking a brisk walk instead of a coffee break, or consider drinking water or

juice instead of coffee," suggests Dr. Grannis.

Other tips:

- Get rid of smoking related items such as lighters and ashtrays.

- Let your friends and family know you are quitting so that you have a strong support system, or consider attending a smoking cessation class.

- Avoid people and places where you are tempted to smoke until you are more confident about your ability to avoid the temptation.

- Alter habits to perform activities that you don't associate with smoking.

- Try alternatives such as chewing gum, hard candy or sunflower seeds.

- Find ways to keep your hands busy to distract you from the urge to smoke.

Quitting smoking is difficult, but 46 million Americans have successfully quit and therefore reduced their risk of lung cancer.

## Obituaries

### Betty Mae (Shaver) Cole

Graveside services for Betty Mae (Shaver) Cole, 84, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 3 at Rochester Cemetery with Truett Kuenstler officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cole died Sun., Nov. 3 at Stamford Memorial Hospital.

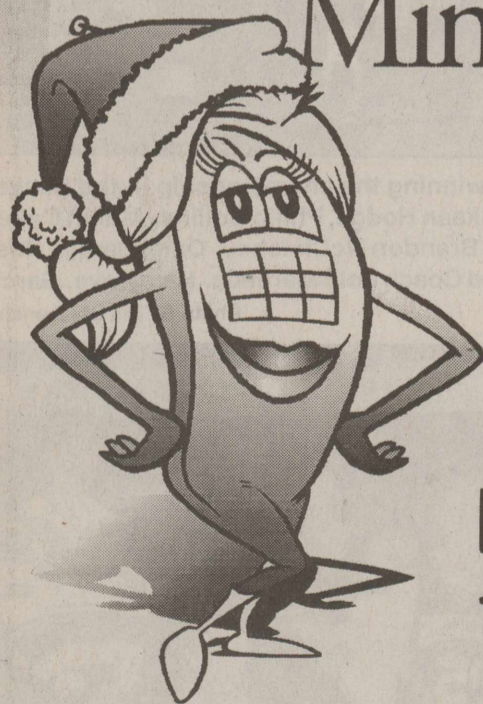
Born July 23, 1919 in Red Oak, Iowa, she has been a resident of Haskell for one year, relocating from Fort

Worth. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Helter of Lincoln, Nebraska and Peggy McMahan of Loveland, Colorado; two sons, Lane Cole of California and J. C. Cole of Lake Stamford; one sister, Caroline Norton of Chicago; 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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MRS. LARRY BUTTS

## Perrin, Butts wed in Lubbock

Valerie Kay Perrin and Larry Mac Butts were married Sat., Dec. 6, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock, with Reverend Todd Dyess officiating.

Matron of Honor was Alysia Smith of Lubbock, sister of the bride.

Best Man was Mike Butts of Lubbock, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Lynn Perrin of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Eloise Perrin of Haskell.

The bridegroom's parents are

Larry and Robbie Butts of Spearman.

The bride attended Coronado High School in Lubbock, and is attending Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Texas Tech University System.

The bridegroom attended Spearman High School and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Lubbock EMS.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

## Sanders family holds holiday gathering

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, met for a weekend at the Circle S Ranch in southeast Haskell County for their Thanksgiving and Christmas get-together. The yearly celebration was hosted by their oldest sister, Lona Mae Phelps and family.

Special guests this year were Charles Davis of Avoca, who is a lifelong friend and works the ranch for Jacky Sanders; and Jeffery Silvas.

During the weekend, several members were taken around the ranch by owner Jacky Sanders, viewing the wildlife, including deer, wild hogs and turkey along the California Creek.

Traveling the farthest was a nephew, John Hardman of Cary,

North Carolina, son of the late Eva Sanders Hardman. Others attending were Lona Mae Phelps; Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell, all of Haskell; Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman; Andy Sanders of Cross Plains; Bill, Martha and Loretta Maupin, Denise and Mark Maupin, all of Odessa; B. D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth; Jacky Kirkland of Weatherford; Sue Cox of Naples; Brenda, Austin and Sallie Sartain of Ore City; Jacky, Sandra and Jaclyn of Aledo; Rocky Sanders of Abilene.

Unable to attend were Darwin and Ethel Slade and children, and Scarlet and Kenneth Cole, their children of McQueeney, and Johnny's family from North Carolina.



REV. AND MRS. ROY F. GEORGE

## Couple celebrates 70th anniversary

Roy F. and Jimalee Scott George of Haskell celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in Irving, Fri., Nov. 28, at a dinner party at Los Colinas Country Club, hosted by their children.

The couple married in Hamlin Nov. 28, 1933, and moved to Haskell the next week. They have spent 65 years as Assemblies of God ministers, pastoring churches in New Mexico, California, Oklahoma and Texas. They have lived in Haskell since retiring from pastoral ministry in 1984.

The Georges have three children. Rev. R. Kenneth George and wife,

Patsy, live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he serves as Superintendent of the New Mexico District Council of Assemblies of God. Rev. J. Don George and wife, Gwen, are pastors of Calvary Temple in Irving for the past 31 years. Daughter Peggy and husband, Rev. Randy S. Sims, of Garland, pastor a church in Richardson after spending over 12 years as missionaries to Mexico.

The Georges have 8 grandchildren with 5 spouses and 10 great-grandchildren. Eighteen family members were present at the anniversary celebration.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Thanksgiving visitors with Hyrum and Jean Richards were sons, John Richards of Dallas; Scott Henshaw and children, Connor Rey and Lauren Elizabeth of Casper, Wyoming; Brady Henshaw and children, Savannah Jean and Philip Scott of Albuquerque, N.M.; and nephew, Chad Lundy and son, Canyon of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They also visited with their grandmother, Lois Redwine. The Henshaws visited their grandmother, Iola Henshaw. They also visited with their aunt, Jeanette Taylor of Hilton Head, N.C. who was visiting her mother, Iola and with cousin, Carolyn Strain of Abilene, who was visiting her aunt Iola.

Darlene Conn and Julie Cochran of Stamford visited Joyce Hawkins late Sunday evening.

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## Expose kids to taking photos

Parents will soon be searching for fun ways to keep their kids busy during the winter break from school. Teaching a child how to use a camera is a creative way to get them away from the TV and out into nature.

Parents who encourage their kids to express themselves through photography not only entertain their children, they build self-esteem, inspire respect for Mother Nature, and teach a way to preserve memories for years to come.

Here are a few tips on how to get kids started.

•Keep it simple. Don't worry about having an expensive or advanced camera. Start with a few disposable cameras or an inexpensive 35mm.

•Shoot first; ask questions later. Encourage your child to take several shots of the same subject, experimenting with different distances and angles.

•Stay close to home. You'll be surprised at the abundance of beauty you can find within your own neighborhood. Everyday objects can make the best photos.

•Color me happy! Choose objects of one color and take pictures with various hues and tones of that color. Make a game of finding how many purple or red items you can find.

•Play favorites. After developing the pictures, encourage your child to choose his or her favorite. Be sure to display it prominently.

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State Capital

## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

**Child abuse-neglect cases increase 15 percent**  
AUSTIN—The holidays are shaping up to be a not-so-happy time for some Texas children.

Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, has estimated that the number of child abuse and neglect cases reported to it will increase by 15 percent over the number reported in 2002.

In numbers entirely lacking in any holiday glitter, the division has estimated it will receive 181,423 reports of child abuse-neglect, a 15 percent increase over the 157,544 cases that came to light in fiscal 2002. By way of comparison, in 1999, 131,920 child abuse-neglect cases were reported.

Though many state health and human services programs underwent some severe budget cutting during the last session, CPS actually will gain 356 employees during the 2004-2005 biennium in anticipation of an increased caseload.

Clearly, dealing with victimized children is emotionally draining work. In fiscal 2002, CPS' turnover rate was 25.3 percent.

### School finance follow up...

In preparation for next year's special session on school finance, the Legislature's Select Committee on School Finance began taking testimony last Thursday.

Upshot of the first day's hearing: There's no such thing as a "good" tax and, as Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, put it: "Everybody dislikes some aspects of every tax."

Upshot of the second day: Committee members are interested in Nevada's first-in-the-nation payroll tax as a state government income source.

In the new Nevada tax, the state levies employers less than 1 percent of their payrolls. (Nevada state law, like Texas, prohibits personal income tax so employers pay the tax, not workers. Wages of government employees, people who work for

nonprofit groups or sole proprietorships are not taxed under the new law.)

### A Far Cry from Amarillo...

Amarillo gets plenty of snow each winter, but it's a far cry from another location where an Amarilloan will get an opportunity to see snow.

Republican state Sen. Teel Bivins will resign from the upper chamber in January in anticipation of U.S. Senate confirmation of his appointment by President Bush as ambassador to Sweden.

Bivins is the second member of the 31-person Senate to announce his departure, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, being the first.

Another senator, Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin, is considering a run for U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett's seat if the current redistricting plan makes it through the court system intact.

### Federal judge dies...

John H. Hannah Jr., chief judge for the U.S. Eastern District of Texas, died of a heart attack last Thursday while attending a judicial conference in West Palm Beach, Fla. The 64-year-old judge, who grew up in Diboll, had been appointed to the federal bench by President Clinton in 1994.

### Fake fir...

Not the most pressing matter in state government, but the people should know. It was revealed last week that the Christmas tree placed in the House of Representatives not only is a plastic fir, it was made in China.

A real Texas cedar, however, stands on the south side of the Capitol, just off Congress Avenue. Twenty-eight feet tall and 16 feet in diameter, the tree was harvested in Bastrop.

An artificial tree certainly lasts longer than a snowman. Just north of the Capitol at the Texas State History Museum, "Santa Vs. The Snowman" will be playing in 3-D through Jan. 16 at the museum's IMAX theater. For show times, call 512-936-4629 or visit the museum's Internet site, www.TheStoryofTexas.com.



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## Don't invite heart attacks home for the holidays

Every day, more than 150 Texans will die from heart disease. And unfortunately, cardiovascular disease—our number one killer—doesn't take time off for the holidays.

Some risk factors—such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, weight gain and smoking—can be controlled through behavior modifications and healthy lifestyle choices. But certain acute events such as heart attacks are not so easily prevented—or predicted.

This holiday season, ask yourself an important question: if a family member or friend collapsed from cardiac arrest, would you know what to do? Each year, more than 250,000 adults suffer cardiac arrest, usually away from a hospital and often in their own homes. But there are steps that you can take to increase their chances of recovery and survival.

The most common cause of cardiac arrest is an abnormal heart rhythm known as ventricular fibrillation, which prevents the heart from pumping blood. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, can keep oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and heart until defibrillation or other advanced care can restore a normal heart rhythm.

Performing CPR is critical during the first few minutes following sudden cardiac arrest. With each passing minute, the chance of successful resuscitation is reduced by 7 to 10 percent, particularly if CPR is not provided. Through CPR training and the *Chain of Survival*, you can transform yourself from a bystander to a lifesaver.

The *Chain of Survival* is a four-step process that outlines how to provide treatment to victims of cardiac arrest. The steps include:

- Early access to care: Early access means recognizing the symptoms of cardiac arrest and immediately engaging the emergency system. Call 9-1-1 to dispatch emergency medical services.

- Early CPR: This involves prompt and correct mouth-to-mouth breathing and chest compressions to enable oxygen-rich blood to be circulated to the victim's heart and brain. CPR can extend the time available for successful defibrillation.

- Early defibrillation: A trained rescuer can deliver a shock with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to help restore the heart's normal contraction rhythm. The availability of an AED is critical to correcting ventricular fibrillation.

- Early advanced care: Medical personnel can administer timely treatment through medications and advanced therapies, which are vital to survival.

More than 95 percent of cardiac arrest victims will die—usually because defibrillation occurs too late to reverse the effects. Every minute that passes before returning the heart to a normal rhythm after a cardiac arrest causes the chance of survival to fall by 10 percent. Keep in mind that the average response time for paramedics or emergency medical technicians to arrive on the scene is 6 to 10 minutes. Most victims can't afford to wait that long.

In 2000, almost 60,000 Texans died from cardiovascular disease—and roughly half of these deaths resulted from sudden cardiac arrest. There are an estimated 17,249 sudden cardiac arrests each year in the state of Texas, and only five percent of victims will survive. CPR can help make every minute count. In 2002, more than 420,000 Texans were trained in CPR and AED use.

More than five million people each year receive CPR training from instructors taught by the American Heart Association. The timely application of CPR has helped save thousands of lives each year in the United States. Visit our website at [www.americanheart.org/cpr](http://www.americanheart.org/cpr) for more information on CPR classes near you.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 9, 1993

Myrtle Phemister was named "Club Women of the Year" by the Haskell County Family and Community Education Clubs.

Marvin Phemister was chosen recipient of Texas Farm Bureau's Pioneer award from district 3.

The Cub Scout cake bake winners were A. J. Shaw, Most Creative; Loren Cole, Ugliest; Ryan Barnes, Biggest; Wes Steele, Judge's Choice; Ross Bullinger, Tallest; Johnny Stout, Most Unusual; Justin Trussell, Biggest Flop; Charlie Smith, Best Tasting; Josh Webb, Littlest and Demi Casiano Jr., Most Scout Spirit.

Three students from Haskell are among 41 McMurry University students who were selected for inclusion in the 1994 edition of Who's Who Among American Students in American Universities and Colleges. Those included were Terri Renae Hise, Melissa Renee Phemister and William Harper Stewart.

### 20 Years Ago December 8, 1983

Lane-Felker's float depicting a wedding received the nod as the grand prize float in the second annual Christmas parade. Best Commercial Float and Best Non-Theme awards went to Boggs and Johnson. The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary received three trophies for their first Thanksgiving float. The float was judged Best Lighted, Best Animated and Best Entry by an organization.

Kit Horne of West Texas Utilities presented a District Gold Star

Certificate to Richard Shaver of Rochester.

Steven and Phoi McGuire, cotton and grain farmers from Haskell County were named Texas Farm Bureau "Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher."

### 30 Years Ago December 13, 1973

Mrs. Jerry Larned of Monahans was named to Outstanding Young Women of America, and was being considered for statewide and national honors. She is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larned of Haskell.

A Haskell resident all of her life, Lucille Gannaway, retired kindergarten teacher taught school in several of the county schools for nine years. After her sons were older, 9 1/2 years ago she began teaching private kindergarten, and did so until last spring.

Coach Dennis Briles' Rule Bobcats earned the semi-final championship trophy and the right to go to the state finals.

Two members of Wendell Gideon's Haskell High School band made all-district band, in the South zone of Region II UIL at Hardin-Simmons University. Melissa Roberson was named to the all-district flute section, and Pat Everett was named to the clarinet section.

### 40 Years Ago December 12, 1963

Five Haskell Boy Scouts of Troop 36 received "God and Country" Awards. They were Glenn and Eddie Smart, Paul Hiebert, Jimmy Bynum and Steve Harper.

Haskell placed Joe Josselet on the

offensive all-district football team Eddie Smart on the defensive all-district team.

Lt. Colonel Thomas L. Donohoo, Jr., a native of Haskell retired as commander of the 683rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron in Sweetwater after 20 years service in the United States Air Force. Donohoo was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

### 50 Years Ago December 10, 1953

The HHS Indians gained three places on District 1A-8's first All-District selections, End Russell Drinnon, Guard Manuel Mullins and Back Lynn Coleson.

Two Haskell soldiers, Gene Grand and Bill Pannell, were promoted to corporal.

The teacher of the week featured Earline Johnson, speech and English teacher of the Haskell High School. She held similar positions in Seymour, Winters and Edinburg.

### 100 Years Ago December 12, 1903

The Ellis Meat Market made arrangements to handle the best Fort Worth bakery bread and will receive a daily shipment.

Edith Sowell is helping Santa Claus distribute pretty things at the Alexander Store.

Mary Anderson was chosen by the trustees to teach the Post public school for the current term.

Earnest & Sanders gin at this place ginned their 1300th bale of cotton of the season.

## Weathers Whys

### Windy Cities

Q: You sometimes hear Chicago called the "windy city." Is it really the windiest city in the United States?

A: It's not even close, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Both the National Weather Service and the National Climatic Data Center publish a list of the top ten windiest cities in the U.S., and Chicago is not among the leaders in either list," Odins says.

"Chicago's label as the 'windy city' might refer to several stories. One is that most of the city's streets run east and west, causing the winds that come from Lake Michigan to blow briskly through the streets and these winds appear to be stronger

than in surrounding areas.

Other stories say that windy city label refers to Chicagoans who apt to boast or brag about their hometown or even the numerous rumors that blow through the city."

Q: So what are the windiest U.S. cities?

A: "The top three are in Alaska, according to the National Weather Service," Odins adds. "Those are St. Paul Island, averaging 17.4 miles per hour per day; Cold Bay (16.9) and Barter Island (13.2).

The National Climatic Data Center lists Dodge City, Kan. tops at 14 miles per hours, followed by Amarillo, Texas (13.5) and Rochester, Minn. (13.1).

Chicago is considered average in terms of wind speed at 10.4. It is topped by Boston (12.5), and New York's Kennedy Airport is 12.2. Even Milwaukee (11.5), Dallas-Fort Worth (10.7) and San Francisco (10.6) have average wind speeds higher than Chicago.

As far as an actual place in the U.S., the windiest spot is Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire, which has a daily wind speed of 35.1 miles per hour."

## USDA releases new food safety standards

by Jane Rowan

and Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agents

The USDA recently released a brochure that outlines new food safety standards.

The brochure is available in both English and Spanish. It provides helpful hints for safe food preparation and avoiding contamination. Other topics include keeping food safe during an emergency and reporting suspected cases of food tampering.

For more information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854, or visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,  
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Sources: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Texas Senate Media services

# Haskell INDIANS L



Front, l-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, L. J. McCullouch, Austin Coker, Osiel Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Back: Brandon McClatchey, Drew Garison, Miguel Chavez, Kory Foster, Ross Hairgrove and Jakaan Hodge.  
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Front, l-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Kennedy, Monica Buerger, Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall.  
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Dec. 11-13  
Varsity Boys in  
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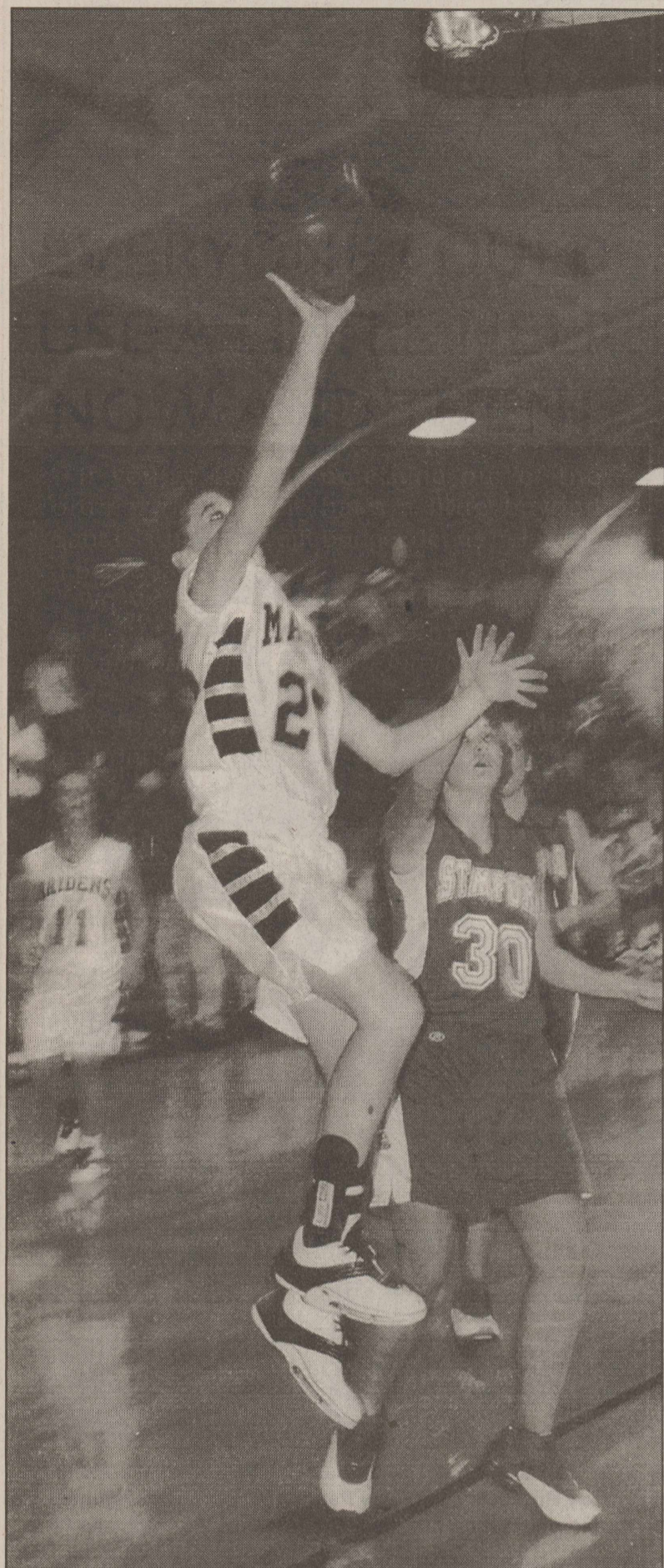
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UP FOR A BASKET—Haskell Maiden, #25, Mollie McKnight, goes up to score in the game with Stamford during the Haskell Invitational Tournament, Dec. 6. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Sr. 4-H Club to meet Sun., Dec. 14

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will hold their Christmas party/monthly meeting at the home of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, 502 Bates Ave., in Haskell, Sun., Dec. 14 at 3:00 p.m. Each 4-H'er in attending is asked to bring a gift (\$5.00 value) for exchange; boys are to bring soft drinks and girls are to bring chips for

refreshments. Each 4-H'er is also asked to bring one non-perishable food item or canned food for donation to their Christmas project. The group will conduct a short business meeting, exchange Christmas gifts, have refreshments and box items collected at past meetings for some deserving families in town.



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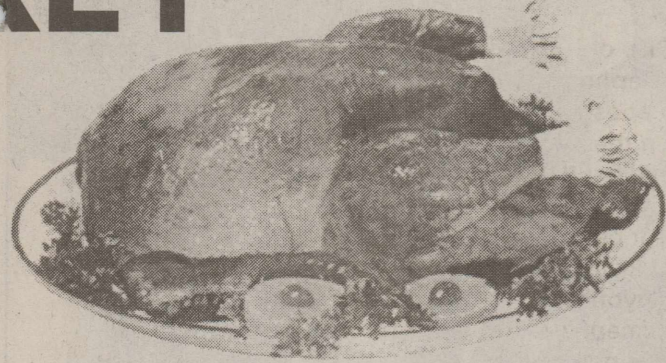
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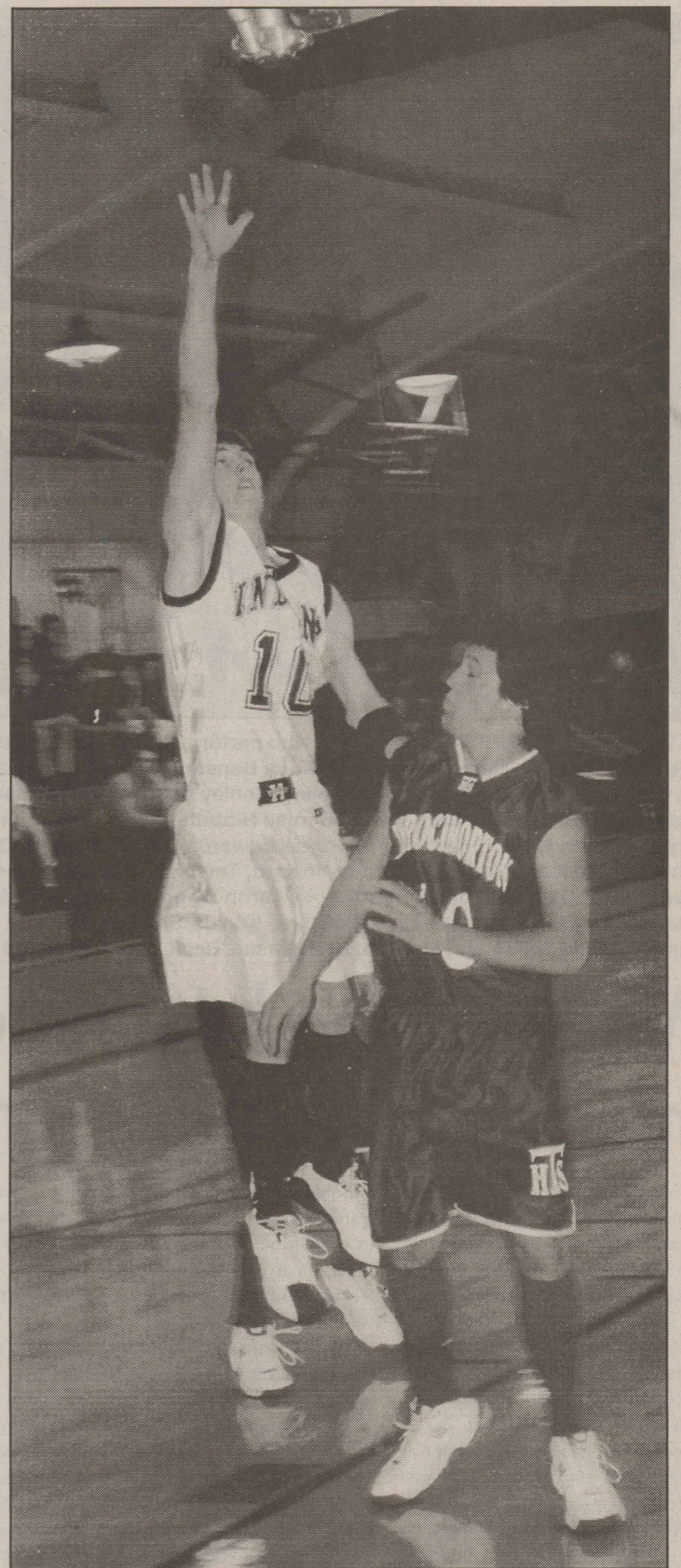
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INDIAN TAKING CHARGE—Haskell's Kendall Mitchell, #10, soars over Throckmorton in a game at the Haskell Invitational. Dec. 6. Haskell won the game, 68 to 46. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 537 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Dec. 8, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 46 sellers and 30 buyers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$3 lower, stockers and feeders steady. No sale Dec. 22 and 29.

Cows: fat, .38-.49; cutters, .45-.54; canners, .30-.40.

Bulls: bologna, .52-.58; feeders, .80-.90; utility, .47-.54.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.28-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs.,

.98-1.22; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.18; 600-700 lbs., .88-1.07; 700-800 lbs., .85-.97; 800-up lbs., .78-.90.

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**PLAYERS IN PROGRESS**—Haskell PIPs, who perform during half time at basketball games, are front, l-r, River McTasney, Madison Mayfield, Cody Benson, Kelson Aguero and Morgan Frierson. Second row, Cole Casey, Brett Shelton, Maci Colley, Ashley Adams, Kelsie Adams, Brooke Bullinger, Aubrey Bassett, Jordan Burson, Sara Weise, Denise Hibbitts, Ashlee Short and Leslie Crosson. Third row, Macy Bingham, Carson Hadaway, Cannon Edwards, Taylor Burson, Drake Everett, Crissy Bassett, Michael Abila, Kade Colley, Kourtney Howard, Taylor Buchanan, Alyssa Abila, Jacie Klose, Reagan Hadaway and Jasmine Klose. Fourth row, Aaron Waggoner, Dana Rodriguez, Taylor Marak, Maegan Gonzales, Myra Rodriguez, Tillie McGuire, Kenzie Shelton, Felysha Walker, Brady Leach, Paige Adams, Laycee Tullos and Mackenzie Thomas. Back, Max Weise and Shelton Toliver. Photo by Kis



**PIP SPINNERS**—Members of Angie's Spinning Club are Players In Progress participants who qualify by being able to spin the basketball for 20 seconds. Local Angie's Club members are, front, l-r, Brady Leach, Aubrey Bassett and Cody Benson. Back, Brooke Bullinger, Ashlee Short, Paige Adams, Jordan Burson and Jasmine Klose. Photo by Kis

## Winter is the best time for major landscaping projects

You even remembered Aunt Emma's pet terrier this holiday season. But did you remember your lawn? Although it may be winter, working with your lawn now will help it look fantastic come spring.

"A lot of people think there's not much they can do in the winter with their lawn," said Bobby Trevino, landscaping supervisor for Texas Woman's University. "But winter is really a good time of year to do any major landscaping."

"The ground is usually moist, so that gives the root system for new

shrubs and trees a chance to really establish themselves. Winter also is a good time to prune many shrubs. You can do a lot of trimming and the shrubs will really come back nicely in the spring.

"Mid-January is the best time to start working with rose gardens and pruning roses," Trevino added.

Continued lawn maintenance, including mowing, over the course of the winter helps ensure a healthy lawn in the spring. Using a mulching mower to work grass clippings and leaves into the sod means your lawn

will have vital nutrients it needs during the winter. Mulching leaves also means no need to rake, bag and have bushels of organic material taken off to the landfill.

"I don't rake at all at home," Trevino said. "I mulch everything."

How frequently you mow in the winter will depend on whether or not you over-seeded your lawn. "A lot of people are over-seeding so their lawns look nice during the winter," Trevino said. "But if you over-seeded, you'll need to mow maybe twice a month."

And although evaporation from heat isn't a problem in the winter, lawns, shrubs and trees still need to be watered. "Weather will determine how much watering you need to do, but plants still need moisture."

Also, watering landscaping plants before a freeze can help protect the plants. A well-watered soil will absorb more solar energy during the day than dry soil. That heat will reradiate during the night, helping the plant.

## Tips for saving money

by Jane Rowan and Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agents

A recent survey has found that most American do not save enough money. Saving small amounts can add up to a larger sum over time.

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## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

Haskell 59, Munday 33  
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 16, Buerger 12, McKnight 11, Rutkowski 10, Bird 6, Harlan 2, Kennedy 2.

JV score: Haskell 48, Munday 22.

### Haskell Tournament

Haskell 55, Munday 23  
Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 18, McKnight 12, Rutkowski 8, Kendall 6, Harlan 6, Newton 2, Gonzalez 2, Bird 1.

Haskell 54, Holliday 38  
Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 23, McKnight 13, Kendall 8, Rutkowski 5, Harlan 5.

Rule 51, Roby 34  
Scoring for Rule: M. Lehrmann 17, Marquis 11, Smith 10, Hertel 5, Lisle 3, Brown 3, J. Lehrmann 2.

JV score: Rule 31, Roby 21.

Woodson Tournament  
Albany 39, Rule 30  
Scoring for Rule: M. Lehrmann 9, Smith 6, J. Lehrmann 4, Lisle 4, Brown 4, Marquis 3.

Woodson 90, Paint Creek 8  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 8.

Rule 67, Lueders-Avoca 19  
Scoring for Rule: Smith 14, Lehrmann 12, Marquis 11, Hertel 8, Scheets 6, Lehrmann 4, Lisle 4.

Brown 4, Gary 2.  
Newcastle 77, Paint Creek 24  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall 20, Barr 4.

Rule 51, Newcastle 34  
Scoring for Rule: Brown 15, Marquis 9, M. Lehrmann 8, Smith 8, J. Lehrmann 5, Hertel 2, Scheets 2.

Rochester 91, Moran 28  
Scoring for Rochester: Nicholson 24, Martin 18, Saucedo 16, Brown 14, Turner 11.

Haskell 59, Munday 43  
Scoring for Haskell: Webb 17, Hairgrove 16, Collins 6, Garcia 6, Coker 5, McClatchey 4, Foster 2, Chavez 2, McCulloch 1.

JV score: Munday 37, Haskell 32.

Haskell Tournament  
Haskell 52, Seymour 32  
Scoring for Haskell: Mitchell 16, Hairgrove 10, Garcia 6, Collins 5, Webb 4, McClatchey 4, Hodge 3, Foster 2, Chavez 2.

Holliday 60, Haskell JV 24  
Scoring for Haskell JV: Frierson 11, Brown 5, Castillo 4, Kilgore 2, Sorrells 2.

Baird 43, Rule 25  
Scoring for Rule: K. Kittley 8, Kyle Kittley 5, Dudensing 4, Turner 4, Brown 3, Carreon 1.

JV score: Baird 33, Rule 15.

Woodson Tournament  
Albany 59, Rule 44  
Scoring for Rule: Kyle Kittley 16, Kolt Kittley 11, Carreon 6, Brown

5, Dudensing 3, Turner 3.  
Rule 59, Megargel 46  
Scoring for Rule: Kyle Kittley 20, Kolt Kittley 10, Dudensing 10, Carreon 6, Turner 6, Brown 4, Flores 2, Kade Kittley 1.

Newcastle 54, Paint Creek 44  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Loyd 13, Cisneros 12, Medford 10, Bryant 5, Brown 4.

Rule 64, Newcastle 51  
Scoring for Rule: Kittley 25, Carreon 11, Turner 12, Brown 10, Kolt Kittley 5, Dudensing 1.

Rochester 97, Moran 36  
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 44, Self 25, Saucedo 19.

## Attends conference

Ashley Hearn, dispatcher, and Sharon Stephens, secretary, with the Haskell County Sheriff's Office recently attended the Annual Training Conference for Sheriff's Assistants held in Austin. They were among 140 from around the state attending.

The conference was sponsored by the Sheriff's Association of Texas, one of the oldest and largest law enforcement organizations in the nation. The event allowed participants to network with their peers and discuss various training on various topics, including Civil Process, Attorney General's Opinions, Open Records, Organization and Time Management, Media Relations, Crime Victim Notification, New Technology and Ethics.

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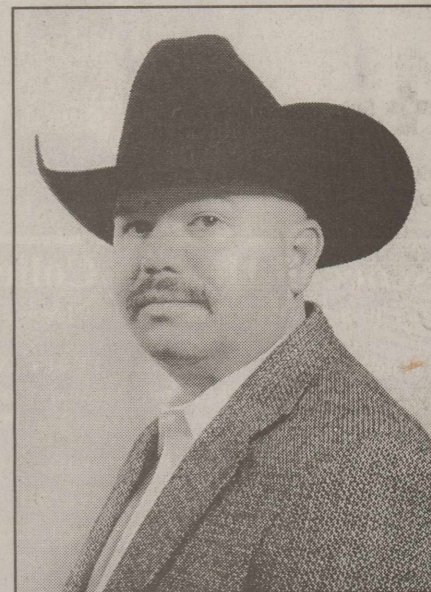
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**AREA FFA LEADERSHIP**—Rule FFA members who qualified for the Area Leadership Meeting at Howard College in Big Spring were: l-r, Mathew Turner, Will Kittley, Kortney Kupatt, Gay Lynn Gary and Keith Rowan, sponsor. The four freshmen were on the Jr. Quiz Team that placed second at District and went on to place 3rd at Area. Kupatt placed 2nd in Jr. Creed Speaking at District and went on to place 6th at Area.



**FFA LEADERSHIP TEAMS**—Members of the Haskell FFA winning for their presentations at State Leadership Competition, Dec. 6, were: front, l-r, Lindy Layman, Lindsay Pannell, Alexis Reed, Stephanie Grand, Brittany Campbell, Ashley Foster, Maggie Teague. Back, Callie Thomasson and Jaclyn Drinnon. The Ag Issues Team will compete at the National FFA Convention. Photo by Kis

## Master Marketer program moves to Vernon, Jan. 20-21

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

How would you like to increase your net returns more than \$250,000 dollars over the next ten years? If so, the Texas Cooperative Extension may have the program that can help you do it—the Master Marketer Program.

The Master Marketer Program is a national award winning, in-depth, intensive risk management education training that teaches participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and helps teach the skills and discipline necessary to execute a risk management and marketing plan.

The 64 hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks, and is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the United States.

The next Master Marketer program will be held in Vernon, starting in January.

In a post training survey, previous Vernon Master Marketer participants indicated their gross income increased \$28,000 to \$33,000 on average, annually based on what they had learned in the training. "There is no reason that program graduates

shouldn't receive this level of increased returns for the next ten years" according to Stan Bevers, Extension Economist and coordinator for the Vernon program.

"Interested participants should weigh carefully the registration fee, the time commitment and travel costs associated with the program against the potential of a \$250,000+ increase in returns over the next ten years before signing up for the program. Personally, I can't think of a good reason not to sign up for the program."

"It's been three years since the last Master Marketer Training was held in Vernon and it will probably be another five years before the opportunity will come again. If a producer ever thought about attending the training or a past graduate wants a refresher they better get signed up.

"It's going to be a long time before the program comes back," said Bevers.

The instructors for the training

consist of top professionals from industry and universities from across the country. A wide range of topics are covered to enhance marketing/risk management skills. Case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises will be used wherever possible to provide students with experience using real tools that they can use on their own farm and ranch operations when they leave the class.

The Master Marketer Program will be held in Vernon at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The first two-day session will begin Jan. 20-21.

Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can get more information by contacting Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag at the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2658 or by calling Stan Bevers at (940) 552-9941. Due to the hands-on nature of the course, attendance is limited. The deadline for registration is January 7.

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## Haskell Ag teams win at state

The Haskell FFA Leadership Teams have had an extraordinary year competing in leadership contests, and are to be commended for their hard work to excel.

Beginning with the District contest held at Anson, Nov. 18, eleven teams from Haskell competed with thirteen different schools from the surrounding towns. Those competing at District and the results are as follows.

3rd place, Public Relations. Team members were Julie Hankins, Kristen Martinez, Chambray Bartley, Amber Bingham.

3rd place, Jr. Chapter Conducting. Team members, Erin Hise, Kristen Martinez, Cassandra Reynolds, Tamisha Dever, Angela Pena, Sarah Garcia, Diana Mauricio, Chrissy Wyrick.

2nd place, Sr. Skills. Team members, Chase Cockerell, Erin Hise, Jeremy Sorrells.

2nd place, Jr. Skills. Team members, Maggie Teague, Ashley Foster, Stephanie Grand.

1st place, Farm Radio. Team members, Lindsay Pannell, Lindy Layman, Alexis Reed.

2nd place, Ag Issues. Team members, Lindy Layman, Alexis Reed, Lindsay Pannell, Jaclyn Drinnon, Stephanie Grand, Brittany Campbell, Callie Thomasson.

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Sr. Creed, Chase Cockerell.

Job Interview, Caleb Hudgens.

Jr. Quiz, Matthew Brown, Josh Kimmell, Andrew Long, Alexa Roberts.

Sr. Quiz, Charlie Smith, Diana Mauricio, Sarah Garcia, Misha Dever.

The Ag. Issues, Jr. Skills and Sr. Skills teams all advanced to the Area II competition held in Big Spring on Nov. 22, where they competed against all 1st and 2nd place teams in the Area. Sr. Skills placed 5th, Jr. Skills placed 1st and Ag Issue placed 1st in Area competition.

The Ag Issues and Jr. Skills teams competed at the State Leadership contest on Dec. 6, where the Jr. Skills Team placed 3rd out of over 250

teams in the State. The Ag Issues Team placed 1st out of over 175 teams in the state.

The Ag Issues Team will be competing for the National title next October at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. All of these teams competed not just with 2A schools, but also with 6 man to 5A schools all across Texas.

The participating Haskell FFA students have started training for Career Development events scheduled for the spring.

The Haskell FFA chapter expressed appreciation for all of the parents, teachers, school officials and community members for showing support to the organization and its members this year.

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# AUCTION

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We have sold the house and need to liquidate the household furnishings and items.

### Furniture

- 1 Henredon King Size Bed with Light Bridge, Mirrors and Side Chest, Mattress and Box Springs, w/Matching Twin Mirror Dresser.
- 1 Lighted Bookcase 30"x81"
- 1 Bookcase with drawers 24"x81"
- 7 Piece Sectional Sofa w/Rolling Ottoman
- 1 Antique Bed and Vanity with 3 Mirrors
- 1 Antique Vanity and Chest of Drawers
- 1 Queen Bed with Early American Headboard
- 1 Wood Office Desk 3'x5'
- 1 4-Piece 10 Ft. Bookcase
- 1 3'x4' Framed Mirror

### Appliances

- 1 Signature Side by Side Refrigerator/Freezer
- 1 GE Heavy Duty Washer and Dryer
- 1 GE Refrigerator (Old)
- 1 Zenith Console TV
- 1 Singer Electric Sewing Machine
- Lots of Kitchen Appliances

### Collectibles

- 1 Antique Bathtub
- 1 Antique Dental Chair
- 1 Diebold Safe 17"x28"
- 1 Anvil
- 1 Model III Radio Shack Computer
- Lots of Books including 2 Sets of Early 1960's Encyclopedias
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- Chrome Clothing Store Fixtures
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- Knick-Knacks
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## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Dec. 15**  
Lunch—Salisbury steak and brown gravy with onions, creamy mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced onions, cornbread, peaches and chocolate brownies, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., Dec. 17**  
10:30 a.m. Bingo  
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check  
Lunch—Beef and spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, sliced onions, garlic bread, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., Dec. 19**  
Lunch—Chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, green beans, candied yams, yeast rolls, Mississippi mud cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Haskell School Menu

**Dec. 15-19 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Manager's choice  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, graham crackers  
**Thursday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Friday:** Pigs in a blanket

**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with ham and cheese.

**Monday:** Spaghetti/meatballs, green beans, fried okra, breadstick, pineapple tidbits  
**Tuesday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle, tater tots, chocolate pudding  
**Wednesday:** Elementary: turkey/giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, bread, candied yams, fruit salad; secondary: chili dogs, cheese, pickles, tater tots, brownies  
**Thursday:** Soft tacos, cheese/salsa, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, peaches  
**Friday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, chips, cookie

## Paint Creek School Menu

**December 15-19 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** French toast  
**Tuesday:** Toast, cereal  
**Wednesday:** Biscuits/gravy  
**Thursday:** Pancakes  
**Friday:** Cereal

**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Stew, cornbread, cobbler  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookie  
**Wednesday:** Potato soup, turkey or ham sandwich, salad, cheese, pudding  
**Thursday:** Barbeque on a bun, tater tots, salad, carrots, apple crisp  
**Friday:** Hot dogs, fries, pickles, pork and beans, cookie

## Choosing gifts for kids

Children generally aren't shy about voicing what they want for Christmas. For adults, the hard part in choosing gifts is determining what's appropriate for the child.

Dr. Diane Karther, assistant professor of early childhood development and education at Texas Woman's University in Denton, says safety and usability are key factors to consider when purchasing gifts for children.

"Brand-name toys are scrutinized by the Toy Manufacturers Association and by government agencies. Most are safe, but adults should always check them carefully," Dr. Karther said. Most toys feature a recommended age range for that product and that provides a good guide for parents.

How the toy can be used is another consideration when buying gifts.

"Toys should have broad usability," Dr. Karther said. "A toy that does one thing at the press of one button won't hold a lot of attention for an infant." However, she said, play centers with different buttons and wheels that produce music and pop-up characters allow the child to be involved in different ways.

Children of pre-school age need toys that will feed their imagination. Items such as toy farms and homes or construction or fantasy materials

allow the child to make up his or her own play scene. Software programs that allow children to draw or create their own stories also make good gifts.

Some adults focus on educational toys for younger children, but Dr. Karther favors toys that stimulate creativity and imagination. "It's important to just let children play with their toys, because therein lies the learning," she said.

Children typically develop their own interests as they get older, and gifts that reflect those interests may be appropriate. Kits that cover a variety of interests are available, from model cars or airplanes to jewelry-making kits. Some museum stores have items such as nature discovery and archaeology kits. Children who are interested in sports may appreciate receiving items related to their particular sport.

Dr. Karther urges parents to put some of the toys away a few weeks after Christmas in order to keep young children from being overwhelmed. "Store some toys, and from time to time, rotate them out to spark more use of them," she said.

She also suggests that parents join their children in playing with toys and games. "Every survey of children shows that what they really want from adults is time," she said.

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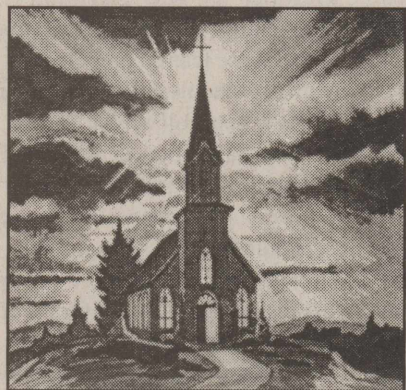
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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### LET LOVE ADORN YOUR HOME WITH HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Your favorite stores are all a-glitter with lights, ornaments, tinsel, candles, wreaths and gift wrappings. However, these seasonal adornments may not put you in a gala holiday mood, and if so, assuming that you have no major problems or sorrows, something must be wrong. Have you quarreled recently with a relative or friend? Are you normally impatient with

people? Then it's time to get rid of these negative tendencies. Mend that quarrel, no matter whose fault it was. Let your house of worship put some love and kindness in your heart before you plug in the Christmas lights. Then your home and your life will be much brighter during the upcoming holidays, as well as at all other times of the year.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### HASKELL

**East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Helfin, interim 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 Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

**New Vision Family Worship Center**  
James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell

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

**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell

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

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

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Steve Beatty, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

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

#### NEW COVENANT FOURSQUARE

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

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

**First Baptist Church**  
Kevin Hall, 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

**Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship**  
Dr. Gibbie McMillan, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

#### WEINERT

**First Baptist Church**  
J. C. Baker, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**ROCHESTER**

**Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

**First Baptist Church**  
Jackie Brem, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clarence Walker  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

**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

#### SAGERTON

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Melissa Bemis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton

#### RULE

**First Baptist Church**  
Josh Stowe, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

**Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

**Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

**First United Methodist Church**  
Wendall Fergerson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

#### PAINT CREEK

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

#### O'BRIEN

**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Kyle Gulledege, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

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### Haskell Learning Center Campus Connect Registration

December 8- 15, see schedule for restrictions

Intro. to Ed/Schools & Society	N	6:00-9:00	W
Fundamentals of Math II	N	6:30-9:30	M
Beginning Spanish II	N	6:00-9:00	T
Lab		TBA	

### Regular Registration, January 8

Osborne Administration Building, see schedule for times

940.552.6291 Classes begin January 12

See class schedules [www.vernoncollege.edu](http://www.vernoncollege.edu)

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FOR SALE: Romarm 380 pistol, \$150. Phoenix 25 pistol, \$100. 864-3570. 50p

FOR SALE: Antique wooden telephone and John Deere garden tiller. 997-2712. 50p

FOR SALE: Shelled pecans. Wooten. 864-3696. 50-51c

### Cars For Sale

FOR SALE: 1988 GMC Pickup. Pushguard, tool box, headcage rack, extra gas tank, \$4,500. Runs good, re-built transmission. 940-864-2380. Can be seen at 505 N. Ave. H. 50p

### Wanted

WANTED: Responsible uncle and nephew want to hunt hogs. Call 325-695-5776, leave message. 47-50c

### Garage Sales

STORAGE SALE: #16 behind Dairy Queen. Open Fri. 9 a.m. 2 big Dearborn heaters, air mattress and pump, white metal bedstead, carpet cleaning machine. Lots of small items. Call 864-2787. 50p

CHRISTMAS SALE: Looking for a Christmas gift? Come see what we have: Bird houses, hat racks, plaques, ceramics and some jewelry. Gene and Irma. Dec. 11-18, 8-6. Thurs. to Thurs. Closed Sun. 505 N. Ave. H. 50p

THREE FAMILY GARAGE sale: Fri. only. 8 a.m. 305 N. Ave. D. All size clothing. Appliances, misc. 50p

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FOR RENT: Furnished rooms for rent. Nightly, weekly, monthly. Call 864-2238. 45fc

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 500 N. Ave. D. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, living room, dining room, large kitchen area. Double garage. Approx. 2,000 sq. ft., \$20,000. Call 864-2502. 47-50p

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house Lawn. Use 30 lb. felt and replacement shingles should be Atlas Alpine in Hearthstone Gray color. Bids may be turned in at the County Judge's Office in the Court-house.

Bids will be opened on December 18, 2003.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David C. Davis  
County Judge 49-50c

### NOTICE

Haskell County will accept bids for the sale or trade-in of two Caterpillar Motor Graders until 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2003. Contact Commissioner Kenny Thompson to see the motor graders. Contact the Judge's office for a bid form.

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Haskell County  
Commissioners' Court  
By: David C. Davis  
County Judge 49-50c

### NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept bids until 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2003 at the office of the County Judge David Davis in the Courthouse of Haskell, Texas, for purchase of two new Motor Graders for Precinct #3. Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge's Office.

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### NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY KNOX CITY, TEXAS

By order of the Knox County Commissioners' Court, the following property is available for sale. Sealed bids must be received in the Office of the County Judge, P. O. Box 77, Benjamin, Texas 79505, before 12:00 p.m., December 15, 2003.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR SALE**  
Approximately 3,000 feet of 30-inch I-beam, average length of beam is approximately 59 feet. Bids should be submitted on a per linear foot basis. For a portion or for entire offering.

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inspection at Precinct 2 barn in Benjamin, Texas between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the date of this publication until 12:00 p.m. December 15, 2003. 49-50c

### NO. 11,159

DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD Plaintiff, V.  
LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

TO: LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; Defendants, and to all whom it may concern:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD, Plaintiff, was filed against LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; Defendants, on November 14, 2003, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered 11,159, and entitled DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD VS. LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE. This lawsuit is a suit for the appointment of a receiver under the provisions of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 64.091 to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on the interest of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Haskell County, Texas:

125 acres of land, more or less, out of Section 9, Block 1, H. & T. C. RR. Co. Survey, A-190, Haskell County, Texas, and being the same land described in Warranty Deed dated January 13, 1941, from E. C. Watson, to Mrs. Minnie W. Berry, recorded in Volume 149, Page 293, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this

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suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this 18th day of November, 2003.

PENNY YOUNG ANDERSON  
Clerk of the 39th Judicial District Court Haskell, Texas  
By: Penny Anderson 48-51c

### NO. 11,160

DELTA OIL & GAS LTD, Plaintiff, V.  
C. W. HARDY; LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; H. O. CREMER; AND THOMAS F. KIEFER; Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

To: C. W. HARDY; LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; H. O. CREMER; AND THOMAS F. KIEFER; Defendants, and to all whom it may concern:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD, Plaintiff, was filed against C. W. HARDY; LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; H. O. CREMER; AND THOMAS F. KIEFER; Defendants, on November 14, 2003 in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered 11,160, and entitled DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD VS. C. W. HARDY; LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS &

125 acres of land, more or less, out of Section 9, Block 1, H. & T. C. RR. Co. Survey, A-190, Haskell County, Texas, and being the same land described in Warranty Deed dated January 13, 1941, from E. C. Watson, to Mrs. Minnie W. Berry, recorded in Volume 149, Page 293, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas.

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156 acres of land, more or less, out of Section 14, Block 1, H. & T. C. RR. Co. Survey, A-505, Haskell County, Texas, and being the same land described in Mineral Deed dated February 26, 1930, from J. T. Mullis & wife, Easter Mullis, to H. O. Cremer, recorded in Volume 118, Page 421, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this 18th day of November, 2003.

PENNY YOUNG ANDERSON  
Clerk of the 39th Judicial District Court Haskell, Texas  
By: Penny Anderson 48-51c

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## Christmas Events Calendar

### Christmas tattoos

The Haskell Chapter of the National Honor Society will sell Christmas tattoos Dec. 16 at the Maiden's home basketball game. Tattoos are 50 cents each.

### Lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a home and yard lighting contest. Judging date is Sat., Dec. 13. To enter call City Hall at 996-2214 before 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 12. Prizes will be awarded.

### Christmas program

Adult, youth and children choirs of East Side Baptist Church will present an evening of Christmas music and drama Sun., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to experience the joy of "An Old Fashioned Christmas" and "The Little Drummer Boy."

### Band concert

The Haskell CISD bands will present their annual Christmas concerts Sun., Dec. 14 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

### Christmas eve service

First United Methodist Church in Haskell will hold Christmas Eve communion and candlelight services Wed., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

### Christmas pageant

The Weinert First Baptist Church J. C. Kids will present the Christmas pageant, "Live from Bethlehem" Sun., Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to see this musical and drama based on the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ. A reception will follow.

### Chamber lighting

The Beautification Committee of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will judge Christmas lighting displays the week of Dec. 15-19 for residential and business sections.

### Christmas choirs

The Childrens choirs of First Baptist Church will present "The Plane Truth About Christmas; Sun., Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

## Shoppers

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from Cecil's Market; Elizabeth Stewart, \$100.00 on a ticket from Personality/Slipper Shoppe; Katherine Clem, \$100.00 on a ticket from Modern Way; Wanda Bridges, \$100.00 on a ticket from Modern Way; Janet Cowperthwait, \$100.00 on a ticket from The Lumberyard; Maria Barnard, \$100.00 on a ticket from Modern Way; Ben McGee, \$100.00 on a ticket from The Lumberyard.

Winners at the 4:00 p.m. drawing were: Emily Grimaldo, \$100.00 on a ticket from Modern Way; Phyllis Klose, \$100.00 on a ticket from Cecil's Market; Delight Jones, \$100.00 on a ticket from Cecil's Market; Alla Robledo, \$100.00 on a ticket from Modern Way; Dean

Lowrey, \$200.00 (double) on a ticket from Personality/Slipper Shoppe; Tammie Parham, \$200.00 (double) on a ticket from The Drug Store; Trici Tippens, \$200.00 (double) on a ticket from Modern Way.

The total amount of gift certificates and Santa Bucks given away in the drawings was \$3,400.00.

### Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 8, 2003 Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	1,500
Haskell County Gin	2,487
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	6,774
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	2,570
Sagerton Gin	750
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	1,000
Weinert Gin	2,201
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## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Anyone who has ever purchased a Christmas gift or hosted a big holiday meal knows the value of a dollar at this time of year. Many single parents know this dilemma all too well, especially if they depend on regular child support payments to make ends meet each month.

Child support enables parents to put a roof over their children's heads, clothes on their backs, and food on the table. During the holidays, these challenges are compounded as parents also try to put gifts under the tree or gas in their car for a long trip to grandma's house. That's why I am giving parents this special reminder to pay their child support.

To those parents who regularly pay their child support in full and on time, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your faithfulness will reap great rewards as you help your children remember the holidays as a time of provision rather than hardship.

I know that sometimes circumstances arise, such as losing a job, that make it difficult to meet one's child support obligation. For parents who are in a situation like this, I encourage you to contact my office so we can work together to determine a course of action. As an additional service, my office partners with the Texas Workforce Commission and workforce development boards across the state to help low-income parents find good-paying jobs so they can meet their child support obligations.


Ultimately, what children need most is to know their parents care about them. For unmarried parents, this begins with establishing paternity. When paternity is established, a child has a legal connection to his or her father that protects the child's access to a whole range of benefits fathers can provide, starting with having dad's name on the birth certificate. Through the Paternity Opportunity Program, my office trains and certifies employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents with the process of acknowledging paternity just after their child's birth. We can also facilitate DNA tests to scientifically and legally establish fatherhood.

As children grow up, my office also encourages their parents to stay involved in their lives beyond paying child support. For example, we are part of the Tarrant County Fatherhood Coalition, a collaboration of more than 20 agencies and organizations seeking to strengthen the role of fathers and families in the lives of their children. We also help parents who are having trouble getting the access to their children that they desire. My office just

administered nearly \$500,000 in federal grants to 23 groups across Texas who facilitate parents' access to and visitation with their children.

Kids will remember forever what happens during this holiday season. Please, help make those memories good ones by being there for them and paying your child support.

*Wishing you a Beautiful Holiday Season  
and a New Year of Peace and Happiness*



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