

## Basketball games

### HASKELL

JV-V G-B vs Cisco  
Fri., Dec. 16, 4 p.m.  
at Cisco  
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### PAINT CREEK

JV-V G, V B vs Paducah  
Fri., Dec. 16, 7 p.m.  
at Paint Creek

JV-V G, V B vs Knox City  
Mon., Dec. 19, 5 p.m.  
at Paint Creek  
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### RULE

JV-V G-B vs Munday  
Fri., Dec. 16, 4 p.m.  
at Rule

JV-V G, VB vs Jayton  
Mon., Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m.  
at Rule

## Calendar

### Angel tree

The Community Choir will sponsor an Angel Christmas Tree Sat., Dec. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A, in Haskell. Toys will be collected and donated to needs children in the community. New unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the church until Dec. 16 each day from 12 noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call Mary Johnson, choir president, at 940-864-5473.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued for Haskell County. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis.

### Memory tree

A memory tree has been established by Stamford Memorial Hospital Home Health Hospice for those wishing to memorialize a friend or loved one with a gift of \$5 or more. A dove will be placed on the memory tree in the foyer of Stamford Memorial Hospital to represent your donation. Donations may be mailed to Stamford Memorial Hospital Home Health Hospice, P.O. Box 911, Stamford, Texas 79533. For more information, call 325-773-2725.

### GED classes

GED classes are underway at Haskell Elementary, Room 19, 306 S. Ave. G on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Testing is required to determine a student's level of knowledge. \$25 scholarships are available for as long as the money lasts. Classes are small and teaching is given on an individual basis.

### Turkey dinner

St. George Catholic Church will host the parish dinner Sun., Dec. 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. Turkeys will be provided. Families attending are asked to bring a covered dish, a dessert, a vegetable or a salad dessert.

### Christmas Eve service

Trinity Lutheran Church, Throckmorton Highway in Haskell, will hold their candlelight service Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share the worship service and beautiful music of Christmas.

### Christmas Eve service

First United Methodist Church in Haskell will host their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service Sat. night, Dec. 24 at p.m. Everyone is invited.

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## Goodfellows drive underway

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## Martinez named Miss Merry Christmas



KRISTEN MARTINEZ — MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Haskell County Merry Christmas Pageant was held Dec. 4 in the Rochester Jr. High School Auditorium. Haskell County Judge David Davis welcomed everyone and introduced Jimmy Lisle, emcee.

C.J. Saucedo sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Susan Turner played on the piano, for entertainment while the judges deliberated.

Winners of the pageant were: Santa's Littlest Elf, Evan Enriquez; Santa's Reindeer Wrangler, Buddy Trotter; Little Miss Snowflake, Addison Jane Yarbrough; Little Miss Merry Christmas, Ashley Nicole Nicholson; Young Miss Merry Christmas, Kaley Mathis; Junior Miss Merry Christmas, Laycee Tullos and Miss Merry Christmas, Kristen Martinez. Most Christmas Spirit honors were given to Ashlyn Bevel and Tobeous Castorena.

Thirty-seven participated in the first Christmas Pageant sponsored by the Haskell County Festivals Committee.

Other participants were: Elizabeth Ann Rodriguez, Madison Jade McGhee, J'Lynn Llewellyn, Madilyn Grace Moore, Kacie Easterling, Braelyn Bevel, Mia Lyric Williams, Kameryn Mathis, Madeline Jo Williams, Kourtney Sage Hertel, Natalie Contreras, Kasie Isbell, Kaelyn Brook Bevel, Felicity Gentry, Heavenly Love Perez, Courtney Andrews, Cequin Kell McIlwain, Meghan Glover, Dana Leanne Rodriguez, Sydney Saucedo, Toni Brown, Rosebud Kirklun, Paige Glover, Lynna Billington, Candice Rochelle Hill, Jordan Sorrells, Lindsay Spooner and Kaycie Sorrells.

Serving as judges were Debbie Smith of Burkburnett, Kathy Boyles and Nikki Gholson, both of Aspermont. Each contestant was given a Christmas bag of goodies donated by local merchants.

## Firemen across the state gearing up for possible winter wildfires

State fire control leaders continue to gear up for what could be a long winter wildfire siege for the state's firefighters.

Additional in-state and out-of-state personnel and equipment resources, including six dozers and seven engines from Wisconsin, have been ordered and mobilized to strategic areas to bolster the state's firefighting arsenal. Critically dry fuels (vegetation) exist across much of the state, a fact evidenced by several large wildfires that have already occurred. With no significant

change in the weather pattern in sight, fire control leaders are planning for the worst but hoping for the best.

Grasses, weeds and other vegetation in much of the state lie dead and dormant from a combination of drought and hard freezes, according to Mike Dunivan, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service. Areas hit by hard frosts earlier in the year are where the lion's share of the known large fires occurred, but essentially all of the state is now at risk, due to the presence of the dead vegetation, said

Dunivan.

"Vegetation is critically dry in much of the state," said Dunivan. "Add winds and low humidity during the afternoon prime burning period, and you have a recipe for fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires. Most of the large wildfires that already occurred statewide resulted from this deadly combination of wildfire ingredients."

The fire analyst noted that the Texas Forest Service sent an advisory to fire departments in Texas warning of the possibility of dangerous fire behavior during periods of dry, windy weather and the need for diligent use of fire safety practices and protective gear. Already this year, two volunteer firefighters suffered serious burns upon being overrun by wildfires, and another firefighter lost his life in an accident when the fire tanker he was driving rolled over.

"Now that most summer grasses and weeds have gone dormant, any wildfires that arise will have more fuel available to stoke the flames.

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## Goodfellows seeks donations

This year, the Haskell Goodfellows Christmas program will help the approximately 51 families most devastated by the Lake Stamford flood disaster. To assist in this, Goodfellows is asking for donations of new space heaters, new small appliances, food and toys, or cash donations with which to purchase these items.

Goodfellows cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas, 79521.

Donated items may be delivered to the Haskell Fire Department, or to Haskell Inn, Haskell National Bank, Sport-About, State Farm Insurance, or to any Lions Club member.

The Lions Club will be working with the Haskell County Volunteer Organization to Aid in Disasters (VOAD), to distribute Goodfellows donations to Lake Stamford residents.

Goodfellows will also collect toys for the Haskell County Welfare Board.

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by Don and Marlyce Garrett .....	\$500
American Legion Auxiliary, Rogers-Cox Post 221 .....	\$50
Total this week .....	\$550
Previous total .....	\$50
Total to date .....	\$600


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# Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 400 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 10, according to Bill Cox, reporter. 33 sellers and 23 buyers were present.  
Packers \$2-4 lower. Stockers \$1-2 higher. Feeders \$1-3 higher.  
Cows: fat, .40-.47; cutters, .38-.49; canners, .30-.37.

Bulls: bologna, .58-.66; feeders, .82-.98; utility .54-.62.  
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.42; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.35; 500-600 lbs., 1.12-1.28; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.22; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 800 lbs. and up, .85-1.10.  
Heifers: medium and large frame

No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.26; 500-600 lbs., .94-1.20; 600 lbs. and up, .75-1.09.  
Bred heifers medium frame, 700-875.  
Bred cows young to middle aged 775-925; aged or small, 550-750.  
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 900-1400; aged or small, 725-875.



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**Attention Seniors!**  
Medicare Part D Prescription Seminar to be held at  
**Munday Nursing Center**  
421 West F in Munday, Texas  
on December 27 at 2 p.m.  
Part D enrollment and Medicare Part D premium assistance forms will be available at seminar.  
Refreshments will be available and a gift bag to all who attend.

## Calendar

### Storm sirens

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

### Flood donations

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance is collecting monetary donations for local flood relief. Donations may be made to P.O. Box 441, Haskell, Texas 79521. 100% of these donations will go directly to help the local flood victims.

### Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Renegarbe will be featured for children.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Dec. 15 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. Flu shots will be available for children 6 months through 35 months of age. No adult flu vaccine is available. For more information call 325-773-5681.

## Obituaries

### Annie Pearl Lusk



ANNIE PEARL LUSK

Funeral services for Annie Pearl Lusk, 89, of Rule were held Sat., Dec. 10 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with John Greeson, Rev.

Greg Gasaway and Rev. Jack Lusk officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lusk died Tues., Dec. 6 in Haskell.

Born Feb. 19, 1916 in Wise County, she was the daughter of James Monroe Green and Annie Harriet Elizabeth Carpenter Green. She married Floyd O'Dell (Satch) Lusk July 8, 1934 in Bridgeport. He preceded her in death in 1991. She lived in Haskell from 1939 until 1996 when she moved to Rule. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell where she kept the nursery for 38 years. She was also a member of the Haskell Fireman's Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a brother, Sam

Green; and two sisters, Maxine Ordway and Catherine Cook.

Survivors include one son, Bobby Joe Lusk and wife, Sharon of Haskell; granddaughter, Shannon Kittley and husband, Rob of Rule; grandson Stephen Lusk and wife, Michell of Lubbock; step granddaughters, Denise Alexander and husband, David of Georgetown and Amy Helm and husband, Chris of Round Rock; and five great grandchildren, Trey Kittley, Samantha Kittley, Will Kittley, Riley Lusk, Zeke Lusk, Austin Alexander, Mason Alexander and Madison Helm.

Memorials may be sent to Haskell Volunteer Fire Department or the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell. PD. NOTICE

### William Victor Lowry



WILLIAM VICTOR LOWRY

Funeral services for William Victor Lowry, 84, of Knox City were held Sat., Dec. 10 at First United Methodist Church in Knox City with Rev. Rob Harrison and Rev. John Wade officiating. Burial was in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of

Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mr. Lowry died Thurs., Dec. 8.

Born Nov. 18, 1921 in Oklahoma, he was the son of Otis and Clara Lowry. He was raised in Quanah. He fought in World War II as a pilot in the Air Force for four years. He married Norma Johnston April 14, 1946 in Vernon, a union lasting 59 years and 8 months. He graduated from Game Warden school at Texas A&M. He was a game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from 1954 to 1985. His territory covered seven counties, while stationed in Jayton and Knox City. He loved the Lord, music, hunting, fishing, gardening, grilling and smoking chickens, Norma Lee's cooking, telling jokes, playing tricks, sharing stories, being a Texas Game Warden, traveling and fishing with his grandchildren, playing with his

great grandchildren and giving to friends and people in need. He was a faithful servant and will be missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, William Michael Lowry in 1974; his grandson, Heath Josselet in 1973 and his brother, Forrest Lowry.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Lee Johnston Lowry; daughter, Vickie and husband, Danny Josselet of Haskell; two grandchildren, Cody Josselet and wife, Michele of Abilene; Ember Medford and husband, Rodney of Paint Creek; three great grandchildren, Bethany and Allie Josselet of Abilene and Cutter Medford of Paint Creek.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Knox City; Noah Project-North of Haskell; or to the charity of your choice. PD. NOTICE

## Citrus drinks may challenge cranberry juice's urinary health reputation

Many people believe that drinking cranberry juice helps prevent urinary tract infection, catheter obstruction and urinary stones.

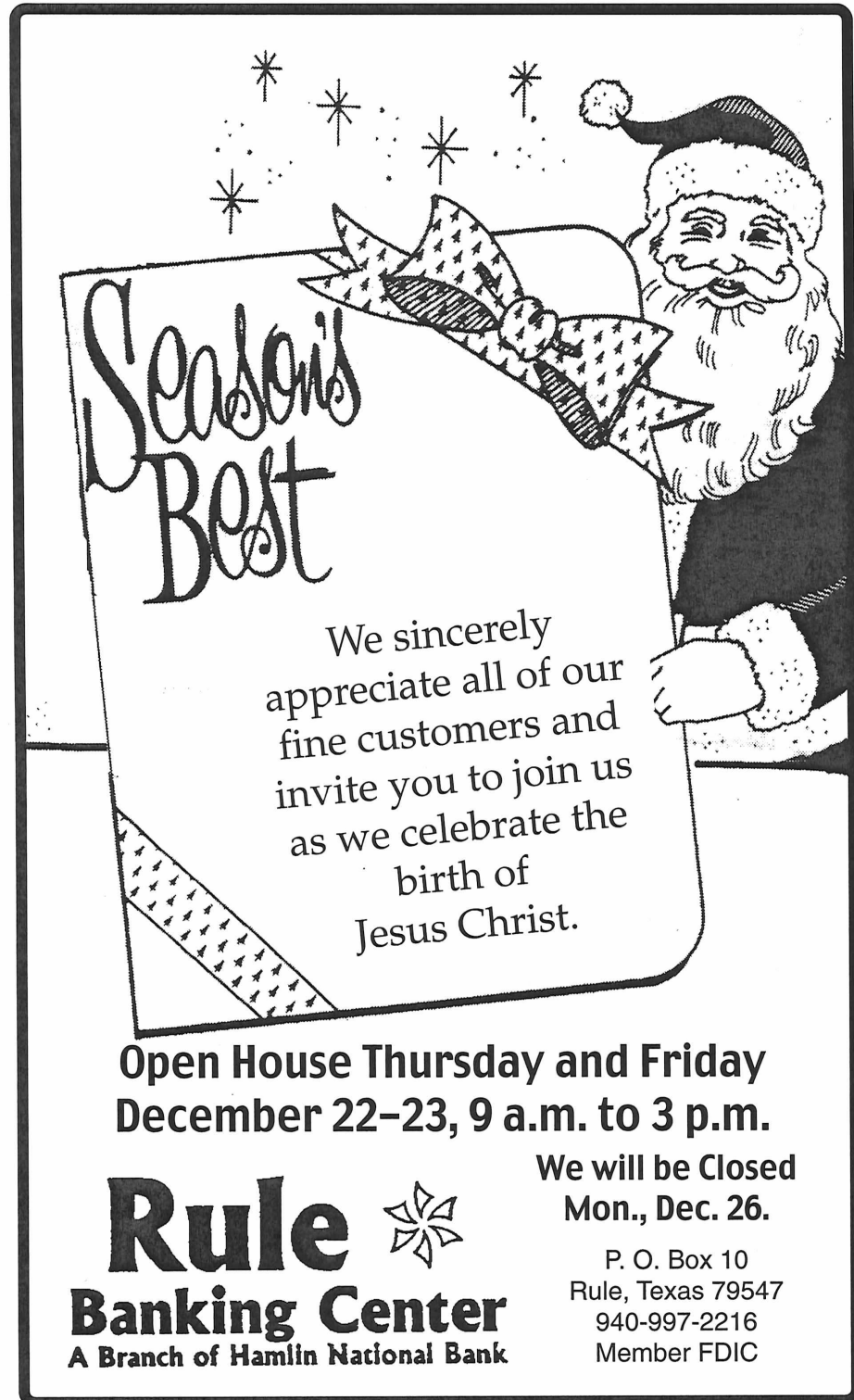
But a study with 24 patients at UT Southwestern Medical Center has found that cranberry juice has a mixed effect on a person's propensity for urinary stone formation. Patients in the study published recently in the Journal of Urology drank one liter of

cranberry juice daily.

"Our study suggests that consuming the quantities of cranberry juice used in our study does increase the risk of calcium oxalate stone formation as judged by stone risk factors in the urine," says Dr. Margaret Pearle, professor of urology and internal medicine. "But no studies have been done looking at the long-term effect of large quantities of cranberry juice on actual stone

formation, the real test."

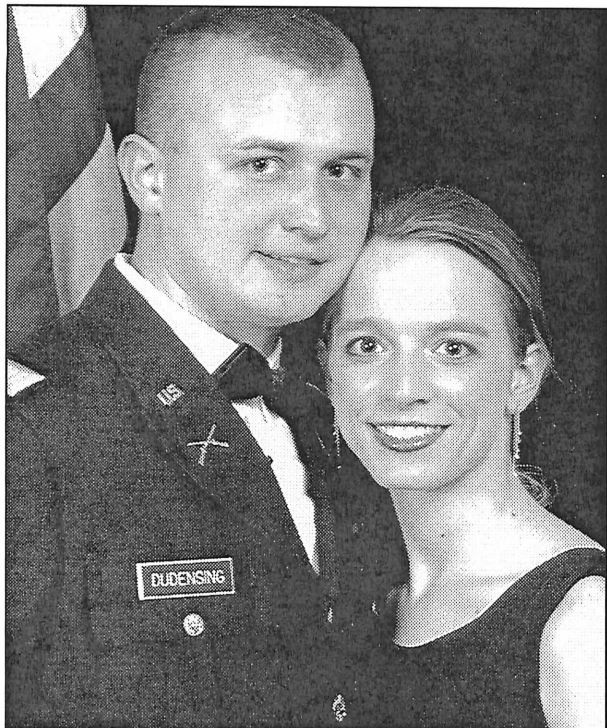
So, has Dr. Pearle sworn off cranberry juice? "I would not go so far as to discourage cranberry juice consumption," Dr. Pearle says. "I would only say that consuming large quantities of cranberry juice may not be advisable because of the negative impact on urinary stone risk factors. More benefit would be obtained from orange juice or lemonade."



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JEFFREY DUDENSING - REBEKKA MARTIN

## Martin, Dudensing to marry Dec. 30

Robert and Liane Martin of Herndon, Kansas, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebekka, to Jeffrey Dudensing, son of Kenneth and Rebecca Dudensing of Sweetwater.

Grandparents of the couple are Helen Dudensing of Stamford, and the late Clement Dudensing, Ann Martin of Herndon, Kansas, and the late August Martin, Ray Kircher of Oberlin, and the late Eleanor Kircher, and the late A.F. and Sylvia Jobe.

A 1998 graduate of Herndon High

School, the bride-elect graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. The prospective bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Sweetwater High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. They will both graduate from Texas Tech in December with a master's degree in agricultural economics.

The couple plans a Dec. 30 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon.

## Sanders family has Christmas gathering

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, met for their annual weekend together, Dec. 2-4, at the Circle S Ranch of Jacky and Sandra Sanders, southeast of Haskell. Each year since the death of their parents, the children have followed the tradition of meeting during Christmas.

Those present this year were Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell, all of Haskell, Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman, Andy and Marlene Sanders, Netha and A.J. Carrouth, Renetha and Johnny Ballew, and Andra Jackson of Cross Plains, Martha and Bill Maupin, William

Mark, Denise and Mark Maupin of Odessa, Marie and B.D. Kirkland of Fort Worth, Jacky D. Kirkland of Weatherford, Sue and Walter Cox of Naples, Brenda, Austin and Sallie Sartain of Omaha, Jacky, Sandra and Jaclyn Sanders of Weatherford, Rocky and Marsha Sanders and Shawn, Kathy, Alexis and Tyler Sanders of Abilene. Two visitors attending were Charles Davis and Joe Don, who work the Ranch.

After supper Saturday evening, the group went to Grandma Sallie's parlor, where Elaine Campbell played the piano, and Berta Sue led them in singing Christmas songs. Special memories were shared of past Christmas times spent at their Daddy Jack and Grandma Sanders.

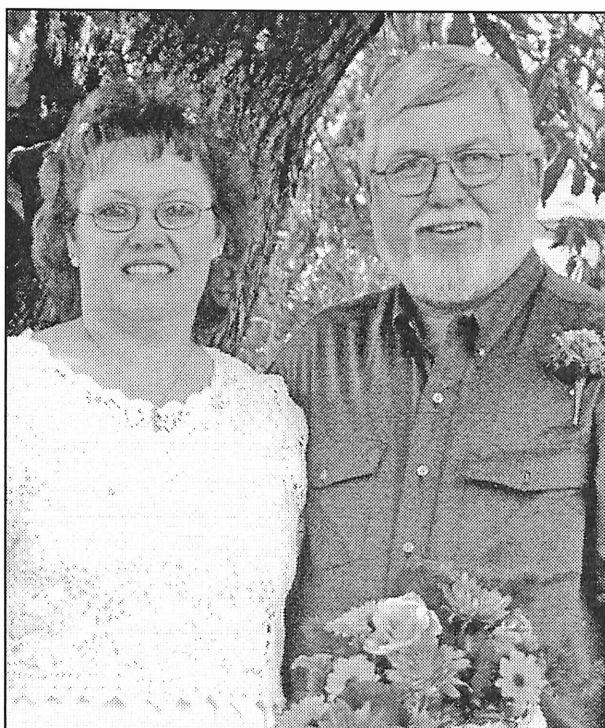
## Cornelius receives Masonry degree

J.N. Cornelius of Rule was recently awarded the Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary in the Scottish Rite. The degree is conferred by the Supreme Council upon members of the Rite, usually those who have been a Knight Commander Court Honor (K.C.C.H.) for a minimum of forty-six months, in recognition of exemplary service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the degrees of Scottish Rite. The Supreme Council meets in Washington, D.C.

Nominations for the honor are made by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. On being approved unanimously by the

Executive Session, each recipient becomes an honorary member of the Supreme Council. The honor is bestowed for past services to the Scottish Rite or to mankind, and is accepted as a pledge or obligation for further service to be rendered in the future, always remembering the attributes of Freemasonry; justice, honesty, temperance, charity of means and thoughts.

J.N. and his wife, Oleta Cornelius, attended the awarding ceremonies which were held at the Scottish Rite Temple, followed by a banquet in the Santa Fe Ballroom of the Four Points Sheraton of Lubbock.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY DON MYERS

## Lacey, Myers wed in outdoor ceremony

Linda (Coker) Lacey and Jerry Don Myers, both of Rule, were united in an afternoon, outdoor wedding ceremony, Sat., Oct. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rolls of Rule. Officiating the ceremony was Justice of the Peace, Lynn Dodson, of Haskell. As a gift to the couple, she surprised them with personally written vows and a Native-American Blessing.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Charlotte Coker of Rule. The groom is the son of D.B. Myers and the late Ruby Myers of Seymour.

The bride was escorted by her father and her oldest grandson, Cayden Rogers, of Munday. The groom was escorted by his granddaughter, Emma Kincaid, of Stephenville.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Nichols of Lubbock, and 'Best Man' was Charlotte Welch of Gilliland, cousin of the groom.

Mayree Hollis-Turnbow of Haskell decorated for the wedding with orange pumpkins and ghost pumpkins, along with grapevine wreaths and many types of fall flowers throughout the gazebo and yard.

At the reception which followed

the ceremony, the wedding cake was a 3-tier Italian cream cake with cream cheese icing in a basket-weave design. Each tier was decorated with a fall flower arrangement.

The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate icing, decorated with a John Deere tractor and plow, along with rows of little pumpkins. Other tractors decorated the groom's table. Serving were Ginger Adkins of Lubbock, Brittany Sheedy of Lubbock and Pam Martinez of Seymour.

Among the friends and family members from over Texas joining the couple in the joyful occasion were their daughters, Ashley Rogers of Munday, accompanied by her sons, Cayden and Corbin Rogers, Brittany Barnett of Stamford, Courtney Kincaid and husband, David of Stephenville, accompanied by Emma, Gretchen Myers and friend Chris Starling of Stephenville.

The bride is a court clerk in the Justice of the Peace Office in Haskell. The groom is a self-employed farmer, custom farms, and is the owner of JD's Country Catering.

After returning from their wedding trip to Branson, Missouri, the couple is residing in Rule.



**CAFETERIA PATIO FINISHED**—Haskell Secondary FFA and Family and Consumer Sciences classes recently completed final touches for the patio. Started last year with construction of roof and concrete flooring, it was finished with the building of two picnic tables. Students measured and cut metal, welded table supports, primed and painted them. Seating ten people, the patio tables can be used as a place for students to sit and talk after lunch, and as 'overflow' tables during fund-raiser meals by local organizations on Friday nights before football games. The response from students and the public has been positive.



**PINCH-HITTING 'SUPER'**—Paint Creek ISD Superintendent, Don Ballard, pitched in to help out in the absence of a sick employee at the school cafeteria one day last week.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. I.T. Briscoe gathered for their annual Christmas dinner Sunday at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. 30 attended coming from Abilene, Nugent, Wichita Falls, Munday and Haskell.

Jeff and Tenille Williams are enjoying a month in Texas. They are moving from Kingsland Georgia to Camp Lejune Marine Corps Base, N.C. Last week they were in Haskell visiting grandparents, Wilbert and Dwanna Klose and other relatives and friends.

The '53-'54 coffee group met in the home of Dwanna Klose for their Christmas get-together. Attending from Haskell were Evonne Medford, Coleta Whitfield, Delores Foster, Melva Everett, Jeanie Richards, Eva Dunnam, Marie Ivy class of '57, Helen Homer of Munday and Fran Stiewert of Duncan, Oklahoma.



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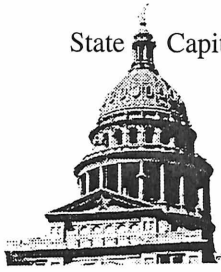
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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Judge lets stand 2 charges against DeLay

AUSTIN—Senior state District Judge Pat Priest let stand felony charges of money laundering and conspiracy against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, and dismissed other conspiracy charges also leveled by a Travis County grand jury at the Sugar Land Republican.

Charges that stuck allege DeLay and his associates moved campaign donations from Texas entities to Americans for a Republican Majority, his national fundraising committee in Washington, D.C., and the money was returned to Texas as donations to his Austin-based fundraising committee, Texans for a Republican Majority.

When DeLay was indicted in September, he stepped down from his leadership post in accordance with U.S. House rules.

DeLay did not deny the campaign funds in question helped a select few Texas House Republicans in their successful 2002 races. Their votes in favor of DeLay's redistricting plan in 2003 helped the GOP pick up five U.S. congressional seats in 2004.

Now, DeLay's attorney Dick DeGuerin of Houston is asking Judge Priest for a couple of things: (1) to speed up the trial date—so DeLay has a better chance of putting the issue behind him before he campaigns for reelection in the coming year—and (2) to move the trial away from Austin.

**(Trial) location, location, location**  
DeGuerin, a Democrat who also donates to Republican candidates, told reporters DeLay can't get an impartial jury and thus a fair trial in the state's capital city, where a jury panel is likely to include more than one or two Democrats.

After all, Austin is the Travis County seat, and Travis is the lone Texas county "blue" enough to vote against the proposed constitutional ban on gay marriage back in November.

Meanwhile, Vice President Dick Cheney attended a fund-raiser for DeLay in Houston and had to walk within earshot of hecklers to get in. A DeLay aide said the hecklers were "professionals" not from the congressman's district.

**Status: DeLay vs. prosecutor**  
Judge Priest has not ruled on DeLay's complaint alleging Travis County District Attorney Ronnie

Earle, a Democrat, illegally goaded grand juries into the indictments.

**Agency chief touts Texas coal**  
Coal will be increasingly important in the next energy boom and Texas has plenty of it, Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams told energy executives at a national meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

But there is a desperate need for sensible federal and state regulatory policies that balance economic interests with environmental concerns for coal usage, Williams said.

"Our challenge is to tell that story in Washington, D.C., just as we have done in Texas," he said.

Williams said Texas also is the No. 1 coal-using state and the No. 5 coal-producing state.

Either Texas is consuming its own stockpile or it is importing quite a bit of coal, because, Williams said, Texas consumed 103 million tons last year and produced 45 million tons.

**Friedman formalizes candidacy**  
Hill Country humorist, musician and author Kinky Friedman took a serious step by filing papers with the secretary of state Dec. 8, officially declaring his intention to run as an independent candidate for governor.

In a statewide grassroots effort to earn him a spot on the November ballot, Friedman's camp must collect about 45,540 signatures from registered Texas voters who do not vote in the March 7 state Republican or Democratic primaries.

After filing, Friedman said his main opponent will not be incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, but voter apathy.

**FEMA resets move-out deadline**  
Hurricane Katrina evacuees now have until Jan. 7 to move out of Texas hotels and motels, Gov. Perry announced Dec. 8. The same deadline applies to FEMA-reimbursed apartment leases. In November, Perry talked FEMA out of enforcing a Dec. 1 deadline for the housing assistance.

**Perry announces corridor plan**  
Gov. Perry is not waiting for federal aid before moving on his Trans Texas Corridor/Interstate 69 plan.

He said the state will proceed to work with the private sector to develop an interstate-quality roadway connecting the Rio Grande Valley with the midwestern states.

Plans route the corridor through East Texas and into Arkansas.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

December 21, 1995

Haskell FFA took three first place honors at the Double Mountain FFA Leadership Contests, in Junior Chapter Conducting with members Jessica Hale, Amy Aycock, Angela Aycock, Sarah Gibbs, Misti Henson, Mindy Howard, Bree Burgess Conrad Palacios; in Farm Radio with members Vanessa Miller, Shelly Palacios, Kaki Stapleton; and in Senior Farm Skills with members Jim Crawford, Turner Frierson and Jessica Hale.

Rreece and Frances Clark of Sagerton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in their home with Charles and Dorothy Clark, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre and Joe Frances Clark stopping by.

### 20 Years Ago

December 19, 1985

Monty Allen Moeller of Haskell was included in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The Progressive Study Club was the grand prize winner in the Christmas parade float with Haskell Fire Department winning the best organization entry and Kids Duds taking the best commercial, best lighted, best music adaptation and best animated prizes.

Jill Jennings, Haskell 4-H Club member, was honored with the coveted Gold Star Award.

## Holiday revelers warned to hand over car keys

Festive lights decorating homes and businesses across Texas are a bright sign that the holiday season is in full swing.

But state and local law enforcement agencies warn that there are some lights that Texas residents will not want to see this month: the flashing red and blue lights that signal a traffic enforcement stop.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced that officers will be stepping up enforcement of the state's driving while intoxicated laws through Jan. 2. TxDOT has made grants totaling \$661,955 to 61 Texas cities to help defray expenses to crack down on impaired drivers.

"Officers will be out in force, so

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren in Rule.

### 30 Years Ago

December 18, 1975

Robert Whorton Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whorton of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Couch of Haskell, was named Little Mr. Pecan during the annual San Saba Pecan Festival.

Paige Gannaway, daughter of Mary Emma Gannaway and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves of Haskell, was selected to tour with the Continental Singers during her summer vacation.

Haskell Ag Mechanics team went to Stamford to participate in the Stamford Electric Co-Op Farm Contest placing second in the contest and high team in welding. Turner received the high individual in welding. Team members were Johnny Hawkins, Les Lane, Mike Turner and Calvin Wilfong.

At the annual Christmas party for members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and their wives Bill Comedy and Raymond Andrada received five year pens; John Watson, Bob Dumas and Wayne Waincott, 15 year pens; Tom Paul Barnett, 20 year pen; E. J. Stewart, 25 year pen; and Dugan Starr, 24 year pen.

### 40 Years Ago

### December 16, 1965

Helen Cadenhead and Mary Elliot teamed up with their entry, a tiny Chihuahua wearing a sign, "Beware of the vicious animal," took second place in the Christmas pet parade.

Keith Chapman and Kathy Hager of Mattson 4-H were 4-H Gold Star recipients at the annual Haskell 4-H Awards program.

Nan Jones won first place and Cheryl Counts won second in the theme writing contest on "The Four-Way Test of Rotary," sponsored by the Rule Rotary Club.

Haskell High School student Keith Chapman was chosen FHA Beau by the Future Homemakers of America.

J.A. Wimberly and his family celebrated his 100th birthday with a big dinner and birthday cake in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J.M. Sloan of Haskell.

Justin Pueschel of Haskell returned from Sealy where he was the top brangus bull seller, his brangus weighed 1,935 lbs. and sold for \$1,750.

### 50 Years Ago

December 15, 1955

The Haskell Indians placed five on the 8-A All-District team including Wayne Connor, Oris Gibson, David Strickland, John Holt and Frank Don Mullins.

Barbara Merchant Rhoads of Haskell became eligible for membership of the Alpha Chi at Hardin-Simmons University.

Five boys from the Rule FFA Chapter won first in the Radio Broadcasting Contest of the area II FFA Leadership Contest held in Big Spring. Team members were Sonny Whorton, Elton Biggs, Benny Allison, Bill Tabor and Winston Ulmer.

Rosalie McCall, Austin College student from Haskell, was named girl favorite of the student body.

Joelia Weinert of Weinert was enrolled in the student teaching program of the School of Education at North Texas State College.

First prize in the Haskell Home Decorating and lighting contest was the home of Mr. and Mrs. V.W. Meadors Sr. with the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lane taking second.

### 100 Years Ago

December 16, 1905

W.S. Fouts was in town and stated he had in 10 acres of corn and it made about 25 bushels per acre, 30 acres of milo maize which made about 4,000 bushels of grain, about 5,000 bundles of forage and 13 bales of cotton from 40 acres.

Mrs. H.R. Jones and little niece, Willie Veazey, returned from Marlin much improved in health.

H.L. Sherrill of Temple, who purchased several farms in Haskell County, spent a few days here.

W.T. Newsome killed four eight months old hogs that averaged 250 pounds each.

Hollis Fields became employed at the Haskell National Bank as bookkeeper.

## Take precautions to prevent deadly wildfires

Officials with the Governor's Division of Emergency Management urged Texans to take extra precautions this year to avoid the threat of wildfires. Many parts of Texas can suffer from extremely dry conditions, setting the stage for potentially severe fire seasons.

About 90 percent of all Texas wildfires are caused by humans, and the greatest single cause is burning debris that escapes from an area where it should have been contained. When weather is dry and the conditions for severe fires exist, Texans can help prevent fires if they:

- Avoid burning trash. Even a barrel covered with a screen can allow a spark to escape, igniting nearby vegetation.

- If you smoke in your car, extinguish cigarettes in vehicle ashtrays. Never toss a cigarette out of a car window, and don't put cigarettes out on the ground.

- Be careful when pulling off a road or driving into a field. Hot catalytic converters can ignite vegetation.

- Keep a fire extinguisher and water handy when working outdoors with equipment that gets hot, or involves sparks, such as welding equipment. Water down outdoor work areas in advance if possible.

- Do not use fireworks during the holidays.

## Dec. sales tax

Some Southeast Texas communities continue to see declines in their sales tax revenue as a result of Hurricane Rita, but overall state and local sales tax revenues are up significantly, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported.

The state collected \$1.58 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.4 percent compared to Nov. 2004. December sales tax allocations to local governments rose by \$50.8 million, or 15.8 percent, compared to Dec. 2004.

Strayhorn sent \$372.4 million in Dec. sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 15.8 percent compared to last Dec.

Texas cities received \$252.8 million in sales tax allocations, up 15.8 percent compared to Dec. 2004. Texas counties received Dec. sales tax allocations of \$21.8 million, up 17.2 percent compared to one year ago.

Nov. state sales tax collections and Dec. sales tax allocations to local governments mainly represent sales that occurred in Oct.

Haskell County had a 14.9 percent increase for Dec. 2005 of \$28,139.46 in comparison to \$24,489.08 for Dec. 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$392,417.78 reflect a 10.06 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$356,539.26.

The City of Haskell had a 16.19 percent increase for Dec. 2005 of \$26,313.11 in comparison to \$22,645.24 for Dec. 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$363,597.00 reflect a 10.51 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$329,011.62.

The City of O'Brien had a 22.24 percent increase for Dec. 2005 of \$29.10 in comparison to \$22.24 for Dec. 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$578.08 reflect a 31.44 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$843.18.

The City of Rochester had a 42.61 percent decrease for Dec. 2005 of \$438.33 in comparison to \$763.87 for Dec. 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$7,808.57 reflect a 7.8 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$8,469.22.

The City of Rule had a 23.50 percent increase for Dec. 2005 of \$1,251.03 in comparison to \$1,012.94 for Dec. 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$17,708.10 reflect a 5.16 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$16,838.36.

The City of Weinert had a 140.87 percent increase for Dec. 2005 of \$107.89 in comparison to \$44.79 for Dec. 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$2,726.03 reflect a 97.98 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$1,376.88.

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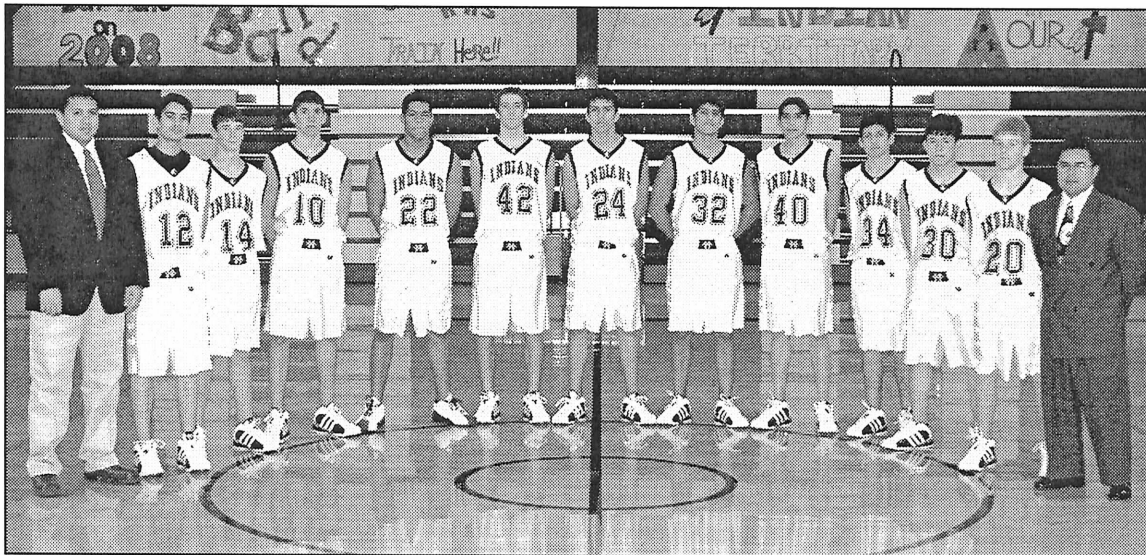
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# Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach Lola Martinez, Nic Mendoza, Weston Rutkowski, Derrick Agraz, D.J. McCulloch, Jeremy Sorrells, Augustene Lara, Vicente Castillo, Miquel Chavez, Magdiel Gonzalez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams and Coach Toby Villa.

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**Fri., Dec. 16 • 5 p.m.**  
**JV & Varsity Boys vs Cisco at Cisco**

# Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Mollie McKnight, Jasmine Thomas, Roxanne Chavez and Lindsay Pannell; middle, Kimberly Medford, Lacey Peiser, Samantha Rodriguez and Robbyn Tribbey; back, Victoria Armenta and Kerri Newton.

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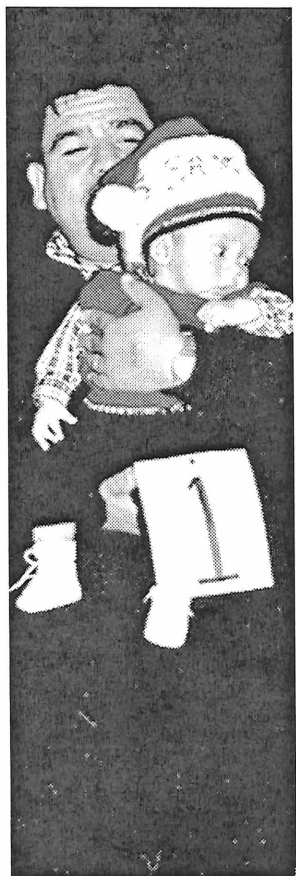
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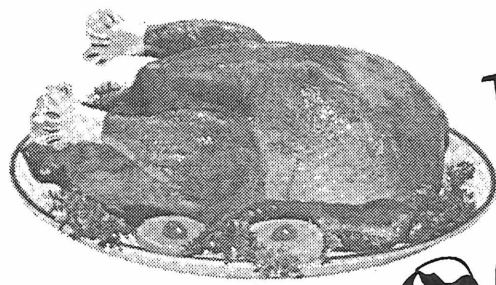
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## Weather Whys

### Cold Fronts

Q: What causes cold fronts?  
A: The simple explanation is that a cold front is where a cold air mass is replacing a warm air mass, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"The air mass behind it is noticeably colder and it pushes out the warmer air," McRoberts explains.

"As a cold front moves into an area, the heavier colder air moves out the warmer, lighter air its replacing. If the warm air is humid enough, water vapor in it will condense and rain can occur, which is why cold fronts often trigger thunderstorms. The rotation of the Earth helps to form the wind that flows between air masses."

Q: How fast can the temperature drop when a cold front arrives?

A: Amazingly fast, McRoberts adds. It is not uncommon for the temperature to drop 15 degrees or more in just one hour after a cold front arrives.

"There are some incredible stories about temperature changes," he adds.

"On Dec. 20, 1836 in Illinois, the temperature went from 40 degrees to 0 in just a few hours. And on Jan. 22, 1943 in South Dakota, the town of Spearfish was at the edge of an arctic air mass but still under a temperature inversion area. At 7:30 a.m., the temperature in Spearfish was -4 degrees and within two minutes, went to 45 degrees above 0 because of warm winds associated with the inversion. By 9 a.m. the temperature was up to 54 degrees, but the conditions changed and the temperature fell to -4 degrees. A 58-degree temperature drop had occurred in only 27 minutes, still believed to be a record."

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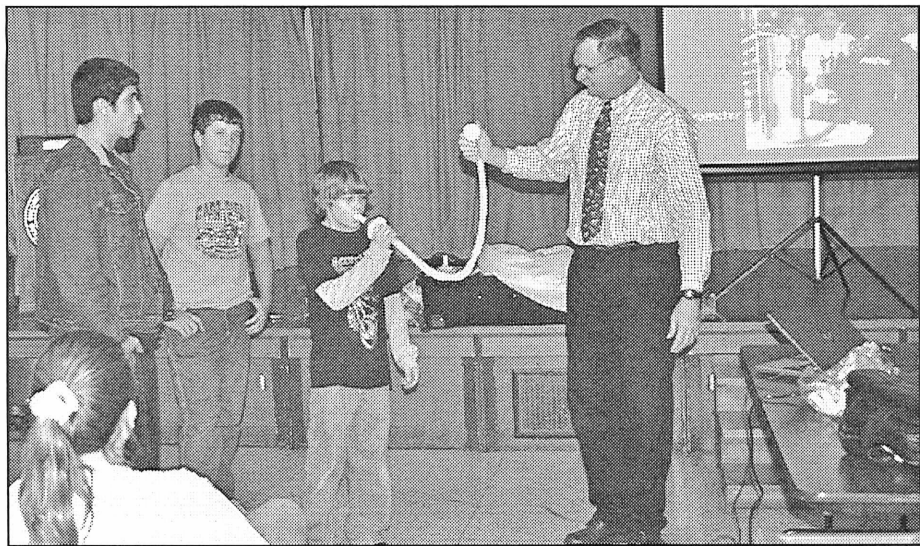
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## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

Rule 35, Trent 28  
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 14, Lisle 6, Scheets 6, Brannan 4, Miller 2, Ke. Sheets 2, Gary 1.  
 JV score: Rule 29, Trent 22

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 Rule Booster Club  
 Tournament  
 Roby 72, Paint Creek 13  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Daniel 6, Hope 5, Messenger 2.  
 Rule 57, Lueders-Avoca 25  
 Scoring for Rule: Ky. Scheets 13, Lisle 12, Smith 12, Miller 6, Ke. Sheets 6, Brannan 4, Lehrmann 2, Gary 2.  
 Munday 59, Paint Creek 20  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 10, McCord 6, Daniel 2, Hope 2.

Rule 64, Trent 43  
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 24, A. Lisle 13, Miller 8, Ke. Scheets 7, Ky. Scheets 5, Lehrmann 3, Gary 2, Brannan 1, M. Lisle 1.  
 Lueders-Avoca 38, Paint Creek 33  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Daniel 12, Hope 11, McCord 4, Barr 4, Blair 3.

Woodson 46, Rule 40, OT  
 Championship  
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 14, A. Lisle 10, Ke. Scheets 6, Lehrmann 4, Ky. Scheets 4, M. Lisle 2.  
 All tournament team: A. Lisle and Smith, Rule.

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 Vernon Invitational Basketball  
 Tournament  
 Haskell 36, Hereford 44  
 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 14, Rodriguez 5.  
 Amarillo Caprock 51, Haskell 49  
 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 20, Tribbey 8.  
 Haskell 53, Amarillo River Road 59  
 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 24, Thomas 11.  
 All Tournament team: Mollie McKnight, Haskell

**Boys**  
 Rule 72, Trent 33  
 Scoring for Rule: Brown 16, Pace 15, Spitzer 11, Simpson 11, Dudensing 8, Price 2, Kittley 2, Hall 2.

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 Haskell 42, Eula 40  
 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 16, Lara 13, Rutkowski 4, McCulloch  
 JV score: Eula 34, Haskell 37

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 Rule Booster Club  
 Tournament  
 Roby 53, Paint Creek 29  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Bryant 9, Myers 6, Brolan 6, Cisneros 6, Rogers 2.  
 Rule 91, Lueders-Avoca 44

Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 16, Pace 16, Brown 15, Hall 13, Price 10, Kittley 8, Dudensing 8, Simpson 5.  
 Woodson 48, Paint Creek 32

Scoring for Paint Creek: Bryant 11, Cisneros 9, Brown 8, Rogers 2, Myers 2.

Rotan 71, Rule 65  
 Scoring for Rule: Brown 20, Simpson 17, Spitzer 16, Pace 8, Hall 2, Dudensing 2.

Paint Creek 50, Lueders-Avoca 47  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Bryant 38, Myers 3, Cisneros 3, Whitfield 2, Rogers 1.

Rule 60, Roby 42  
 Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 21, Pace 11, Brown 11, Kittley 8, Simpson 6,

Dudensing 3.  
 All tournament team: Spitzer and Brown, Rule.

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 Vernon Invitational Basketball  
 Tournament  
 Archer City 46, Haskell 52  
 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 16, Lara 16, McCulloch 12  
 Holliday 43, Haskell 49  
 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 21, McCulloch 14.

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 Haskell 47, Memphis 56  
 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 18, Lara 17.  
 All Tournament team: Miguel Chavez, Haskell

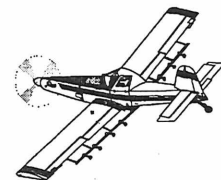
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 10:30 a.m. Bingo  
 Lunch—Chicken, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, green beans, corn casserole, yeast rolls, German chocolate cake, milk, tea, or coffee

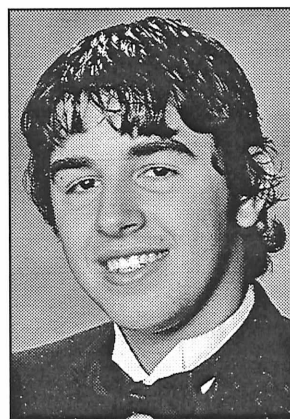
**Fri., Dec. 23**  
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Adam Conner is the son of Cody and Teresa Fudge of Haskell. His church affiliation is East Side Baptist. At Haskell High School he is active in the Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS). Among his favorite leisure-time activities are playing guitar, going to church and writing songs. After finishing high school, he plans to attend Howard Payne University or Hardin-Simmons University and to work in the ministry.



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 Dusty Garrison, minister  
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 Sun. 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

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 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**  
 Rev. Daniel Echols, 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**  
 Jim Yates, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**First Presbyterian Church**  
 Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
 Tony Grand, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
 114 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

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 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**  
 Greg Gasaway, 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.  
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**Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
 Dr. Larry Nail, pastor  
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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 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.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
 Jim Davis, pastor  
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Clovis Dever  
 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**  
 Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
 Rochester

**SAGERTON**

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Terry O'Rear, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 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**  
 Terry O'Rear, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
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 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. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

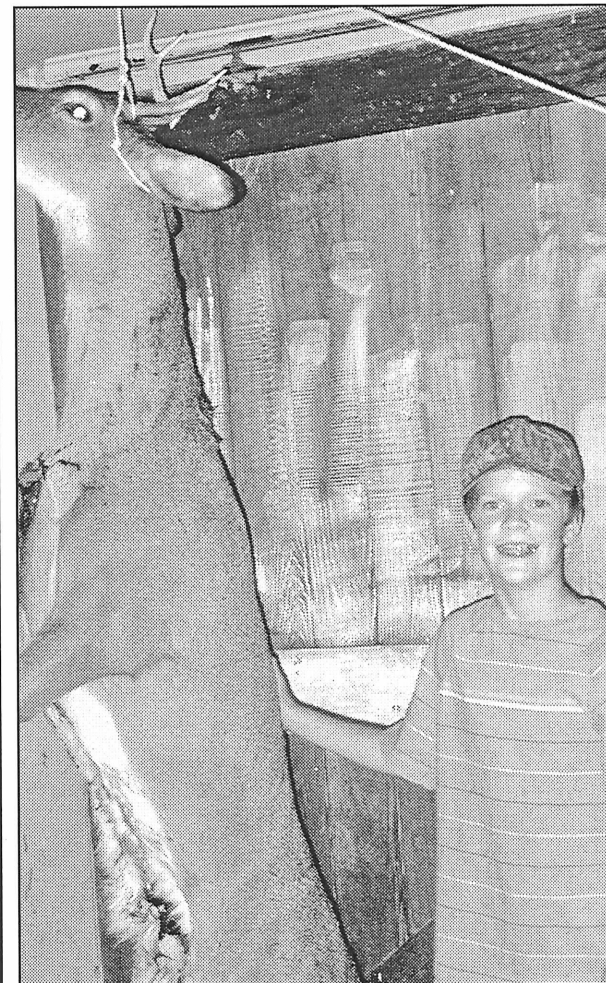
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Robert Sweet  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

**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**  
 Jim Reid, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
 O'Brien



**YOUNG HUNTER—Andy Gilbreath of Stamford killed his first deer, a 6-point buck, Nov. 12, and on Nov. 19 he bagged a large, wild hog. The 6th grade Stamford Middle School student is the son of Keith and Frances Gilbreath and grandson of Garland and Sue Gilbreath.**

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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Written By  
**James E. Rodgers, CPA**



**THE NEW MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT:  
 WHAT TO CONSIDER**

If you're a senior, you've probably read enough about the new prescription drug coverage offered by Medicare to realize that the idea behind it is straightforward: protection against the cost of drugs through the purchase of an insurance policy. What may be less clear is how to evaluate your options.

Here are three tips:

1. **Assess your risk.** A question similar to the one you ask before taking out any insurance policy applies: Can you afford to assume the risk of paying for drugs you need now or will need in the future? Because the program is voluntary, if you decide your prescriptions will be a manageable expense, you can choose to forego coverage. The decision is revocable, so you can change your mind later and sign up. However, waiting until after May 15, 2006, to buy a drug policy may mean higher premiums.

2. **Review your present coverage.** Are you still working? Your employer might provide prescription drug coverage that's equivalent to the new benefit. Veterans and union, federal government, or military retirees may also already have comprehensive drug benefits. You can keep an existing supplemental Medicare policy (known as Medigap) that pays for drug costs, though you'll want to make sure the coverage is comparable. However, note that present Medicare-approved discount drug cards will be replaced by the new benefit.

3. **Know what you need.** For a monthly premium, basic plans typically include a list of covered drugs and participating pharmacies, a \$250 deductible, and additional out-of-pocket expenses called co-payments. If you're taking a specific drug, check the list of drugs that plan will cover. You may want to verify that a convenient pharmacy is available, both locally and when traveling. Deductibles and co-payments also vary, so understanding what benefits matter most to you can help focus your decision-making. When you're ready to sign up, you can do so with the company whose plan you've chosen or with Medicare by phone (1-800-633-4227) or online (www.medicare.gov).

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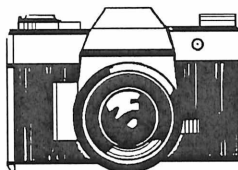
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I would like to thank my many friends and family for all their support for the past 4 or 5 months during my illness. Thanks to all for your cards, food, phone calls, visits, flowers and most of all your prayers and concern during this time. A special thanks to Betty Warren, Gwyna Flores, Becky Howeth, Janie and Frances Rodriguez, Denise Address, Connie Harvey, Vicki Bullard and Andrea Estrada for organizing and supporting the chicken fajita luncheon that was held for me on Nov. 6. I appreciate all the support and donations that were made on my behalf. I am still in Fort Worth taking treatment. I will be finished and home on Dec. 20. There's no place like home and with all the caring people of Haskell it is a special place to call home. Ernest and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Again, thanks and may God richly bless each of you.  
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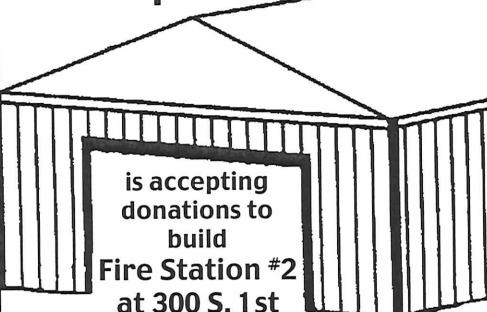


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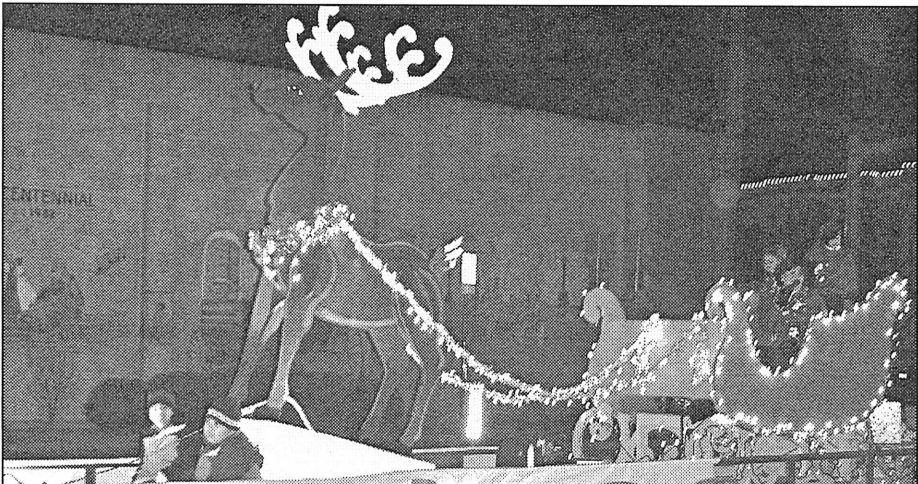
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Also, wherever dead grass, weeds and other fine-textured fuels are present, even short periods of dry, windy weather can cause a rapid escalation in wildfire risk and difficulty of control," Dunivan declared.

Unless the weather cooperates and brings significant moisture statewide and/or the public exercises greater safety with all outdoor fire use, firefighters fear that additional wildfires are likely. Many wildfires result from careless burning of household trash, leaves and brush piles. The following are suggestions from the Texas Forest Service.

- Obey outdoor burning bans.
- Postpone all outdoor fires during periods of dry, windy weather.
- When outdoor fires are permitted, establish wide control lines down to bare soil before igniting your fire, and stay with your fire until it is cold to the touch.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in an ashtray or crushed out in bare dirt.
- Avoid using welding or grinding equipment in or near dry grass and weeds.
- Avoid driving or parking in tall grass and weeds that could be ignited by the pollution control equipment on your vehicle.

## Gin Report

Dec. 5, 2005


### Haskell

Haskell County Gin .....	2,675
Haskell Co-op Gin .....	7,875
<b>O'Brien</b>	
O'Brien Co-op Gin .....	14,900
<b>Rule</b>	
Rule Co-op Gin .....	4,845
Sagerton Gin .....	N/A
<b>Weinert</b>	
Griff's Gin .....	4,245
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Total bales .....	40,350

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