

Football games

RULE

Bobcats vs Throckmorton
Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
at Stamford

Basketball games

HASKELL

7th-8th G vs Anson
Mon., Dec. 4, 4 p.m.
at Rochester

VG-B in Childress Tourney
Nov. 30-Dec. 2

JVG-B in Hawley Tourney
Nov. 30-Dec. 2

JV-V G-B vs Eula
Tues., Dec. 5, 4 p.m.
at Eula

PAINT CREEK

JH vs Aspermont
Mon., Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m.
at Aspermont

VG-VB in Woodson Tourney
Dec. 1-3

VG-VB vs Benjamin
Tues., Dec. 5, 6:30
at Benjamin

RULE

JH G-B vs Roby
Mon., Dec. 4, 6 p.m.
at Roby

JV-V G-B vs Albany
Tues., Dec. 5, 4 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Tour of Homes set Sunday

The Noah Project-North will host their annual Christmas Tour of Home Sun., Dec. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or 2 for \$15. The beautifully decorated homes on the tour include Michael and Debra Bartley, 706 S. Ave. J East; Debbie Maines, 1507 N. Ave. E; Tyke and Gina Meinzer, 219 Addison Dr.; Mike Price, 304 S. Ave. H; and the Bevers House, 311 N. Ave. F where refreshments will be served.

Bobcats to play in Stamford

The Rule Bobcats will play Throckmorton in a playoff game Fri., Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Stamford Bulldog Stadium in Stamford. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Rule will be the home team.

Concert

Tim Thompson of Kaufman will conduct a free concert at First Christian Church at 107 N. Ave. F in Haskell Sat., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Thompson is worship and music leader at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Athens and will bring his message through songs with a mix of country, gospel and contemporary Christian music. His 7 year old son, Tyler, will accompany him on some selections. A love offering will be accepted.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Dec. 4 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Wyman Meinzer will speak. Members are to bring snacks for the annual Christmas party.

Santa letters due Dec. 7

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him.

Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St. or mailed to Santa Claus at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is 5 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 7. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 21 issue.

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BARN FIRE-The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the 700 block of S. 7th around noon Tues., Nov. 21 for a barn fire. The mostly tin structure contained odds and ends and hay which smoldered for several days.

Goodfellows underway

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas package to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 2 and Sat., Dec. 9, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Local bank employees complete training course

Two area banks celebrated their employees' successful completion of The Texas Work Ethic Certificate course, a high performance skills training program offered by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board.

Said Andy Gannaway, President of Haskell National Bank, "I want to thank the employees of Haskell National Bank and the trainers of The Texas Work Ethic Certificate Course for the time and effort they have put into these training sessions. Skills development opportunities like the certificate course not only benefit our employees individually, but Haskell National Bank as their employer as well."

Wallace Emerson, President of First National Bank branches in Haskell and Rochester, said, "We sincerely appreciate the opportunities afforded us by the Board's training our employees via the Texas Work Ethic Certificate Course. Our employees are excited about the skills development potential that has been shared with our people. It is important to understand that, absent this initiative of the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, small banks

like us located in rural areas could not afford this type of quality training."

Employees of First National Bank at the Munday, Haskell, Rochester, and Stamford branches who received the certification include Melodie Acosta, Bob Acree, Shirley Angerer, Penny Baker, Donna Byrd, Doris Carroll, Sabrina Clayton, Charisse Felty, Sylvia Hernandez, Mary Helen Jenkins, Opal Langford, Missy Lindsey, Beverly McGaughey, Molly Moore, Sally Moreno, Sherry Shahan and Rosie Wilde.

Employees of Haskell National Bank who received the certification include Tina Adams, Sylvia Bingham, Meranda Grand, Carla Hannsz, Robbie Harris, Molly Salazar, Paula Sammons and Pam Terry.

The Texas Work Ethic Certificate course is the cornerstone of a workforce development initiative known as the Regional Texas Essential Skills Consortium, a long-term partnership between the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board and employers in the rural towns served by the Board.



COMPLETES COURSE-Several employees of Haskell National Bank recently completed a Texas Work Ethic certification course offered by West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Receiving certificates for their training were, l-r, Becky Seale of the Education Service Center, bank employees, Pam Terry, Meranda Grand, Sylvia Bingham, Carla Hannsz, Andy Gannaway, Molly Salazar, Paula Sammons, Randy Hise, Tina Adams, Betty McDermett; and Lisa Berglund of the Workforce Center.

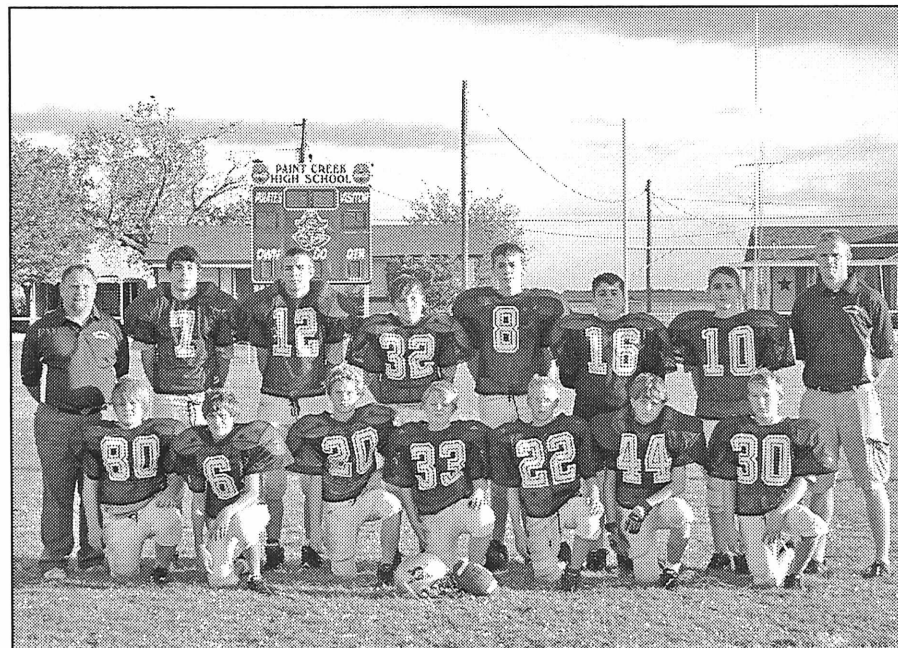


COMPLETES COURSE-Several employees of the First National Bank branches of Munday, Haskell, Stamford and Rochester, recently completed a Texas Work Ethic certification course offered by West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Receiving certificates for their training were, l-r, Regina O'Neal, Munday branch; Doris Carroll, Munday branch; Sherry Shahan, Munday branch; Molly Moore, Munday branch; Sylvia Hernandez, Munday branch; Sally Moreno, Stamford branch; Opal Langford, Haskell branch; Bob Acree, Haskell branch; Shirley Angerer, Munday branch; Sabrina Clayton, Haskell branch; Melodie Acosta, Stamford branch; Missy Lindsey, Stamford branch; Donna Byrd, Rochester branch; Beverly McGaughey; and Mary Helen Jenkins, Rochester branch.

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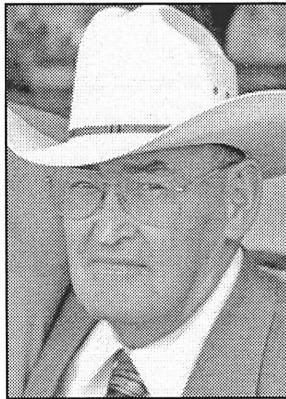
PAINT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL PIRATES—Team members are l-r, front row, Donovan Colley, Caleb Whitfield, Alice Blair, Taylor Exum and Charlie Myers; back row, Coach Roy Gardner, James Groves, Brennan Medford, Rusty Rogers, Scott Wilson, Jesse Exum, manager Jeremy McDonald and Coach Brent Palmer.



PAINT CREEK JUNIOR HIGH PIRATES—Team members, front row, l-r, Blake Edwards, Denton Reed, Damien Winterstein, Dalton Barnett, Dylan Cooper, Nathan Edwards and Dillon Emert. Standing: Coach Roy Gardner, Jacob Long, Daren Wilson, John Henderson, Curtis Bishop, Jordan Adkins, Payne Utley and Coach Brent Palmer.

Obituaries

Paul Leon Newton



LEON NEWTON

Funeral services for Paul Leon Newton, 84, of Haskell were held Wed., Nov. 29 at Cornerstone Baptist Church with Rev. Troy Culpepper, Rev. Tony Grand and Rev. Larry Nail officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, under the direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home of Anson.

Mr. Newton died Mon., Nov. 27

in Haskell.

Born Jan. 8, 1922 in Haskell County, he was the son of the late Louis Edward and Laura Ellen Mayfield Newton. He graduated from Mattson High School in 1940 and attended North Texas State University. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a recipient of numerous medals, including two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. He married Wanda Denton Mapes in 1946. She preceded him in death in 1974. He married Letha Hix Carter in 1973. A lifetime farmer and rancher, he was known for his ability to pair every cow and calf in any group. He was a Haskell County Commissioner, serving from 1955-66. He was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church and the Sons of Hermann Lodge.

His love for music took him to local nursing homes weekly to sing hymns to the residents. He was an avid domino player and was known for saying, "Losing one game was

fair, but losing two games in a row was out of the question."

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Rhonda Adams; a son-in-law, Ronnie Adams; two brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Letha Newton of Haskell; daughters, Sherry Ann Adams of Haskell, Anita Kay Graham of Anson, Nean Marie Newton of Abilene and Teresa Lou McNea and husband, Frank of Abilene; grandchildren David Adams and wife, Tina of Haskell, Roy Graham and wife, Barbie of Stephenville, Keith Graham and wife, Tracy of Anson, Cozi Wilson and husband, Cliff of Tolar, Cody Ivy and wife, Caitlan of Vernon, Cory Ivy of Haskell, Josh Tidwell of Weatherford, Brad Tidwell and wife, Leah of Arkansas, Scott McNea and wife, Lisa of San Antonio and Shane McNea of California; and 14 great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Don Wayne Oates

Memorial funeral services for Don Oates, 69, of Frisco, were held Tues., Nov. 28 at First Baptist Church in Nacogdoches. Private graveside services were held Tues., Nov. 28 under the direction of Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Nacogdoches.

Mr. Oates died Wed., Nov. 22 at his home.

Born May 12, 1938 in Stamford, he was the second son of Nerva Lee Seago Oates and Charles Verdie Oates of Haskell. He received his early education in the Haskell Independent School District and graduated from Haskell High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from North Texas State University. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and served as their vice president during his senior year.

Following service in the U.S. Army, he began a career with the Farm Credit System which spanned over thirty years. He started as a loan officer in the West Texas PCA in Pecos, where he met and married his wife, Sharon Gayle Saras Oates. He continued to serve the Farm Credit System in The Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Houston and New Orleans, President of the Production Credit Association of Nacogdoches, Vice-President of the New Orleans Branch of the

Federal Intermediate Bank. He retired in 1992, following five years of service as the President and Chief Executive officer of the Federal Intermediate Bank of Jackson, Mississippi. He has spent the last years working with his brother in management of the Oates Masonry and Construction Company.

He was appointed by then Governor George W. Bush as a board member for the Texas Commission for the Blind and served as the President of The Texas Masonry Contractors Association.

The Oates were current residents of Frisco, having resided previously in Nacogdoches for over twenty years. He was a long term member of First Baptist Church of Nacogdoches where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Gayle Saras Oates, and the family which includes Andrea and Lee Scott, Kristen and Tom Mulos, and grandchildren, Matthew Collier Scott, Michael Christian Scott, Jack Thomas Mulos and Lauren Gayle Mulos, all of Frisco; his older brother, Charles Wayburn Oates and wife, Gay Oates; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews and other extended family members. PD. NOTICE

Ruby Lee Butler

Graveside services for Ruby Lee Butler, 87, of Haskell were held Wed., Nov. 22 at Willow Cemetery with Danny Manross officiating.

Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Butler died Mon., Nov. 20.

Born July 10, 1919 in Dixie, Louisiana, she was the daughter of William H. and Charity L. Case Bailey. She married Albert Butler Dec. 8, 1955. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her

parents.

Survivors include her husband, Albert, of the home; son, Larry Dean Butler of Gainesville; niece, Helen Templeton of Haskell; great nephews, Michael and wife, Debra Bartley of Haskell, Terry and wife, Kelly Bartley of Knox City; niece, Sheila Hawkins of Abilene; and numerous other family and friends. PD. NOTICE

5:35 p.m. Thursday



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EAA Club honors Haskell County Commissioners for their support

The Haskell County Commissioners, County Judge, Judge's secretary, and their spouses were honored Nov. 13 by the Haskell County Extension Education Association for their support of extension work during the past year.

Cockerell, Commissioners Bobby Smith, Tiffen and Erlinda Mayfield, and Johnny and Teresa Scoggins. Extension staff present were Agents Jane Rowan and Wes Utley, Tammy Parham, secretary, and special guest Galen Chandler, District Extension Administrator.

and cherry crunch dessert.

Extension members hosting the event were Flossie Bates, Jane Smith, Mary Jennings, Jeri Burke, Nelda Decker, Lena Tidwell, Alice Ballard, Alice Yates, Shirley Mickler, Joetta Burnett and Sue McGee. Club members' spouses attending were Bobby Tidwell, Don Ballard, Ted Jennings and Ben McGee.

Attending were Judge David Davis and secretary Susan

Club members served a lunch of stuffed baked potatoes, chili, beans,

Meinzer to speak in Haskell Dec. 4

Photographer and historian Wyman Meinzer will be the featured speaker at the Dec. 4 meeting of the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society at 6 p.m. in the Haskell City Hall. Meinzer will discuss his new book, 'Between Heaven and Texas,' as well as area history.

Proclaimed Texas State Photographer in 1997, Meinzer is renowned for his wildlife, landscape, architecture, and portrait photography. He is internationally acclaimed as an author and photographer. His photos have been featured on the covers of over 250 magazines and books.

Meinzer received his degree in Wildlife Management from Texas Tech University. He serves as adjunct faculty member at the Lubbock campus and during Intersession on the Junction campus.

He and wife Sylinda live in a 1887 jailhouse in Benjamin.

Society initiates two new members

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in the high school library in Knox City for the November meeting with colorful fall decorations.

Members brought canned goods to be donated to the Knox City Food

Bank and chapstick to be donated to area rest homes at a later date.

Jamie Davis of Rochester and Monica Fox of Knox City, both teachers, were initiated into the Society.

A program on identity theft was

presented from materials obtained from Lori Coop, Knox Co. Extension Agent, with the main point being "Don't give out excessive information."

The next meeting will be a noon luncheon, Dec. 2 in Munday.



RECEIVES GRANT—Brenda Miles, center right, Financial Center Manager of Citibank N.A., presents a \$2,000 check to Jennabeth Kimbrough, center left, Experienced Citizens Center director. The non-profit grant funds will help the center with their day-to-day expenses. On hand for the presentation were, l-r, Sonny Reynolds; Center employees, Tasha Jones, Joan Dulaney and Misty Rodela; and Citibank tellers, Jamie Anderson and Ashley Hearn.

Holiday season can trigger seasonal affective disorder

We've all heard someone claiming to have the "winter blues," and you may have even experienced them yourself. During the shorter days and longer nights of winter, especially around the holidays, many people experience mild depression.

However, more than 10 million Americans may suffer from more

severe symptoms such as difficulty getting out of bed, tiredness, weight gain, craving sweet or starchy foods, and depression. These symptoms are attributed to seasonal affective disorder (SAD) and can be destructive to a person's work and personal life.

SAD is a mood disorder associated with seasonal variations

of day length. Symptoms can begin in the fall, usually peak in the winter and subside completely in the spring. As seasons change, our "biological internal clocks"—which regulate circadian or 24-hour rhythms—are altered due partly to sunlight pattern changes. As a result, our normal daily schedules are out of sync with our biological clocks.

"In addition to SAD, other health problems are likely to accompany the effects of shorter day length during the winter on the biological clock," said David J. Earnest, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Neuroscience and Experimental Therapeutics at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine. "For example, we know that circadian rhythm disturbances or pathologies play a role in diabetes, obesity, cancer and cardiovascular accidents."

SAD sufferers are most likely to be affected in January and February, and women are at higher risk, experiencing 70-80 percent of cases.

Melatonin, a sleep-related hormone produced at increased levels in the dark, is thought to be an important factor in SAD. When days are shorter and there is less light in the winter, night-time melatonin levels are produced for a longer period of time, perhaps bringing about depression symptoms.

Doctors often prescribe phototherapy or bright light therapy for SAD sufferers, though studies also have shown an hour's walk in winter sunlight can be just as effective as 2.5 hours under bright artificial light. If you're suffering from the "winter blues," talk to your doctor about the possibility of SAD.

Not all breast cancer is revealed by the detection of lumps

Women should be aware that not every type of breast cancer reveals itself with a lump during self exams. An aggressive, fast-spreading form called inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) grows in nests or sheets of cancer cells that spread through the breast. Because it is relatively rare, IBC is often diagnosed late or even misdiagnosed as an infection.

IBC accounts for about 1 percent to 6 percent of new breast cancer cases, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"The most common symptoms of inflammatory breast cancer will be redness, swelling and sometimes pain," says Dr. Debu Tripathy, who leads the Komen/UT Southwestern Medical Center Breast Cancer Research Program. "And keep in

mind that for people who have darker skin, it may be difficult to appreciate the redness. Sometimes all people feel is warmth and swelling. It can very easily be mistaken for an infection."

Some patients with IBC show a retraction or flattening of the nipple. Others have a nipple discharge, an unstoppable itch or a dimpling of the skin that appears like the skin of an orange. A biopsy is necessary to make the diagnosis, Dr. Tripathy says.

IBC survival rates greatly depend on when it is diagnosed. With recent advances in breast cancer treatment, the five-year IBC survival rate is now about 50 percent, according to experts.

Dr. Tripathy advises that women consult a doctor immediately if they have breast redness, pain or other symptoms possibly associated with IBC.

Smith is art club guest



The Brazos West Art Association met Nov. 13 for its regular meeting.

Guest artist, Cheryl Smith, demonstrated methods of obtaining the look of texture in paintings. Her favorite subjects to paint are old houses, and she likes to include very tiny details in her paintings. Smith recently moved to Albany, and has opened an art gallery there.

Attending were members Jennie Lyckman, Doris Reeves, Adeline Laird, Fern Livengood, Donna Clayton, Jerry Bowers, Martha Spitzer, Flo Olson, Betty Berry, Nelwyn Beakley and guest, Henrietta Lott Strauss.

Berry and Beakley were hostesses for the meeting.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Thanksgiving visitors in the Hyrum and Jean Richards' home were son and family, Dan and Mary Richards, Myshell, Brittany and Rachel of Casper, Wyoming; son and family, Scott and Diane Henshaw, Connor and Lauren of Casper, Wyoming; and Connor and Lauren's other grandparents, Paula and Lael Kamilos of Anchorage, Alaska. They are touring the United States in their RV. The Richards and Henshaws also visited with their grandmother, Lois Redwine.

Brittney Pannell of Throckmorton visited with her grandparents Charles and Gean Blair through Thursday. Others having Thanksgiving with the Blairs were Mr. and Mrs. David Muhle and family of Rochester, Cody and daughter Abbie of Munday, Eric Blair and family, Gary and Vickie Hawkins, Michelle, Lorin, Alice and Ariel.

Margaret Tatum took her grandchildren, Audrie and Caden Tatum, to Sweetwater on Sunday evening to meet their mother, Candis Tatum, to return to Midland after visiting a week with their grandma and other relatives.

Joyce Hawkins hosted her annual

Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas get together Sat., Nov. 25. Attending were Trisha Crow and children Dustin and Mindy of Norman, Oklahoma; Garry Huffhines of Dimmitt; Russell and Keri Magby and boys, Blake, Trey and Taylor of Lubbock; Bobby and Darlene Hawkins and grandson Tanner Grimes of Lewisville; Phillip and Floradean Cockerell of Abilene; Margaret Tatum, Creora Tatum, Bobby Scheets; Denice, Sabrina, and Amber Conn; Audree Cochran;

Christopher, Melissa, Zachery, Garret and Kristlyn Tatum; Tamara, Dakota, Bailee Hearn; David Con, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Magby and son of Muleshoe; and a very special guest, Federica Conto of Venice, Italy, an exchange student staying with the Crow family; Brian Huffhines of Amarillo; and Melissa Huffhines of San Antonio.

Lynn Gray of Grapeland and his mom, Faye Gray, went to Weatherford where Faye's sister, Pauline celebrated her 90th birthday.

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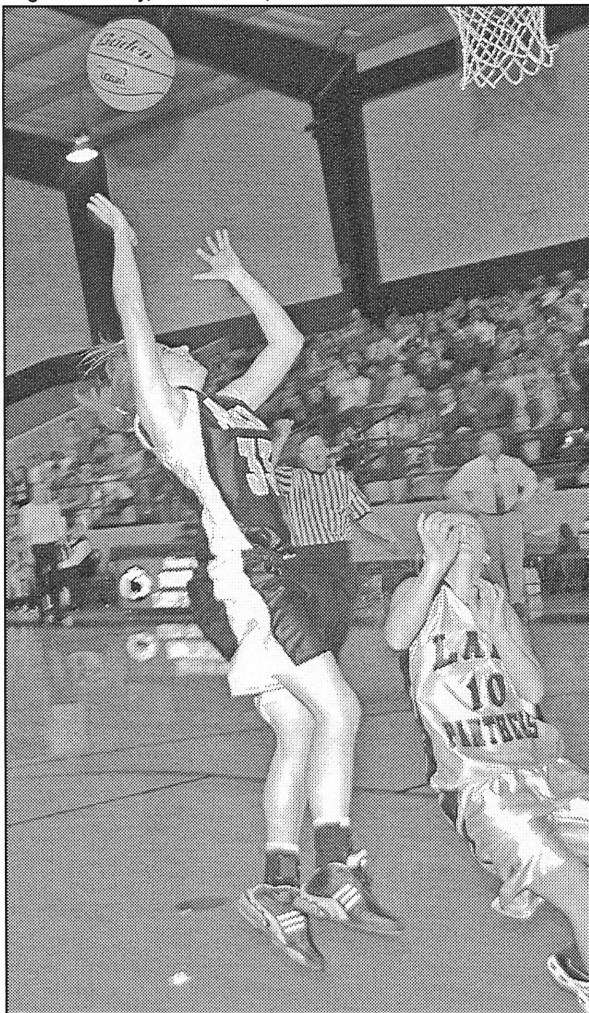


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LEAPING FOR SCORE—Indian Maiden, Hope Reid, #33, soars up to the basket in the game with the Seymour Lady Panthers, Nov. 21, which ended 49 to 30 for Seymour. Photo by Bill Blankenship

By law, builders and remodelers must be trustworthy, honest

You may not have noticed, but the Texas Residential Construction Commission has increased the number of administrative actions, fines and other penalties lately. Did you know that one of the commission's principal duties is to be satisfied that a builder or remodeler is honest, trustworthy and demonstrates integrity?

The commission aggressively pursues actions against those builders and remodelers that fail to honor obligations to their customers and that ignore the state's rules and law. In fiscal 2006, the commission originated over 1,000 enforcement cases—five times more than 2005.

Enforcement actions are not the only tools the commission has to ensure that registrants meet their obligations. For example, if the state's inspection process confirms a defect in a home, the builder or remodeler must file a report with the

commission. In this filing, the builder or remodeler informs the commission whether a repair proposal or other settlement offer has been made. That information is available to the public. Most builders and remodelers do not want a public document showing a customer was ignored after a construction defect was found.

The results of disciplinary actions are also attached to a builder's or remodeler's record and are viewable on the agency Web site. This information is not only valuable to consumers, but also serves as a deterrent to other builders and remodelers.

Although a large majority of the industry act as exemplary corporate citizens, you can access information about a builder's or remodeler's compliance history at www.texasrcc.com or by calling 877-651-TRCC.

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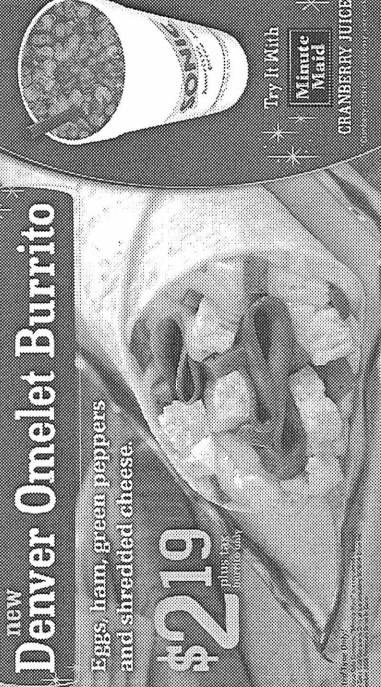
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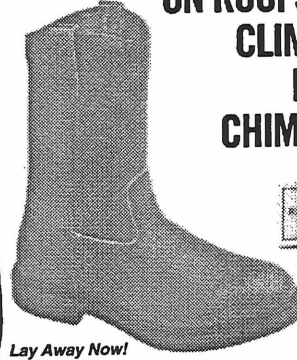
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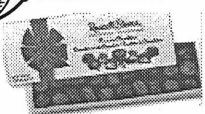
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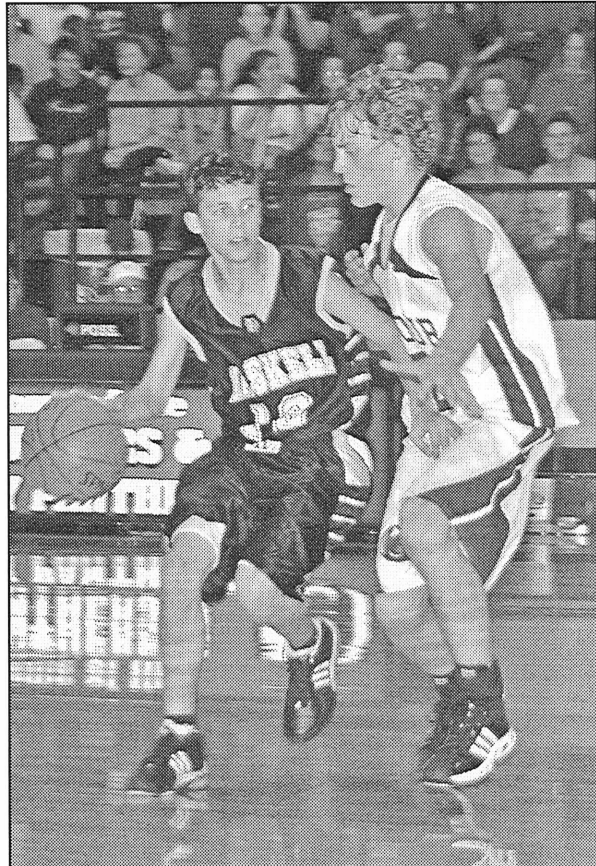
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CONTROLLING THE BALL—Haskell Indian, John English, dribbles the ball, guarded by a Seymour Panther, in the Indians' 31 to 58 loss to the Seymour team, Tues., Nov 21.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Quit smoking to improve health and avoid taxes

Homeowners will breathe a sigh of relief in 2007 as the property tax rates that fund our schools will be going down thanks to an increased tax on tobacco products. Why not breathe better, too?

January marks the beginning of the tobacco products' tax increase, but you do not need to wait until then to quit smoking. The tax will increase over time by a dollar, from 41 cents to \$1.41. Because the increase is gradual, you may not feel the pinch all at once; but, it will be there.

You may not notice the health benefits all at once, either, but the economic damage will be evident. An individual that continues to smoke is not going to help fund the schools because the cost to the health care system far outweighs the tax revenue.

"Quitting today will be easier than tomorrow. Every day you continue to smoke makes it just a bit more difficult to quit," said Brian Colwell, Ph.D., associate professor and head of the Department of Social and Behavioral Health at the Texas A&M Health Science Center

School of Rural Public Health. He has developed award-winning curriculums that teach kids not to smoke and to quit if they do.

"It is obvious that taxes on tobacco will never go down. The only way to avoid these increased costs is to quit using tobacco."

Traditional New Year resolutions don't always stick, and you do not have to wait until January to change things for the better. There are many resources for smokers and tobacco users in general to get assistance in quitting tobacco use.

The American Cancer Society offers several resources at their Web site, www.cancer.org, or by calling 800-ACS-2345 (800-227-2345).

Area Basketball scores

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Horse owners urged to help prevent EVA

Texas equine producers, veterinarians and livestock health officials have become increasingly concerned about Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), which has been detected in New Mexico and Utah this year. A viral disease of horses, donkeys, and other equine animals, EVA causes mares to abort, can cause mild to severe respiratory disease in some horses and may also cause some stallions to become chronically infected and shed the virus in semen. While EVA has been encountered rarely and is not a reportable disease in Texas, regulations have been implemented in some states, including Kentucky, New York and Colorado.

While some infected equine exhibit no signs of disease, owners should be alert and notify their accredited private veterinary practitioner if horses or foals develop signs of EVA, including fever, depression, diarrhea, coughing or nasal discharge, or swelling of the legs, body or head. Laboratory testing is necessary to confirm a diagnosis, as other equine diseases can present similar clinical signs.

"EVA is not currently a reportable disease in Texas," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "However, we urge veterinarians and horse owners to report suspected and confirmed cases of EVA to the TAHC to ensure we have the most accurate picture of the disease in the state and can provide up-to-date information to veterinarians and equine owners."

Horses can be infected by inhaling the equine arteritis virus, through natural service of a mare by a carrier stallion, artificial insemination of a mare with semen from a carrier stallion, or by being exposed to bedding or other objects contaminated with the virus. Stallions that shed the equine arteritis virus in their semen can infect unvaccinated mares, causing a respiratory disease and abortion. Acutely infected horses spread the infection to other horses via the respiratory route. A pregnant mare may also be infected through contact with acutely infected horses and may abort. Cleaning and disinfection of stalls, trailers and equipment can reduce the risk of EVA exposure.

"Know the EVA status of stallions, semen shipments and mares, before they are introduced onto your farm. Consult your accredited private veterinary

practitioner about vaccination protocols for brood mares, stallions and colt foals, and ensure that good biosecurity measures are followed," said Dr. Hillman.

"If you are shipping breeding horses out of state, check to determine the entry requirements of the receiving state and allow time to comply with any testing, vaccination or isolation requirements. Many breeding farms have implemented 'best management' practices, testing and vaccination procedures to prevent the introduction or spread of EVA. Before delivering mares to farms for breeding, owners should contact the facility managers to determine what testing and vaccination procedures must be met."

"Although only supportive treatment can be provided, most affected mares, geldings or sexually immature stallions will eliminate the virus and recover," said Dr. Hillman. "Sexually mature stallions, however, can become carriers of the disease and shed the virus for long periods. Shedding stallions should be isolated and bred only to vaccinated mares."

"It is very important to have breeding horses tested, and if appropriate, vaccinated prior to the breeding season. After vaccination, stallions and mares should be withheld from breeding for at least 28 or 21 days, respectively. Vaccinated horses also must be maintained away from pregnant mares for at least 28 days," he said. "EVA vaccine may be acquired only by veterinarians, with prior TAHC approval."

Additionally, mares vaccinated for the first time and bred to a carrier stallion should be isolated from other equine for 21 days after

breeding. Owners of breeding horses considering vaccination should consult their veterinarians if the horse may also be shipped in interstate or international commerce. A specific pre-vaccination protocol to assure the horse was test-negative prior to vaccination may be required, because vaccinated horses will test positive for the disease.

"Several horse breeders and a number of equine veterinarians have contacted the TAHC about EVA and to urge Texas equine producers to take all necessary precautions to prevent establishing EVA in Texas horses," said Dr. Hillman. "Equine producers and veterinarians believe this disease can be handled through judicious application of best management and biosecurity

practices, coupled with appropriate use of testing and vaccination of breeding animals."

"The current EVA situation will be reported to TAHC commissioners at their meeting Tues., Dec. 5, in Austin," he said. "Development of EVA rules is not anticipated at this time. Horse breeders are urged to work with their veterinarians to institute best management and biosecurity practices, immediately to protect their investment and the health of their animals. EVA can be prevented and controlled by sound management practices and selective use of the EVA vaccine."

Links to additional information about EVA may be accessed at the TAHC's web site at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Weather Whys

Why bridges ice first

Q: Why is it that ice always forms on bridges first?

A: The answer is heat—or a lack of it, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Roads and highway, even though they are made of asphalt and concrete, are protected by the ability of soil underneath to absorb heat.

"But bridges and overpasses are suspended in the air, which means they do not have the means to absorb heat," McRoberts explains. "So when temperatures start dropping to below freezing, it takes a while for the ground temperature to reach freezing. But bridges and overpasses, with freezing air on top and below the structures, will cool down and freeze much quicker."

Q: So bridges are affected more than roads by the outside temperature?

A: True, McRoberts adds. "Bridges don't have any way to trap heat, so they lose heat quickly and this allows them to freeze up quicker than roads," he says.

"The simple explanation is that bridges tend to follow the outside air temperature very closely. So if the temperature drops below freezing and it starts to sleet or snow, the bridge's surface will also fall below freezing and snow and sleet will stick to it very quickly. Ice can form on bridges and when combined with a layer of snow, it makes driving conditions very dangerous. That's why bridges and overpasses are the first to be sanded when icing is about to occur."



BELL RINGER—Haskell County 4-H'er Brook Bullinger takes a shift ringing the Salvation Army Bell in front of Modern Way in Haskell. The four Haskell County 4-H Clubs will take shifts ringing the bell through Dec. 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Cash funds donated in the Haskell pot will remain in Haskell; checks will be sent to Dallas where they return 25% back to Haskell County. The money is given to the Haskell Ministerial Alliance to help people in need.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 27, 2006-07
Haskell

Haskell County Gin	200
Haskell Co-op Gin	0
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	7,200
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Weinert	
Griff's Gin	632
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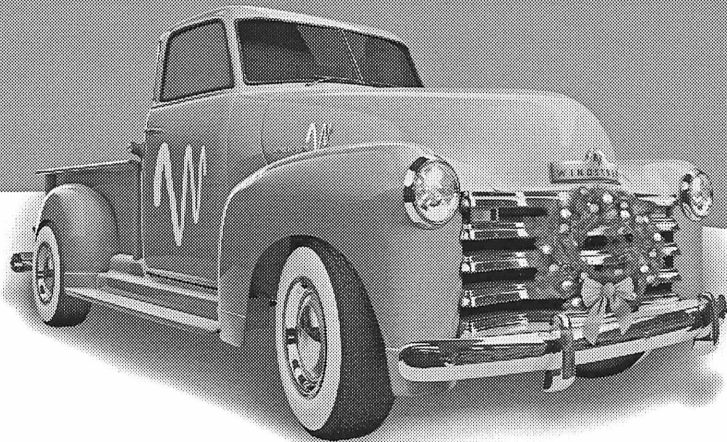
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PAINT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS—Cheerleaders for Paint Creek High School this year are front, l-r, Jessica Pendergraft and Kailey McCord; middle, Brooke Hall; and back, Cidney Jordan, mascot and Hali Wolsch.



PIRATE JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS—Leading the cheers for the Paint Creek Junior High teams are front, l-r, Haley Myers, Shana Armstrong, Katrina Buerger and top center, mascot Katie Jones.

This Week's Devotional Message:



WE WELCOME GOD'S MOST COLORFUL SEASON OF AUTUMN

When summer fun begins to pall
And cooler winds pervade the night,
The temperature will start to fall
And frost will paint a brilliant sight,
In which the leaves turn red and gold;
A truly colorful display
That signifies a year grown old,
Against a sky of cloudy gray.

It's harvest time from tree and field,
For food on which we all rely;
By reaping what the earth will yield,
Before the snow begins to fly.
Our house of worship makes it clear:
God shows His love in many ways,
From indications that appear
With autumn's beauty all ablaze.

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East Side Baptist Church
 Danny Manross, pastor
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 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
 Richard Barr, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
 Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 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.m., 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
 Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
 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
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, Haskell
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
 Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 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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First Baptist Church
 Fred Garvin, 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
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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
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 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
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 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. 9:30 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
 Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
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 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

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 4-8 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Banana nut muffin
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Egg and ham burrito
Friday: Biscuit, sausage

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

cheese and ham.
Monday: Jose 'Ole burritos, salsa, garden salad, chips, queso, Spanish rice, strawberry Danimal yogurt
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, sliced peaches
Wednesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots with ranch dressing, orange wedges
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fried okra, bread stick, pears
Friday: Barbeque on a bun, pickles, onion slices, curly fries, cherry shape-up

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 4-8 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Toast or cereal

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Tuesday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, fried okra, salad, rolls, apple crisp
Thursday: Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, peach cobbler
Friday: BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, ranch style beans, chips, fruit cups

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 4
 Lunch—Hamburger steak, onions, brown gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Dec. 6
 Lunch—Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, pickles,

lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., Dec. 8
 Lunch—Sausage and kraut, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 504 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 25, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.
 Packers \$1 higher. Stockers, steady. Feeders, steady.
 Cow consignment sale, Dec. 28.
 Cows: fat, .40-.44; cutters, .42-.48; canners, .35-.42.
 Bulls: bologna, .58-.65; feeders, .60-.70, utility, .48-.55.
 Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.47; 400-

500 lbs., 1.15-1.28; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 600-700 lbs., .92-1.02; 700-800 lbs., .85-.94; 800-up lbs., .78-.84.
 Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.18; 400-500 lbs., .98-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .90-.98; 600-up lbs., .85-.95.
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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking bid proposals for a video surveillance system for the high school and field house. Bid proposal specifications may be obtained from the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Technology Office at 600 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas. Haskell C.I.S.D., P.O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521. 940-864-2602 #215.

All bid proposals must be received on or before 1:00 p.m. December 6, 2006. Haskell CISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 47-49c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Wilcox Energy Company LLC, P.O. Box 580, Rule, Texas 79547 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the King Sand, Leggett Jones, Well Number 16. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles northeast of Stamford in the Pardue, North (King Sand) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2128 to 2132 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing

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301 N. First St., Haskell, TX 79521

from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 48c

Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit For:
Cluck's Sport Club, Inc., DBA-Red Rooster Restaurant, 1006 S. Avenue E, Haskell, TX, Haskell County.

Michael Shane Whitt-President, Treasurer, Director; Rosylin Doris Whitt-Vice President, Director; Mena Rosell Gilbreath-Secretary, Director.
Said application has been made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6156-34-001 for LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on January 4, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$4,860.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 22003

State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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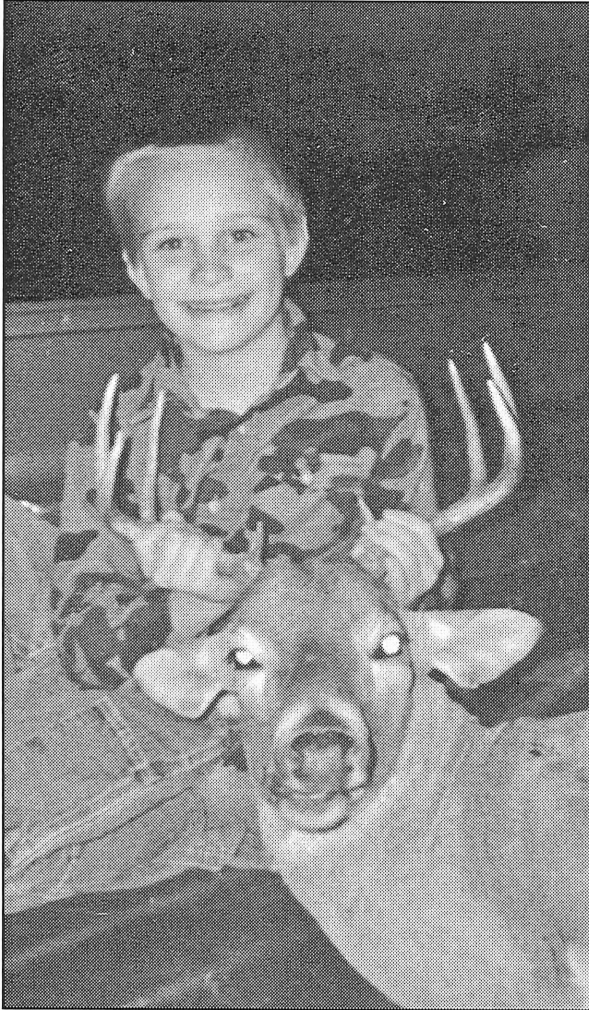
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FIRST DEER—Eight year old Garret Tatum, shot his first deer, an eight point buck, Nov. 12 at the Jack Chapman farm in Haskell County. Tatum is Chapman's great grandson and the son of Christopher and Melissa Tatum of Haskell.

Be aware of rules applying to do-it-yourself contractors

You think you're ready to take on general contractor responsibilities like pulling permits, ordering materials, coordinating subcontractors, reviewing workmanship, scheduling inspections and completing the paperwork with the lender. Whoa! There's something else to consider...

If you sell the home without living in it for a year, you are required to register with the Texas Residential Construction Commission as a builder, register the home with the commission and provide the state's set of minimum warranties to all subsequent homeowners. That's right: The state's required minimum warranties are your responsibility if you don't live in the home for at least a year.

The required set of minimum warranties includes:

- a one-year workmanship and materials warranty;
- a two-year mechanical and delivery system warranty;
- a ten-year structural warranty; and
- a ten-year warranty of habitability.

If you live in your home for more than a year, you are not required to provide any warranties to subsequent homeowners, but you will be competing in a market where other homes carry at least the state's minimum required warranties. While currently there is no requirement to disclose warranties on a home when listing it for sale, that could change between now and when you do sell your home.

You can access commission information about a builder or remodeler at www.texasrcc.com or by calling 877-651-TRCC.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows, sponsored by the Haskell Lions Club, are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Donations of food, toys and clothing are being accepted. Cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Haskell Garden Club	\$75
In memory of Truman Barbee by Louetta and J.W. Wallace	\$25
American Legion Auxiliary, Rogers-Cox Post 221	\$50
Total this week	\$150
Previous total	\$75
Total to date	\$225



TEXAS COWBOY CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE
SAT., DEC. 9 - 3-9 P.M.

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Activities on the square will include, hay rides to tour decorated homes in the area, live music, cow potty bingo, and activities for the kids.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in Stamford from 6:00-7:00. Bring the kids and have their picture taken with Santa!

Stores will be open late for all of your Christmas shopping needs.

The Lighted Christmas Parade will start at 8:00 p.m. followed by the lighting of the trees on the square.

Area schools, church groups, clubs and organizations are encouraged to participate in this event.

If you would like to sponsor a booth or activity, or would like to enter in the parade, please call Stamford Main Street at 325-773-3301.

Calendar

Scout registration

Registration for those wishing to join Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts may be done at any time by calling Kay Smith at 864-3344 or Patrick Pace at 997-2216.

Puttin' on the Hits

Rule High School's theatre arts class musical program, A Christmas '... Hits!' will be presented Wed., Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. The class is directed by Bobby Robinson. Admission each night is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Christmas parade

All businesses, organizations or groups are encouraged to participate in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade set for Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. The Haskell Lions Club will take pictures with Santa, for a small donation, at the gazebo. Local groups or individuals are being sought to sing during the festivities. Call Lorie Rodriguez at 940-864-5694 for information.

Lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Home and Yard Lighting Contest. Prizes are \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place and \$25 for third place. Call Rule City Hall at 996-2214 to enter. Entry deadline is Fri., Dec. 8. No entry fee will be charged. Judging will be held Sun., Dec. 10.

Christmas dinner

The Rule Chamber of Commerce and the churches of Rule will host a community-wide Christmas dinner and program on Sun., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Reservations are required and must be made in person by Tues., Dec. 5 by calling John Greeson at 997-2141 or Larry LeFevre at 996-2540. No reservations may be made by leaving messages on the answering machine.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Pit & Grill. The meal will be barbecue. Those attending should bring a Christmas ornament to exchange.

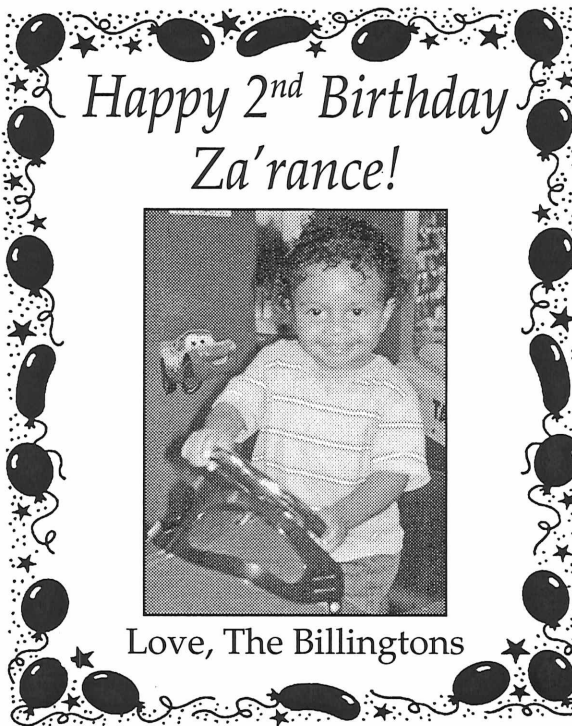
Storm sirens

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

Toy run

The 'Big Empty Riders' of the West Texas H.O.G. Chapter will sponsor a toy run Sat., Dec. 16 to benefit the children of this area. All riders and all types of motorcycles are welcome to take part in this ride to help make a child's Christmas just a little brighter. Registration will be held Kathy's Barber Shop in Rule at 11:30 a.m. and parade to Haskell to drop off toys to the Child Welfare Board. For more information, call Lonnie Rolls at 864-8910.

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