

Football games

RULE

Bobcats vs Rankin
Sat., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.
San Angelo

Basketball games

HASKELL

VG, VB Albany Tourney
Dec. 6-8 at Albany
JVB Jim Ned Tourney
Dec. 6-8 at Jim Ned
7th-8th Girls vs Anson
Mon., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
at Rochester
7th-8th Boys vs Anson
Mon., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
at Anson
JVB, VB vs Munday
Tues., Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
at Haskell
JVG, VG vs Hawley
Tues., Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
at Hawley

PAINT CREEK

VG-VB Woodson Tournament
Dec. 6-8 at Woodson
JH G-B vs Trent
Mon., Dec. 10, 6 p.m.
at Trent
VG-VB vs Woodson
Tues., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.
at Woodson

RULE

VG, VB Spur Tournament
Dec. 6-8 at Spur
JH G-B vs Aspermont
Mon., Dec. 10, 6 p.m.
at Aspermont
VG, JVB-VB vs Eula
Tues., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
at Eula

Calendar

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual lighted Christmas parade Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Lighted floats, high school bands and Santa Claus are expected. Woody Frazier will be the grand marshal. Area merchants will be open for holiday shopping, and visitors may enjoy Christmas stories, carolers and Santa on the square. There is still time to enter a float. Call or drop by the Chamber office for an application. For more information, call the Chamber office at 940-864-2477.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the New Year's edition Thurs., Dec. 27 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 11 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the Haskell National Bank.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available for \$12.50 from any Noah Project-North board member, by calling the Noah Project-North office at 864-2551, or by calling Debbie Earles at 940-256-2156. A poinsettias sale will be conducted at ABC Greenhouse Wed.-Sat., Dec. 5-8 from 9:30 a.m. to dark. All proceeds benefit Noah Project-North.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Members are asked to bring food for a salad supper and a toy or gift for the Goodfellows. All guests are welcome.

HHS Senior party

A Senior party will be held for Haskell High School Seniors Sun., Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

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Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

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TOY RUN—Approximately twenty area motorcyclists braved a blustery morning ride to bring toys and clothing to the Child Welfare Board last Saturday morning. Riders and Child Welfare Board members present for the second annual gift run were front row, l-r, Chambray Phemister, Lowell Ann Baker, Cindy Landreth, Lonnie Rolls and Steve

'Digger' Anderson; middle row, Betsy McManamon, Bob Baker, Dwayne Landreth, Bob Bishop, Luke Griffin and Darlene Hopkins; back row, Cassidy Phemister, Emmalee Phemister, Johnny Arnold, A.J. Shaw, Hollie Robledo, Mike Pierce, Donna Sue Anders, Randy Shaw, Michael Bartley and Michelle Dunnam.

Rule wins

Jumping to a quick lead, Rule defeated the Valley Patriots, 59 to 14, in a continuing quest for the state title. The Division I quarterfinal playoff game was held Friday night at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

Bobcat C.J. Saucedo returned the opening kickoff, running 79 yards from the 1 yard line, for a touchdown. Stephen Pace made the PAT. Jay T. Spitzer passed 28 yards to James Wolfe for a touchdown. The Pace kick was good for two points. The first quarter ended with Rule ahead 16-0.

Second quarter play saw Saucedo run for 72 yards for a TD. The PAT failed. On another connection from Spitzer to Wolfe, Wolfe ran 19 yards to paydirt. Pace added the PAT. Saucedo closed the quarter with a 40 yard run, answered with a PAT from Pace. Rule was leading 38-14.

Pace opened the fourth quarter with a 43 yard pass to Kyle Simpson. Simpson found the end zone. The PAT was no good. Saucedo found room to run on a 40 yard sprint to the goal line. Jonathan Rincon ran 12 yards for the last score of the game.

Rule had 445 yards rushing on 35 offensive plays, holding the Patriots to 227 rushing yards.

Rule will play Rankin Sat., Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. in San Angelo.

Haskell Elementary on Texas best list

Haskell ISD was one of twenty-five area schools listed on Texas Monthly's 'The Best' Public Schools' in the state published in the magazine's December issue. Haskell Elementary's science class was the recognized subject area.

Representatives of the National Center for Educational Accountability analyzed and used student test results for the past three years as the basis for the magazine's 2007 ratings.

Criteria for the study included: the performance of low-income students; student's college readiness as judged by the NCEA benchmark; whether the school met federal Adequate Yearly Progress requirements in reading and mathematics in 2007; if at least 85 percent of their students enrolled, at each tested grade, took the 2007 TAKS test; and whether the school was deemed at least Academically Acceptable based on the 2007 state accountability system.

Goodfellows to help needy families

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages 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. 8, 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.

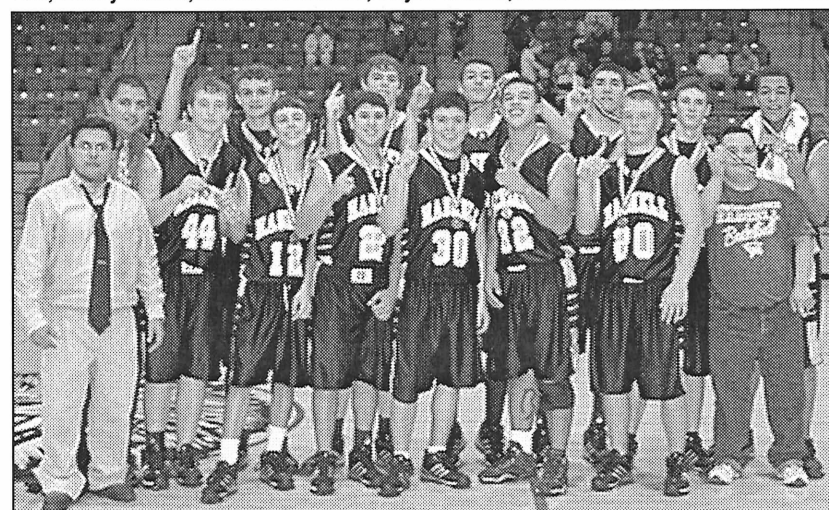
Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows 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. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

In memory of Sandra Wallace, Janet Thane and Austin Coker by Dee and Ruth Larned \$50
In loving memory of Truman Barbee by Louetta and J.W. Wallace \$25
Total to date \$75



STATE FFA LDE PARTICIPANTS—Participating in the State LDE Contest in Huntsville Dec. 1 were Haskell FFA members, front row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Pamela Walker, Sara Weise, Codi Foster and Arabella Garcia; middle row, Jordan Burson, Paige Adams, Claire Isbell, Angelica Gonzalez, Amber Allen, Kimie Hutchinson and Candice Hill; and, back row, Harley James, Miranda Johnson, Kayce Wilcox, Ashlee Short and Cheslee Hearn.



TOURNAMENT WINNERS—The Haskell Indians took first place honors at the Childress tournament last week. Scores for the games were Haskell 93, Memphis 38; Haskell 75, Crowell, 34; and Haskell 55, Childress 46. Haskell's record stands at 6 wins and no losses. Team members are, l-r, Coach Toby Villa, Coach Lolo Martinez, Cody Wyrick, Aaron Rodriguez, John English, Austin Marshall, Samuel Bitner, Greg Guzman, A.J. Alvarez, Stephen Guevara, Derek Agraz, Travis Adams, Weston Rutkowski—named to the All Tournament team, D.J. McCulloch—named tournament MVP, and Joseph Rodriguez.

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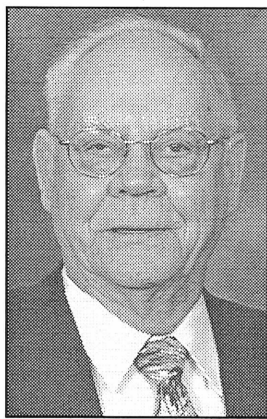
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Obituaries

D. Harrison Head



D. HARRISON HEAD

Funeral services for D. Harrison Head, 84, were held Tues., Nov. 13 in Mount Olivet Chapel in Fort Worth. Interment

was in Mount Olivet Cemetery under the direction of Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Mr. Head went to be with our Lord Sat., Nov. 10, after a long hard fought battle with lung disease and diabetes.

Born Dec. 3, 1922 in Rule, he and his wife, Marjorie, raised three daughter, Rhonda, Brenda and Lisa. He was a hardworking family man who would work two jobs to provide for his family. He took care of them through many hard times as well as the good times. He was active at Shady Oaks Baptist Church, where he was a deacon, until his health prevented his attendance. He enjoyed going on mission trips and was active in the construction portion of the trips. He retired from the Corps of Engineers in

Fort Worth, then from Texas American Bank. He then took a position with Morrison-Knudson and worked for them in Saudi Arabia, where he set up the printing plant for KKMCC. He and Marjorie enjoyed traveling all over the world.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife of 51 and a half years, Marjorie; and a sister, Garene Heath.

Survivors include his daughters, Rhonda Dunn and husband, Randy of Bedford, Brenda Bethea of Bedford, and Lisa Morgan and husband, Tom of Azle; sister, Martha Scott of Lakeway; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; several close sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; nieces, and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Boxer shorts needed for military

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
The Haskell County 4-H Clubs are involved in a Community Service Project called "Sew Much Comfort."

"Sew Much Comfort" is a collection of boxer shorts for injured American military personnel that are serving our country in a variety of dangerous situations and locations. As a result of discharging their duties, a number of them are seriously wounded or injured.

Modern medical technology is having great success saving the lives of these heroes; however, medicine doesn't address some of their basic needs, such as clothing that will accommodate medical devices and situations—braces, fixators, cast, prosthetics and burns. Many of the wounded troops are left with a hospital gown as their only clothing option.

The boxer shorts that are collected will be turned over to volunteers who will take out the boxer's side seams and put in Velcro making them suitable for injured service members to wear.

New packaged men's boxer shorts in sizes M through XL are needed. Drop off at Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or Rule High School in Rule by Dec. 7.

For more information contact Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham at 864-2658 or 864-2546 in Haskell or Molly Dudensing at 996-2736 in Sagerton.

Manford Felix Elliott



MANFORD FELIX ELLIOTT

Funeral services for Manford Felix Elliott, 77, of Seymour, were held Tues., Dec. 4 at First United Methodist Church in Seymour with Rev. Steve Ulrey

and Rev. Larry Crumpton officiating. Burial was in Cache Creek Cemetery under the direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home of Seymour.

Mr. Elliott died Sun., Dec. 2 in Abilene.

Born April 22, 1930 on the family ranch at Mary's Creek in Baylor County, he was the son of Buford L. and Vernon Robertson Elliott. He married Ann Gilbert, his high school sweetheart Dec. 22, 1946. After graduating from Seymour High School, he worked for Damron Hereford Ranch in Colorado, and then the W.T. Waggoner Estate for 10-1/2 years. He worked for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for 28 years as a field inspector with a special Texas Ranger's Commission, retiring in 1995. He also worked at various

other ranches in Texas and New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Pat Taliaferro; and a sister, Martha Sparkman.

Survivors include his wife, Ann of Seymour; his children, Bob and Rhonda Elliott, and Bill and Patricia Elliott, all of Seymour, Gilbert and Ginger Elliott of Guthrie, Cindy and Rayburn Layton, and Becky and Tom Moorhouse, all of Benjamin; 16 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Seymour, or Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

PD. NOTICE

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Area basketball scores

Girls

Lueders-Avoca Tournament
Paint Creek 44,
Westbrook JV 31

Scoring for Paint Creek:
Waggoner 18, Wigley 16, Blair 5,
Armstrong 3, Gilbreath 2.

Benjamin 51, Paint Creek 21
Scoring for Paint Creek:
Waggoner 13, Armstrong 4,
Walsch 2, Wigley 2.

Paint Creek 28, Moran 27
for Third Place

Scoring for Paint Creek:
Wigley 8, Waggoner 6, Gilbreath
5, Blair 3, Walsch 2, Armstrong
2, Pendergraft 2.

Boys

Lueders-Avoca Tournament
Paint Creek 51,
Westbrook JV 19

Scoring for Paint Creek:
Myers 22, Bishop 11, Rogers 9,
Grove 3, McDonald 2, Whitfield
2, Reed 2.

Benjamin 48, Paint Creek 46
Scoring for Paint Creek:
Whitfield 13, Myers 11, Bishop
9, Groves 7, McDonald 4.

Moran 50, Paint Creek 40
Scoring for Paint Creek:
Rogers 12, Myers 10, Bishop 7,
Groves 7, Ruiz 2, Whitfield 2.

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HONOR COMMISSIONERS COURT—Haskell County Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) members, front row, l-r, Lena Tidwell, Mary Jennings, Flossie Bates, Jane Smith and Alice Yates; and, back row, Sue McGee, TEEA Club President Joetta Burnett, Geraldine Baker, Alice Ballard, Pat Jenkins and Jeri Burke honored the members of the Haskell Commissioners' Court with a luncheon in their honor on Nov. 13.

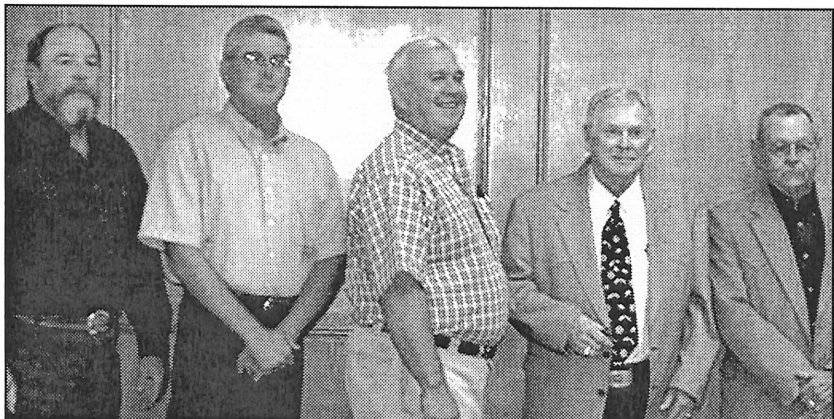
EEA Club honors County Commissioners

The Haskell County Commissioners and County Judge David Davis were honored with an appreciation luncheon Tues., Nov. 13 at the First National Bank hospitality meeting room with 27 honorees, hostesses and guests present. The annual appreciation luncheon was hosted by the Haskell County Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA).

The meeting room was decorated for fall and a menu of stew, cornbread and peach cobbler was served. Guests were greeted by Club President, Joetta Burnett and TEEA members. President Burnett gave the Welcome and Commissioner, Kenny Thompson the invocation.

After the meal, Burnett expressed appreciation to the commissioners for their support of the Extension Service and its County Agents. Appreciation was also expressed for the support given by the Commissioners to the Haskell County EEA.

A summary of the club's yearly activities followed. The meeting concluded with a display of the history of the 100th birthday of the 4-H Program in Texas. A brief narrative of the history of 4-H was given by Jane Rowan, Haskell County CEA.



COMMISSIONERS HONORED—Haskell County Commissioners' Court members, l-r, Kenny Thompson, Bobby Don Smith, County Judge David Davis, Tiffen Mayfield and Johnny Scoggins were honored with an appreciation luncheon held Nov. 13 and hosted by the Haskell County Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA).

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Around Town

The children of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, gathered Dec. 1-2 for their Christmas get-together at the Jacky Sanders Circle S Ranch in southeast Haskell County. Attending were Lona Mae Phelps and her family, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen Mitchell, her daughter, Allison and grandson, Keegan, all of Haskell; Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman; Andy and Marlene Sanders and their children and grandchildren, Netha, Carrouth, ReNetha and daughter, Renetha and Kaddie Lynn Carrouth of Cross Plains; Tina Thomas and her son, Andrew James (A.J.) of Cross

Plains; Bill and Martha Maupin and their son, William Mark and Denise Maupin of Odessa; B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth; Walter and Sue Cox of Omaha, Texas; Jacky and Sandra Sanders of Aledo and their son, Ricky Sanders of Weatherford; and Rocky Sanders of Abilene. Visitors were Kregg Sanders of Weinert, Randy Strickland of Cross Plains and a friend. Unable to attend were two of the Sanders girls, Ethel Slade and Scarlett

Cole, and their children and many of the grandchildren.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Lawmakers receive study assignments for '09 session
AUSTIN—Speaker Tom Craddick on Nov. 28 and 29 released lists of legislative interim charges for House committees to study and report on before the 81st Legislature convenes on Jan. 13, 2009.

Here are only a few of the dozens of subjects our lawmakers will be taking a close look at in their respective committees:

- Identity theft;
- Voter fraud;
- College scholarships and student support programs;
- Creation, use, maintenance and preservation of electronic documents;
- Economic development and job growth programs;
- Immigration enforcement and border security;
- Jury service by citizens;
- Protection of homebuyers in mortgage fraud schemes; and
- State employee pay and benefit packages.

Texas House will see new faces

Change is certain in at least seven of the 150 seats of the Texas House of Representatives. Not seeking re-election are state Reps. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple; Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Fred Hill, R-Richardson; and Mike O'Day, R-Pearland. State Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, already resigned, and will be replaced in a Dec. 18 special election runoff to fill her vacant seat.

State Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, gave up his seat to run for Congress. He is seeking his party's nomination for U.S. Congressional Dist. 22, the seat held from 1984-2006 by former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Now holding the seat is U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Stafford. State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, on Dec. 3 announced he will seek his party's nomination to run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-San Antonio.

As far as can be discerned at this point, all sitting state senators intend to hold onto their seats.

Christmas trees arrive at Capitol

On Nov. 28, the state Capitol received shipment of three evergreen trees from a Texas farm in Palestine, including one called "The Angel Tree."

According to House Speaker Tom Craddick's office, the Angel Tree will be decorated with gift

tags for 115 foster children currently under the care of Child Protective Services. The tree is on display in the Capitol Extension outside the Capitol Grill cafeteria.

The other two trees will be placed in the governor's and the lieutenant governor's reception rooms.

Crop year 2007 looks like record

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced on Nov. 29 record agriculture production estimates for 2007.

For the first time in history, he said, projections show the Texas agriculture industry will surpass \$100 billion in economic impact for the state. The previous high was \$85 billion in 2004.

Some of the largest increases this year are from crops used to produce biofuels. Production of grain sorghum was up 440 percent compared with last year, while corn production increased 91 percent, Staples said.

No steroid testing firm named yet

Last spring, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 8, a law requiring random drug testing of Texas high school student athletes, regardless of sport, gender or participation level.

Nearly three-quarters of a million Texas high school students participate in athletics.

The random testing, with oversight by the University Interscholastic League, was supposed to begin in the current school year, but did not, and the UIL has not awarded the testing contract.

The UIL did say Nov. 28 its list of banned steroids will mirror the NCAA's banned anabolic agent list, which contains the names of more than 25 drugs.

TxDOT warns holiday shoppers

'Tis the season to prevent vehicle theft.

Two holiday season public service announcements by the Texas Department of Transportation remind citizens to lock their vehicles.

In the announcement titled "Open Your Presents First," a man is pictured breaking into a car. The other announcement has a banner that reads, "To a Thief, These Are Holiday Store Windows," and shows cars in a typical parking lot scene.

Group names Perry chairman

The Republican Governors Association elected Texas Gov. Rick Perry chairman for 2008 at the group's annual meeting Nov. 30 at Dana Point, Calif.



Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

November 29, 2007

After the bears enjoyed declines in 12 of the last 15 sessions, cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade again settled lower on Thursday as speculative liquidation spoiled a brief recovery in the market. The failure to rise to the upside left brokers saying the event could nudge the market lower into next week.

Thursday's release of U.S. cotton consumption data did nothing to boost the market higher. According to data compiled by the National Cotton Council (NCC), U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 4.72 million bales in October, down from 5.09 million in the comparable year-ago period. October consumption also was down slightly from the September figure of 4.852 million bales as NCC revised the September consumption up from 4.845 million last month.

"The U.S. cotton consumption report has dropped off nearly all of our radar screens since it has been such a disappearing act that traders can't bare to look," an analyst said. "At the end of the 2000-01 cotton marketing year, cotton mill use accounted for 57 percent of total U.S. cotton offtake. At the end of this season, domestic consumption is forecast at only 22 percent of demand," he explained.

The market took note of USDA's export sales report as a net 266,400 bales were sold in the week ended Nov. 22, up nine percent from the previous week. Major buyers were Turkey, China, Vietnam, and Indonesia. Net sales of 4,800 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were for Indonesia.

Export shipments of 165,500 bales were 10 percent less than the previous week and seven percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

"The export report showed a new sales total of 266,400 bales. This pales in comparison to the 500,000-plus bales sold last year during this week," a trader said. "However, a quarter million in sales here, and a quarter million there, and pretty soon you're talking about selling a lot of cotton."

Meanwhile, in the week ended Nov. 29, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 17,588 bales compared to 8,389 bales the previous holiday shortened trading week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 54.96 to 59.86 cents per pound versus 56.42 to 59.58 cents per pound one week earlier.

In other news, much-needed precipitation fell in the Southeast this week with heaviest amounts recorded in drought-stricken parts of Alabama and Georgia. Little if any damage to the quality of lint in remaining bolls is expected in Alabama and the Carolinas since less than five percent of the crop still was on the stalk, according to USDA's crop progress report for the week ended Nov. 25. However, approximately 20 percent of the cotton in Georgia remained to be harvested. Sunny, more seasonal conditions were experienced in the Memphis Territory allowing the transportation of remaining modules from fields to gins to resume after recent rain was received in the area.

Open weather allowed the recently received snow to melt on the Texas High Plains before another wet spell hit the area. Outside activities remained at a standstill due to saturated soils. Gins continue to operate at full capacity, and if seasonal weather and clear conditions return as local forecasters expect, farmers on the High Plains will return to the fields next week.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 4, 1997

Mary Rike announced the opening of Rike Real Estate.

The First Assembly of God Church in Haskell celebrated 25 years of service from Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Amburn.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henry over the weekend were their children, Patricia Davis of Houston, Cindy Henry of Abilene, and Harry Henry and a friend Paula Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas visited with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb of Olney.

Visiting with Leon Newton was his sister, Sylvia Force of Abilene.

20 Years Ago December 3, 1987

Weinert farmers and neighbors of Glenn W. Caddell gathered at his place to harvest his cotton crop.

Earmal Bevel was the Haskell County Extension Homemakers Club Woman of the Year.

Haskell Indian Michael Lane scored 10 points, Rusty Stocks and Shane Osborne scored 8 points during the game against the Clyde Bulldogs.

30 Years Ago December 1, 1977

Monty Cleveland of Breckenridge, Jimmy Reich of Sweetwater, and Vickie Hertel of San Angelo were all guests in the Bill Hertel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Owens of Houston visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie SoRelle and Emily.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Gray of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Weinert visited Mary A. Smith.

Della Lou Cox spent a few days in Dallas with her daughter, Helen Coleman and family.

40 Years Ago November 30, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guyness of El Paso spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. F.L. Peavy.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Quiram Jr. and family of Dallas, spent the Thanksgiving weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rueffer, Carl, Melvin and Verlene.

Henry D. Taylor of Jayton, visited here Thanksgiving in the home of H.D. Taylor, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Allen, Scott and Robyn, of Hurst and Larry Hinds of West Texas University in Canyon, visited in the home of Mrs. Allen's and Larry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hinds.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Landess and Mrs. Claud Gordon spent the Thanksgiving weekend in Dallas with their granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Brown.

50 Years Ago December 5, 1957

Bob Starr, a freshman student at Baylor University, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Melton of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Parks during the weekend. Mrs. Melton is the former Rosa Lee Burson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parks.

Jimmy Byrd, a student in Austin College at Sherman, spent the holiday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassell Hunter and children, Karen and Russell of Abilene were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hunter.

Visiting their parents, Mrs. E.M. Frierson and Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Cox were Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Cox of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Smith, residents for more than half a century, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

100 Years Ago December 7, 1907

J. Lovett of Carbon was a visitor in Haskell. He is thinking of locating somewhere in this section.

J.S. Menefee of the Rochester community was in town.

M.S. Baggett of Temple, has moved his family to the farm he purchased last summer on Wild Horse Prairie.

J.J. Stein has purchased G.B. Hooper's place southwest of town.

A portion of the South Side school building is completed and the departments of the public school, which have been conducted in the old courthouse, will be moved to the new building Monday.

Will Weaver, who bought 735 acres of good land near Weinert, has moved with his family to the place and will farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Grussendorf of the east side were trading in town.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

We want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to those who were vendors and shoppers at this years Haskell Young Homemakers Craft Show. It is so good to have vendors from our community to participate. This was one of our best years, as we were completely full with vendors. Many times throughout the day the Civic Center was full with those shopping. Thank you to those who bought a plate lunch of chicken spaghetti. This is the Young Homemakers only fundraiser we do throughout the year.

Many of you may not be aware

of the way we use our money.

Each year, we give out a scholarship to a qualifying senior whose mother was a past Young Homemaker. We also donate each year to the Haskell County All Night Party and the Child Welfare Board. Our main goal is to help the youth in our community. We are ready and willing to help at any time.

Again, thank you so much for the attendance this year and the participation of the vendors. We look forward to seeing you all back next year!

Haskell Young Homemakers

Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who burglarized a home at 7 Baize Drive in Stamford on the morning of Oct. 29.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime should call 1-800-222-TIPS. All calls are anonymous. Remember—We want your information, not your name.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,075 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 1, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

352 steers, 389 heifers, 334 cows and bulls were sold. 72 sellers and 30 buyers present.

Cows: fat, 42-46; cutters, 46-52; canners, 25-35.

Bulls: bologna, 57-62, feeders, 85-92.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 115-124; 300-400 lbs., 110-120; 400-500 lbs., 105-110; 500-600 lbs., 102-107; 600-700 lbs., 102-

105.25; 700-800 lbs., 98-102; 800-up lbs. 93.50-98.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 105-117; 300-400 lbs., 105-115; 400-500 lbs., 100-115; 500-600 lbs., 95-100; 600-up lbs., 94-100.

Bred heifers: medium frame 550-700.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 800-1000; aged or small, 410-550.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 900-1200; aged or small, 680-800.

Hogs: .03-.08.

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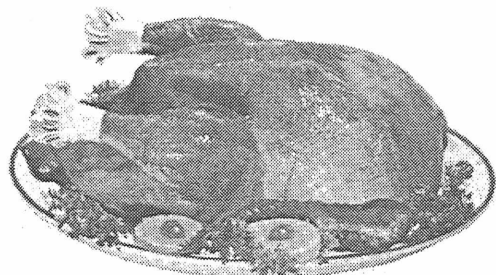
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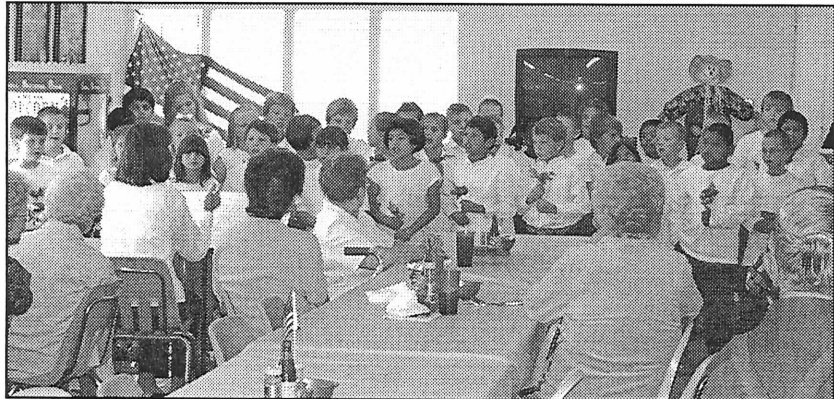
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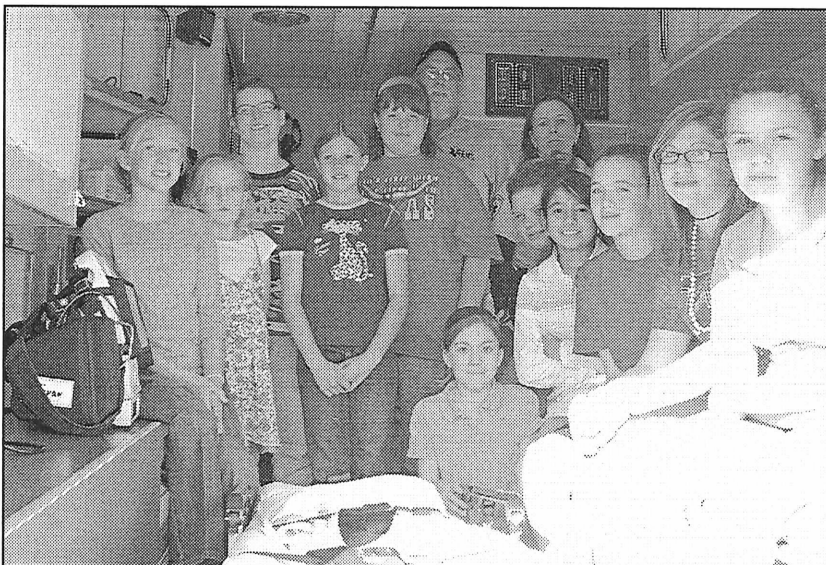


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VETERANS DAY PROGRAM—Haskell Elementary second grade students and music class students of Pam Gibson sang Veterans Day songs to Haskell senior citizens Mon., Nov. 12. Second grade teachers are Rhonda Hanson and LaKay Gibbs. Students are front row, l-r, Riley Sloan, Sarah Fouts, Ariel Wolf, Tanner Thomas, Ariel Martinez, Melissa Sandoval, Ankit Bhakta, Dalton Meinzer, Angelica Green, Jacob Lopez and Crow Parham; middle row, Cody Dutton, Michael Rodriguez, Moriah Gasaway, Abby Blair, Heaven Rojas, Hollyn Hadaway, Kameryn Mathis, Riley Hardin, Tyesha Dever, Joseph Osborne, Rocky Haggard, Ross Gilcrease and Francie Masias; back row, Juan Rodriguez, LoriBeth Rodgers, Tyler Hoover, Griffin Buchanan, Natalie Contreras, Bristol Waggoner, Kylei Stewart, Morgan Sanders, Servando Martinez, John Anderson and Turner Wade.



AMBULANCE TOUR—Members of the Haskell 4-H Clubs were given a tour of the Haskell County ambulance during their meeting on Sun., Dec. 2. 4-H members learning about the services provided by the local emergency services unit were, l-r, Reagan Hadaway, Kylie Adams, Brooke Bullinger, Jacie Klose, Kourtney Howard, Randy Shaw ECA, Charlotte Arendall NREMT/BLSI, Jasmine Klose, Jolene Navarrette, Laycee Tullos, Alyssa Fraga, Destini Raynes, and seated, Ashley Adams.

Local 4-H members to participate in food show

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Haskell County 4-H members are making final preparations for the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show set Sat., Dec. 8 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon.

In the Food & Nutrition Project, 4-H'ers learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups of the Food Guide Pyramid in the daily diet. They

learn the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness, and appearance as well as acquiring and demonstration skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks.

A total of fourteen 4-H'ers from the county will compete in the District Show including Kylie Adams, Crissy Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Celeste Caddell, Sarah

Campbell, Jenny Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, Emily Fouts, Sam Fouts, Meghan Glover, Tillie McGuire, JoLene Navarrette, Kate Rowan and Stewart Ulrich.

Entrants from 24 counties will compete in Senior, Intermediate and Junior Divisions.

The Senior division has four food classes: Main Dish, Fruit & Vegetable, Bread & Cereal, and Nutritious Snacks. Intermediate and Junior Divisions have five food classes: Main Dish, Fruit & Vegetable, Bread & Cereal, Nutritious Snacks and Desserts.

Contestants in the District event are all winners of their County Food Show. Senior Division winners in each category of the District Food Show will advance to the State 4-H Food Show next June in College Station.

Special Beef Awards will be given by the Santa Rosa Cattle Women and Wichita Area Cattle Women.

The dishes will be on display at 1 p.m. and the public is invited to view them.

Ribbons and awards will be presented during an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Cookbooks containing all the recipes prepared in the District Food Show will be available at the competition.

Low blood sugar, driving don't mix

With the holiday season looming, families are preparing for the oft-dreaded drive to see friends and relatives.

Besides the standard anxieties about spending hours in a cramped vehicle, people with diabetes and those traveling with them have something else to consider: hypoglycemia.

Driving demands a sharp mind and quick reflexes, so even a small drop in blood sugar can have disastrous results.

Joyce Barnett, a registered dietitian and assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says one way people with diabetes can avoid hypoglycemia

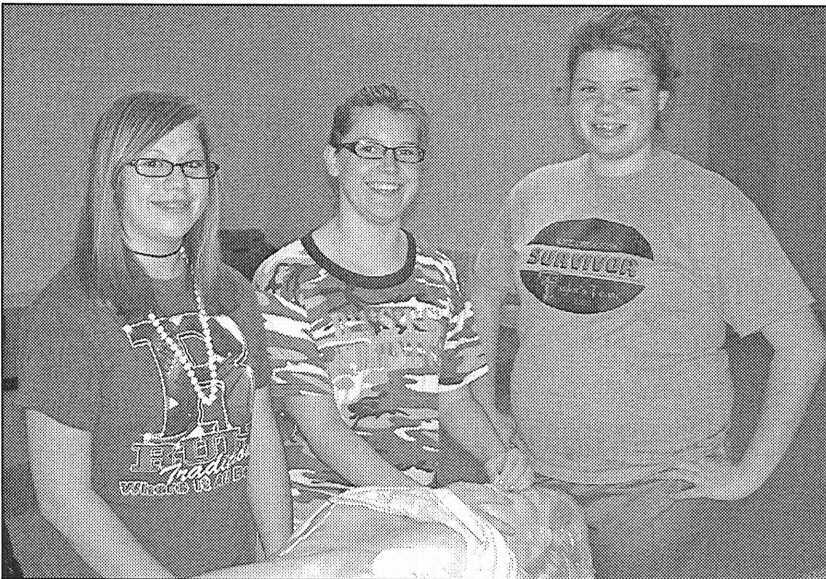
is to plan trips around meals.

"It's very important not to skip meals or scheduled snack times, especially when taking insulin," she says. "Skipping meals or snacks increases the risk of hypoglycemia."

Barnett also says individuals with diabetes must always keep carbohydrate-rich foods on hand in case their blood sugar drops.

"If somebody's blood glucose levels drop, the general guideline is to eat or drink 15 grams of a carbohydrate-rich food or beverage, wait 15 minutes, then test again," she says.

Glucose tabs, hard candy, and regular—not diet—sodas are good options for a quick sugar boost.

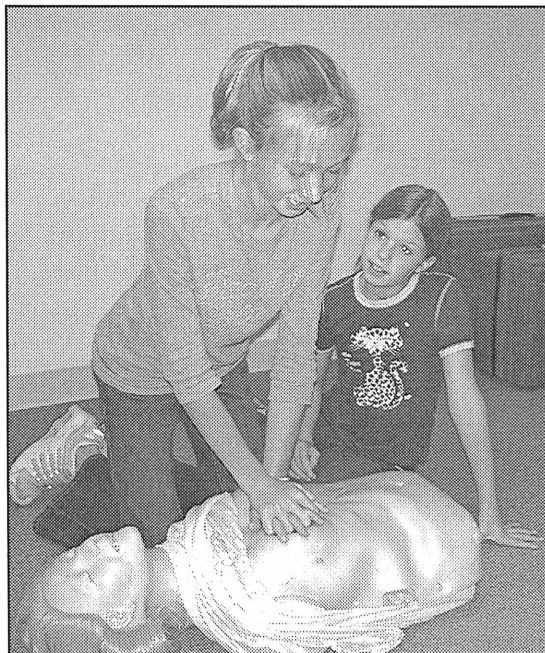


CPR CLASS—Haskell 4-H'ers, l-r, Alyssa Fraga, Brooke Bullinger and Jasmine Klose practice CPR skills learned during their meeting last Sunday.

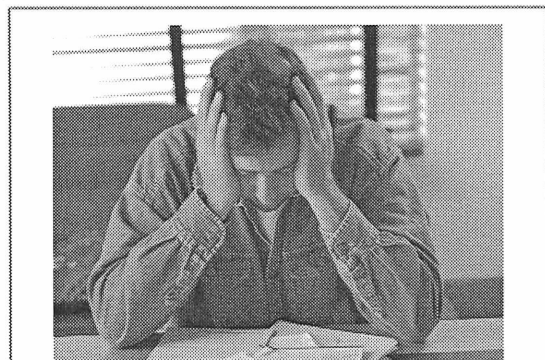
Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 3, 2007
Haskell

Haskell County Gin	3,367
Haskell Co-op Gin	4,910
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	12,235
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	5,291
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	2,102
Weinert Gin	3,321
Total bales	31,226



LEARNING CPR SKILLS—Reagan Hadaway, left, practices her CPR skills while fellow 4-H member Jacie Klose waits her turn. The girls learned CPR during the 4-H meeting held last Sunday evening.



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	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 572,129	\$ 2,245	\$ 574,374
State Program Revenues	717,995	34,524	752,519
Federal Program Revenues	7,661	245,552	253,213
Total Revenues	1,297,785	282,321	1,580,106
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	592,870	209,601	802,471
Instructional Resources and Media Services	23,432	-	23,432
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	459	-	459
Instructional Leadership	54,578	1,529	56,107
School Leadership	25,110	-	25,110
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	22,088	7,454	29,542
Health Services	11,176	-	11,176
Student (Pupil) Transportation	108,245	-	108,245
Food Services	-	70,876	70,876
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	45,847	-	45,847
General Administration	97,809	-	97,809
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	171,580	-	171,580
Data Processing Services	47,356	-	47,356
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	58,000	58,000
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	23,404	-	23,404
Total Expenditures	1,223,954	347,460	1,571,414
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	73,831	(65,139)	8,692
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	65,139	65,139
Transfers Out (Use)	(65,139)	-	(65,139)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(65,139)	65,139	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	8,692	-	8,692
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	561,509	-	561,509
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 570,201	\$ -	\$ 570,201

Energy tax credit available

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers that tax credits are still available to make homes more energy efficient. Taxpayers can make energy-conscious purchases that will provide tax benefits when filling out returns next year. The law covering tax years 2006 and 2007 provides for these credits when taxpayers purchase and install certain items.

The maximum credit for both taxable years is \$500—no more than \$200 of the credit can be attributable to expenses for windows. These items must have been placed in service after Dec. 31, 2005 but before Jan. 1, 2008.

“With cold weather on the way, folks may be thinking about adding insulation or maybe a new heating system to their home, so, it’s well worth the time to take a look at Form 5696, Residential Energy Credits, available online at IRS.gov,” said Dallas-based IRS spokesman, Clay Sanford.

A tax law change, Energy Policy Act of 2005, provided a tax credit to improve the energy efficiency of existing homes. To qualify, improvements must be installed in or on the taxpayer’s principal residence in the United States.

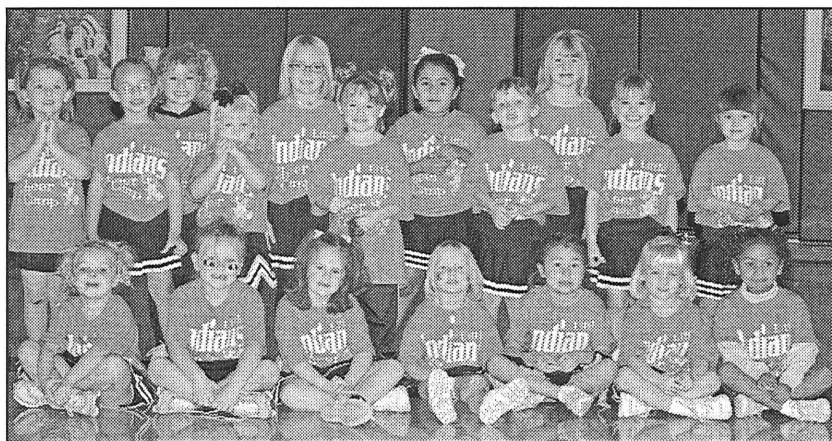
The following items may be eligible:

- Insulation systems that reduce heat loss/gain
- Exterior windows (including skylights)
- Exterior doors

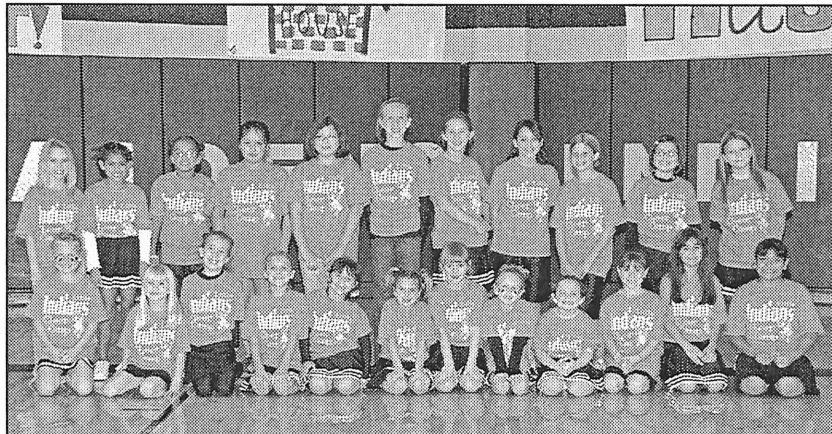
• Metal roofs (meeting applicable requirements)

In addition, the law provides a credit for costs relating to residential energy property expenses. The following items may be eligible:

- \$50 for each advanced main air circulating fan
- \$150 for each qualified natural gas, propane, or oil furnace or hot water heater
- \$300 for each item of qualified energy efficient air conditioning or heating equipment



CHEER CAMP—These Haskell Elementary students participated in the annual Mini-Cheer Camp, hosted by the Haskell High School cheerleaders. They learned the camp cheer, some chants, several jumps, basic stunts, and the school song. Several of the girls performed in the pre-game show of the Haskell vs. Coahoma varsity football game. Those participating were, front row, l-r, Emma Roewe, Braelyn Bevel, Addisyn Bates, Calie Everett, Tori Rodriguez, Megan Schlueter and J'Lynn Llewellyn; and back row, Kacie Easterling, Octavia Pryor, Jocelyn Trussell, Shalee Dunnam, Kourtney Gibson, Marley Casey, Heavenly Perez, Ashlyn Payne, Makayla Arendall, Krislyn Tatum and TyAnn Jones.



CHEERLEADERS—These girls from Haskell Elementary, grades 3-6, participated in the annual Mini-Cheer Camp, hosted by the Haskell High School cheerleaders. They learned the camp cheer, some chants, the camp dance, several jumps, basic stunts, the school song and fight song. Several of the girls performed in the pre-game show of the Haskell vs. Coahoma varsity football game. Participants were, front row, l-r, Ashlyn Bevel, Allie Andress, Hollyn Hadaway, Kameryn Mathis, Ariel Martinez, Sarah Fouts, Katelyn Hudson, Kaelyn Bevel, Kelsea Tidrow, Meagan Nava-Unruh, Harley Foreman and Destini Pierce; and, back row, Jacee Guess, Gabby Mendoza, Kobi McCoy, Gloria De Los Santos, Alyssa Abila, Reagan Hadaway, Crissy Bassett, Meghan Glover, Jacie Klose, Natalie Contreras and Victoria Hertel.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Mon., Nov. 26 in a regular meeting.

Mayor Ken Lane called the meeting to order. Councilman Chan Guess gave the invocation.

Kenny Watson, Chief Appraiser for the Haskell County Appraisal District presented information about House Bill 1010.

Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, was given the authority to nominate three individuals to serve on the Appraisal District board.

The council tabled a request by Franciene Johnson to move the freight room of the old depot to the lot north of the water fountain at the park. Johnson proposed to use the building for the Chamber of Commerce office and visitor's bureau, and headquarters for Wild Horse Prairie Days.

A petition to close S. 11th St. between S. Ave. J and the alley between S. Ave. J and S. Ave. K was approved. The area was granted or sold to Lolo Martinez with Martinez acquiring all cost, including the survey. The area from S. 10th St. between S. Ave. J and the alley between S. Ave. J and S. Ave. K was also closed and granted or sold to Martinez with Martinez acquiring all the cost, including the survey. A request from Martinez and Matt Sanders was denied to close the area from S. 9th St. between S. Ave. J and

the alley between S. Ave. J and S. Ave. K and 1/2 of the street.

Anderson gave an update on the financing of the major purchases in the budget of a compactor for the landfill and a new trash truck.

In the Administrator's report, Anderson said that investors are interested in constructing apartment complexes and building spec homes in Haskell.

A contract with Keeter Flying Service is in the works. Councilmen Jason Hall and Smith are conducting research and are in contact with Bill Gunn of TxDOT Aviation. Gunn has information concerning the parameters and location of the business to benefit the city. The city does have to find a location for the business.

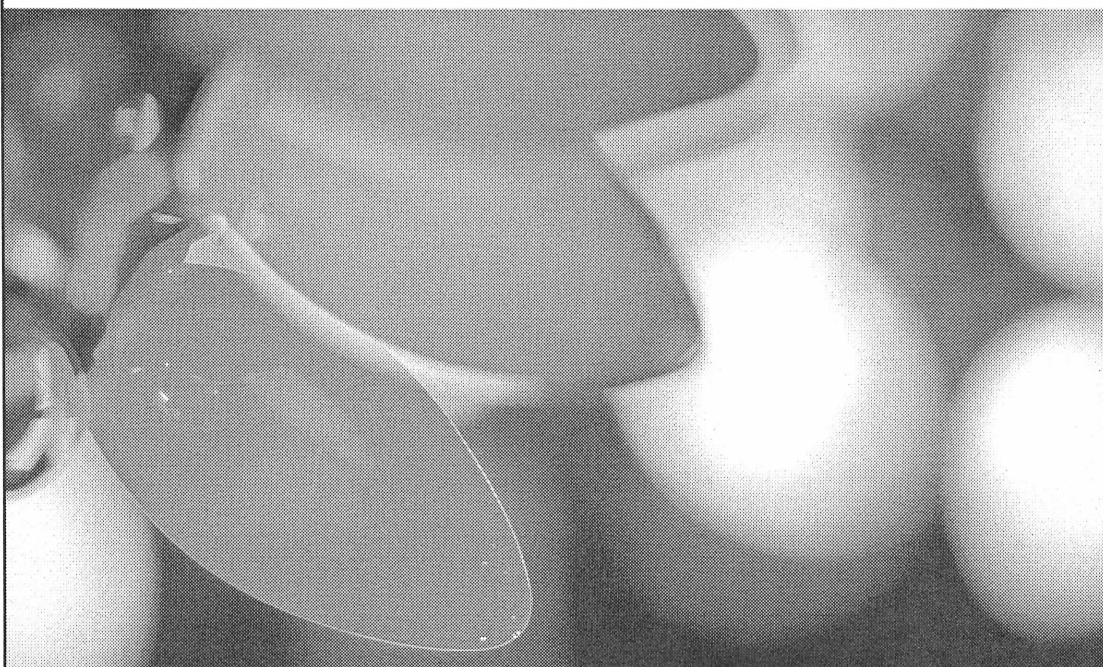
Bids for the city's depository were released. Bids are due for the first meeting in January.

House Bill 227 is a bill that would allow golf carts to be driven on roads with a speed limit of less than 35 mph is still in committee. No action should be taken on the matter before it becomes law. If it does become law, no action will be needed.

A discussion with Mark Lundgreen with Mac Thornberry's office concerning the lack of promotion of Haskell at each end of Business 277 has occurred. Lundgreen has

contacted TxDOT and Joe Higgins. Russell Lenze may be in contact with the city concerning the matter.

5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP Texas reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP Texas, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **AEP Texas is there, always working for you.**



For more information about electrical safety, visit AEPTexas.com

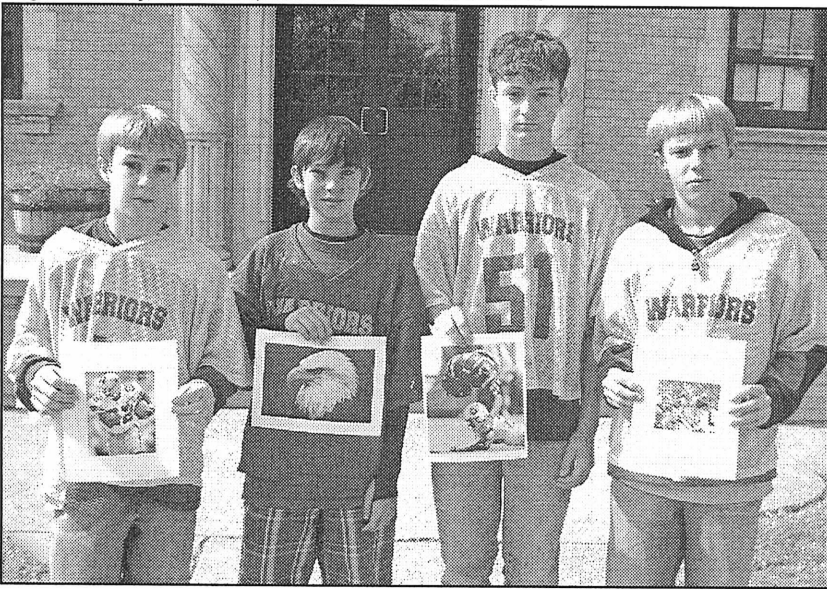
Pay attention to kids in the kitchen

Children are eager to assist parents with the creation of holiday treats. While the season presents a great family opportunity for youngsters to learn about cooking, adults need to closely supervise their kitchen activities at all times.

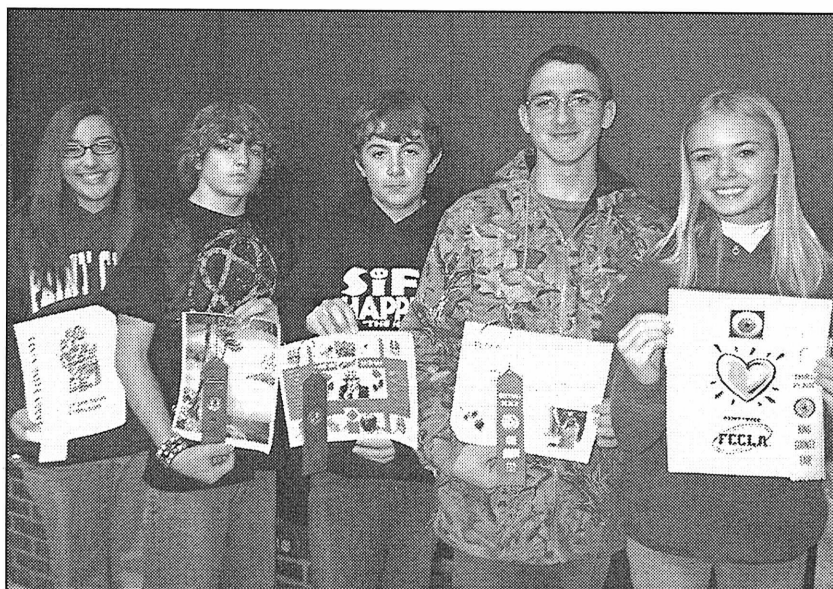
“Children should never be left unattended in the kitchen,” says Dr. Pam Okada, a pediatrician and emergency department physician at UT Southwestern Medical Center. “Young children do not understand what injuries a hot stove or cooking appliance can cause.

“Parents also need to pay attention to where they place hot food or liquids. It takes only a second for a young child to pull a tablecloth down and be scalded by what falls on them.”

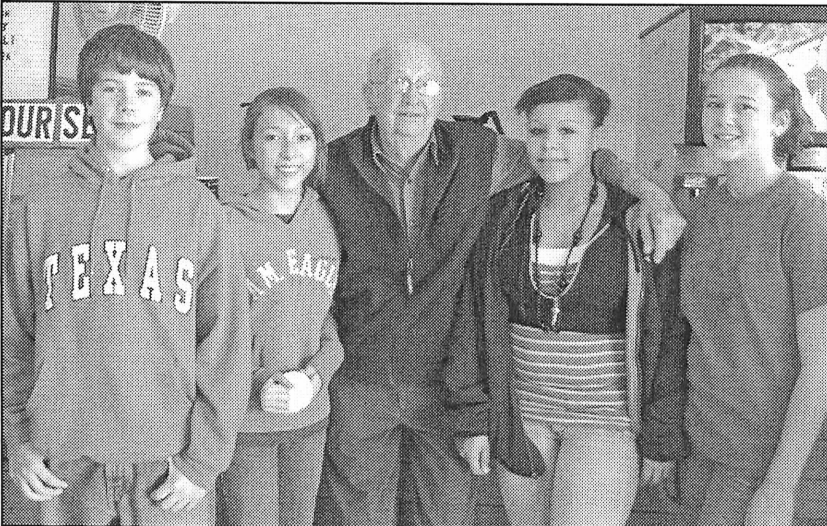
Dr. Okada also recommends adults not hold a child while cooking and that everyone in the kitchen wear close fitting attire. Children who wish to help with food preparation should be assigned basic tasks that do not require them to be around heat, sharp utensils or electrical appliances.



SPOT COLOR WINNERS—Competing in the Spot Color contest held in Sandra Fry's Rochester Junior High computer class were these winners selected by an outside judge. The students added spots of color to their black and white photographs. Winners are, l-r, Koby Foster, first place; Cannon Edwards, second place; and Ryan Baumbach, third place. Jim Young, far right, had his spot color entry chosen to be featured on the Junior High's web site in an earlier contest.



FAIR WINNERS—Paint Creek FCCLA/FCS class members placing in the King County Fair at Guthrie in the Computer Generated Art category include, l-r, Brittany Waggoner, 9th-12th grade division, 3rd place; Nathan Edwards, 9th-12th grade division, 2nd place; Dustin Rainey, 6th-8th grade division, 1st place; Payne Utley, 6th-8th grade division, 2nd place; and Katrina Buerger, 6th-8th grade division, 3rd place. This "Speak Out for FCCLA-Power of One" project was a co-curricular Family and Consumer Science and Computer Technology class project. Phyllis Adams is the Computer Technology instructor and Darlene Hopkins is the Family and Consumer Science (Home Ec.) instructor. FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.



VISIT GROCERY STORE—These eighth grade students of Rochester Junior High recently visited the grocery store in downtown Rochester. Visitors were, l-r, Garrett Bruggeman, Sasha Walker, Bob Easterling, store owner, Jamie Flye and Laycee Tullos.



BUS RIDERS—These Rochester Junior High students were seen 'hanging out' on a Haskell CISD bus recently. Pictures are, l-r, Manual Deleon, Lynna Billington, Laycee Tullos, Garrett Bruggeman, Sasha Walker, Jasmine Klose, Lisa Hibbitts and Jamie Flye.

Report gives well-being of Haskell Co. children

Statewide, maternal and infant health are improving, as more women are receiving prenatal care, infant mortality is improving, and teen births are continuing to decline, according to a new report by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP). The report provides the latest look at the well-being of children in every county in Texas.

"The report finds that when it comes to maternal and infant health, Texas has much to be thankful for," said Frances Deviney, Texas Kids Count Director. "At the same time, work remains in other areas. Statewide, child poverty is up for the fifth straight year, unemployment has increased, and Texas continues to have the highest rates of uninsured children in the nation."

Haskell County findings (with 1st being the best and 254 being the worst) include:

- The proportion of women receiving little or no prenatal care decreased by 15% since 2002. As of 2004, 16 babies (or 24.6% of all births) were born to women who received little or no prenatal care, ranking the county 152 of Texas' 254 counties. Nearly one

in four babies statewide is born to mothers who receive little or no prenatal care.

- The infant mortality rate has remained stable since 2000. As of 2004, 0 babies died prematurely, ranking Haskell County 1 of the 254 counties. Statewide, infant mortality has increased by 8.6% since 2000.

- The rate of babies born to teens increased by 65% since 2000. As of 2004, 15 babies were born to Haskell County teens, ranking Haskell County 219 of the 254 counties. However, Texas still has the highest teen birth rate in the country. Statewide, births to teens ages 13-19 have declined by 10.3% since 2000.

These findings follow a recent Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) survey of new Texas mothers that finds that statewide, new mothers are engaging in healthier behaviors:

- The percent of Texas women who drank alcohol during the last three months of their pregnancy dropped by 8.3% from 2002 to 2003.

- The percent of Texas mothers who breastfed or pumped breast milk to feed their baby after

delivery increased by 2.3% from 2002 to 2003 (from 74.8 to 76.5%).

- The percent of Texas women who were slightly or moderately depressed in the months after delivery increased by 1.23% from 48.5% in 2002 to 49.1% in 2003.

Other findings for Haskell County include:

- 31.5 percent of Haskell County children live in poverty, ranking Haskell County 227 of the 254 counties. The child poverty rate has remained stable in Haskell County since 2000.

- The proportion of Haskell County's total population living in poverty has decreased by 7% since 2000, ranking Haskell County 207 of 245 counties. As of 2004, 1117 people, or 20.5% of the population, live in poverty.

- Death rate for Haskell County children ages 1-14 dropped 100% since 2000. There were 0 deaths (or 0 per 100,000 children) in 2005, ranking Haskell County 1 out of 254 counties.

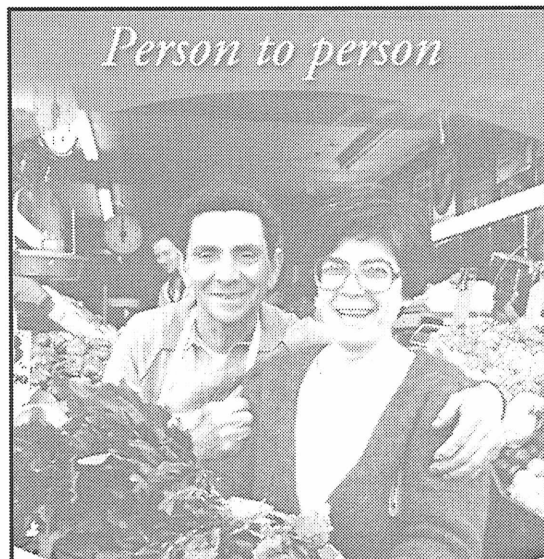
- The rate of violent deaths for teens ages 15-19 has not changed since 2000, with 0 deaths (or 0 per 100,000 teens) in 2005. Haskell County ranks 1 out of 254 counties.

HASKELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,949,806	\$ 77,769	\$ 2,027,575
State Program Revenues	4,790,984	120,021	4,911,005
Federal Program Revenues	7,487	791,510	798,997
Total Revenues	6,748,277	989,300	7,737,577
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	3,411,413	603,636	4,015,049
Instructional Resources and Media Services	87,317	-	87,317
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	45,664	1,529	47,193
School Leadership	383,324	-	383,324
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	131,160	18,190	149,350
Health Services	52,649	-	52,649
Student (Pupil) Transportation	165,739	-	165,739
Food Services	-	438,432	438,432
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	263,445	-	263,445
General Administration	387,308	-	387,308
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,095,797	-	1,095,797
Security and Monitoring Services	4,597	-	4,597
Data Processing Services	120,912	-	120,912
Community Services	55,177	-	55,177
Debt Service:			
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	45,000	45,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	42,813	42,813
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	323	323
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	121,756	-	121,756
Total Expenditures	6,326,258	1,149,923	7,476,181
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	422,019	(160,623)	261,396
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	910	-	910
Transfers In	-	246,203	246,203
Transfers Out (Use)	(129,425)	(116,778)	(246,203)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(128,515)	129,425	910
Net Change in Fund Balances	293,504	(31,198)	262,306
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,720,459	132,129	4,852,588
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,013,963	\$ 100,931	\$ 5,114,894

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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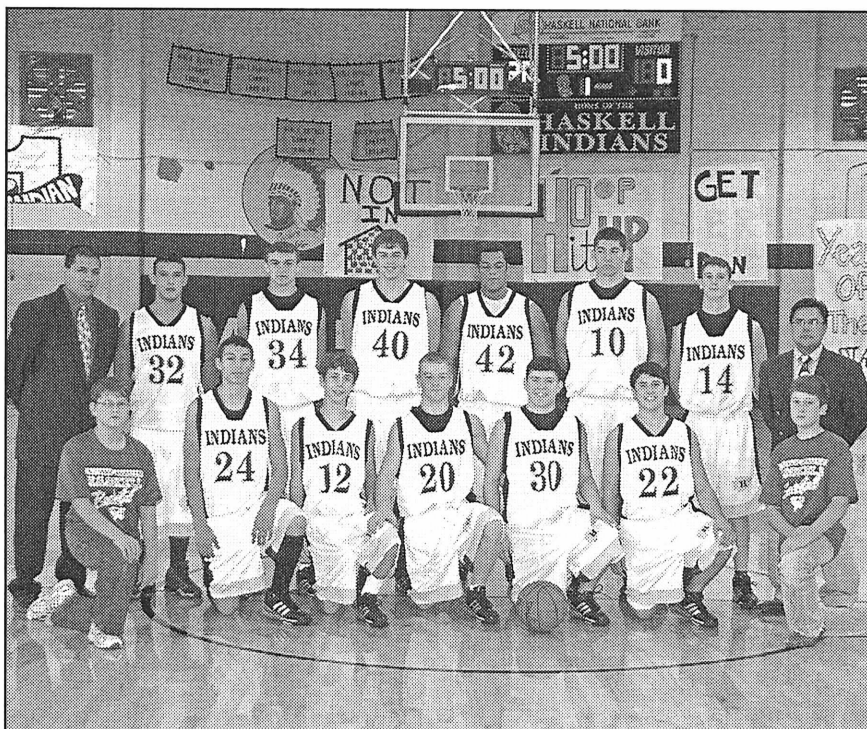
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**Dec. 6-Dec. 8
Varsity Boys at
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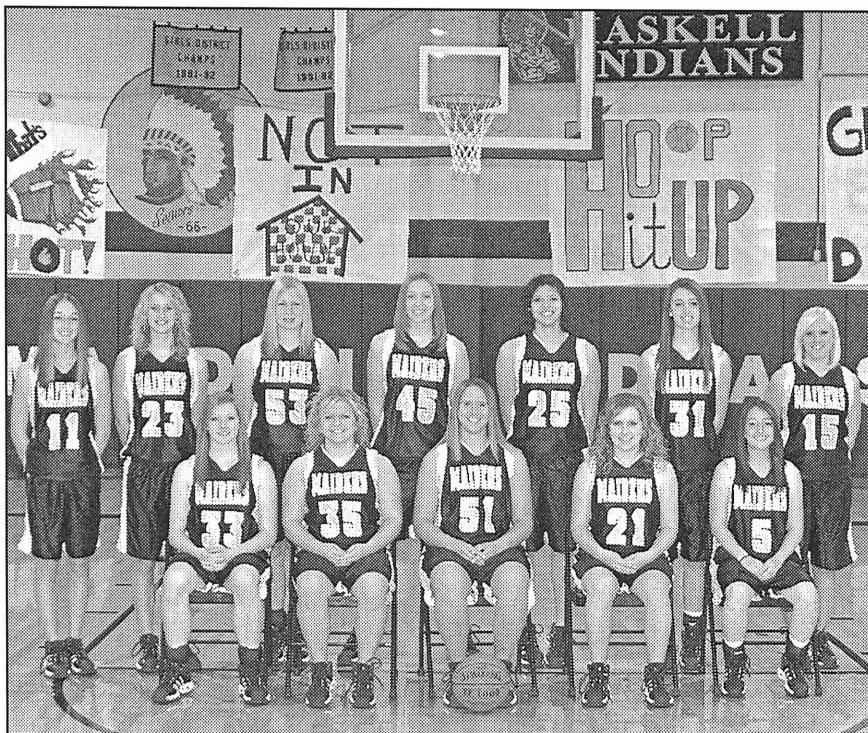
**Dec. 6-Dec. 8
JV Boys at
Jim Ned Tournament**

**Tues., Dec. 11 • 6 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys
vs Munday at Haskell**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski and Coach Toby Villa.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Hope Reid, Lauren Newton, Lacey Peiser, Paige Adams and Claire Isbell; back row, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace and Aerial Thane.

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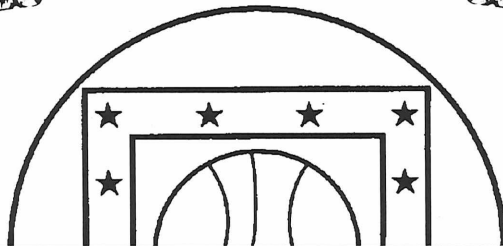


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COLLECT TOYS—Members of the Haskell Lodge #241 Hermann Sons of Texas collected toys for the Haskell Child Welfare Board at their meeting held Dec. 2. Attending were, front row, l-r, Elna Weise, Thula Perry, Erna Peiser, Doris Brueggeman and Leona Seelig; back row, Elton Klose, Jerry Don Klose, Phyllis Klose, Eunice Koehler, Harry Koehler, Inez Merchant, J.R. Merchant, T.J. Brueggeman, Wilton Weise and Evelyn Moeller.

Lodge members collect toys

Haskell Lodge #241 Hermann Sons of Texas met at Pit and Grill for the December meeting with 17 members present including Secretary Doris Brueggeman.

Milbert Opitz and Pauline Dick will celebrate birthdays this month. Anniversary couples in

December, are Wilton and Elna Weise and Harry and Eunice Koehler.

Members brought unwrapped toys and boxed them to be taken to the Haskell Child Welfare Board where they will be sorted and distributed to those in need.

Door prizes winners were Eunice Koehler, Inez Merchant, Elna Weise, Phyllis Klose and Jerry Don Klose.

Due to the Installation of officers to be held Jan. 12, at Old Glory Lodge, the local lodge will not hold a meeting in January.

Caregivers need holiday break, too

When making holiday plans, don't forget your friends, relatives and others caring for those with Alzheimer's disease, says Peggy Higgins, education director for the Alzheimer's Disease Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"Caregivers need a break," she said. "Offer to have someone watch the person with Alzheimer's, and take the caregiver shopping, out to lunch or a salon visit, anything for some pampering."

There are also simple things you can do to entertain the person with Alzheimer's, even if he or she is deeply progressed in the disease. With the caregiver's permission, bring a "sorting" project such as photos, a box of buttons, nuts and bolts, or various squares of felt.

Play music dating from their youth, which they'll probably recognize more than recent songs. An hour-long visit is about right, Higgins says. And nothing says you can't come by every week.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 10-14 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon Teddy Grahams
Thursday: Cinnamon roll
Friday: Chorito lil' bits
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: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, breadstick, pears
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, orange slices
Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, apple
Thursday: Turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, sweet potatoes, homemade bread, fruit salad
Friday: Steak on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, peanut butter cookie

Rule School Menu

Dec. 10-14 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Sausage on a stick
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Muffin choice, graham crackers
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Steak fingers, mashed

potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, shapeups
Tuesday: Two corndogs, ranch style beans, whole kernel corn, apple half
Wednesday: Baked potato, ham, cheese cups, baby carrots with ranch, toast
Thursday: Pizza choice, corn coblette, tossed salad, brownie
Friday: BBQ on a bun, chips, tossed salad, cookie

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 10-14 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Eggs, toast
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, pinto

beans, corn, salad, applesauce cake
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Pork roast, rice, gravy, corn, salad, Jell-o with fruit
Thursday: Ham, mac and cheese, squash, salad, rolls, apple crisp
Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, chips, fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 10
Lunch—Beef a roni, creamy potatoes, English peas, garden salad, garlic toast, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Dec. 12
Lunch—Chicken fritters, cream gravy, green beans, carrot salad, yeast roll, cherry cobbler, milk,

tea, or coffee
Fri., Dec. 14
Lunch—Sloppy Joe's on bun, pinto beans, mac and cheese salad, onion, pickles, jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



LET LOVE ADORN YOUR HOME WITH HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

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

people? Then it's time to get rid of these negative tendencies. Mend that quarrel, not matter whose fault it was. Let your house of worship put some love and kindness in your heart before you plug in the Christmas lights. Then your home and your life will be much brighter during the upcoming holidays, as well as at all other times of the year.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**
East Side Baptist Church
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 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. 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
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 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
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 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. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 8:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 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. 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
Morris R. Johnson, 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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- ROCHESTER—**
Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
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**
Clovie Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
Faith Chapel of Rochester
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

- SAGERTON—**
Sagerton Methodist Church
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

- RULE—**
First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

- First United Methodist Church**
Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

- PAINT CREEK—**
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 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

Back the Indians and Maidens!

TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



HOW LONG SHOULD YOU KEEP TAX RECORDS?

One question that clients often ask is how long they should keep their tax records. While this seems like a simple question, the answer isn't simple. It depends on what item in the tax return the records support.

For example, records that support itemized deductions, such as mortgage interest statements, property tax bills, statements detailing contributions to charity, or any other records that support a deduction, should be retained for seven years. That's because the IRS can audit your return for up to three years after it's filed and up to six years if you underreport income. So to be on the safe side, keep records supporting your tax return for seven years.

If you own property or businesses in more than one state, check the statute of limitations in each state since some are longer than the federal statute. Save copies of the tax returns themselves permanently because you might need information in the returns for other purposes.

Items that support deductions on Schedules C (business), E (rental), F (farm), and other schedules also need to use the seven-year rule. Actual receipts should be kept, as well as supporting documentation such as cancelled checks. IRS rules require "contemporaneous records," which means that regularly maintained log books and diaries can be used as supporting documentation as well.

Items purchased that are depreciated rather than expensed need their receipts and supporting documentation to be retained for a longer period of time. These items require documentation to be kept for seven years beyond the year in which the item was disposed, sold, abandoned, or otherwise removed from service.

Capital transactions reported on Schedule D require supporting documentation such as brokerage statements, purchase and sales confirmations, dividend reinvestment statements, etc., to be kept for seven years beyond the year in which the stock or other investment property was sold.

With today's technology, records can be stored electronically, as long as they can be readily produced for the IRS. So you can store many documents in relatively little space. For assistance with any of your recordkeeping or other tax concerns, contact our office.

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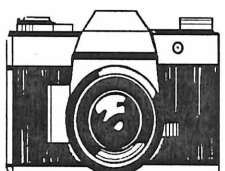
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The City Council will consider the sealed proposals for designation of depository on January 14th, 2008. All proposals will be considered valid for a period of thirty days unless otherwise indicated on the proposal form.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The term of depository bid will be for the time period of January 15, 2008 through May 15, 2009. 48-49c

FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Weinert is considering implementation of a Sewer System Improvements project in the community of Weinert, Texas. This project is funded by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for non entitlement cities and counties. The City of Weinert proposes to construct/install new wastewater treatment ponds, 1 lift station, 1 flow meter and related fencing, irrigation systems and easement acquisition. Since a portion of the construction zone at the treatment plant, located west of Highway 277 and north of West Bevers Street (approximately less than 1 acre), may be located in the 100 year floodplain, the City of

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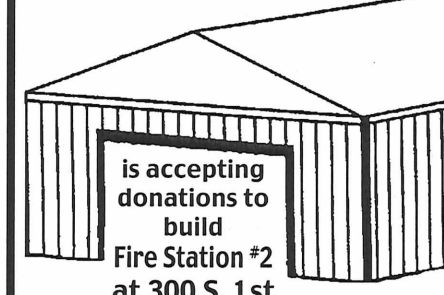
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FFA teams finish big at state

The Haskell FFA Students competed at the State LDE Contest in Huntsville Dec. 1. Three teams from the chapter achieved the opportunity to compete after finishing in the top two in both the District and Area competitions.

The Jr. Farm Skills team finished second at the state contest. Team members were freshmen, Codi Foster, Harley James and Arabella Garcia.

The Ag Issues team finished their state competition by finishing fifth at state. Team members included juniors, Kimie Hutchinson, Paige Adams, Lauren Newton, Claire Isbell; and sophomores, Kayce Wilcox, Miranda Johnson and Jordan Burson.

The Jr. Chapter Conducting team also qualified for the state contest finishing in the top 20 in the state out of 220 teams statewide. The Jr. Chapter Conducting team consisted of freshmen, Pamela Walker, Angelica Gonzalez, Sara Weise, Ashlee Short, Cheslee Hearn, Amber Allen and Candice Hill.

The students were greeted by the entire student body of Haskell CISD on Friday for a send off.

The Area II Competition was held Nov. 17 at Big Spring. The Ag Issues, Jr. Skills and Jr. Chapter Conducting finished in the top two advancing them to state. Competing also at area, the



FFA DISTRICT COMPETITION—The Haskell FFA Jr. Quiz team competed in District competition Nov. 13. Team members are, I-r, Meagan Kimbrough, Dawn Skinner, Kelsie Adams, Ashley Bullard, Nathan Meredith, Marissa McGhee, Crystal Wright and Andrew Sammons.

Public Relations team consisting of juniors, Aerial Thane, Ashton Rutkowski; and sophomore, Aubrey Bassett. The team finished in third, missing state by one spot.

The District LDE Contest was held in Stamford Nov. 13. The following teams competed: FFA Radio, third; Jr. and Sr. Creed Speaking (Lynette Ortiz, fourth Sr.); Sr. Skills third; Jr. Quiz, participants; and Sr. Quiz, participants.

The Haskell FFA members would like to thank their school and community for the overwhelming support this year.



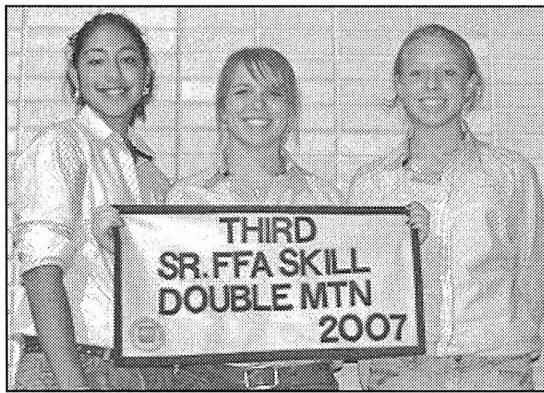
FFA DISTRICT COMPETITION—The Haskell FFA Sr. Quiz team competed in District competition Nov. 13. Team members are, I-r, Ethan Frierson, Tyler Reese and Cody McLemore.



FFA PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM—Placing third in the Area II FFA competition held in Big Spring Nov. 17 were, I-r, Ashton Rutkowski, Aubrey Bassett and Aerial Thane.



FFA DISTRICT COMPETITION—The Haskell FFA Radio Team placed third in District Nov. 13. Team members are, I-r, Aubrey Bassett, Lonnie Alvarez and Aerial Thane.



FFA DISTRICT COMPETITION—The Haskell FFA Sr. Farm Skills team placed third in District Nov. 13. Team members are, I-r, Lonnie Alvarez, Shelby Still and Veronica Benton.



FFA DISTRICT COMPETITION—The Haskell FFA Creed Speaking team competed in District competition Nov. 13. Team members are, I-r, Denise Hibbits, Lynette Ortiz, Ashley Meier and Dawn Skinner.

Cantata set Sun., Dec. 16

The Christmas cantata, "A Christmas to Remember," will be presented by a 50-voice choir and dramatic speakers representing nine churches in Haskell County Sun., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m..

If you ask the average person about Christmas, they'll tell you it is a holiday we celebrate once a year with tinsel, lights and a Christmas tree. It is also a time when memories of Christmas past, present and future envelop our very being. The cantata, created by Claire Cloninger and Gary Rhodes, is filled with a great

combination of carols and well known seasonal songs, and invites the listener to focus on not only the birth of God's only Son but also on the complete work of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

The cantata choir invites you to come worship with us on Sun., Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, in Haskell.

A nursery will be provided. For more information, contact the First Baptist Church office at 864-2581.

Santa letters due

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. 6.

All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 20 issue.

Calendar

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Rennegarbe is the storyteller.

Lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Home and Yard Lighting Contest in Rule. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. To enter the contest, call 996-2214 by 1 p.m. on Dec. 19. No entry fee will be charged. Judging will be on Thurs., Dec. 20.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Storm sirens

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

A Christmas to Remember

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