

Basketball games

HASKELL
 JVG-B, VG-B vs Merkel
 Fri., Jan. 11, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
 7th-8th Girls vs Merkel
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 JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley
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PAINT CREEK
 VG-VB vs Lueders-Avoca
 Fri., Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
 at Lueders-Avoca
 JH G-B vs Rule
 Mon., Jan. 14, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
 VG-VB vs Rule
 Tues., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
RULE
 JVB, VG, VB vs Roby
 Fri., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
 at Rule
 JV at Jayton Tourney
 Sat., Jan. 12 at Jayton
 JH G-B vs Paint Creek
 Mon., Jan. 14, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
 VG, VB vs Paint Creek
 Tues., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Jan. 11 at noon at the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to discuss the major fund-raiser of the year, the dinner theatre and silent auction set for Sat., Feb. 23. The rural 'Golden Girls' will be the featured entertainment.

Game admission

Haskell fourth grade students will collect used cell phones, DVDs, and jet ink printer cartridges in place of the admission price at the Haskell vs. Hawley basketball game Tues., Jan. 15.

Pack meeting

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold a pack meeting Tues., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Youth basketball

Paint Creek Youth Basketball will enroll children in Pre-K (4 years old) through sixth grade to participate in the Paint Creek Youth Basketball program through Fri., Jan. 18. Cost is \$15 and is open to all area children. Students do not have to attend Paint Creek schools to participate. Call Stacy Medford 940-864-3842 or 325-660-5250 or Tamera Hearn 940-256-0099 for more information.

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. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 10-12

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Jr. Livestock Show and Sale set this weekend



2007 GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Paige Adams of Haskell is shown holding her grand champion steer entry in last year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale. Holding awards for Adams is Meagan Kimbrough, left, and Kelsie Adams. This year's sale is set for this weekend, Jan. 10-12.

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 10-12, at the Haskell County Show Barn.
 Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 10 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 10 by 5:30 p.m.
 Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 11 at 8 a.m. for swine; followed by lambs. Steers will show at 2 p.m. followed by heifers.
 Judge for the steers, heifers and lambs will be Ryan Rathmann, Livestock Judging Coach at Texas Tech.
 Judge for swine will be Steve Bradshaw, AST-Paradise.
 Judge for rabbits and chickens will be Chris Beard, AST-Albany.
 Auctioneer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 13, will be Rex Ford of Stamford, assisted by Mike Fouts of Sagerton.
 Keith Medford of Paint Creek will be the announcer.
 The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand with drinks, chips and snacks.
 This year's show has 90 participants with 174 entries. At last year's show, 92 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$80,500.
 Steven Lehrmann of Sagerton is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

Indians, Bobcats named to All-Big Country teams

The Abilene Reporter-News has released the names of athletes nominated to the All-Big Country football teams.
Rule Bobcats listed on the Six-Man team are:
 Jay T. Spitzer*, quarterback, 5'-10", 160 lbs., senior, passing 2,084 yards, 5 interceptions and 37 touchdowns;
 James Wolfe, wide receiver, 6'-5", 165 lbs., senior, receiving 1,181 yards for 22 touchdowns, 128 defensive tackles, 45 for a loss;
 Stephen Pace, linebacker, 6'-1", 180 lbs., senior, 139 tackles, 1,115 yards of multipurpose offense.
Honorable mention: Stephen Pace, runningback; C.J. Saucedo, senior, runningback; Kyle Simpson, senior, center; and Jonathan Rincon, senior, utility.
Haskell Indians listed on the Class 2A team are:
 Travis Adams, linebacker, 5'-

7", 150 lbs., senior, named defensive player of the year. Adams had 18 or more tackles three times this season, but his best game of the year was against Hawley, when he had a season-high 21 stops in the Indians' 32-13 win over the Bearcats. He averaged more than 13 tackles per game and made 25 stops behind the line. Unanimous choice on offense as runningback with 1,214 yards rushing, 16 touchdowns, no fumbles in two years as a starter on 336 carries. Defensive selection as linebacker with 132 total tackles, 14 tackles for loss, 1 interception, 2 FF, 2 FR and six sacks.
 Simon Rodriguez, defensive tackle, 5'-11", 205 lbs., freshman, named newcomer of the year. He had 60 tackles and a sack, recovered four fumbles and was a unanimous first-team All-District 5-2A selection.
 Clyde Frierson*, lineman, 6',

235 lbs., senior, District 5-2A unanimous first team all-district selection.
Honorable mention: Weston

Rutkowski, senior, quarterback; Moses Munoz, senior, offensive line; Derek Agraz, senior, defensive end; Simon Rodriguez,

freshman, defensive line; and Aaron Rodriguez, senior, linebacker.
 *Denotes unanimous decision

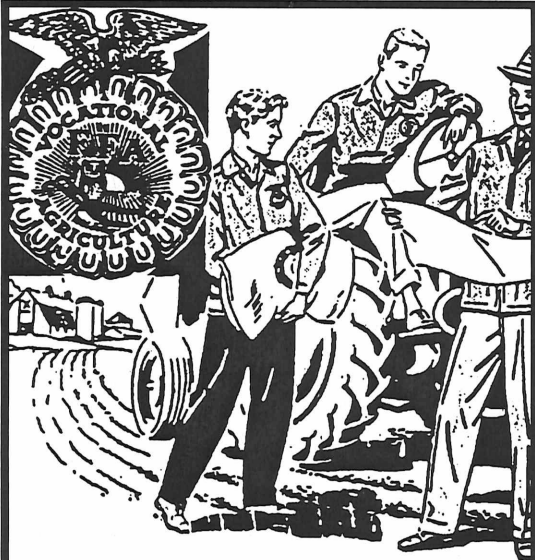


BELL RINGERS—Helping the Salvation Army this season to collect funds at the Haskell Bell Ringers location at Modern Way were 4-H members, front row, l-r, Crissy Bassett and Jacie Klose; middle row, Ashley Adams and Kylie Adams; back row, Kourtney Howard, Jasmine Klose, Reagan Hadaway, Carson Hadaway and Tillie McGuire. Not pictured are Dustin Barnes, Cheyenne Buerger, Katrina Buerger, Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson, Lane Burson, Taylor Burson, Kyle Kimbrough, Meagan Kimbrough, Reed Lee, Destini Raynes and Payne Utley. 4-H members collected \$434.89.

Two seats contested

The last day to file for a place on the ballot for the March 4 primary election was Jan. 2.
Contested races include: Commissioner Precinct 1, incumbent Johnny Scoggins and Johnny Josselet; and District Attorney, incumbent Mike Fouts and Melissa Morgan.
Uncontested races include: Commissioner Precinct 3, Kenny Thompson; County Tax Assessor Collector, Bobbye Collins; Sheriff, David Halliburton; County Attorney, Kristen L. Fouts; and County Constable, Kim Bassett.
 The first day to apply for ballot by mail was Jan. 4. The last day to register to vote is Feb. 4.
 Early voting will begin Feb. 19 and end Feb. 29. The Primary is set for Tues., March 4.

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Burkburnett, Abilene and Frederick, Oklahoma

Calendar

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Jan. 17 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Storm sirens

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

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.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Haskell, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2008**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Obituaries

Velma Lusk



VELMA LUSK

Funeral services for Velma Lusk, 84, of Haskell were held

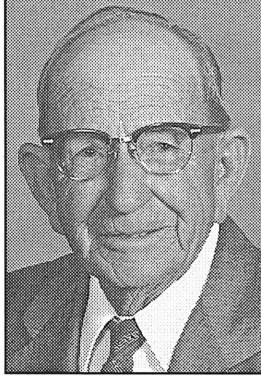
Fri., Jan. 4 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Bro. Morris Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Lusk died Wed., Jan. 2. Born Dec. 22, 1923 in Rochester, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Nettie Evens Sharp. She married Billy (Jack) Lusk Dec. 28, 1943 and had been a Haskell resident since 1991. She was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Marsha

Dale Lusk; and one sister. Survivors include her husband, Jack Lusk; daughter, Brenda Frye and husband, Ernest of Haskell; sisters, Ruby Hubbard of Fort Worth and Odessa Lewis of Odessa; brothers, Ervin Sharp of Forney, Wayne Sharp of Electra and Dale Sharp of Wills Point; grandchildren, Rick Grimes and wife, Sharon of Brooksville, Florida, Bill Grimes of Kohoma, Indiana, Sherri Wagner of Haskell, and Cliff Grimes and wife, Cindy of Stevenson Ranch, California; eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. PD. NOTICE

Edwin 'Ed' Williams



ED WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Edwin 'Ed' Williams, 81, of Cisco, formerly of Haskell, were held Sat., Jan. 5 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Williams died Mon., Dec. 31.

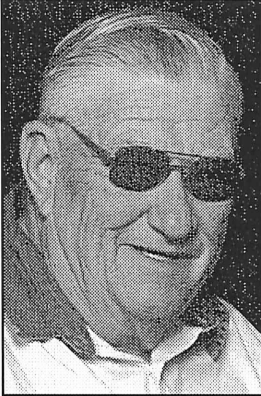
Born April 5, 1926 in Stamford, he was the son of the late Elbert Williams and Lennie Covey Williams. He married Annie Margret McDonald in Haskell June 27, 1943. He served

in World War II as a Mountaineer in Italy. He worked for AT&T, where he later retired and farmed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Williams; parents, Elbert and Lennie Williams; and sons, Ralph and Curtis Williams.

Survivors include sons, Eddie Don Williams of Holliday and Joe Allen Williams of Breckenridge; brothers, Carl and John Williams, both of Odessa, Douglas Williams of Austin and Tony Allen Williams of Haskell; sister, Milla Dean Lowery of Haskell; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Jerry Lee Lowrance



JERRY LOWRANCE

Funeral services for Jerry Lee Lowrance, 69, of Haskell were

held Sat., Jan. 5 at Believers Chapel in Munday. Burial was in Gillespie Cemetery in Munday under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Lowrance died Thurs., Jan. 3.

Born Dec. 18, 1938 in Knox County, he was the son of the late William 'Bill' Lowrance and Alice Harrison Lowrance. He married Melba Petty in 1975 in Clovis, New Mexico. They moved from Lubbock to Haskell in 1979. He retired with West Texas Utilities/CSW. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was called as a Lay Minister occasionally at East Side Baptist

Church and Gillespie Baptist Church. He was a member of Cross Country Emmaus and Believers Chapel.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Lowrance of the home; son, Lyndal Dewayne Lowrance of Lubbock; daughter, Melissa Joy Eudy and husband, Shawn of Tomball; brother-in-law, Ray Petty and wife, Cindy of Cypress; sisters-in-law, Patsy Dobbins and husband, Larry of Esparto, California, Linda Petty of Winnsboro and Dixie Mullins of Houston; grandchildren, Cherise Lowrance and Bryce and Logan Eudy. PD. NOTICE

Students in the news

Nelda Marie Cox Rogers of Haskell received a Master of Arts in Counseling degree during graduation ceremonies held in December at Midwestern State

University in Wichita Falls.

Erin Hise of Haskell was on the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Clarendon College in

Clarendon. To be included on the list, a student achieved a grade point average of between 3.6 and 3.99 while completing at least 12 credit hours.

Haskell County Stock Show
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Jan. 10-11-12
WHAT'S GOOD FOR OUR YOUTH
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Good You
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We salute the participants in the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show for their dedication and good sportsmanship.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Federal court upholds 'moment of silence' law
AUSTIN—A Dallas federal court on Jan. 2 upheld a 2003 state law that allows Texas schools to set aside time for students to reflect, pray or meditate in the classroom.

Plaintiffs David Wallace Croft and spouse Shannon Kristine Croft filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

The Crofts' children are students in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch school district.

In their lawsuit, the Crofts alleged the Texas moment of silence law is unconstitutional under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

At issue were parts of chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code, which say:

(1) A school district may provide for a period of silence at the beginning of the first class of each school day during which a student may reflect or meditate; and

(2) A public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A person may not require, encourage, or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

The Legislature revised the moment of silence provision in 2003, adding the word "pray" to the list of designated options as well as "any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student."

The federal court held that "...the addition of the word 'pray' directly furthers the purpose of encouraging students to engage in individual contemplative activity."

The court also concluded such "thoughtful contemplation" is a "valid secular purpose" and that "the primary effect of the statute is to institute a moment of silence, not to advance or inhibit religion."

After the court rendered its decision, Attorney General Greg Abbott, a defendant in the lawsuit along with Gov. Rick Perry, said, "The court's ruling ensures that Texas schoolchildren are free to begin each day by voluntarily reflecting, meditating, or praying before school each morning."

"Particularly in an age where children are so frequently confronted with violence and disorder, 60 seconds of quiet

contemplation at the beginning of each day is not too much to ask. ..."

Gym operators must be certified

Secretary of State Phil Wilson recommends that Texans first check to ensure a gym or health spa is registered with the Secretary of State before becoming a member.

Under state law, a person must obtain a health spa operator's certificate of registration from the Secretary of State before operating a health spa or selling a membership in a health spa.

An operator's certificate of registration is required for each health spa location. Unless the person qualifies for an exemption, a security deposit for each location must also be posted with the secretary of state to protect members of the club who suffer actual financial loss as a result of a closing.

"As Texans begin to work on their resolutions for 2008, it is important that they do the research to make sure they will be protected if their gym shuts down," Wilson said.

"A gym membership can be a significant financial commitment and I would urge all Texans to visit my Web site to check their club's registration status and review the steps to recover membership fees of closed gyms if applicable."

Commission chair passes away

Ric Williamson, 55-year-old chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, suffered a heart attack and died Dec. 29.

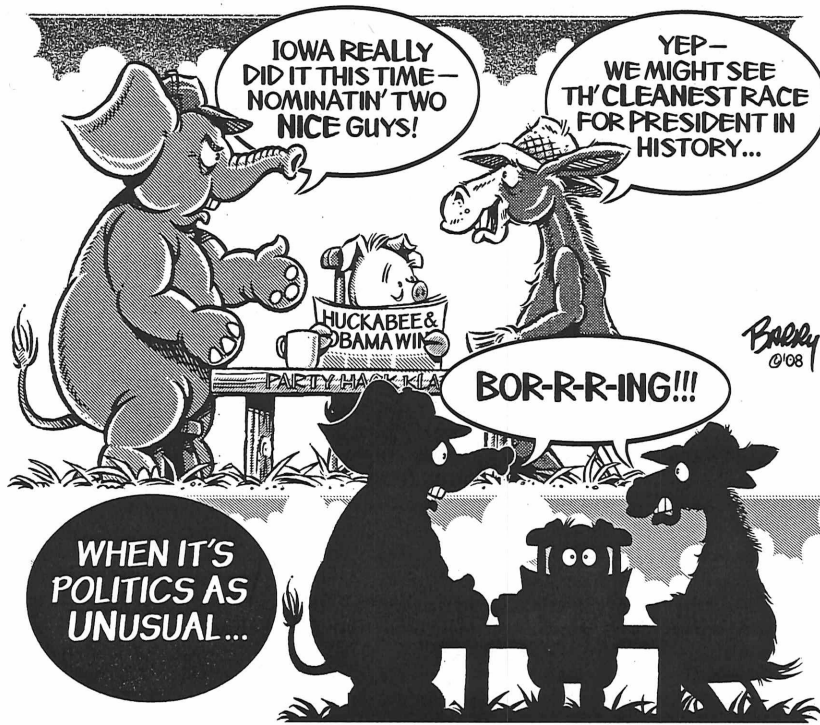
A resident of Weatherford, Williamson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1998.

He was appointed to the commission by Gov. Rick Perry in March 2001 and was named the chair in January 2004.

Agency boosts war on smoking

The Texas Department of State Health Services reports it is more than doubling its resources dedicated to free smoking cessation services provided through the American Cancer Society's Quitline.

This year, the agency plans to provide \$550,000 for the service, up from \$250,000 provided in 2007. The toll-free telephone counseling service at 1-877-YES-QUIT is available to all Texans trying to quit smoking or dipping, the state health agency said.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 8, 1998

Jason Hobgood, Haskell Indian football player, was named to the All-Big Country Class 2A defensive football team.

Sandra Earle, a cashier at First National Bank, has graduated from the Bank Operations Institute sponsored by Texas A&M University Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bailey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise dinner hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Rochester 4-H members who visited Haskell care homes were Mary Bell Turner, Teddy Sue Harris, Amy Turner, Tandi Townsend, Keri Newton, Laci Townsend, Chase Cockerell, Ross Short, Staci Leija, Velvet Townsend and Susan Cockerell.

Mike, Suzanne, Cody and Tanner Wollard of Grapevine and Ricky, Debbie, Todd and Kaylee Scheffel of Lubbock visited their parents and grandparents, Lewis and Joyce Thomas.

20 Years Ago January 14, 1988

Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Thompson of Colleyville visited in the home of Mrs. John L. Brooks and Bob Tabor.

Lisa Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Baird of Rule, won an academic award for her essay on the pharmacist's role in the changing world of healthcare.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Slade of Eagar, Arizona visited her mother Sallie Sanders.

Hank and Lisa Sherman installed the tile on the floor of

the new Civic Center.

Doris Lehrmann and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek and Bubba of Aspermont visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse.

Ed and Mary Murphy with Lane and Shanna went to Rio Castillo, New Mexico for a ski trip.

30 Years Ago January 12, 1978

Ava Ketrone visited her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Aten in Seminole.

Texas Attorney General John Hill campaigned in Haskell for the office of Governor of the State of Texas. He made two speeches, one at the Haskell airport standing on a car hood in front of approximately 150 farmers and the other at the Haskell Steak House.

In co-operation with the West Central Texas Council of Government and Haskell County a new Experienced Citizens Center is now open on North First Street next to Dr. Kemp's dental office, in Haskell. Marsha Whittemore is the director.

Bids for the reconstruction of a section of State Highway 6 in Haskell County will be received by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The project will extend from Rochester southward 6.7 miles. The existing 18 foot roadway will be widened to 24 feet.

G.C. Brockett of Weinert and Florene Sorrells, of Rule, visited W.O. Lewis.

Frances Posey and daughter, Kimberly, visited Olga Tribbey.

Ardella McCowen of Anadarko, Oklahoma, has been a guest in the home of her sister, Lorene Dewey.

40 Years Ago January 11, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tabor and daughter of Lubbock visited in the home of Mrs. John L. Brooks and Buelah Mae Summers.

Judy Taylor Cheatwood and son, Chuck of Plaquemine, Louisiana, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer O. Taylor.

Mrs. Shelby Jack Harris and daughters, Carol Jan and Susan Vera visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Harris.

Ray Herren has been honored as a class AA all-state selection by the Texas Sport's Writer's Association, as he was chosen to be the first offensive team.

Mrs. O.N. Harcow visited in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Collins in Frederick, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer visited in Hamlin with Ray Ulmer.

50 Years Ago January 9, 1958

Mrs. J.W. Merrell and children, Donnie Kenneth and Elizabeth Ann, returned from San Antonio where they had been visiting Mrs. Merrell's mother, Mary Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reding and children, James Allen and Jane Ann of Belton visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Reding and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Collins were weekend visitors in the home of their daughter, Mrs. James R. Miller and Mrs. Miller in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Overton and sons were guests of her parents and her brother family, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Jones, Jr.

Showing at the Texas Theatre was John Wayne and Janet Leigh in "Jet Pilot."

100 Years Ago January 11, 1908

J.J. Stein returned from a business trip to Holland.

T.G. Williams purchased an interest in the J.N. Ellis grocery business. The business will be conducted under the firm name of Ellis & Williams.

W.D. Kemp has sold his place in the eastern part of town to W.A. King and has purchased Brewer's residence.

J.A. Bailey, one of our old-time cattlemen, who is still in that business, says that cattle on the range in pastures have wintered well so far and that it had not been necessary to give them much feed.

Haskell is becoming quite a horse and mule market. Both sellers and buyers resort to this place on first Mondays from all parts of the county and even from beyond its limits.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

January 3, 2008

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade rode investment fund buying to finish Wednesday at their highest level since early 2004 as the prospect of lower U.S. cotton plantings in 2008 spurred all-around buying in the market. Despite a healthy run-up in the market, the following day bearish options strategies pushed cotton futures modestly lower.

"Cotton finally suffered a down day on Thursday, but it wasn't too much punishment," an analyst said. "After five days worth of rallies, wading through a ton of trade selling and without any large off-take, a lower close was nothing to be ashamed of."

USDA's weekly export sales report did little to excite the market this week. The department reported net export sales of 58,200 bales, a marketing year low, were 57 percent less than the previous week and 72 percent lower than the four-week average. Featured buyers were China, Turkey, Taiwan and Indonesia.

Export shipments of 123,500 bales were down 29 percent from the previous week and 39 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Thailand, Turkey and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 66,452 bales in the holiday-shortened week ended Jan. 3 compared to 65,747 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 58.02 to 61.79 cents per pound versus 60.65 to 60.94 cents per pound one week earlier.

Meanwhile, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) said they now expect world textile mills to increase their cotton consumption three percent to 126 million bales in the 2007-08 marketing year. The rate of growth would be smaller than in the previous three seasons but still higher than the long-term average of two percent per year, according to an ICAC representative.

ICAC said the primary reasons for the slower growth include a forecast decline in the rate of global economic growth and an increase in international cotton prices. The fact that cotton has lost some of its price competitiveness compared to polyester in major markets since August of 2007 also may play a role.

"World cotton production is estimated three percent lower at 120 million bales in 2007-08 due to an expected decline in planted area," ICAC said. The committee forecasts lower cotton production in China, the United States, Pakistan and Turkey. India is the only major cotton producing country where production is expected to increase this season to a record 24.34 million bales, nearly double the country's production just three years ago.

With global cotton consumption expected to exceed global production in 2007-08, ICAC expects world ending stocks to decline by 10 percent to 54 million bales by July 2008. World cotton imports are forecast to rise nine percent this season to 41 million bales due to a projected rebound in Chinese imports.

In the 2008-09 marketing year, the ICAC is expecting world cotton production to rebound to 122 million bales, world consumption to rise to 127 million bales, and world ending stocks to decline to 49 million bales.

Ag conference set

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The Central Rolling Plains Ag Conference will be held in Haskell Jan. 14 at the Haskell Civic Center. Coffee and registration will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

A total of seven CEU's will be given: one in Laws and

Regulations, one in Drift, two in IPM, and three in General. A noon meal will be served.

For more information or to pre-register, go by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D, in Haskell by noon Fri., Jan. 10, or call Wes Utley, Haskell CEA-Ag at 940-864-2658.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
We wish to thank Tonya Cypert's sixth grade class for their wonderful Christmas gift of a large number of cans of food for the Haskell County Food Bank.

When you hear how bad and selfish children have become, please remember these children's gracious Christmas gesture.

Roy Wright
The Food Bank Folks

Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers in cooperation with the Jones County Sheriff's Office is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who dumped several hundred tires on County Roads 267, 253

and 231 on or around Sept. 19.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime should call 1-800-222-TIPS. All calls are anonymous.

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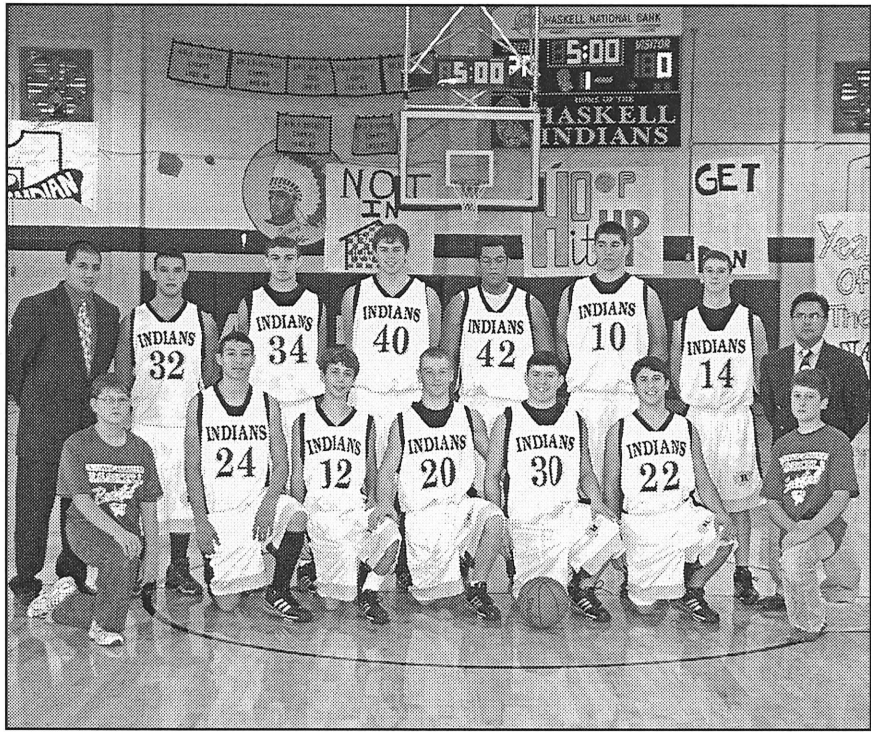


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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston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

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 355 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 5, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Packer cows \$2-5 higher; stockers steady-\$2 higher, feeders steady. Bred cows and pairs \$25 lower.

Cows: fat, 44-47; cutters, 45-56; canners, 38-44.

Bulls: bologna, 58-67, feeders, 50-75, utility, no test.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 125-150; 300-400 lbs., 100-135; 400-500 lbs., 95-118; 500-600 lbs., 92-112; 600-700 lbs., 90-102; 700-800 lbs., 87-99; 800-up lbs. 85-95.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 110-125; 300-400 lbs., 100-109; 400-500 lbs., 95-105; 500-600 lbs., 90-100; 600-up lbs., 87.50-95.

Bred heifers: medium frame no test.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-990; aged or small, 450-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1100; aged or small, 600-835.

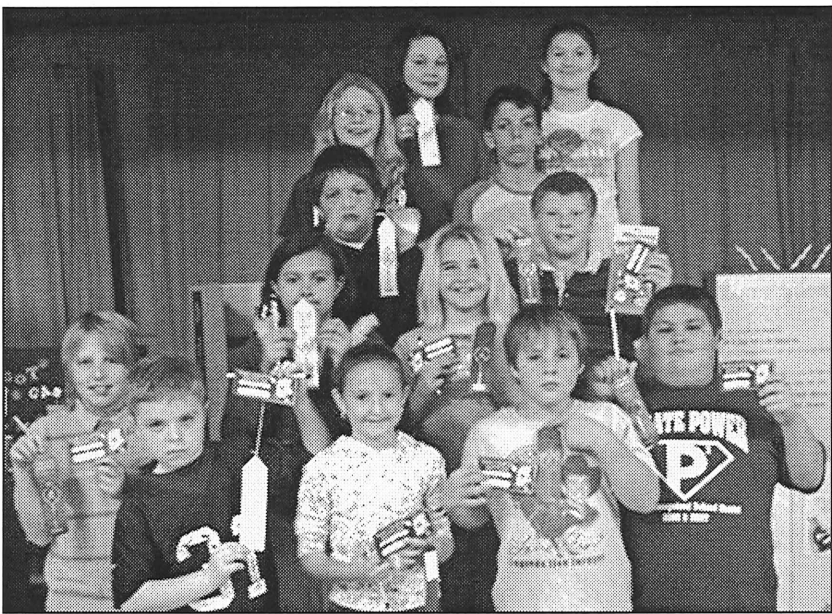
Kent Co. sets livestock show Jan. 18-19

The Kent Co. Livestock Show will be held Jan. 18-19. The show schedule is:

Fri., Jan. 18, 6 p.m.: Rabbit judging and showmanship; and hog judging and showmanship.

Sat., Jan. 19: 9 a.m., Lamb judging and showmanship; goat judging and showmanship; and, cattle judging and showmanship. At noon a barbecue meal will be served. The awards presentation is set for 1 p.m. followed by the premium auction at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Kent County Extension Office at 806-237-3751.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—The Paint Creek Elementary Science Fair was held Dec. 18-19 with forty students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades completing projects at home. The competitors brought their display board to school for others to view. Students were interviewed by their teacher, Barbara Utley and volunteer, Laurie Newberry. Students were able to show off their interests and knowledge about the scientific process. Winners were, from top to bottom, I-r, Allyssa Martin, Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford, Rande McDonald, Micah Waggoner, Chris Elias, Haley Jackson, Skylar Bridges, Shawn Myers, Jordan Davis, Destiny Carson, Tate Rainey and Chris Richardson.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—These sixth grade students placed in the Science Fair held Dec. 18-19 at Paint Creek School. Chris Elias, front, placed first in Splitting Water; Shawn Myers, middle row left, placed second in Floating Eggs; Caitlin Medford, middle right, placed second in Investigating Apples; back row, I-r, Allyssa Martin placed third in The Better Bargain, Haley Jackson placed third in The Electricity Store and Kadie McCord placed third in Spearmint Gum flavor.



Welcome to the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show & Sale

January 10-11-12

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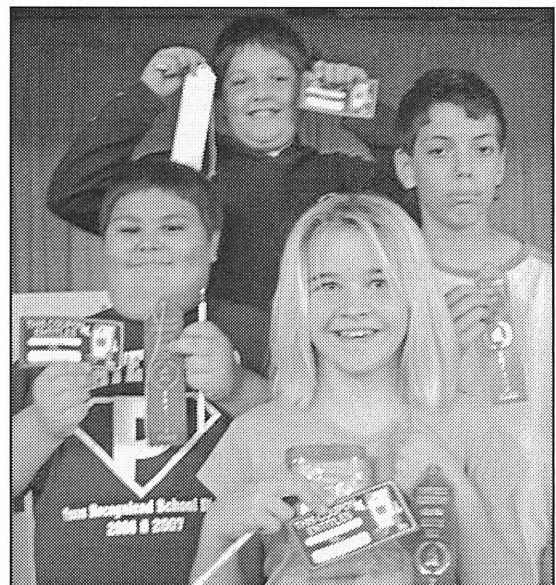
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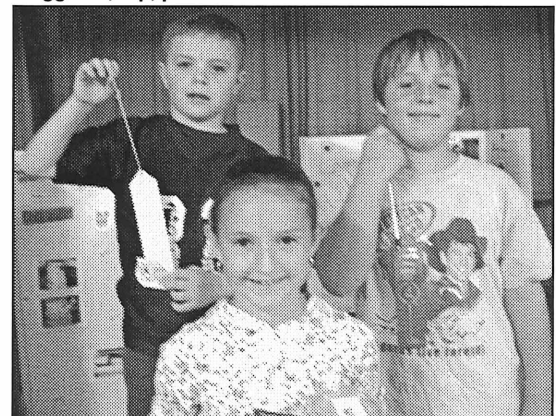
Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 7, 2008

Haskell	
Haskell County Gin	6,700
Haskell Co-op Gin	9,825
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	20,500
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	9,526
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	4,493
Weinert Gin	6,912
Total bales	57,956



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—These students placed in the Science Fair held Dec. 18-19 at Paint Creek School. Skylar Bridges, front right, placed first in Penny Cleanliness; Chris Richardson, middle left, placed second in Funky Apples; and Rande McDonald, middle right, tied for second place in Which freezes faster hot or cold water?; and Micah Waggoner, top, placed third in Got Gas.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—These students placed in the Science Fair held Dec. 18-19 at Paint Creek School. Jordan Davis, left, placed third in Airplane Designs; Destiny Carson, center, placed first in Flower Magic; and Tate Rainey, right, placed second in Spool Racers.



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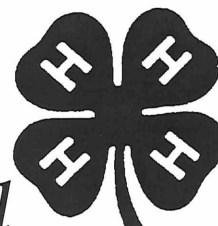
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SHOW SCHEDULE

THURS., JAN. 10	FRI., JAN. 11	SAT., JAN. 12
4 p.m. Arrival of Steers, Heifers, Lambs, Swine	8 a.m. Swine Show followed by Lamb Show	11 a.m. PREMIUM SALE
5:30 p.m. Poultry, Rabbits Show at 7 p.m.	2 p.m. Steer Show followed by Heifer Show	



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EULA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—The Haskell Indians won the Eula Tournament held Dec. 29 by defeating Comfort 42 to 35. Team members include, l-r, Coach Toby Villa, John English, Samuel Bitner, Austin Marshall, Derek Agraz, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, D.J. McCulloch, Weston Rutkowski, Greg Guzman, Coach Lolo Martinez and Travis Adams. Joseph Rodriguez is in front.
Photo by Bill Blankenship

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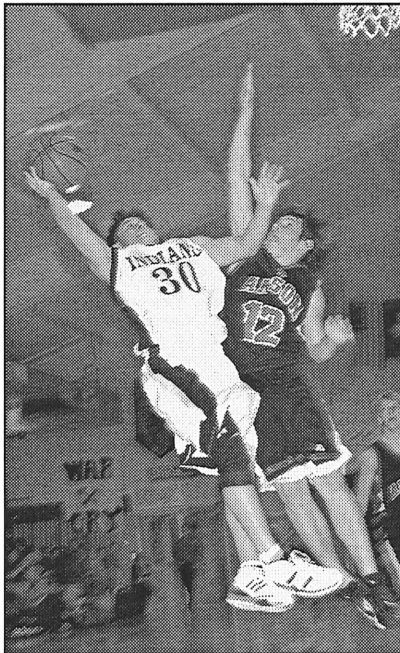
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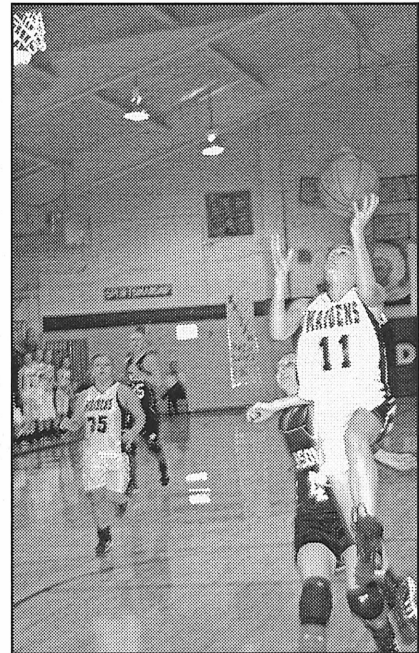
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JUMP SHOT—Haskell Indian #30 Greg Guzman jumps over an Anson Tiger to make a shot during the game held Dec. 18 in Anson. The Indians won 99 to 31.
Photo by Bill Blankenship



TWO POINTS—Haskell Maiden #11 Aubrey Bassett adds two points to the score in the Anson game played Dec. 18. The Maidens came out on top by a score of 58 to 25.
Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Basketball scores

<p>Girls Coahoma 41, Haskell 8 Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 4, Bassett 2, Rutkowski 2.</p>	<p>JV: Coahoma 41, Haskell 22 *** Aspermont 77, Paint Creek 18 Scoring for Paint Creek: Waggoner 8, Wolsch 6, Wiggly 4. *** Trent 44, Rule 28</p>	<p>Boys Coahoma 48, Haskell 46 Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 21, Rutkowski 10, English 8, Guzman 4, Adams 3. JV: Coahoma defeated Haskell. *** Scoring for Rule: Muniz 14, Dudensing 6, Scheets 5, Messenger 2, Johnson 1.</p>
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This Week's Devotional Message:

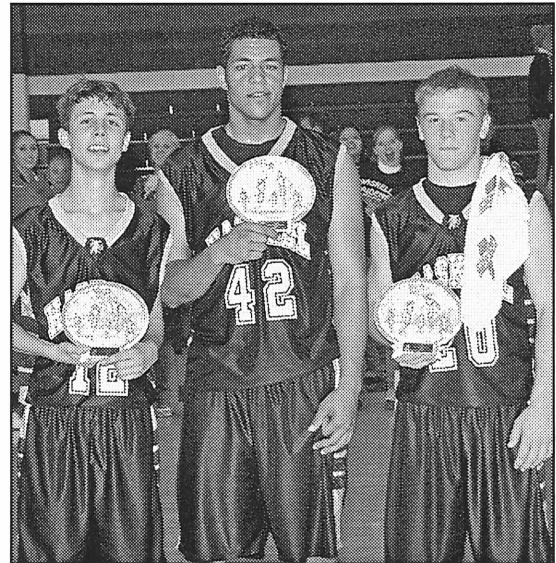


FAITH TEACHES THE VALUE OF BEING HONEST ABOUT YOURSELF

At various times in our lives we are all tempted to 'put on an act' for someone's benefit; to create a false image of ourselves for the purpose of social or material gain. Nonetheless, however valid our reasons for doing this, it is always a terrible mistake; for aside from its being dishonest, it is nearly impossible to sustain this illusion for very long. Moreover, even if we could, it would lead us down some paths that we would surely regret later on when the truth begins to surface, as it always does eventually; and we must then pay a high price for our deception. The lessons of faith teach us to be honest about ourselves at all times; and that the job, friend, date, club membership or whatever that we cannot obtain by being truthful is not worth having. So follow your faith, attend your house of worship and above all, be yourself. You will even like yourself better, just as you are.

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East Side Baptist Church
Dr. Jim Hefflin, 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 Renegarbe, 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., 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., 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</p> | <p>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., 6:30 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</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>WEINERT
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert</p> | <p>ROCHESTER
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Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 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. 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</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek</p> | <p>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</p> | |



ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM MEMBERS—Indians named to the All Tournament Team at the Eula Tournament held Dec. 29 were, l-r, John English, D.J. McCulloch and Travis Adams.
Photo by Bill Blankenship

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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 1/28/2008 the City of Weinert will submit a request to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as 727501, for the purpose of constructing/installing new wastewater treatment ponds, 1 lift station, 1 flow meter and related fencing, irrigation systems and easement acquisition at the wastewater treatment plant west of Highway 277 and north of W. Bevers Street. We considered the environmental impact of both construction and service provision within the described construction zone, the service area, and adjacent areas up to 1/2 mile from the construction zone that could be affected by the project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Weinert has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Weinert City Hall, South End of School Building, Weinert, Texas 76388 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by 1/25/2008 will be considered by the City of Weinert prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Weinert certifies to ORCA that Julian Estrada in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ORCA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Weinert to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ORCA will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Weinert certification received by 2/12/2008 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Weinert approved by ORCA (b) the City of Weinert has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by ORCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to The Office of Rural Community Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact ORCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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We would like to say thank you to all the many friends who came to visit, sent cards, food and flowers. A special thanks to Holden-McCauley for the beautiful job they did, and to the ladies of First United Methodist Church for the food. The kindness you showed to our family will always be cherished.
The family of Nadine Middleton

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Perhaps you prepared some tasty food or maybe furnished a chair; perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar; whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever was the kindly part. May God forever bless each of you.
The Dockins Family

A legacy, our Mother, Arvella Hargrove Moore, left in this world. We have seen through all of the recounts of the day Mom died. Many of you have told of when you saw her and how she was that day. She had a GOOD day. Mom touched many lives throughout hers and it certainly showed. We have been truly blessed to have a Mother like her. We know that Alan Beard and Cathy Casey were instrumental in finding Mom. We cannot express enough to them for this. Others that had a part in this tragedy to help Mom, we thank you. Marc Robison, Christina, Amy, and the rest of the staff of Holden-McCauley were so good to us. Mom thought so much of Marc and he took care of her so she could go home. The flowers at the service and all of the plants were beautiful.

John Greeson and Russell Stanley did a wonderful eulogy and Mother would have been proud. John Pike, thank you so much for the songs and Susan LeFevre for accompanying him on the piano.

We have tried to let each one of you know how the comfort of the visits, calls, cards, flowers, plants, food, hugs, and especially the PRAYERS all of you have said for Mom and all of us. We know that she will be missed by a lot of you. We miss her. Just know that she is HOME.

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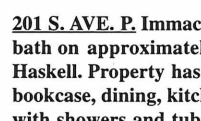
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600 N. AVE. F. Large older three-bedroom, two bath brick home on fenced corner lot. Rustic interior has wood floors and nine foot ceilings, living with mock fireplace, dining, large kitchen with dining area and a corner window. Yard has a water well and the attached two-car garage is oversized.



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Foreign investors must report U.S. ag land holdings

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, according to Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director of the Haskell County Farm Service Agency.

"Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Brzozowski.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency County Office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Brzozowski.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Three kinds of Mexican candy recalled by DSHS

A San Antonio company is voluntarily recalling a third candy imported from Mexico after testing by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) found elevated lead levels that could cause health problems.

Villa-Mex Imports, Inc., is recalling Miguelito Azucar Salada Enchilada Acidulada. The candy is a reddish powder in a clear cellophane packet with blue lettering. The net weight is marked as 1.7 ounces. The label also reads: Elaborado Por: Fabrica de Dulces Miguelito, S.A. DE C.V. Totonacas No 293 Col. Ajusco Coyoacan, Mexico.

Recent laboratory tests of Miguelito candy samples showed lead levels ranging from 0.161 to 0.291 parts per million, above the 0.1 parts per million lead level considered to be a potential public health hazard by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The tests were part of DSHS product surveillance conducted over the last several months.

Villa-Mex also has voluntarily recalled Barrilito, a dark brown thick syrup sold in 3.3 ounce glass barrel-shaped jars with white plastic lids; and Tarritos, a dark reddish brown paste packaged in

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use.

For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

When the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act was signed into law in 1978, the reporting requirement was adopted as part of the same legislation. Data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States. Brzozowski added, "Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign."

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 14-18 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Glazed french toast
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Smucker's PB & J

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, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pears
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, orange slices
Wednesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots with dressing, vanilla or chocolate pudding cups
Thursday: Elem.: Texas sized pig in a blanket, JH & HS: Lasagna, breadstick, corn, garden salad, applesauce
Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce tomato slices, pickles, french fries, brownie

Rule School Menu

Jan. 14-18 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage patty
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit
Thursday: Longjohn donut, graham crackers
Friday: Muffin choice, graham crackers

Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Taco salad, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, chocolate pudding cup
Tuesday: Chicken strips, potato salad, sweet peas, gravy, holl roll
Wednesday: Pizza choice, corn cobbette, tossed salad, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Two corndogs, ranch style beans, whole kernel corn, orange half
Friday: Cheeseburger, burger salad, potato wedges, cookie

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 14-18 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Jan. 14
Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, English peas, sliced onions, corn, yeast rolls, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 16
Lunch—Ham slice, cream potatoes, mix veggies, cranberries, sliced onions, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Jan. 18
Lunch—Goulash over rice, sliced onions, black-eyed peas, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Master Marketer Program set

The Master Marketer program is coming back to Vernon. The program is a national award-winning risk management training that teaches participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate opportunities, manage production and risk, and execute their risk management and marketing plans.

The first two-day Master Marketer session at Vernon is set for Jan. 16-17. Subsequent sessions will be held Jan. 30-31, Feb. 13-14 and Feb. 27-28.

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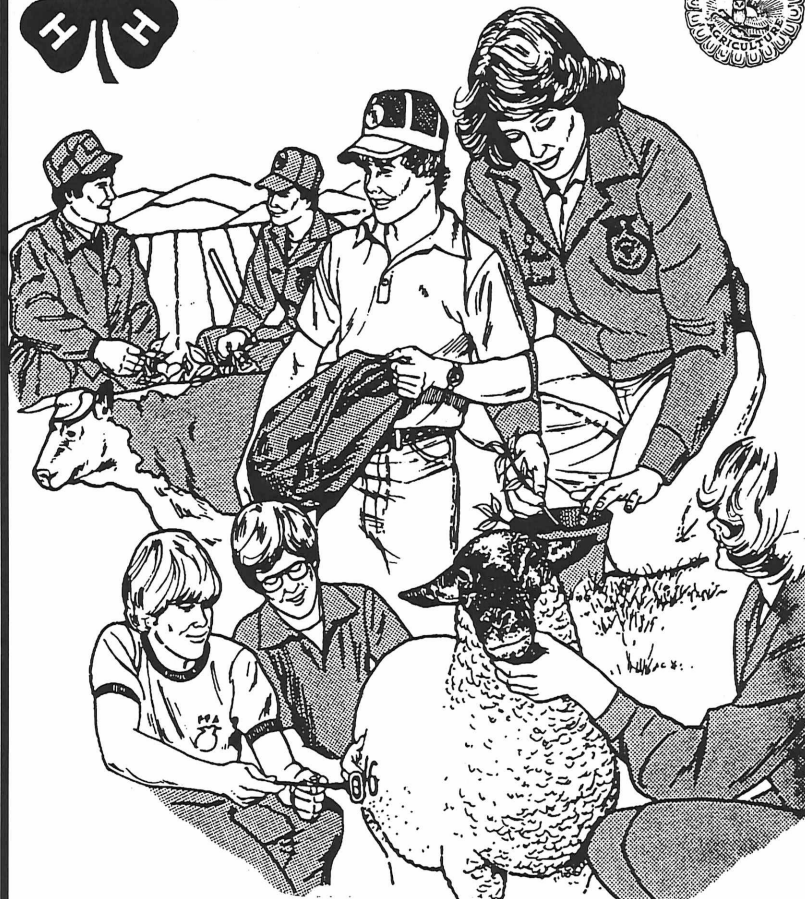
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