

## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
**JVB Jim Ned Tourney**  
 Dec. 4-6  
**VB Childress Tourney**  
 Dec. 4-6  
**VG Merkel Tourney**  
 Dec. 4-6  
**7-8 Girls vs Hamlin**  
 Mon., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.  
 at Rochester  
**7-8 Boys vs Hamlin**  
 Mon., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.  
 at Hamlin  
**JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Hawley**  
 Tues., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.  
 at Haskell  
**PAINT CREEK**  
**VG, VB Woodson Tourney**  
 Dec. 4-6  
**JH vs Throckmorton**  
 Mon., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.  
 at Throckmorton  
**VG, VB Open**  
 Dec. 9  
**RULE**  
**VG-VB Patton-Springs**  
**Tournament Dec. 4-6**  
**VG-JVB-VB vs Knox City**  
 Tues., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.  
 at Knox City  
**JVG Open**  
 Fri., Dec. 5

## Calendar

### Christmas parade

The Christmas Parade "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" is set for Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. To enter, call 864-2477 or go by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office, 510 S. 2nd for an enrollment form. Hot chocolate will be served during the parade by the Lions Club. Santa will be at the gazebo for pictures following the parade.

### Christmas dinner

The Rule Community Christmas dinner hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Rule churches will be held Sun., Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. The Christmas music will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There is no charge for the dinner.

### Game admission

Admission to the Haskell High basketball game on Dec. 9 will be either the price of admission or two cans of food. The Haskell Elementary fourth grade and Haskell High School Theatre classes are participating in a learn and serve grant project collecting canned goods for the area food bank.

### Toy drive

The Rule High School Beta Club is conducting a Christmas Toy Drive for the Haskell County Child Welfare Board. Donations are being accepted until Thurs., Dec. 11 when the items will be delivered. For more information, contact Karla Rimes at 97-2246 or Leslie Kupatt at 997-2783. Boxes for donations are located at Rule School. New items only are requested and no toys guns or knives will be accepted.

### Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 7 at the Pit & Grill restaurant. Dominoes begin at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m. The Haskell lodge is celebrating its 100th anniversary during the month of December.

### Fund-raiser

A fund-raising lunch of chicken spaghetti will be held Sun., Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center from 12 noon to 1 p.m. to help raise money for Brooke Bullinger's upcoming mission trip to Tokyo Japan.

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"The People's Choice"

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**COMFORT BLANKETS**—Paint Creek FCCLA and FCS classes made and donated blankets to the Noah Project-North for use by children who are victims of family violence. The students contributed the labor and Haskell Rotary Club members contributed the money to buy the materials to make the blankets. Representing the Paint Creek students are front row,

I-r, Cidney Jordan, Nathan Edwards, Curtis Bishop and Jordan Adkins. Back row are Penny Young, Rotarian; Janis Brzozowski, Noah Project-North; Donna Sue Anders, Noah Project-North; Kris Fouts, Rotarian; Mike Fouts, Rotarian; Darlene Hopkins, Paint Creek FCCLA advisor; and Shane Hadaway, Rotarian.

## Students make fleece blankets

The Paint Creek chapter of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the Paint Creek Family and Consumer Science (FCS) classes recently completed a community service project involving making blankets for the Noah Project. Twenty-two fleece fringed knotted tied blankets were made by the students and then given to the Noah Project-North in Haskell. These will go to help victims of family violence in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

The Haskell Rotary Club made the monetary donation to sponsor the material to make twenty blankets. The fleece material was purchased by the Noah Project-North and given to the Paint Creek FCCLA chapter members and FCS class students to make the blankets for victims of family violence. "Hopefully these blankets will make a child more comfortable after going through a hard experience," stated Darlene Hopkins—Paint Creek FCCLA advisor.

## Ballots available

Ballots for the 2008 Haskell Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are available at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office, 510 S. 2nd.

Haskell residents are given the opportunity to nominate their choice and list a reason for the nomination.

## Rule 4-H Club honored with Hope Award

Noah Project representative Janis Brzozowski presented the Rule 4-H Club program at the November meeting. Brzozowski shared personal stories of anonymous victims of family violence which the Noah Project shelter assists. Following the program, she presented club members with

a plaque for being chosen to receive the Hope Award from the Noah Project Incorporated.

The Rule 4-H Club has conducted an annual food drive for the past seven years in which an estimated 9,900 pounds of food has been donated to the Noah Project-

North. Noah Project-North directors nominated the club to receive the Hope Award for outstanding service because of this effort which saves them so much money every year.

The generosity of Rule and Sagerton residents make the food drive so successful. Every year churches in

both communities, Rule school employees and local newspapers and radio cooperate to make residents aware of the planned drive day and time.

Rule 4-H Club manager Renee Dudensing said, "I appreciate the good people that live in Rule and Sagerton

who give from their hearts to help other people. When our members collect cans, sacks and sometimes boxes of food from going door to door, it makes them appreciate their community. It also sets a wonderful example for those youth to imitate in their lives."

## Tour of Homes set Sunday

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and may be bought from any Advisory Committee member or at any of the homes.

On the tour this year are the homes of Mae Lou Yeldell, 1504 N. Ave. B; Darryl and Brenda Goetz, 201 N. Ave.

G; Denton and Dee Bates, 402 S. Ave. H; and Ken and Nelda Lane, 1102 N. Ave. G. Refreshments will be at Professional Pampering, Phyllis Coleman, 502 S. First St.

Proceeds will be used to help victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

## Santa letters due

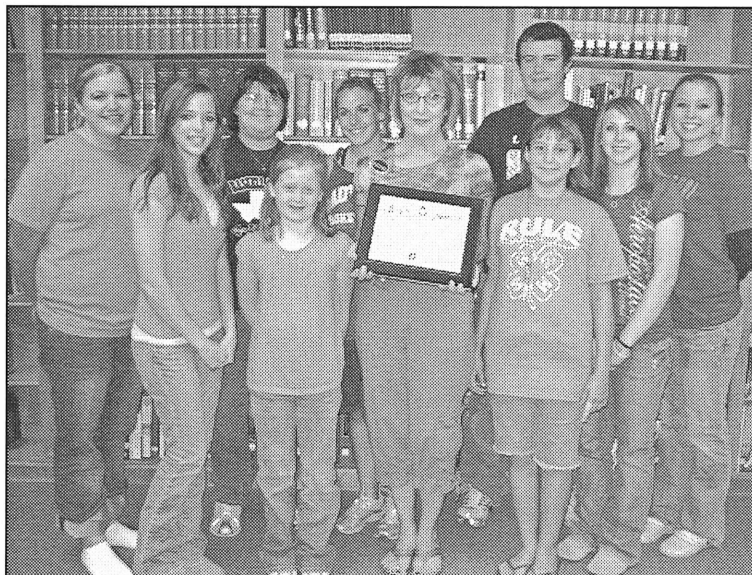
Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him.

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 or emailed to hfp@valornet.com.

Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.

All letters received by that time will be printed in the Christmas edition on Dec. 25.



**RECEIVES AWARD**—The Rule 4-H Club was presented the Hope Award from the Noah Project-North by Noah Project representative, Janis Brzozowski, center, for their annual food drive and outstanding service to help the Noah Project. 4-H Club members are, front row, I-r, Allison Petty, Sarah Campbell, Brzozowski, Samantha Lewis and Stephanie Threet; back row, Jenny Dudensing, Shelby Starr, Kate Rowan, Cody Reece and Molly Dudensing.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

# Financial aid night set in Rule

A financial aid night will be held Mon., Dec. 15, in the Rule School Library at 6:30 p.m. Don Hilton, a representative of the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Abilene, will be available to give information and answer questions about applying for financial aid to attend college. The process and standards for applying for financial aid are the same for most colleges, technical and trade schools and other post-secondary schools. The information presented is applicable no matter which school a student plans to attend.

New financial aid worksheets will be made available for the 2009-10 college school year. Filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student

Aid) on the Internet will also be discussed, including how to apply for a PIN number.

Hilton will be able to give those attending the most recent updates on federal, state and college financial aid programs. Although a student may not actually apply for financial aid until January of his/her senior year, it is helpful for parents of junior students to learn about the financial aid process a year in advance. Juniors may fill out a FAFSA4caster this year in order to get a projection of possibly receiving a Pell Grant for college. This will be explained at the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Leslie Kupatt, Rule ISD Guidance Counselor at 997-2783.



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### Early deadline

The deadline for the Dec. 25 Christmas issue of The Haskell Free Press is Thurs., Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.

### Candlelight service

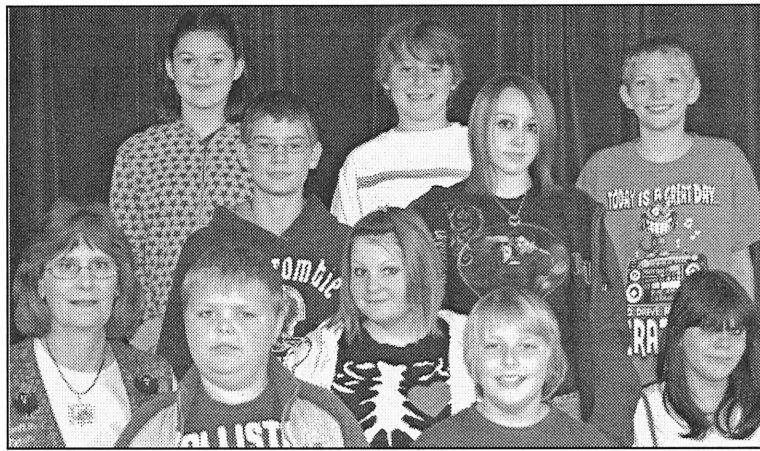
A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

### Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Pam Norton home, 605 N. Ave. F in Haskell for a program on home life and financial issues. Members are to bring toys for the Noah Project, non-perishable items for Goodfellows and a family holiday recipe to share.

## Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 1, 2008 Haskell		
Haskell County Gin.....	2,750	
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	2,458	
O'Brien		
O'Brien Co-op .....	8,000	
Rule		
Rule Co-op Gin.....	2,501	
Weinert		
Griff's Gin.....	122	
Weinert Gin.....	1,670	
Total bales .....	17,501	



**ONE ACT PLAY**—Paint Creek Junior High participated in the District 11-A One Act Play contest Thurs., Nov. 20 in Aspermont. The students performed the play entitled 'Louder, I Can't Hear You' by Bill Gleason. Members of the cast and crew are front row, l-r, Cody Mayfield, Shawn Myers and Katie Jones; second row, Phoi McGuire (director) and Charitie Winterstein; third row, River McTasney and Krista Powell; and back row, Kadie McCord, Seth Rock and Travis Cox. Not pictured is Asst. Director Jason Gault. Paint Creek received second place over-all with individual honors to Best Actress, Katie Jones; All Star Cast, River McTasney, Cody Mayfield and Kadie McCord; Honorable Mention Cast, Travis Cox and Charitie Winterstein.

## Haskell CISD Foundation encourages excellence

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation is announcing the awarding of six \$500 mini-grants for classroom projects submitted by teachers of Haskell CISD. The funds will find their way onto two campuses, reaching a broad spectrum of the student body, from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, providing curriculum enhancement from mathematics to fine arts.

Educators receiving these mini-grants are Christi Gibson, kindergarten, Balance Literacy Program take home magnets; Amy Sloan, fourth grade Texas History, visit to Buffalo Gap Historic Village; Rhonda Hanson, second grade, book titles for teaching Math with Literature; Debbie Miller, pre-k through fifth grade, Service Learning matching funds toward projector and screen; Pam Gibson, elementary music, instruments; Betsy Coleman, junior high science, supplies for hands on experiments.

Incorporated in 1999, the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation's goal is to fund scholarships and creative educational projects, meeting needs that would otherwise go unmet. As defined in its mission statement, the foundation's purpose is to "...provide assistance and support for teachers and students to develop

special programs and projects that are extraordinary, which meet needs other programs miss and which are beyond the scope of the school budget..."

Initial foundation board members were Doyle High, Abe Turner, Ken Lane, Andy Gannaway and Shane Hadaway.

Past presidents are Doyle High and Billie McKeever. Current president Wallace Cox oversees the now eight member board. Other officers are vice president Joe Yates, and secretary/treasurer Shane Hadaway.

In addition to its focus on encouraging special classroom projects, the foundation provides a venue for the community and alumni of Haskell CISD to interact with the school and demonstrate their continued interest and appreciation. The memorial brick project adjacent to the gym provides a means to honor loved ones while at the same time expressing support of current students.

To date the foundation has awarded 38 mini-grants totaling almost \$20,000 to classrooms throughout Haskell CISD. Annually, two \$500 scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors of Haskell High School. Recently established was the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Legacy Banquet in memory of Roberta High. This event not only recognizes the top ten percent of the HHS senior class, including vouchers for laptop computers to carry to college, but presents these students an opportunity to honor educators who played an integral role in their academic success.

The foundation has provided meals for UIL Cross-X Debate

meets and has further shown its support of extraordinary achievement by encouraging student travel outside the district, such as the National Honor Society visit to Washington DC, HHS Band attendance of Governor Rick Perry's inauguration, and student travel to the National Young Leadership Conference also in Washington, D.C.

The work of the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation would not be possible without the support of all those who believe in providing the very best educational opportunity for our students. The foundation invites your support through gifts, endowments, and trusts of any amount.

## Around Town

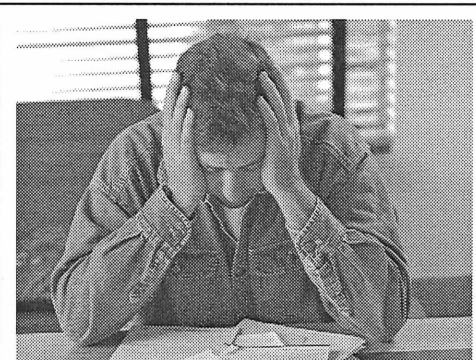
Visiting in the home of Otis and Sue Wright of Haskell for the Thanksgiving holidays were daughters, Shirley Hargus and Becky Wright; grandchildren, Cyndy Primm and husband Jarmin, Bill Friske and wife Tracy, Elizabeth Howard and husband Leonard, Melissa Espinosa and husband Teddy, Richard Howeth and wife Tina, Jason Howeth, Anne Krebs, and Joey Rocha.

Great grandchildren visiting were Daniel Masias and wife Emily, Cheyenne Hernandez, Tyler Friske and girlfriend Madeline Downs, Mason Friske, Scott Agraz and fiancé Ashley Foster, Derek Agraz and girlfriend Lisa Rodgers, Molly Agraz, Clint Howard, Michelle, Emily and Taley Espinosa, Drew, Emmy, Justin, Reagan and Peyton Howeth, and great granddaughters Harmony Masias and Addison Agraz.

### HASKELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,771,832	\$ 117,810	\$ 1,889,642
State Program Revenues	5,442,510	151,832	5,594,342
Federal Program Revenues	8,554	921,994	930,548
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,222,896</b>	<b>1,191,636</b>	<b>8,414,532</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	3,640,364	676,476	4,316,840
Instructional Resources and Media Services	88,083	-	88,083
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	62,021	53,189	115,210
School Leadership	404,468	-	404,468
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	110,325	-	110,325
Health Services	55,489	-	55,489
Student (Pupil) Transportation	206,529	-	206,529
Food Services	13,343	487,826	501,169
Extracurricular Activities	261,032	-	261,032
General Administration	494,796	-	494,796
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,021,440	-	1,021,440
Security and Monitoring Services	15,391	-	15,391
Data Processing Services	133,597	-	133,597
Community Services	161,038	-	161,038
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	50,000	50,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	41,148	41,148
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	323	323
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	948,054	-	948,054
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	114,082	-	114,082
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,730,052</b>	<b>1,308,962</b>	<b>9,039,014</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(507,156)	(117,326)	(624,482)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Transfers In	-	150,514	150,514
Transfers Out (Use)	(150,514)	-	(150,514)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(150,514)</b>	<b>150,514</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(657,670)</b>	<b>33,188</b>	<b>(624,482)</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	5,013,963	100,931	5,114,894
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 4,356,293</b>	<b>\$ 134,119</b>	<b>\$ 4,490,412</b>

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



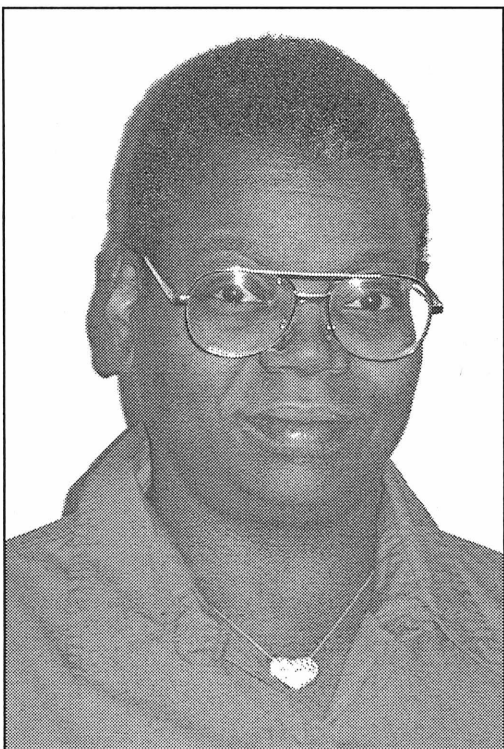
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**HONORED FOR SERVICE**—Birdie Goudeau was recently honored by the Haskell Indian Band Booster Club for her untiring service to the organization.

## Goudeau honored by Band Booster Club

by Caron Yates  
The Haskell Indian Band Boosters recently honored a very special lady, Birdie Goudeau. For at least fifteen years, she has unselfishly devoted her time to working the football concession stands.

Traditionally, after their own children have graduated, boosters are no longer obligated to work the concession stand. However, Goudeau has continued working because, as she puts it, "I do it for the kids because I love them."

She truly has a servant's heart. She is always ready and willing to do whatever is needed in all areas of her life. Goudeau is very active in her church, and has always been a guiding force for her children.

Goudeau was raised in Haskell, the daughter of Mae Lou Yeldell. She has one sister living in Arlington and one brother that is deceased. She has spent most of her adult life as a care-giver, lovingly

helping those who can no longer care for themselves. Even as a senior in high school, she would go before and after school to assist an elderly lady.

When Goudeau finds time, she loves decorating, cooking and drawing. She originally planned to become an artist and began taking classes toward that goal. However, along the road of life plans changed. She truly feels she has been called to be a care-giver to others.

Goudeau has proudly raised three children. Jenny and Leon will both soon be graduating from Midwestern University and Brittany lives and works in Haskell.

She prefers to stay out of the spotlight, quietly getting the job done. Instead of a complaint, you will only hear, "How can I help?"

If it is true that those who give to others receive rich blessings in return, then Birdie Goudeau must truly be a blessed woman.

## Cancer group meets for Thanksgiving

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group bi-monthly meeting was held Tues., Nov. 18 at the First Assembly of God Church. Each cancer patient present had an opportunity to discuss the feelings that cancer brings out, including the hurt, fear, and pain. Each person was asked to write answers to how cancer effected them, and what they were thankful for and if their "thanks" are now different since cancer.

This is a special time of the year for families and friends. A cancer patient has so many additional concerns. A simple cold can be fatal to a cancer patient. Just a few important things include eating the right foods; not over eating; rest is very important; keeping up

with medications and doctor's appointments.

Checking on cancer patients with a call is important. Check and be sure their mental health is on course as well as their physical health. No one should be alone this time of year and with new diagnoses every day, it is even more important to be there for them.

Each person was asked to bring a friend in December. The next meeting is Dec. 2, and join us in this battle. Contact the Glen or Kim Hutto at 940-864-5964 for more information.

A Thanksgiving meal of turkey and dressing was provided by May Lou Yeldell. Other members brought the fixings and desserts.



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## Couple to celebrate anniversary Dec. 13

Tilton and Shirley 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bogel of Lake Stamford will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary with a come and go reception hosted by their children Sat., Dec. 12, 1958 in Noodle.

## EEA Club meets

The EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office Nov. 13 for their regular monthly meeting with thirteen members present. Members answered roll call with "name your favorite cake." Mary Jennings gave the opening exercise.

Jane Rowan reported a successful health fair with 320 people attending. In 4-H remarks, it was reported 33 had participated in the county food show, with fourteen advancing to the district contest in Vernon. Brooke Bullinger will be attending the 2008 4-H leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Nov. 27-Dec. 2 for her state winning record book.

Discussion turned to the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show to be held on Jan. 8-10. Members discussed food items for the concession stand along with a work schedule and time

to set up. Nine members registered to attend the Fall Training Meeting in Jayton Wed., Dec. 3.

A date for the club's annual Christmas party was set for Dec. 11 at the Belfrey in Weinert. Members will meet at the extension office and bring their items to be donated to the Noah project.

Rowan gave an informative program on "Cooking for One or Two" and Safe Home Food Storage.

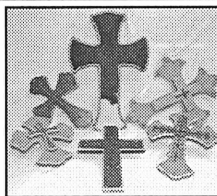
Refreshments were served by Mary Jennings and Alice Ballard.

The next TEEA meeting will be the Christmas party and the next regular meeting will be held Tues., Jan. 6. This is a day change due to the stock show starting on Thursday.

TEEA meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Meetings are held at the County Extension Office.

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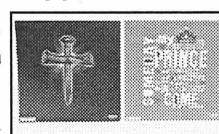
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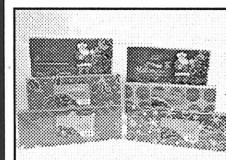
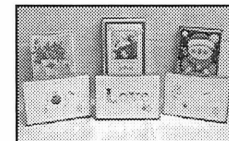


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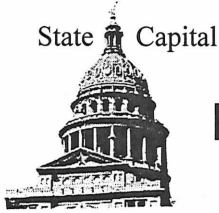
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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### Governor warns new clean air rules would 'cripple' Texas

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 24 urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency not to pass a proposed framework that would toughen regulations on greenhouse gas emissions.

Examples of greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, ozone and methane.

Perry said the EPA is planning to reinterpret the federal Clean Air Act in ways that would "cripple the Texas economy."

Concerned that the EPA will take action before President George W. Bush's term of office ends in January, Perry and a group of other governors scheduled a Dec. 2 meeting with president-elect Barack Obama to discuss regulatory concerns.

Perry on Nov. 24 proposed:

- Making alternative energy technologies less expensive to encourage commercial use.
- Removing barriers to innovation and competition.
- Modernizing the national energy grid to support wind and solar energy transmission.
- Facilitating investments in the development of carbon capture and sequestration technologies.
- Removing barriers to investment in nuclear generation that would reduce carbon emissions.

Encouraging competitiveness, innovation and growth in alternative energy sources.

#### Filing of early bills continues

Jan. 13 is the start date for the 81st session of the Texas Legislature and March 13 is the deadline for the filing of major bills, so there is plenty of time for every Texan's state rep and senator to attempt to make new laws or repeal or amend existing ones.

As of Nov. 30, Texas lawmakers had filed more than 700 bills to be considered in the coming session. Here are a couple of bills that were filed Thanksgiving week.

SB 321 by Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, would require the filing and posting on the Internet of reports of school board candidates' political contributions and expenditures.

HB 345 by Gary Elkins, R-Houston, would require businesses to do more to protect sensitive personal information contained in

customer records. SB 327 by Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, is the same as HB 345.

**Board limits state budget**  
The Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to pass a state budget that does not exceed the projected growth of the state economy.

In mid-November, the 10-member Legislative Budget Board unanimously adopted a rate of 9.14 percent for fiscal 2010-11.

The rate reflects the estimated growth rate in the state economy from the 2008-2009 biennium to the 2010-2011 biennium as projected by the Texas Comptroller.

The LBB is required to meet and set the constitutional spending limit prior to every legislative session. It is co-chaired by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, and includes certain automatic appointed members.

They include Steve Ogden, R-College Station, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Warren Chisum, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and Jim Keffer, chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means; and appointed members, Sens. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, John Whitmire, D-Houston; and Reps. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

#### TEA chief joins task force

The Texas Education Agency announced Nov. 25 that Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott has been selected to serve on a 10-member presidential transition task force to develop education recommendations that could be carried out during the first 100 days of the Obama administration.

The task force was created by the Council of Chief State School Officers, a geographically and politically diverse group that will forward its recommendations to the next U.S. secretary of education.

#### Mattox buried in state cemetery

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, 65, died of a heart attack in his sleep at his home in Dripping Springs on Nov. 19. His body lay in repose in the Texas House Chamber on Nov. 24, and thousands paid their respects. Mattox was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Nov. 25.



## Trim winter heating bills

Cutting home heating costs this winter will involve more than just turning down the thermostat.

According to the Energy Information Administration, an arm of the U.S. Department of Energy, heating costs are expected to increase this winter between 10 to 30 percent.

Consumers can cut back by making sure that heat is not escaping through walls, the roof, windows or other areas of the house.

A few suggestions to make sure the heat stays in the house to significantly reduce energy costs include:

• **Roof replacement:** If it's time to replace a roof, homeowners may want to consider using fiberglass instead of the more traditional asphalt or tile. It can prevent up to 40 percent of heat loss and has a life of 50 years compared to 20 or 25 for asphalt.

• **Attic insulation:** If a roof replacement isn't due or is too pricey, attic insulation may be an economical alternative. It is estimated that most homes are under insulated and properly insulation and sealing a home can save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling bills.

• **Insulated exterior walls:** An application of foam insulation to the exterior walls works best on older frame houses. Holes are drilled in the walls, the foam insulation is sprayed in and then holes are sealed.

• **Weather stripping:** The Environmental Protection Agency says that the average home has leaks equivalent to leaving a window open all year. To help prevent heated or cooled air from escaping, home owners should caulk, spray foam or weather strip around doors, windows, and areas where telephone wires come into the home.

• **Seal duct joints:** Heated air from forced air heating systems can escape through leaky joints in ductwork throughout a house. Home owners can seal exposed duct work in the basement and attic using a mastic duct sealer on duct work joints and seams. It works better than duct tape and is available at hardware and home improvement stores.

• **Thermostat:** Lowering the thermostat a few degrees when going to bed or when nobody is home can still shave dollars off a heating bill. Even lowering it a few degrees before guests arrive can help as a house full of people generates a lot of body heat. For every degree above 68 degrees, a heating unit requires three percent more energy. Even better, install a programmable thermostat that lowers the heat when it isn't needed.

Consumers can access the Energy Wizard at [www.EnergyWizard.info](http://www.EnergyWizard.info) or go to [www.EnergyWizard.info](http://www.EnergyWizard.info) to read the Energy Wizard columns and other energy-related tips.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago December 3, 1998

Rob Hengstenberg, Trey Rogers, Jason Hobgood and Joseph Plemister were named to the All-District football team.

Linda Torres, associate at Bealls Dept. Store, received the Associate of the Quarter award.

Paint Creek players named to the All District football team were Casper Phillips, Eric Hearn, Jodie Reel, Sean Dancer and Blayne Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Baird of Rule celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Casey Thompson of Paint Creek, Hardin-Simmons University student and a football player, shot an eleven point buck over Thanksgiving break.

Heath Guess, son of Hal and Cindy Guess of Weinert, visited the Rotary Club.

#### 20 Years Ago December 8, 1988

Sheila Unger, Joy McKeever, James Rike and Missy Davis were named to the all-tournament team at the Graham Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Wallace Allison of Rule was judged best of show for his Shoshoni pecans. He also won grand champion of the Haskell County Pecan Show.

Edith Hill was honored by the Rice Springs Care Home employees for her many years of dedicated service.

#### 30 Years Ago December 7, 1978

Within limits, stress can be our friend—a motivator, muse and challenge to "take our game to the next level." But past a certain point, stress often cuts the other way, stealing joy from our lives and making us less, not more capable of meeting life's challenges. In extreme cases, it can damage our work and family relationships or even make us physically ill.

If you believe stress is becoming a consistent negative force in your life, now's the time to knock it down a notch or two. Many things can cause us to feel sick, uncomfortable, angry, anxious, or irritated. Here are a few tips to quickly de-stress your life:  
Listen to music—Pamper yourself with music you really enjoy. If you're into music now (or were in more carefree times), make it an essential part of every day.  
Get some exercise—Exercise is a good way to help you feel better while improving your overall stamina and health. The right exercise can even be fun.  
Learn something new—Think about a topic you're interested in but have never

The Rule boys won first place in the Paint Creek High School Invitational Basketball Tournament, with Knox City falling in second place. The Paint Creek girls won first place and Throckmorton placed second.

Kris Kupatt received the citizenship award and Mrs. Fred Kupatt won the outstanding service award as a 4-H leader.

The Haskell Indians advanced to quarterfinals in the Texas High School football playoffs by defeating the Iraan Braves 18-7 in San Angelo.

Joseph Thigpen killed a large ten point buck in southwest Throckmorton County. The antlers had a width of 18 inches and the back field dressed at 135 pounds.

#### 40 Years Ago December 5, 1968

Jim Newton has been named manager of the Cobb Lumber Company.

The Rainbow Sewing Club held their Thanksgiving Festival in the Annex of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Jim Fouts led the singing with Mrs. J.F. Cadenhead, Sr. at the piano.

Sgt. Billy Joe Macias is coming home from his hardship tour in the Republic of Vietnam. Macias graduated from Haskell High School in 1966. Sgt. Macias has been awarded two air medals, two purple hearts and the Bronze Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Hix,

Letha Carter and Teresa, spent the weekend with their son and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hix in Odessa.

#### 50 Years Ago December 4, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Bland of Haskell spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Pennington at Buchanan Lake.

The Josselet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Martin Rueffer.

Helen Bisbee of Philips spent the weekend with her sister, Grace Bisbee.

Six cubs were awarded badges at the Weinert Cub Scouts of Pack 28 monthly meeting. Cubmaster Bobby Owens presented wolf badges to den 1 members Rocky Sanders, Ross Dunnam, Larry Sanders and Frank Dutton. Gilbert Jiminez received his Bobcat badge.

#### 100 Years Ago December 5, 1908

Mr. Allen purchased Will Brewer's residence in the north part of town and has moved his family to their new home.

G.E. Smith, new employee at the McNeill & Smith Hardware Company, was named head of the paint and wallpaper department.

Supt. B.E. McGlamery announced that Haskell schools will be closed until after the Christmas holidays, due to illnesses.

## Dealing with stress

Most health care plans now require people to designate a primary care physician, who often can make referrals to mental health professionals. With a few plans, no referral is necessary. Check with your plan administrator to see what's required to obtain an appointment.

A mental health pro can be especially helpful in finding out whether your stress is related to issues such as emotional trauma earlier in life. If your provider feels this is the case, he or she may refer you to a special program designed for people who've been traumatized.

In other cases, your regular family doctor may prescribe medications or suggest certain food supplements to relieve your symptoms. Many people find that getting this kind of health care support gives them all the relief and energy they need to work on other aspects of healing.

To learn more about community mental health services available through the Texas Department of State Health Services, call 800-252-8154 or visit [www.dshs.state.tx.us/mentalhealth.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mentalhealth.shtm).

deeply explored. Go to a class at a local community college. Check your topic out on the Internet. Or, simply try looking at something familiar in a new way.

Expose yourself to something that smells good to you— Many people have discovered fragrances that help them feel good. Sometimes a bouquet of flowers or the smell of fresh chocolate chip cookies in the oven will help you feel better.

"Be present in the moment"—In New Age circles, this often is called mindfulness. In plain language, it just means fully experiencing what's happening to you right now. Instead of worrying about the hypothetical future, make a conscious effort to focus on what you're doing this instant—and what's going on all around you. Pay close attention to the natural world. Feel the weather. Gaze at the night sky when it's filled with stars.

Steps like these often make a world of difference. However, if you feel your stress is becoming unmanageable, don't hesitate to contact a mental health professional.

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**COTTON BALE FIRE**—Cotton bales caught fire on a trailer driven by a semi-truck Tues., Nov. 25 at about 10 a.m. two miles east of Rule on Hwy. 380. The truck driver was able to unhook the trailer from the truck, but the trailer and load of bales was a total loss. Fire crews from Rule Fire Dept. and Haskell Fire Dept. responded to the roadside fire. The cotton was pushed off the trailer and left to burn itself out on the southside of the roadway.

## Druesedow appointed to Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Bobby Druesedow Jr. to the Governing Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI). The board oversees the provision of all TSBVI services, budget preparation, policy adoption

and appointment of the superintendent.

Druesedow of Aledo is the employment assistance specialist for the Division for Blind Services. He is a member of the Texas Rehab Action Network. He is also a certified teacher for the

visually impaired and a former teacher at TSBVI. Druesedow received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University.

Born in Haskell County, he is the son of Bobby Sr. and Barbara Peiser Druesedow of Abilene. He has many relatives in the Haskell area.

## Rule GT students sought

Rule ISD conducts a program for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge

students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go by the

school counselor's office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

The nomination period for Rule ISD will be from Dec. 1-12. Contact Rule School Counselor, Leslie Kupatt, at 997-2783, if you would like to know more about the nomination process for the Rule Gifted and Talented program.

## Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Haskell Police Department, is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the break-in at Sport-About of Haskell during the night of Nov. 28 or early

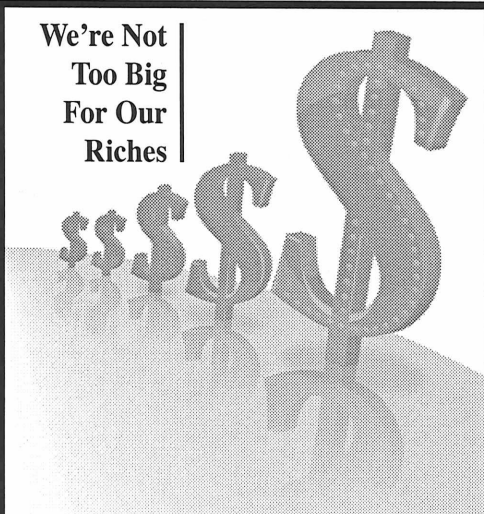
morning of Nov. 29. Several items were stolen.

Anyone with information about this or any other crime is encouraged to call Clear Fork Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. All callers remain anonymous.

Remember—We want your information, not your name.

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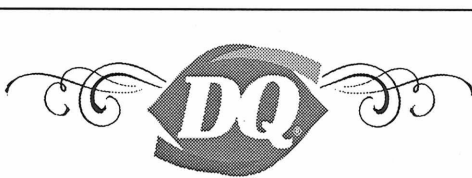
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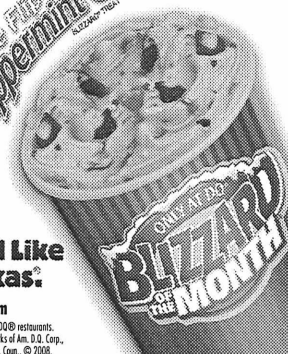


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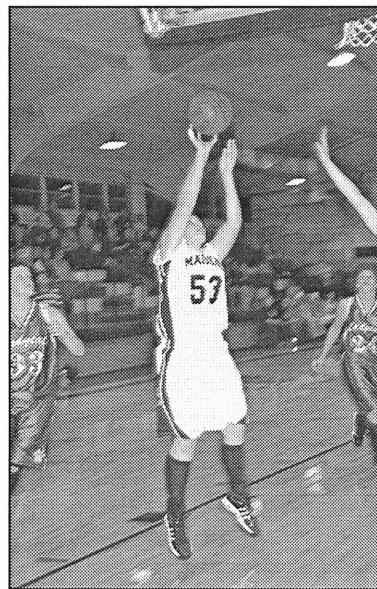
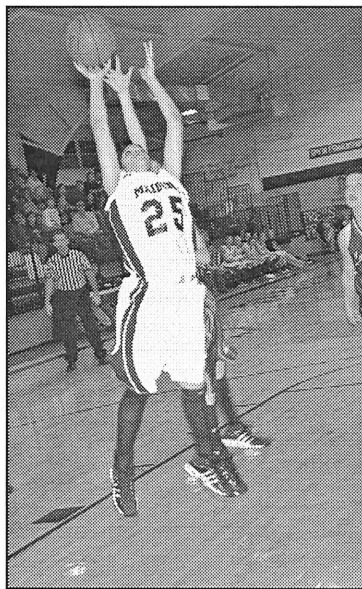
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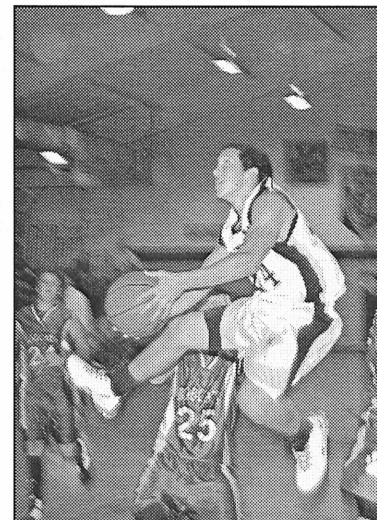
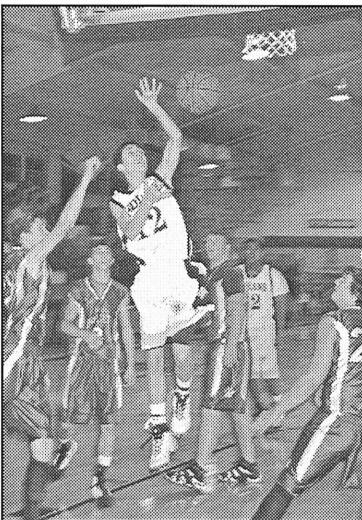
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**MAIDENS SCORE**—Maiden #25 Molly Agraz, left, and Miranda Johnson #53 reach for a basket to score against Newcastle in a game played Nov. 25. The Maidens were the winners by a score of 40-24.

Photos by Bill Blankenship



**INDIAN BASKETBALL**—John English #12, left, and Christian Meyers #24 attempt to add points to the Indians' score in a game against Newcastle played Nov. 25.

Photos by Bill Blankenship

## Area Basketball scores

### Varsity Girls

Haskell 40  
Newcastle 24

Scoring: Rodgers 12, Bassett 9, Agraz 6.

JV score: Haskell 38, Newcastle 20.

Benjamin 50  
Paint Creek 23

Scoring: Waggoner 11, Gilbreath 8, Martinez 2, Walker 2.

Rule 43, Trent 35

Scoring: Muniz 15, Dudensing 8, Benavides 8.

### Varsity Boys

Benjamin 50  
Paint Creek 33

Scoring: Bishop 14, Whitfield 8, Groves 7

Rule 61, Trent 27

Scoring: Perales 17, Sorley 14, Clark 12.

JV score: Rule 42, Trent 20.

### Lueders-Avoca Tourney

1st Round

Paint Creek 54  
Woodson JV 29

Scoring: Bishop 18, Whitfield 10, Groves 8, Williams 8, Siegfried 6, Barnett 2, Edwards 2.

2nd Round

Paint Creek 72  
Knox City JV 17

Scoring: Whitfield 18, Bishop 12, Groves 12, Siegfried 10, Williams 9, Adkins 6, Emert 2, Edwards 2.

### Finals

Lueders-Avoca 90 (Winner)  
Paint Creek 30 (2nd place)  
Scoring: Bishop 18, Groves 9, Whitfield 3.

### JH Boys

Woodson 35  
Paint Creek 22  
Scoring: Williams 9, Edwards 6, Salas 3, Cox 2, Huggins 2.

## TAX PLANNING

Written By  
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



### ARE YOUR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS UP TO DATE?

Who have you designated as beneficiaries for your insurance policies and retirement accounts? If you can't remember, you're not alone. But it's worth checking. If you make the wrong decision, it could affect who inherits those assets. In some cases, it could also change the taxes your beneficiaries will pay and the value they'll receive. Here are some key facts about beneficiary designations.

#### What are they?

When you designate a beneficiary for an account, you are naming the person you want to inherit that account.

Your designation determines who will inherit the assets in the account, regardless of what your will might say. Generally, the assets will bypass probate and go straight to the person or institution you named.

You can designate a person or group of persons, a charity, a trust, or your estate. You may also want to designate a secondary or backup beneficiary in case the primary is no longer living.

#### Why are they important?

It's important to keep beneficiary designations up to date because they determine who will inherit the assets in your accounts. Changing your will won't change the beneficiaries.

There can be tax implications too. With a traditional IRA, your choice of beneficiary can affect how quickly withdrawals must be made and taxes paid. That can change the value of the IRA to your beneficiary.

#### How do I update them?

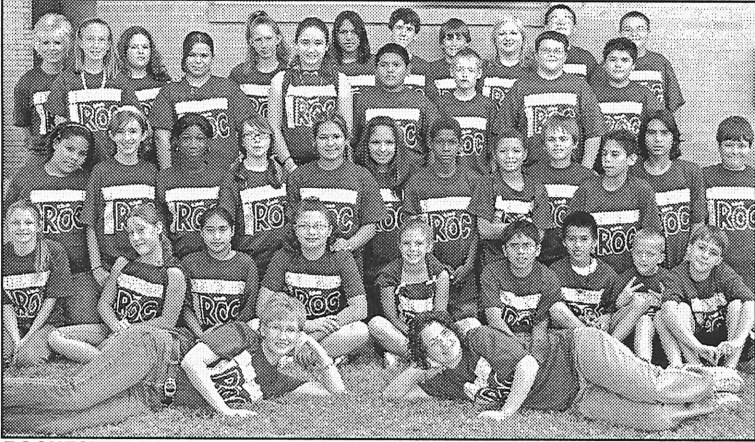
First, find copies of all your current designations. Contact your insurance company and plan trustees if you can't locate the documents.

Review them and decide what changes you'd like to make. Make an appointment to go over the changes with your tax or estate planning advisor.

Send your updated designations to the account trustees. Make sure you receive confirmations and keep copies in your records.

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**ROCHESTER JUNIOR HIGH SIXTH GRADE CLASS**—Members of the Rochester Junior High sixth grade class include, front row, l-r, Lyndee Gasaway and Shanna Daniels; second row, Shawnee Hill, Breiana Bell, Adriana Roque, Alyssa Abila, Jacie Klose, Jonathan Pedroza, Angelo Peña, Bryan Evans and Nathan Reid; third row, Shayla Hunt, Crissy Bassett, Hayley Holland, Abbi Alsbrook, Breezy Gibbs, Gloria DeLosSantos, Justice Dever, Warren Flye, Kade Colley, E.J. Martinez, Ace Valverde and Dakota Baumbach; back row, Teresa New, Reagan Hadaway, Crystal Reynolds, Alannah Luce, Tracy Fulton, Amie Munoz, Destiny Billington, Toby Castorena, Reed Lee, Riley Meinzer, Richard Wilson, Reida Penman, Rhett Lampe, Trevor Clayton, Kyle Fraga and Aaron Silvas.

### Paint Creek School Menu

December 8-12 Breakfast		Friday: Waffles	Wednesday: Soup, grilled cheese, crackers, cobbler
Juice and milk are served daily.		Milk is served daily.	Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, pudding
Monday: Pancakes	Tuesday: Cinnamon toast	Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, strawberry shortcake	Friday: Chicken patty sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, brownies
Wednesday: French toast	Thursday: Biscuits, sausage	Tuesday: Tacos, salad, Spanish rice, beans, fruit	

### Haskell School Menu

**December 8-12 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Blueberry muffin, chex mix  
**Tuesday:** Bacon and egg burrito  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Friday:** Funnell cake

**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:** Crunchy tacos, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, peaches  
**Tuesday:** Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, pineapple tidbits  
**Wednesday:** Chicken on a bun, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, baby carrots, apple wedges  
**Thursday:** Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, strawberry or raspberry yogurt  
**Friday:** Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, applesauce

### Rule School Menu

**December 8-12 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Cereal (2)  
**Tuesday:** Egg patty, cinnamon toast  
**Wednesday:** Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, grape jelly or strawberry jam  
**Thursday:** Sausage roll  
**Friday:** Muffin, graham crackers

**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, ranch style beans, warmed bread  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn cobbette, garlic bread, peach half with cherry  
**Wednesday:** Grilled cheese, dill pickle spears, tomato or chicken noodle soup  
**Thursday:** Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato salad, refried beans, pineapple tidbits  
**Friday:** BBQ on a bun, ranch style beans, rosie applesauce

### ECC Menu

**Mon., December 8**  
Lunch—Philly steak and gravy, cream potatoes, pinto beans, garlic toast, white cake, tea, or coffee

**Wed., December 10**  
Lunch—Ham slice, sweet potatoes, English peas, cranberry, yeast rolls, brownies, tea, or coffee

**Fri., December 12**  
Lunch—Beef spaghetti, black eyed peas, garlic toast, onions, pickles, new potatoes, choco cake, tea, or coffee

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

## Passport requirements change June 2009

Passport regulations now require a valid passport for U.S. citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Effective June 2009, U.S. citizens must present a valid U.S. Passport Book, U.S. Passport Card, or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security, when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. Passport applications may be presented at the Seymour post office located at 210 N. Washington St. in Seymour between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To obtain a passport customers need to:

- Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. (Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)
- Bring in proof of identity. This must be either: a recent issued U.S. passport; a recently issued naturalization certificate; a recently issued certificate of citizenship; or a current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID.
- The passport application requires two recent identical passport photographs of you (2" x 2" in size), which the Post Office will provide for \$15.
- To save time, customers may download a passport application at [www.usps.com/passport](http://www.usps.com/passport) to complete beforehand.
- All applicants must appear in person (including minors).
- Minors under the age of 16 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required. When renewing a passport for minors under the age of 16, they must bring the old passport and a valid birth certificate.

It is important for customers to complete this process well before their trip. Customers traveling in less than six weeks can request expedite service and receive their passport in two weeks. Expedite service costs an additional \$60 plus mail charges to the passport processing center and for return of the new passport. Customers can also call 800-ASK-USPS or go to [usps.com](http://usps.com) to get the location of nearby passport post offices and their passport customer service hours, or they can visit the State Department's web site at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### WE LEARN THAT THE RIGHT KIND OF PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

Throughout the Bible and in the teachings at our house of worship we are continually told to put our trust in the Lord, but that is just what we fail to do when we say our prayers as though we were giving God a shopping list. Some of our requests are indeed genuine needs, but all too many of them tend to be frivolous and unnecessary, and occasionally even harmful. Therefore, we should not feel

any disappointment when these trivial wishes are not granted. We should remember that the Lord knows what we really need without our having to tell Him, and our prayers to Him should simply acknowledge that fact and reaffirm our trust in Him to grant the right things. He knows far better than we do what is best for us and so whenever we pray, let us tell Him so. That's what prayer is all about.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**
- 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  
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  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
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Greg Gasaway, pastor  
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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.  
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1600 N. First St., Haskell
- WEINERT—**
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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- 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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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
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Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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  - Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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  - 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

## Educate children about fire ants

by Wes Utley  
**CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.**  
Playgrounds, parks and your backyard all are popular places for children to play, but fire ants also roam those grounds. It is important to teach children about potential harmful insects—and fire ants fit that category. Curious children often are in harm's way of swarming fire ants as they frolic with friends at favorite playgrounds.

A great way to teach children about fire ants is to involve them in a learning experience about the dangers fire ants pose and how they harm people and pets. Why not introduce children to fire ants and the threats they present by bringing in a fire ant specialist or a professional extension agent into classrooms?

Anytime children receive hands-on learning tools and demonstrations from experts, they retain the information while learning in fun, educational ways. Schools and parents can teach lessons on what to do if a child suffers a fire ant bite. This is a very important activity, especially for schools located in highly populated fire ant areas.

Make sure your children know what to do if they are bitten by a fire ant:

- Brush the ants off your body; do not smack them
- Elevate the affected area
- Keep the sting clean
- Watch for symptoms of severe allergic reaction
- Call the child's parents and doctor immediately

These instructions are great to learn from a teacher or a fire ant expert. Just like a fire drill, children need to know the steps to take if they suffer a fire ant bite. By learning at the beginning of the school year, children also can teach their families the dangers of fire ants and prevention tips for their loved ones.

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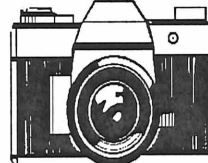
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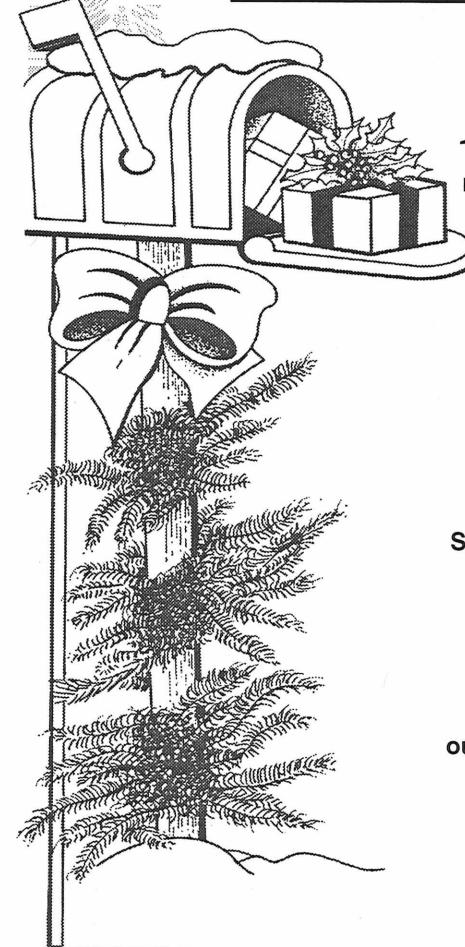
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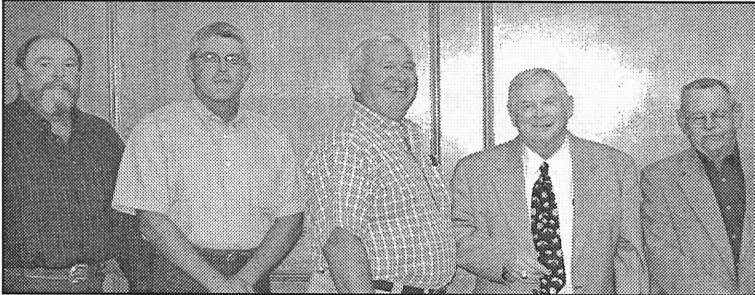
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**HONORS COMMISSIONERS' COURT**—Members of the Haskell County Texas Extension Education Association honoring members of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court were front row, l-r, Mary Jennings and Flossie Bates; middle row, Lena Tidwell, Alice Yates and Jane Smith; back row, Alice Ballard, Jeri Burke, Geraldine Baker, Pat Jenkins, Club President Joetta Burnett, Sue McGee and Coleta Whitfield.



**COMMISSIONERS COURT HONORED**—Haskell County Commissioners and County Judge David Davis were honored at an appreciation luncheon hosted by the Haskell County Texas Extension Education Association. Court members are, l-r, Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Commissioner Bobby Don Smith, Haskell County Judge David Davis, Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield and Commissioner Johnny Scoggins.

## Club honors officials

The Haskell County Commissioners and County Judge, David Davis were honored with an appreciation luncheon at the First National Bank hospitality meeting room. The annual appreciation luncheon was hosted by the Haskell County Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA). The luncheon was attended by the commissioners and their spouses, Susan Cockerell

and TEEA members and their spouses.

The meeting room was decorated for fall. A menu of taco soup, cornbread and peach cobbler was served to all attending. Guests were greeted by Club President, Joetta Burnett and TEEA members

After the meal, Burnett expressed appreciation to the commissioners for their support of the Extension

Service and its county agents. A summary of the club's activities for the past year was given.

In response, Commissioner Kenny Thompson expressed appreciation to the club for all they do to support the county and its youth. Commissioner Thompson also thanked the club for the luncheon given in honor of the Commissioners Court.

## Alcorn is Haskell CISD superintendent finalist

by Caron Yates

Bill Alcorn has been named by the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees as the lone finalist for superintendent of the school district.

The school board contracted with Region XIV Educational Service Center to conduct the search for a new superintendent after Buck Gilcrease resigned in July.

The process began in late September, as representatives from the Service Center held meetings on each campus, as well as a community-wide meeting. Feedback from these meetings was used to prepare a profile to be given to the board, indicating what the district desired in a superintendent.

A job notice was drawn up and applications were taken from across the state until the end of October. At this point the list was narrowed to seven applicants to be interviewed by the school board. Interviews were held Nov. 11-13 at which time Alcorn was named lone finalist.

By law, a waiting period of twenty-one days is required after naming a finalist, before they can officially be hired. This gives both parties a "rethinking" period and a chance to change their minds if desired. The board is expected to offer Alcorn a contract at their Dec. 11 meeting.

Alcorn now lives at Holly Lake Ranch in East Texas. He and his wife have five grown children. He has thirty years experience in education, with the last twelve as a superintendent.

Alcorn is fifty-three years old and graduated from Graford High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1978, his Master's Degree in Education Administration in 1985, his Mid-Management Certification in 1989 and his Superintendent's Certification in 1999, all from Tarleton

State University.

He taught and coached in Lipan and Peaster and served as principal at Eula, Tahoka and Era school districts. He was superintendent of schools at Era, Graford, Nueces Canyon and Eden.

Alcorn retired in 2007, and has worked as an interim

superintendent since. If all goes as planned, he will take over leadership of the Haskell CISD in early January.

Ronnie Kincaid of the Education Service Center said, "Mr. Alcorn has had experience in schools the size of Haskell, and it should be a good fit for everyone."



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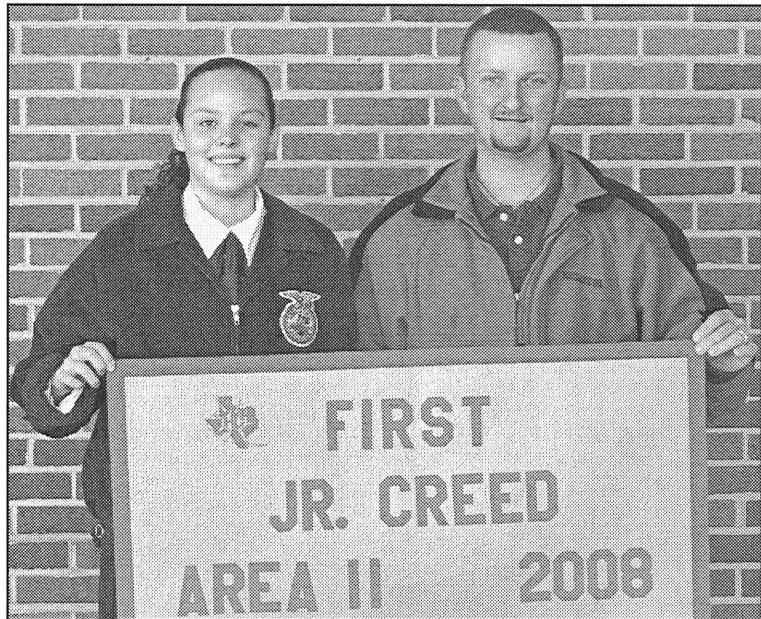
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## Goodfellows to screen applicants

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. 6 and Sat., Dec. 13, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may

be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

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

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Donnie Rieger, vice president; and Tommy Watson, secretary-treasurer.

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