

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB-VB vs Albany
 Fri., Jan. 7, TBA
 at Albany
JVG-VG vs Hamlin
 Fri., Jan. 7, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
JHG-JHB vs Roscoe
 Mon., Jan. 10, 5 p.m.
 Boys at Roscoe
 Girls at Rochester
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roscoe
 Tues., Jan. 11, 4 p.m.
 at Roscoe
PAINT CREEK
VG vs Throckmorton
 Fri., Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
JH vs Rule
 Mon., Jan. 10, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-VB vs Rule
 Tues., Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG vs Woodson
 Fri., Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
JH vs Paint Creek
 Mon., Jan. 10, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-VB vs Paint Creek
 Tues., Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

Calendar

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Paul Friske, well-known Abilene artist, will present the program using pastels or oils. Nelwyn Beakley and Marsha Whittemore will be hostesses.

3-on-3

A benefit men's and women's 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held Sat., Jan. 8 at the Rule High School gym. Each team will be guaranteed three games. T-shirts will be awarded to the first three placing teams in each division. The first ten teams to send in an entry will be accepted. For entry information or other questions, call Ken Brown 940-997-2304 or Jill Brown 940-200-1040. The proceeds will benefit the Linda Shott fund.

All Night party

The first meeting for this year's All Night Party will be held Thurs., Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell High School auditorium. Donations are now being accepted. Contact Barbara Utley at 864-5453 for more information.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Haskell Co. Library board will meet Mon., Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Haskell Co. Library.

Study Club

The Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program on Partnership-Education. Tim Yandell, executive director of Big Brother/Big Sisters, will be the guest speaker on "One On One Mentoring." The nomination committee report for officers for 2011-12 year will be presented. Volunteers for Meals on Wheels for Jan. 14, will be selected. Members are asked to bring toiletries for Noah Project and free will offering will be taken for Heifer International.

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IT'S OFFICIAL—By shortly after 10 a.m. on Mon., Jan. 3, Haskell County had newly sworn in county and district officials. Taking their oaths in office, and sworn by District Judge Shane Hadaway were, front row, l-r, Lynn Dodson, Justice of the Peace; Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk; Connie Benton, Tax Assessor-Collector; Penny Anderson, District Clerk; and Tiffen Mayfield, Commissioner Precinct 2; back row, Neal Kreger, Commissioner, Precinct 4, Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer and Judge Hadaway. Not pictured is County Judge David Davis, who was to take his oath on Tuesday.

Census information mandates many reasons to stand up and be counted

by Caron Yates

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced the official results of the 2010 Census, which shows the resident population of the United States at 308,745,538.

This represents a 9.7 percent increase over the previous census of 2000. Statistics show that a population of 3,929,326 was recorded for the U.S. when the first census was taken in 1790.

Since that time, a census has been taken every ten years, as mandated by the United States Constitution. While the statistical results are needed in order to have a basis for planning in many areas, the results are used primarily to allocate Congressional seats, electoral votes, and government program funding.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the South and West picked up the bulk of the population increase. Texas appears to be the "big winner" and will be adding four more seats in Congress. In the last decade the population of Texas increased from more than 20 million to 25 plus million. Consequently Texas lawmakers must

redraw congressional district boundaries this upcoming session.

In 1910, Texas held 18 of the 435 seats. This increased to 22 in 1950, 27 in 1980, and today we are represented by 36 seats in Congress.

The Census form, ways of gathering information, and questions asked have been adjusted, amended and revised many times since the 1790 census. In fact, for the first six censuses (1790-1840), only the names of the heads of household were recorded, with a general tallying of the remaining members of the household by age group.

The government did not provide printed forms or even paper, until 1830. The 1930 census is the only census to ask whether the occupants of the home owned a radio. It was also the last census in which individuals were asked whether they could read or write. The results of the 1860 census, were tabulated by 184 clerks and it was the first census where American Indians officially were counted, but only if they had "renounced tribal rules."

The 1890 census was the first to be compiled on a

tabulating machine, which reduced the time taken to tabulate the census from seven years to 2 1/2 years. Asked on the census of 1900, was how many years a couple had been married, and the 1910 census wanted to know if you were a veteran of the Union or Confederate army or navy. The 1920 census was the first to record a population exceeding 100 million.

Specific state and county data for the 2010 census will be released in the coming months, but the stats through 2000 for Haskell County show a decline in population each decade since 1930, when 16,669 people lived in this county. The first record of census for this county was in 1880 with a population of 48. The largest increase was from 2,637 in 1900 to 16,249 in 1910.

Rebecca Blank, Acting Deputy Secretary of Commerce who has overseen the 2010 Census says, "The 2010 Census was a massive undertaking, and in reporting these first results, we renew our commitment to our great American democracy peacefully, fairly and openly for the 23rd time in our nation's history." For many

reasons, it is important to "stand up and be counted."

City of Haskell sets dates for public forum

The Development Corporation of Haskell together with the City Council of the City of Haskell will host a public forum Mon., Jan. 24 and Mon., Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall.

Haskell Fire Dept. elects officers

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan. 3.

Randy Shaw was elected Fire Chief. Felix Rodriguez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Eddie Klose, Donald Cunningham and Mathew Cunningham will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Casey Moeller, A.J. Shaw and Stephen Wright.

Bobby Howard is the safety officer. Kenny Bullard will serve as the assistant safety officer.

Steven Wright was

Jr. Livestock Show, Sale to be held Jan. 13-15

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 13-15 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 13 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 13 by 6:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 14 at 8 a.m. for lambs; followed by swine. The steer show will begin at 2 p.m. followed by heifers.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Glen Blount of Bells FFA.

Judge for rabbits and chickens will be Chris Beard of Albany FFA.

Auctioneer and announcer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 15 is Rex Ford of Stamford.

A meal will be prepared by the County Judge and County Commissioners' both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand offering drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 108 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$90,320. Kenny Buerger of Avoca is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

The intent of the forum is to obtain the public's view of the future of Haskell and how the Development Corporation of Haskell will enhance the future progress of the City and County of Haskell.

elects chaplain. Chance Strickland, Felix Rodriguez, Casey Moeller and Mathew Cunningham were elected trustees.

Bobby Howard is training officer.

Bobby Howard is equipment manager. Casey Moeller is the assistant equipment manager.

Andy Rodriguez is the public information officer.

Bobby Scheets will serve as secretary-treasurer. Stephen Wright will serve as the assistant secretary-treasurer.

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 Isaiah 55: 10-11

We all have made resolutions and promises only to fall short and we find ourselves back in the same rut we were always in. If we would only pray His Word over us, over our marriage, and over our family then we would start to see fruit. Because in **Hebrews 4** it says the Word of God is alive and powerful! Join me taking one day at a time asking our Lord to reveal in the Word what it is that I need to give over to Him to change in me, so I can be more like Him. Giving ourselves, laying down everything, and opening the door to our hearts will give us joy and peace. Joy and peace in knowing who is in control.
 Blessings.



MOVING DOWN COURT—Haskell Maiden #15 Marissa McGhee brings the ball down court during a game against Clyde in the Eula Tournament.



REBOUND—Haskell Indian #55 Ashlee Short grabs a rebound against Eula during the Eula tournament. Short posted 11 points during the game. Haskell defeated Eula 42-28.



MAKES A SHOT—Haskell Maiden #43 Caitlin Johnson looks to make a shot against Cisco during the Eula tournament. Haskell took the win against Cisco in a nail biting contest.



BASE LINE DRIVE—Haskell Maiden #31 Maci Colley drives the base line in a game against Eula in the Eula tournament. Haskell won 42-28.

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Area basketball scores

<p>Girls Eula Tournament Haskell 42, Eula 28 Scoring for Haskell: McGhee 12, Short 11. Jayton Tournament Rule 33, Knox City 29 Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 14, Polk 12. Jayton 36, Rule 28 Scoring for Rule: Polk 12, Dudensing 11.</p>	<p>Scoring for Haskell: Bird 8, Myers 7. Itasca 59, Haskell 56 Scoring for Haskell: Bird 22, Myers 20. Abilene Hawks 53, Haskell 44 Consolation game Scoring for Haskell: Myers</p>	<p>Jayton Tournament Hamlin 59, Rule 28 Scoring for Rule: Brown 9, Grindstaff 8, Taylor 5, Starr 2, Turner 2, Reece 2. Knox City 48, Rule 30 Scoring for Rule: Brown 9, Starr 10.</p>
<p>Boys Eula Tournament Childress 80, Haskell 28</p>		

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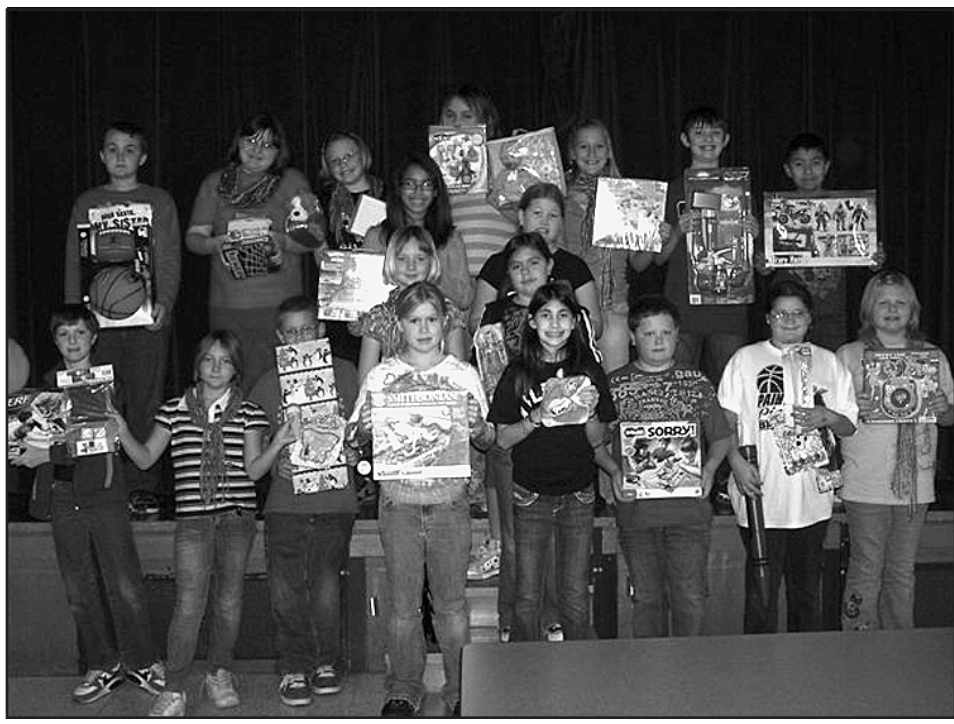
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Haskell County Farm Bureau sees member growth in 2010

Although 2010 was a difficult year for many Texas organizations, Haskell County Farm Bureau once again enjoyed membership growth, increasing by 81 member families this year. Charles Gibson, Haskell County Farm Bureau president, explained why the organization continues to grow year after year. "It's pretty simple to understand why folks want to be a part of Texas Farm Bureau," Gibson said. "TFB isn't just a cotton and cattle organization; it's a family organization representing every aspect of Texas agriculture." Gibson cited strong agricultural advocacy programs at the local level and the diverse services offered to members as another reason for membership growth. "We are able to offer benefits to our members here in Haskell County that they won't find anywhere else. In tough times, these benefits help a lot of folks make ends meet." The state organization grew by 15,414 member families and was in the top five states in the country for the most growth in 2010, earning a Navigator Award for exceeding American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) membership goals. On a national level, AFBF grew to more than 6 million member families in 2010, marking 50 consecutive years of membership growth.

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TOYS FOR TOTS—The Paint Creek School fifth and sixth grade students brought Toys for Tots in lieu of doing a gift exchange for their Christmas party. Students wrapped their gifts and donated them to local charities. Pictured, front row, l-r, are Bayden Graham, Audrey Cochran, Caleb White, Zhenia McTasney, Sabrina Ortega, Devery Reed, Amber Conn and Abby Blair; second row, Marilyn Naylor, Cheyenne Elias; third row, Marina Salinas, Catherine Lemond; and back row, Corey Mengwasser, Sabrina Conn, Felicity Hannsz, Melisa Rock, Katelyn Jenkins, Buddy Trotter and Cruz Lanfranco. Teachers are Barbara Utley and Phoi McGuire.

ASBDC gives gift of hope to area residents during holidays

This holiday season promises to be a healthier, happier one for as many as 7,111 area residents thanks to the assistance they received this year from the Aspermont Small Business Development Center. The agency was recognized by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for expending 100 percent of its federal stimulus Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to help transition low income individuals out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency, with the hope that the season's help lasts a lifetime.

TDHCA contracts with Aspermont to administer the CSBG Program in Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. The organization received an additional \$173,304 last year from the Department through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, commonly referred to as the economic stimulus package, which featured new guidelines that allowed the state to reach greater numbers of low income Texans.

The funds helped provide essential services to low income individuals that include childcare, health and educational services, housing, transportation, job training, drug and alcohol dependency classes, and a host of other programs designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency.

All services were to be provided on or before Sept. 30, 2010, under ARRA guidelines. In total, over 98,000 Texans across the state were assisted through ARRA CSBG funds.

"Eighteen months ago, TDHCA was given an extraordinary one-time opportunity to make a difference in the lives of thousands of low income Texans we otherwise may not have been able to reach," said TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber.

"With the help of our

partners at Aspermont, I am extremely pleased to report that we expended all funds within the allotted timeframe and fulfilled our commitment to the nation's taxpayers," he continued. "Far more important, however, are the individuals and families who are better off because of the helping hand they received from their local community action agency. They will be the lasting testament to the stimulus package."

TDHCA last year awarded a total of \$47.6 million in ARRA CSBG funds to its network of 48 local and regional nonprofit organizations to assist low income Texans earning no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines in their efforts to achieve financial and personal independence. Texas leads the five most populous states in expenditure rate of ARRA CSBG funds.

Buying a new wireless phone

Remember those days when you called up Ma Bell to have phone service installed in your house? Those days are rapidly fading and it seems we use our phones everywhere except our house these days.

Deciding on a new wireless provider and cell phone can be easy, but not if wireless service providers have anything to say about it. All wireless companies are competing for the right to send you a monthly bill. They offer a multitude of calling plans, free phones, and other incentives to get your business. The good news is that you can find the perfect plan for you, if you apply a Who, Where, What, and When strategy.

Who asks which wireless provider has the strongest signal in your area? It is the most important consideration for most consumers. All wireless providers are not created equal in all areas. Talk to friends, family and co-workers to find out which provider has the best reception in your area. Everyone's bottom line is a strong cell phone signal.

To figure out Who you also need to figure out Where. Will you use your phone mostly at home, the office, or in your car with a hands-free set? Will you be traveling overseas to

Europe or Asia? Do you live in a large city surrounded by tall buildings? Do you use your cell phone mostly indoors or outdoors in the open country air?

Where is important because there are two different wireless networks operating in the US. The Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) network is very strong in the US, particularly in rural areas. The Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) network has more global coverage. Both of these networks are used by wireless service providers. But they are used exclusively, so when a wireless provider offers the GSM network, it does not offer the CDMA network.

You've chosen a wireless service provider. Now it's time to choose a plan. What will you mostly use your phone for? Will you be calling more than texting? How about checking emails or browsing the internet?

When you make calls is also important in choosing a plan. How many minutes a month will you use in peak times, those daytime hours where minutes count against your monthly total? Off-peak minutes are in the evening and on weekends, and normally do not count against your monthly minutes. Know when off-peak hours start and stop.

Find out if your plan carries over un-used minutes from one month to the next. Also ask about plans that offer free minutes any time of day to friends you call frequently, or to friends that use the same wireless provider.

The final step is choosing a phone. All wireless service providers have many models. When you select a phone, focus on comfort and ease of use. Does the phone fit in your hand when talking and typing? Access the menu screen. Does it feel intuitive? Can you read the screen without straining your eyes?

There are many websites that offer impersonal advice on buying cell phones. It's easier to figure out in advance how you will use your new phone and then ask friends and co-workers about their experiences. Most phones come with a contract and penalty for premature service cancellation. To avoid this penalty do your research and get the best phone the first time around.

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What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #44 Tyrone Neskorik, #20 Clint Howard, #10 Kelson Aguero and #24 Christian Myers; back row, #14 Isaiah Llewellyn, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Ross Wittenborn, #34 Sterling Bird, #12 Austin Nanny and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Indians

JVB, VB vs Albany

Fri., Jan. 7, TBA

at Albany

JVB, VB vs Roscoe

Tues., Jan. 11, 4 p.m.

at Roscoe



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #23 Sidney Cassidy, #5 Marissa McGhee, #15 Cheslee Hearn, #21 Myra Rodriguez and #35 Delecia Garcia; back row, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #31 Maci Colley, #55 Ashlee Short, #41 Carson Hadaway and #11 Taylor Burson.

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Go Indians! Go Maidens!



PIRATE BASKETBALL—Paint Creek Pirate Hunter Hall, left, and Jordan Adkins, on the free throw line, and Bryson Young are shown in action against the Loraine Bulldogs.

Haskell School Menu

<p>Jan. 10-14 Breakfast Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Glazed French toast Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit Wednesday: Cereal, buttered toast Thursday: Bean and cheese burrito</p>	<p>Friday: No school Lunch Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or</p>	<p>chef salad with crackers. Monday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, sliced peaches Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, Italian green beans, garden salad, breadstick, pineapple Wednesday: Corn dogs, ranch style beans, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots with ranch dressing, apple wedges Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, chocolate chip cookie Friday: No school</p>
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Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 10-14 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Pancake sticks
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Fish sticks, hushpuppies, green beans, salad, cobbler
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, beans, salad, oranges
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, peas, salad, cake
Thursday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, chips, cookies
Friday: No school

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 10
Beef a roni, au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee
Wed., Jan. 12
Sloppy Joe on bun, northern beans, onion, pickle, chips, lemon glazed cake, tea or coffee
Fri., Jan. 14
Hamburger steak, club spinach, Texas potato, yeast roll, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Calendar

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Scholarship available

Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) has three \$1,000 academic scholarships available. Applicants must be current year graduating seniors and must reside with a parent or guardian who is a member of BCEC.

To view complete eligibility criteria and an

Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

Crops conference

The Rolling Plains Crops Conference will be held Wed., Jan. 12 in Haskell at the Haskell Civic Center. Registration for the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Five CEU's will be offered at the conference. For more information and to register, contact the Haskell Texas AgriLife Extension office at 940-864-2658.

application, visit www.bigcountry.coop and click on the scholarships link or visit your local BCEC office to inquire.

If you have questions concerning this scholarship, contact Sarah Dickson at 325-776-3803 or sdickson@bigcountry.coop. Application deadline is Jan. 21, 2011.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



Your resolutions can't help you unless you keep them

A brand new year is underway,
And just one week ago you say
You made a comprehensive list
Of what temptations to resist;
Along with projects to be done,
Including those not yet begun:
Like writing letters you've postponed,
To people whom you should have phoned.

You'll clean that closet out for sure,
And give those things to help the poor.
But most of all, you've vowed to heed
The lessons of your chosen creed,
And each and every Sabbath day
Attend the services and pray;
Then thank the Lord with all your heart
You gave this year a flying start.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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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
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 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
Rev. Jim McCurley
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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
God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
—ROCHESTER—
Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 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
—SAGERTON—
Sagerton Methodist Church
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Debt Relief Companies Prohibited From Collecting Advance Fees

On Oct. 27, federal rules governing debt relief services were changed in order to help prevent debtors from being defrauded.

Under new provisions of the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Telemarketing Sales Rule, debt relief service companies are prohibited from charging advance fees. Before the change, many debt relief service companies required their customers to pay large up-front fees for debt consolidation and reduction services.

Today, however, debt relief service companies can only charge customers after they have successfully reduced, settled or otherwise negotiated the terms of at least one of the customer's debts. Additionally, any debt settlement fees must be clearly detailed in a formal written contract between the company and the customer. All fees must be proportionate to the amount of debt at issue. Both the FTC and the Texas Attorney General's Office will have authority to enforce the new rule.

The new federal rule also allows debt relief service companies to require that their customers set aside service fees—along with savings for creditor payments—into a separate, dedicated account. Providers may only require a dedicated account if five conditions are met:

- The account is maintained at an insured financial institution;
- The account is set-up in the customer's name and under the customer's full control;
- The customer has the right to withdraw the funds at any time without penalty;

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

The provider does not own, control or have any affiliation with the financial institution administering the account; and

The provider does not exchange any referral fees with the company administering the account.

In addition to these protections, the new FTC rule requires debt relief service companies to disclose a debt reduction settlement's potential negative consequences to the client. Debt relief service companies must also tell clients how long it will take to see a settlement's results. Finally, the new rule prohibits debt relief service companies from misrepresenting success rates or falsely claiming to be a nonprofit company.

The new rule applies to telemarketers of for-profit debt relief services, including credit counseling, debt settlement and debt negotiation services. The rule does not cover nonprofit firms, but does cover companies that falsely claim nonprofit status.

The FTC has issued a guide to help debt relief service companies comply with the amended debt relief rule. The guide describes the key changes to the Telemarketing Sales Rule—including how those changes affect debt relief services—help businesses determine if they are covered by the new rules, mandatory disclosures to customers and the collection of debt settlement fees. The guide for businesses is available on the FTC's website at www.ftc.gov.

Texasans who believe a debt relief service company has violated the new rule may file a complaint with the Texas Attorney General's Office online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or by calling 800-252-8011.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of the City of Haskell will hold a public hearing on the 24th day of January, 2011, at City Hall, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 at 7:00 o'clock a.m. It is the intention of the

City Council to call a special election to be held on May 14, 2011, to present to the voters propositions to determine whether the Development Corporation of Haskell should be authorized to undertake projects or categories of projects which are authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and to provide information regarding the potential cost and impact of the following projects or categories of projects.

1. Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ballparks and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

2. Projects related to entertainment including, auditoriums, convention, tourist, exhibition facilities, amphitheaters and concert halls and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

3. Projects for the construction of public parks, park facilities and events and open space improvements and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

4. Projects for the establishment of museums and exhibition facilities and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements

and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

5. Projects related to the development and expansion of affordable housing as described by 42 U.S.C. 12745 and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements.

(Publish at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. Should be published in each issue of the paper until the hearing.) 49-3c

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WEINERT

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the City of Weinert water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for Nitrate at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for Nitrate indicates a level of 24.5 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months included in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense. Please go by Weinert City Hall to pick up ID card before charging water.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public

water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223. Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004. 1c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS In Judgment signed and entered on July 27, 2010, whereby Rule Banking Center, a branch of Hamlin National Bank, recovered in the 39th Court of Haskell County, Texas, a judgment against THE BELFRY, INC. DAVID CHARLES EARLE and DANIEL MARTIN EARLE AKA MARTY EARLE, with interest thereon from the 27th day of July, 2010, at the rate of 8.25% per cent per annum and any additional costs of suit; and whereas, the said Judgment is a foreclosure of a security interest lien on the following described property, to-wit:

all right, title, and interest of THE BELFRY, INC., in the following property: furniture, fixtures, inventory, equipment, appliances and other tangible personal property located on the premises of the sale; and,

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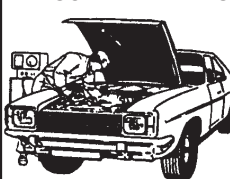
HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, on JANUARY 18, 2011 at 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M., all right, title, and interest of THE BELFRY, INC., in the following property:

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The successful high bidder shall pay the accepted bid in either cash, a certified check, or a cashier's check. The undersigned reserves the right to bid at the sale and to make payment by credit on the indebtedness owed to seller.

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Children often killed in crashes close to home

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Are you one of those parents who takes a short-cut and skips using child safety seats because you are just going around the corner to run a quick errand? We have all heard that most crashes occur close to home; this, in fact, also applies to crashes involving children. Partners for Child Passenger Safety, a research collaboration between The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm released a study that shows that children are most often involved in crashes close to home on local roads—roads where parents often feel safest.

So often we see the results of these crashes on the evening news and in the local newspapers but do not stop to consider that the majority of these crashes are happening on local streets and roads and

not on highways. Here are some findings from a 2005 report based on a decade of research from the largest source of data on children in motor vehicle crashes:

- Eighty percent of crashes took place 20 minutes or less from home.
- Nearly three out of four crashes (73 percent) happen between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- More than half of crashes occur at speeds less than 45 mph.
- Only 12 percent of crashes took place on a divided highway.
- Only 35 percent of crashes took place at an intersection.

In their 2007 Child Passenger Safety Fact and Trend Report, Partners for Child Passenger Safety reports that children are at the greatest risk of injury when they are 11 to 20 minutes from home, and over half of

all crashes involving children happen 10 or fewer minutes from home. Children are also more likely to be involved in a crash on a local road than a highway. Crashes involving children happen four times more frequently on local roads.

Haskell County Extension Agent, Jane Rowan, warns that motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of children, and nearly 50 percent of children killed in crashes are unrestrained. But parents can take steps to prevent such tragedies. By using age-appropriate child safety seats and keeping children 12 and under properly restrained in the back seat of the vehicle, parents can greatly reduce the risk of injury.

Parents must be vigilant. Children need to be properly restrained on every trip—not just the long highway trip

to grandmother's house. Booster seats need to be used for older children who do not fit properly in the lap/shoulder belt. Children usually fit the lap/shoulder belt system of the vehicle when they are around 8 years old and approximately 4'9". To be sure that your child is riding safely, contact a certified child passenger safety technician for a free inspection. Technicians in Texas can be found online at <http://buckleup.tamu.edu> or nationwide at <http://seatcheck.org>.

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular session Dec. 13 with all members present.

The Experienced Citizens Center, corrected Treasurer's monthly report and

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 3, 2011
Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin.....	8,858
Haskell Co-op Gin....	12,144
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	18,669
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	10,645
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	4,712
Weinert Gin.....	7,956
Total bales.....	62,984

November monthly reports were approved.

An approved addition to the personnel policy and safety manual includes: Persons who operate vehicles and/or equipment on behalf of the county are prohibited from texting.

A motion to approve the petition to vacate County Road 494 in Precinct 4, Haskell County as the point of the beginning of County

Road 494 (.6 miles) east of the western boundary line of Haskell County, and continuing in an easterly direction for a distance of 5,500 feet ending at the point where County Road 494 turns north was approved.

The discussion on Cameron Price's proposal for law care including additional hours was tabled.

The renewal premiums for County employee health insurance was approved.

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