

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB-VB vs Petrolia
Mon., Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Bryson
Tues., Jan. 3, 6 p.m.
at Bryson
RULE
VG-VB vs Vernon Northside
Tues., Jan. 3, 6:30 p.m.
at Vernon Northside

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Jan. 5 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Movie showing

A free showing of "Courageous," the movie will be held Sat., Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Paul Friske, a well-known Abilene artist, will present an art demonstration using pastels or oils. Everyone is invited.

Library Board

The Haskell County Library Board will meet Mon., Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the library meeting room located at 300 N. Ave. E. Guests are welcome.

Garden Club

Members of Haskell Garden Club will meet Tues., Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Haskell County Library located at 300 N. Ave. E. for a program on Vines, to be presented by Martha Hertel. Guests are always welcome.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library meeting room, 300 N. Ave. E, for a book review of "The Help" to be presented by Billie McKeever. Following the program, a business meeting will be held and reports of various committees will be given.

HHS T-shirts

The 2011-12 Haskell High School basketball T-shirts are available now in adult sizes only. Cost is \$16 each or 2 for \$30. Contact Amanda Hadaway at the High School, 940-864-8535 ext. 245 or ahadaway@haskell.esc14.net and shirts will be delivered.

Teamkid

Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for students ages 4 years through the sixth grade. Parents may call the church office at 864-2581, if their child needs a ride.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

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Happy New Year

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GOODFELLOWS-Lions Club families and community members, totaling 27 people, met Friday night, Dec. 23 and packed 51 Goodfellows boxes. Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and Lions Club delivered the boxes on Christmas Eve morning. Goodfellows helpers included, front row, Cash Bassett and Kyle Smith; middle row, Aubrey Bassett, Tom Bassett, Kim Bassett, Garrett Brueggeman, Lee Berra, Sydney Brueggeman, Ellen Rieger, Linda Haynes, Janet Fish, Deborah Foster, Crissy Bassett, Marina Foster, Doran Foster, Mary Medford and Keith Medford; back row, Bree Shaw, Tyler Shaw, Ryan Burgess, Jennifer Burgess and Brian Burgess. Not pictured are Kim Meredith, John Hicks, Laura Bowers, Jessica Rieger and Donnie Rieger.

Fireworks show to be held Dec. 31

The thirteenth annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Sat., Dec. 31 beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Jim Hollingsworth, chairman of the Commission, his children and grandchildren will set off another large load of fireworks on their farm

between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 617 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of CR146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 617 for a mile east of CR146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

About this time in 1999 a local article was published about Jim and his grandfather William Edward Hollingsworth's discussion in 1944 about the change of the century to the 2000s. A five year old boy was heartbroken to learn his beloved granddad would not be with him to witness the new century on New Year's Eve. Jim vowed to celebrate in honor of his

grandfather nevertheless. News wires picked up the story for Abilene, Wichita Falls, Amarillo and Lubbock newspapers. That article triggered an overwhelming response among area grandparents. The older generation brought their grandchildren to witness the fireworks party that Jim gave in honor of his grandfather's memory a half century after their talk. The roads were lined triple deep for miles around. Jim says he feels the presence of his granddad every New Year's Eve during the fireworks display.

It is estimated that the small but close-knit Jud Community, population about 25, swells to hundreds of people on New Year's Eve. The event has become a ritual for many area residents.

The Haskell County Historical Commission invites everyone out to view the display.

Don Ballard elected new FSA county committee member

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, announced that county committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in.

Don Ballard of Haskell was elected to represent LAA 1, Steve McGuire of Haskell will serve as the first alternate and Ross Short of Rochester will serve as second alternate

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm

Courageous movie to be presented at FBC

by Caron Yates

Christmas is over, along with the hustle and bustle that accompanies it. If you are looking for a calmer, more relaxed way to start the new year, be at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell for the free showing of the movie Courageous.

This is an action-packed police drama about four men who are called to serve and protect. While they consistently give their best on the job, they come to realize that what they are giving at home as a father, is missing the mark.

This film is the fourth from Sherwood Pictures, which is the movie making ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. They have previously produced three other outstanding movies, including Flywheel, Facing the Giants and Fireproof.

When tragedy hits home, it leaves these men wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. While we don't all have the same struggles and trials in life, none of us are immune to them. How we cope says much about who we are.

This movie is billed to be one that will keep the audience laughing, crying and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes facing their own challenges. It also has the potential to impact families of all ages, especially those who are in the child-raising stage.

The free showing of Courageous will be Sat., Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center. If your New Year's resolution is to be a better parent, friend, co-worker, and Christian, then this is the place to get your motivation. Everyone is invited for the showing.

Haskell Co. Stock Show scheduled Jan. 12-14

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 12-14 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival and weigh in time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 4:00 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 5:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 13 at 8:00 a.m. for

lambs followed by swine. Then, beginning at 2:00 p.m. for steers followed by heifers.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Bill Binder of Abilene.

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

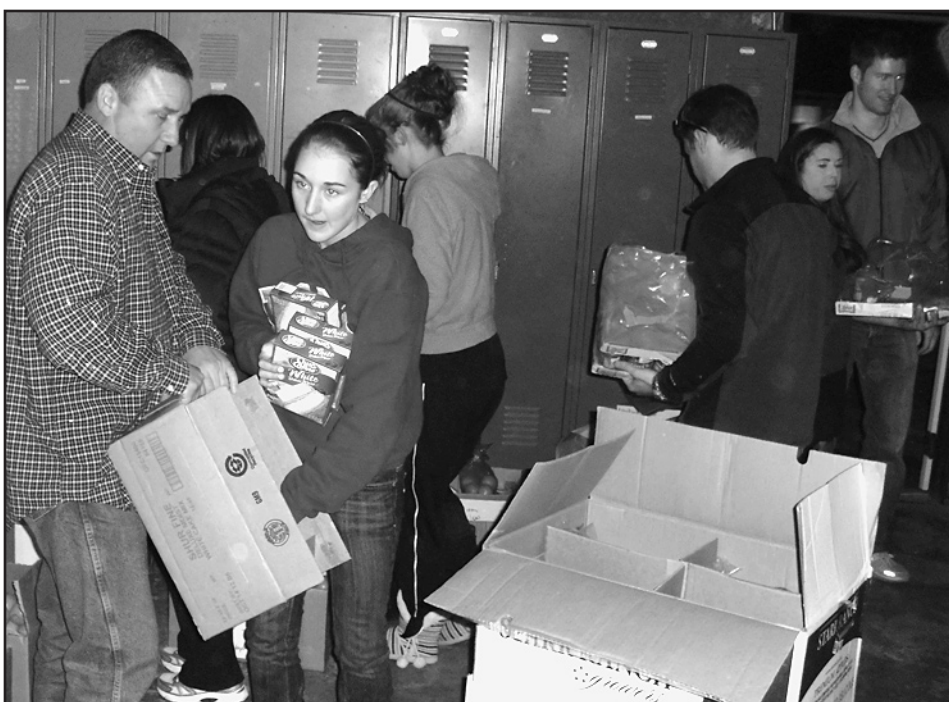
Auctioneer and announcer for the sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Sat., Jan. 14 will be announced at a later date.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving hamburgers

both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand set up serving food and drinks on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday they will serve only drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 91 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$83,000.

Kenny Buerger of Avoca is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.



GOODFELLOWS HELPERS-Tom Bassett and Aubrey Bassett are among those who helped pack Goodfellows baskets at the fire station Christmas Eve.

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Unemployment claims can be filed for free says TWC

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns unemployment claims. Filing for unemployment benefits through TWC, as always, is free. Claimants who sign on

to charge a fee to file unemployment claims. Filing for unemployment benefits through TWC, as always, is free. Claimants who sign on for so-called "fee-for-filing" scams could later discover unemployment claims were never filed on their behalf. They also may have given their Social Security numbers to someone they believed to be a TWC employee.

Claimants should always seek online UI information through www.texasworkforce.org or by using the e-mail form found on TWC's website.

TWC wants to ensure that UI benefits go to only those who qualify and to ensure that no one is taken advantage of by someone illegally posing as a TWC staff member or by unscrupulous business operators.

UI claimants also are reminded that TWC unemployment staff never perform home visits, ask for Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) or use text messages to contact claimants. Claimants should only give personal information when filing for benefits online at www.texasworkforce.org or when speaking to an unemployment benefit customer service representative on the Tele-Center phone filing system.

It is critical that UI claimants do not pay for a government service that is free.

The UI program, funded through employer taxes, provides temporary, partial-income replacement to workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. TWC administers and oversees the collection of taxes from employers and the payment of UI benefits to qualified claimants. To report possible fraud, call the TWC Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline at 800-252-3642.

Join Booster Club

To become a member of the Haskell Athletic Booster Club call Barbara Utley 940-256-0972 or Billie Lindsey at 864-2602. The club dues benefit all athletes in all sports. Dues are \$15.

Obituaries

Dorthay S. Wells



DORTHAY WELLS

Funeral services for Dorthay S. Wells, 85, of Haskell were held Mon., Dec. 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Dustin Wilhite officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Wells passed away in Haskell Wed., Dec. 21.

Born Nov. 2, 1926 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Louis J. and Anna Emma Fischer Thane. She graduated from Paint Creek High School in 1944 and was a member of the Paint Creek United Methodist Church since childhood. She married Wayne Wells at the Haskell First United Methodist Church July 19, 1958. She was a substitute teacher at Paint Creek School for several years and also wrote a history of the school for homecoming. She was a member of the Paint Creek Home Demonstration Club and served as a 4-H leader for many years. She also served as secretary/treasurer for Paint Creek Methodist Church for many years.

It pleased Wells to see her family seated around the

dining room table filled with fresh fruits and vegetables from her orchard and garden and sharing the excess with her friends and neighbors. She spent much time keeping her yard and garden in beautiful condition. The rest of her time was filled with being a devoted mother and wife.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis J. and Anna Thane.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Wayne Wells; two daughters, Debra Ann Wells and Linda Gail McDaniel and her husband Clark; two grandchildren, Jonathan McDaniel and Ashley McDaniel; and one brother, Albert Thane.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. PD. NOTICE

Opal G. Culpepper Stark

Graveside services for Opal G. Culpepper Stark, 90, formerly of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 28 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Stark passed away Sat., Dec. 24 in Irving.

Born Nov. 28, 1921 in Rule, she was the daughter of John and Maude Spurlin Culpepper. She married Wallace Stark in Haskell on June 30, 1945 and they continued to live in the area until 1968. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ. Wallace preceded her in death in March of 2001 and she later

moved to Irving to be closer to her sons.

Along with Wallace, Mrs. Stark was preceded in death by her parents, Maude and John Culpepper; a brother, J.W. Culpepper; her sister, Mildred Pauline Culpepper Kilcrease; and her daughter-in-law, Pamela Anne Warrington Stark.

Survivors include her two sons, G.R. Stark of Irving, and J.B. Stark and his wife Dolores, also of Irving; two grandsons, Joe Stark and Colin Stark, both of Irving; two granddaughters, Susan Owen and Kelsey Stark, both of Irving; a great grandson, Logan R. Stark of Irving; her sister, Joyce Henderson of Mesquite; and a cousin, Margaret Kitley of Rule. PD. NOTICE

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Use extra caution when ordering medications online

Thanks to the Internet, buying and selling products is easier than ever, without even leaving the comfort of home. That includes prescription drugs and health products. But, while many are lawful enterprises consumers can trust, potential buyers need to be vigilant of scams, unapproved products and other illegal activities.

"There are several positive benefits of purchasing drugs online, such as patients who have difficulty traveling or are homebound (disabled) who can have access to prescription drugs and health care products delivered right to their home," said Michael Veronin, R.Ph., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy.

"The problem arises from Internet pharmacy websites that sell prescription drugs illegitimately without prescription or physician or pharmacist consultation or monitoring," Dr. Veronin continued. "When this

happens, patients may be exposed to risks like poor quality drug products or inadequate information on side effects or potential drug interactions."

While purchasing health products online is fast, private and convenient, it bypasses an important person—the pharmacist. Pharmacists can advise you on potentially dangerous drug interactions, medications requiring monitoring and answer other questions. On some websites, completion of a questionnaire is the only requirement, even for prescription medication.

"Drugs purchased through legitimate channels, whether prescription or over-the-counter, carries of risk of potential drug interactions," Dr. Veronin said. "Patients should maintain a relationship with a pharmacist who can help manage their drug therapy, including identification of potential drug interactions."

While federal and regulatory agencies and professional organizations are boosting enforcement efforts against fraudulent

and illegal online drug sales, the Food and Drug Administration offers steps consumers themselves can take.

For starters, do not purchase from sites offering prescription products for the first time without a physical examination, selling a prescription product without a prescription or selling products without FDA approval. Legitimate pharmacies with the "Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites" (VIPPS) seal are available at <http://www.nabp.net/vipps/consumer/listall.asp>. Additional FDA information is online at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/consumer/buyonline/guide.htm>

Be cautious of websites marketing a "new" cure for a disorder or undocumented case histories of "amazing" medical results from a specific health product. Most of all, talk with your physician or pharmacist if you have any doubts or are using a medication for the first time.

"Because this direct sale of medications to consumers via the Internet bypasses both the traditional visit to the physician and review by a pharmacist, it can be associated with the greatest potential risk of adverse effects," Dr. Veronin said. "Although not perfect, in the United States, we have a drug distribution system in place that has taken several years to evolve to ensure patient safety."

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From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Smartphone Security: Protect Against Hack Attacks

Although most computer users are aware that viruses can invade their home computers, it is generally less well-known that viruses can also target mobile telephones. Viruses and other malware can be particularly dangerous on phones and other mobile devices because users are less likely to be protected by anti-virus software. With more and more mobile phone customers conducting personal banking and other financial transactions on their unprotected mobile devices, these are increasingly attractive targets for criminals who develop viruses and malicious spyware.

Researchers estimate that more than 40 percent of American adults own a smartphone—the general term for mobile telephones that allow users to access the Internet. As these devices’

processing power and data connection speeds continue to improve, their demand only increases. Thanks to these improvements, mobile phones today are used to perform the same tasks that just a few years ago required a computer. As a result, mobile devices are increasingly used to monitor email, store sensitive personal information and photos, and shop online.

Texans who want to protect their sensitive personal information, bank accounts and credit card numbers should only select and install mobile device applications from trusted sources. If a software developer or product is not well-known, mobile phone users should research the product’s rating and popularity. Positive user reviews and high-volume downloads often reflect a legitimate and well-received product.

To help secure their

smartphones from unauthorized access, mobile device users should enable built-in security features such as passwords. If possible, mobile devices should be set to require a password or personally identifiable number (PIN) that must be entered before software is downloaded or installed onto a device. This feature can help prevent spyware or viruses from secretly being installed without the owner’s knowledge. Smartphone owners should also install the latest security updates provided by their mobile phone service provider.

In addition to the measures outlined above, smartphone users should never respond to text messages or emails from an unknown source. Unsolicited text messages and emails actually may be phishing attacks that attempt to trick device owners into visiting malicious websites. Once an unsuspecting

mobile device user clicks on a harmful link or downloads an attachment that contains a virus, it only takes seconds for mobile malware to secretly seize control of the phone and access its data.

Smartphone spyware can allow hackers to intercept text messages or gain unauthorized access to the device’s photos, emails and other sensitive personal data. Some malicious smartphone viruses can even allow hackers to log – and even record – incoming and outgoing calls without the device user’s knowledge. As a result, these hidden mobile device viruses can not only compromise users’ personal conversations, but also their calls to banks and credit card companies—which may involve sensitive account numbers and Social Security numbers. In short, mobile device viruses are uniquely poised to subject users to a high risk of identity theft.

In light of the significant risks posed by mobile device malware, smartphone users should consider installing security software to guard against the latest security threats. Just as personal computers always should be secured with up-to-date Internet security software, smartphones should be safeguarded against hackers and spammers. Further, once security software has been installed, it is important to keep it updated.

Just as computer owners know not to install software from unknown sources, careful smartphone users should delete suspicious or unsolicited text messages and emails without opening them. With these simple steps, smartphone users can talk, text and browse without having to worry about who is secretly reading, watching or listening to their private communications.

Avoid exposure to deadly carbon monoxide fumes

Hundreds of people in America die every year from carbon monoxide produced by fuel-burning appliances in and around the home.

“Most cases result from using poorly installed gas appliances, running gasoline-powered engines in garages, using gas-burning stoves to heat homes, or cooking with charcoal inside homes,” says Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, an emergency medicine and toxicology physician at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas without color or odor, is produced by the incomplete burning of fuels including charcoal, wood, oil and gas. In the winter months, these fuels often power indoor furnaces, ranges, water heaters, room heaters and vehicles. Unfortunately, the initial symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are like many common illnesses with symptoms that include headache, fatigue,

shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

Tips to avoid exposure include:

- Ensure all appliances are installed properly and never use gas-powered kitchen appliances—such as a stove—to heat your home;

- Don’t leave vehicles running in an attached garage;

- Avoid burning charcoal or using fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent; and

- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in rooms with closed doors or windows or in any room where people sleep.

Dr. Kleinschmidt also strongly recommends installing carbon monoxide detectors for added protection. If you think you are experiencing symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air immediately, call the fire department and seek medical care.

New Year may bring flu season

January is often the peak time for the flu season in Texas, and it’s not too late to get a flu shot and take other common sense steps to protect yourself from illness.

“Getting a shot is the one best way to prevent flu, which can cause serious, sometimes deadly complications,” said Dr. David Lakey, the state’s health commissioner. “The flu shot and simple precautions such as washing your hands frequently, covering your coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick are good ways for people to protect themselves and their families from infection.”

Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as March, and vaccinations can be given at any time during this period. The shot takes about two weeks to become effective.

Flu is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, releasing the contagious virus into the air. People with flu can transmit the virus to others from one day before getting sick to up to seven days after showing symptoms of the flu.

Symptoms include a sudden fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Flu complications can include pneumonia,

ear and sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

Because flu viruses change, a new vaccine is produced each year. Flu shots do not contain live viruses and cannot cause the flu. A nasal-spray vaccine, which contains live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu, is an option for healthy people ages 2 through 49 years who are not pregnant.

In addition to flu shots, the Texas Department of State Health Services recommends these precautions to reduce your risk of catching or spreading flu germs:

- Wash your hands before eating, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

- Wash your hands after touching anyone who is sneezing, coughing or has a runny nose. This is true especially if you are taking care of someone who is sick.

- Do not share towels, lipstick, toys, cigarettes, food, eating utensils, drinking glasses or anything that might be contaminated with respiratory germs.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and avoid close, crowded spaces when possible.

- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue every

time you sneeze, blow your nose, or cough. Do not use handkerchiefs.

- Put used tissues in the nearest trashcan.

If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

- Stay home if you have a cough and fever. Keep away from family members who are very young, very old, or have a serious disease or weak immune system.

- Because cold viruses can survive for hours outside the body, cleaning surfaces with a virus-killing disinfectant (such as a one part bleach to nine parts water mixture) can help prevent the spread of common germs.

About 36,000 deaths are recorded in the United States each year from flu complications.

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OPINION

Safer roads contribute to significant drop in highway fatalities

Motorists across Texas are safer on today's highways for many reasons—more people wearing seat belts and public campaigns that discourage drinking and driving—but there's no doubt that safer highways have also contributed to the significant decline in fatalities across Texas.

Last year, there were 388 fewer fatalities on Texas highways, an 11 percent decrease from the previous year.

In the last five years, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has dedicated \$1.2 billion toward highway projects that have the greatest potential for reducing traffic crashes. The money comes from the Texas Safety Bond Program, which comprises 20 percent of the funds available from Proposition 14 highway bonding authority, approved by Texas voters in 2003.

So far, the Abilene District has spent \$2,438,407 on six safety projects. One project was to install warning signals and signs at the intersection of FM 1750 and S. 27th in Abilene and the other five were to install 33.97 miles of cable barrier in the divided highway medians along I-20.

Proposition 14 revenue bonds are secured and repaid by the State Highway Fund, including motor fuels taxes and vehicle registration fees. The results of this targeted investment in safe highway design are making a difference in annual crash statistics that demonstrate a decline in fatalities, both in Texas and nationwide.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) attributes the 2009 decline to a number of factors—seat belt usage, drunk driving and distracted driving public safety campaigns, safer vehicles, motorists driving less and safer roads.

In a recent report, the Texas Transportation Institute's (TTI) Center for Transportation Safety estimated that the money spent on safety improvements in the last few years could save as many as 1,800 lives and prevent 21,000 injuries in the next 20 years.

It comes down to safer roads and safer drivers, said Deirdre Delisi, Texas Transportation Commission Chair.

"Texas has been fortunate enough to have the money for highway safety improvements," she noted. "Part of the requirement for the Proposition 14 bonds was that we apply a portion of the funding to safety projects. Our legislative partners asked us to do this—we did and the result has been phenomenal."

Delisi added that safer drivers have also contributed to the decline in crashes and fatalities.

"TxDOT and its law enforcement partners across the state conduct a variety of outreach campaigns encouraging motorists to drive safer. The agency's annual Click it or Ticket and the Drink, Drive, Go to Jail campaigns are examples of educational programs designed to change driver behavior," she said.

The Click It or Ticket campaign has shown its success with a recent new record of 93.8 percent statewide seat belt usage for 2010.

But, transportation officials know for certain that safer roads have played a significant part in reducing fatalities. Widening narrow two-lane roads, adding left turn lanes and installing concrete and cable barrier in divided highway medians are a few of the improvements that make it safer to travel Texas highways.

Efforts are paying off. On Interstate 10 in the San Antonio District, cable barrier was installed on a 17.2-mile section of highway. This area had a history of crossover collisions with seven fatalities in the three years before installation. Since the cable barrier has been in place, the district has not received any reports of fatal crossover collisions.

By the time all the safety bond projects are completed, TxDOT will have widened nearly 2,200 miles of narrow two-lane roads, added 272 left turn lanes, built 38 highway interchanges, and installed 1,030 miles of concrete and cable barrier.

Haskell County reported no fatalities in 2008 and one in 2009. Other nearby counties in the district included Jones County reporting 12 fatalities in 2008 and five in 2009 and Stonewall County reporting two fatalities in 2008 and none in 2009.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

December 27, 2001
Among the Rule ISD students attending a careers program presented by Texas State Technical College, were Charles Jones, Cory Logan, Aquarius Carrion and Kendra Sheets.

Haskell business winners in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest were H&R Block, first place; Flatlands, second place; Personality/Slipper Shoppe, third place; and Henderson Book Store, honorable mention.

Winners in the second Chamber of Commerce jackpot drawings were Jim McFadden, Christene Galloges, Mary Kierepka, Karen Mitchell, Vickie Bullard, May Bell Benton, Myra Myers, Leon Newton, Judy Andrews, Karla Rogers, Joe Bejar and J.D. Klose.

20 Years Ago

December 26, 1991

Samuel C. Turner, Jr. was named to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. Delegates also elected R.A. Shaver III and J.L. Beauchamp to one-year terms as alternates to the county committee.

Mark Young, former Haskell Indian track star, was awarded the "Most Inspirational" award at the Abilene Christian University cross country awards banquet.

United Sewing of Haskell was recognized as the best decorated sewing factory owned by Dennis Hall. Employees were honored with a Christmas dinner and gift party.

30 Years Ago

December 24, 1981
Leona Pearsey was the winner of \$500 during the final Haskell Chamber

of Commerce Christmas drawing. Presenting the money was Chamber Director Charles Thornhill.

The Coffee Club met in the home of Reba Wheatley for their Christmas Salad Luncheon. Attending were Thelma Perry, Lena Rueffer, Billy England, Delia Ashley, Maye Bledsoe and Wheatley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fouts of Rule were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception hosted by their children.

40 Years Ago

December 30, 1971
Paint Creek High School has elected class favorites. They are Bobbie Welsh and Charlie Taylor, senior class; Diana Jasso and Billie Green, junior class; Sheilah Andress and Barry Shaw, sophomore class; and Melyn Mickler and Cullen Priour, freshmen class.

The Rochester Steers paced by Hank Byrd's 45 points scored a District 26-B basketball victory over the Weinert Bulldogs. Debbie Beauchamp was high point with 25 for the Rochester girls' losing effort.

Haskell Stone was recognized as Rotarian of the Year at the regular noon luncheon. Linda Hartsfield and Deeann Frierson presented the program.

50 Years Ago

December 28, 1961
W.W. (Bill) Reeves was appointed as County Clerk by the Commissioners' Court to replace Horace O'Neal who has resigned.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. White of this city hosted a reception at the American Legion Hall in honor of their parents 50th wedding anniversary.

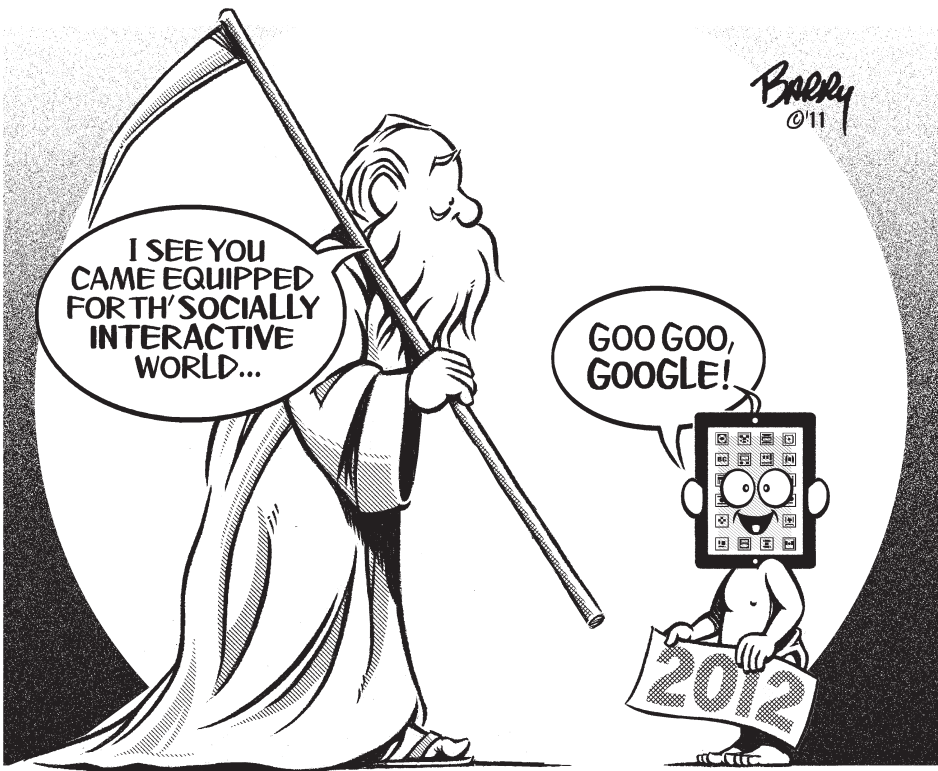
Mrs. Linda Gayle Maxson of Haskell and Edward Ray Dye of Weinert, were among students receiving bachelor degrees in commencement exercises at North Texas State University at Denton. Maxson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spain. Dye is the son of Mrs. Effie Dye.

100 Years Ago

December 30, 1911
Buford Long and Frank Baldwin, who have been attending the University of Texas at Austin, spent Christmas here with their parents and friends.

R.A. Comer, who has been teaching the Howard School, spent the holidays at his home in Central Texas.

The Haskell merchants had a big trade in holiday goods last week.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Just like last year—Christmas has come and now it is gone, but if all goes as planned, it will return once again in 2012. Now I have to sit down and think about my New Year's resolutions.

For several years now I have made a very serious resolution concerning weight loss and so far I have failed miserably. There are not very many things I do well, but eating is one of them. So, why should I deprive myself of something I so enjoy doing? I can only think of three reasons—health, health and then there is health. I want to be healthy and live a long and productive life. I want to watch our two children, Julie and Jim, as they make their way through this life. I want to be here to enjoy their families. I want to be around to watch them as they accomplish the goals that they have set for their lives. I want to be able to travel to various parts of this state, country and world with my bride. I want to wake up every morning, look at her, and express our thanks to the good Lord for one more day that we can spend together. As you can see, I have many, many reasons to strive diligently to lose those inches that keep my pants from fitting properly around my waist. Now, I just have

to do it.

I hope all of your Christmas wishes and dreams came to fruition. I hope that you had the time to visit with family and friends. But, most of all, I hope that you made the time to do just exactly what you wanted to do.

I received an email this week from Grenetta Stout Bledsoe whose father recently passed away. She was telling me about her late father's experiences at Memory Lane Assisted Living Communities. She said that when he first moved there, she and the rest of the family were wondering how he would accept this life changing move. They were all so very surprised when he not only accepted it; he loved it. She said the staff showed their love to her father, not just as a patient, but as family. There were times during his last few years that his health situation would require that he be moved to a hospital in Abilene. Grenetta said that he didn't complain about the care in Abilene, but it was just not as good as what he got in Haskell. He was always anxious and ready to 'get back home.' Employees of the Haskell Healthcare Center were another outstanding encounter according to Grenetta. She said that in Weatherford where she and Philip live, someone would not have received the same type care that her father received in Haskell. She agrees with me: The people in Haskell are the best.

The weather gurus keep reporting that the drought is not broken. Our recent rains may not have broken the drought, but I do think that

we bent it. I hope the water currents in the Pacific move in such a manner as to allow this drought to be over. I have enjoyed just about all of the record-setting dry weather I can stand. I would also hope that as this drought breaks the temperatures will also moderate.

If my crystal ball is correct, Haskell is on the verge of growing so put your thinking caps on. This means that we will have some opportunities that we have not had before. Let's be prepared to welcome this growth with open arms. When you hear of a business that is thinking about relocating from their current location, invite them to come to Haskell. The same goes for people who are tired of the big city life—they might find that our way of life is just what they are looking for. In my opinion, the best thing we can do is be proactive rather than reactive.

For me, your mayor, this past year has been fun. I am thoroughly enjoying serving you and this fine

community in that capacity. I feel that together we have accomplished a lot and we still have more to be done. We are a work in progress. And I hope that each of you is enjoying being a part of this progress just as much as yours truly.

Now it is on to all of the challenges that a New Year brings. One of the most difficult for me is to remember that it is now 2012 and not 2011. And if this is the most difficult challenge I have to face my life would... it would be so boring.

There is a toast that I love to hear—it is an old Spanish one. I can't speak much less write Spanish, but it is the toast my wife claims is the only residual from four semesters of Spanish at Texas A&M: "Salud, Amor y Dinero y Tiempo para gustarlos." In English: "Health, Love and Wealth and Time to Enjoy Them."

That is our wish for your 2012!

So to you from us: Happy New Year!

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 2011 project. The donations of money, food, toys and time are appreciated.

A total of 51 packages were distributed to needy families. Twenty-seven community volunteers helped pack the boxes that were delivered by members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. and Haskell Lions Club.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,
Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
and Linda Haynes
Haskell Co.
Child Welfare Board

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #20 David Newton, #32 Gabriel Torres, #14 Mathew Martinez and #12 Kelby Bell; back row, #34 Sterling Bird, #30 Brett Shelton, #22 Brady Leach, #24 Isaiah Llewellyn and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Maidens

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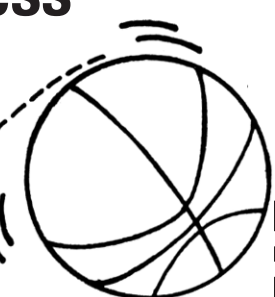


HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #35 Delecia Garcia, #25 Ashley Adams, #21 Myra Rodriguez, #5 Jacie Klose and #23 Sidney Cassidy; back row, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #31 Maci Colley, #33 Dana Rodriguez, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #11 Taylor Burson, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #41 Carson Hadaway.

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FSA reminds producers of disaster assistance deadlines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson reminded producers about upcoming deadlines for disaster assistance. Nelson emphasized that losses must be the result of a weather event occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

"This year brought a host of extreme weather challenges for America's farmers, ranchers and producers," said Nelson. "USDA is committed to use the resources at our disposal to reduce the impact of these conditions and help producers get back on their feet. And this year, especially, it's important for producers to be aware of program deadlines and to

have their records in order so that they get the assistance they need."

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes coverage of disaster losses through these five programs:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE);
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP);
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP);
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); and the
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

SURE applications for 2010 crop losses will be accepted later this fall. SURE applications for 2011 crop losses will be accepted in the fall of 2012, when the 2011 farm revenue data required by statute becomes available.

FSA is required to determine that the claimed loss was because of a disaster occurring on or before

Sept. 30, 2011. FSA must determine if a qualifying loss meets the established disaster relief criteria for at least one crop.

At the time the SURE application for payment is filed, the producer will be required to identify and certify a crop of economic significance that suffered a qualifying loss of 10 percent or more. At least one such crop with 10-percent losses on or before Sept. 30, 2011, is required by SURE.

"We encourage all producers to read the applicable disaster program fact sheets and visit their local FSA county office. The staff can provide additional information such as the deadline for filing a program application or the initial requirement for filing a notice of loss," Nelson said.

Important dates for the five disaster programs are:

SURE: No deadline to file a notice of loss for SURE, but check with your crop insurance or Noninsured

Crop Disaster Program (NAP) policy. Application periods for 2009 is closed; 2010 begins fall 2011; 2011 begins fall 2012

LFP: Deadline to file a notice of loss is not applicable. The application period is now through Jan. 30, 2012.

LIP/ELAP: The deadline to file a notice of loss is within 30 days of when the loss is apparent, but not later than Dec. 29, 2011. The application period is now through Jan. 30, 2012.

TAP: The deadline to file a notice of loss is not applicable when loss is apparent. The application period is within 90 days of when loss is apparent.

Losses must be due to a weather event that occurs on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

Fact sheets for these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

Additional information regarding the programs is at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 2-6 Breakfast
Milk and juice are offered daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Lucky Charm cereal, peaches
Wednesday: Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices
Thursday: Golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, majestic pears
Friday: Breakfast biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, strawberry applesauce

Lunch
Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich and a cookie.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Choice of one: State Fair corndog or fajita

chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; Choice of up to three: glazed carrots, pork and beans, fresh banana, whole wheat crackers, blue slushy
Wednesday: Choice of one: Crispy beef tacos or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, refried beans, cinnamon apple slices, lettuce and cheese, blue slushy
Thursday: Choice of one: Chicken strips with gravy and roll or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; Choice of up to three: mashed potatoes, whole wheat crackers, fresh watermelon, peaches, blue slushy
Friday: Energy meal; Choice of up to three: fresh fruit, assorted chips, chocolate chip cookie, blue slushy

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 2-6 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Hot Pockets
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, bread, apple crisp
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, rice, broccoli, salad, pineapple
Wednesday: Corndogs, pork and beans, chips, fruit
Thursday: Enchilada casserole, beans, salad, chips, jello with fruit
Friday: Hamburgers, salad, cheese, pickles, fries, brownies

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 2 coffee
Glazed meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, lemon cake, tea or coffee
Wed., Jan. 4
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, pumpkin buckle, tea or

Fri., Jan. 6
Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, onion, country apple crisp, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Cold weather brings need for precautions

Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms and snow can create severe problems for Texans who are more often used to dealing with heat waves. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) urges people to take extra precautions against hypothermia and other winter-related dangers.

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. Because the temperature drop may be gradual, and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know a problem exists.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and older, infants and small children, the sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

To reduce potential dangers:

- Watch for hypothermia symptoms including confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related

to cold temperatures is in immediate danger. Get medical help right away.

- Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting clothing, mittens, hat and a face cover. Stay dry.

- Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

Winter storms also may cause power outages, leading to food safety problems. If you lose power for more than four hours, take these precautions with refrigerated food products:

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

- Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that may have exceeded 40 degrees. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 40 degrees should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not re-freeze.

DSHS officials warn that people should not underestimate cold weather and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should check local weather forecasts.

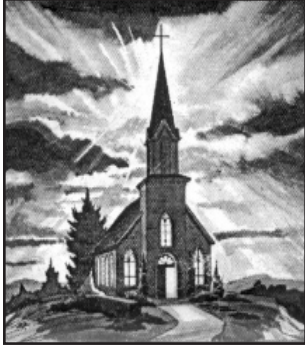
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This Week's Devotional Message:

Let the New Year introduce a whole new way of living



It's only another night, followed by a day the same length as all the others. However, December 31st is an arbitrary dividing line between one year and the next, a part of the necessity for keeping track of time along with the days, weeks and months. We have further drawn attention to it with elaborate revelry, culminating at the stroke of midnight; and for some of us, followed the next day by a state of remorse and a determination to mend

our ways. We begin every new year in this manner, with a list of sweeping reforms designed to correct all our faults at once; a task usually beyond human compliance. However, if we would just be sensible about both our actions and our expectations, none of this would be necessary. In fact, a regular trip to our house of worship can be far more effective than all those futile efforts at atonement. Try it and see for yourself.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.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**
Rev. David White, 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., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, 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., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
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
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
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 Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
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

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Thanks again,
Jack and Charlotte Coker

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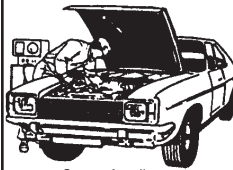
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1208 N. FIRST-NEW CONSTRUCTION-2 bedroom one bath home on corner lot has neutral color scheme, great natural light, upgraded carpet, dual pedestal sinks as well as vanity in bathroom. Home also has large utility room and dining area. This property would make a perfect home for any buyer. \$59,900.

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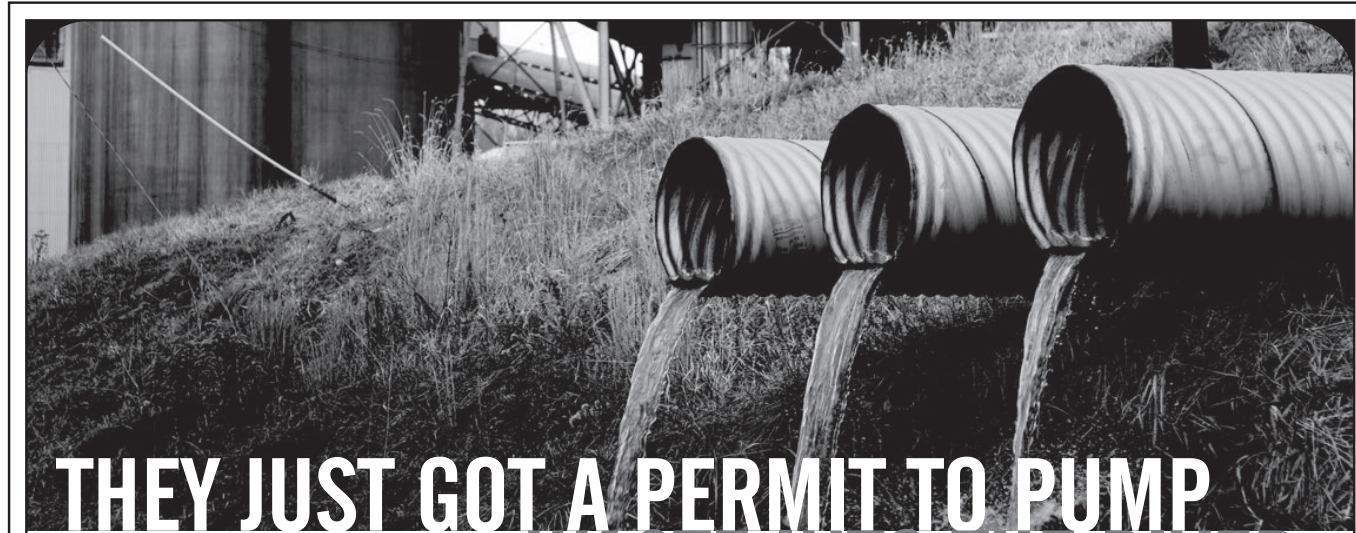
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Reverse mortgages may benefit all Americans

If you are among the first of the Baby Boomers to have a birthday this year, or if you are concerned about the well being of a loved one who has reached the age of 62, you undoubtedly are hearing of the reverse mortgage as an important option in financial planning for the retirement years. Reverse mortgages are fast becoming a major topic of conversation for financial planners, home health care professionals, and CPAs across the country. In the last ten years, reverse mortgages have grown into a multi-billion dollar industry, with senior homeowners taking out nearly 80,000 such loans during the last fiscal year. Moreover, boomers continue to balloon the size of the over 62 demographic set and will continue to do so until 2030 when all boomers will be 65 or older.

So, what is this thing called a reverse mortgage? A reverse mortgage allows senior homeowners, age 62 and over, the ability to convert a portion of their home equity into a multiple of payment streams without having to sell their home, give up title, or take on a new monthly mortgage payment. The reverse mortgage gets its name because the payment stream is "reversed." Instead of making a monthly mortgage payment to your lender, like a traditional mortgage, the lender makes payments to the borrower in monthly, lump sum or line of credit payments while the borrower can repay the loan at any time without penalty. Traditionally, the loan is not repaid until the house is sold or at the time of the surviving borrowers death.

But is it a safe option for seniors? The Housing and Economic Recovery Act passed by Congress three years ago added additional new mandatory standards and requirements which have resulted in considerable improvements to the reverse mortgage program. The new provisions greatly benefit senior homeowners who wish to access part of their home equity to help sustain their retirement. Reverse mortgages have a plethora of consumer safeguards and are the only financial product to require independent, HUD-directed counseling. Federal law requires that consumers be thoroughly counseled prior to loan application on the pros and cons of reverse mortgages and their competing financial options. It's generally recognized that a reverse mortgage is one of the most consumer friendly mortgage loans in the entire country. Reverse mortgage lenders understand that senior homeowners want to responsibly borrow and stay in their homes. They also know that consumers want to understand their loan documents with complete confidence. Everyone benefits when loan disclosure forms are clear and uncomplicated. When consumers are armed with the facts about reverse mortgages, they make the best choices. Perhaps that is why, in reality, consumer complaints about reverse mortgages are rare. Numerous surveys

show that many reverse mortgage borrowers—even the wealthiest of borrowers—believe this product has improved their lives and has provided them the money and security that is needed for retirement.

While this particular program might not fit the needs of some Americans, having the reverse mortgage option available for those seniors who want to take advantage of it is good for the state and good for our financial system.

Thanks to the abundance of regulations protecting senior homeowners, a reverse mortgage may be one of the few financial products that can truly benefit every extended family from Brownsville, Texas to Marquette, Wisconsin. As the U.S. economy comes back full speed, consumers across the country should know that reverse mortgages are a safe, economically appropriate and cost efficient way for themselves and their parents to augment their retirement, stay in their homes and live the American Dream of home ownership and financial security.

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.

AgrAbility keeps disabled ag producers at work

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Are you a farmer or farm worker who suffers from a disability and finds it hard to complete everyday tasks?

"If you are one of the thousands who believe there is no help for you, there is," said Brandon Boughen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County. "The national AgrAbility Project helps pair the disabled with the tools and resources they need to continue their way of life."

Texas AgrAbility is part of a nationwide network of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The program goal is to inform, educate and assist individuals with disabilities to stay actively engaged in agriculture. Because AgrAbility is a 1990 Farm Bill funded program, there is no charge to the participants when certain need based criteria are met.

The Texas AgrAbility program can help producers overcome barriers by providing farm and worksite assessments, agribusiness assessments, in-home assessments, information and referrals, individual consultation services and technical assistance services, Boughen said. Producers have been recipients of custom made lifts to help gain access to farm machinery, modified hand controls, mobility devices and prosthetics.

"When most people think of disabilities they automatically think of a physical disability, but the AgrAbility program covers much more than that," he said. "It also assists people with arthritis, vision impairment, hearing impairment and much more."

The Texas AgrAbility Project has the unique ability to propose practical solutions to help keep producers in the field and in the driver's seat of their operations, Boughen said.

If you or someone you know may benefit from the Texas AgrAbility program contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or go online to <http://txagrability.tamu.edu> for more information.



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