

Happy Thanksgiving

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Santa letters

Hey kids! It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to Santa. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfpnews@lycos.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Mon., Dec. 12 at noon. Letters will be printed on Dec. 22.

Thanksgiving meal

Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, 500 N. 8th St., in Haskell will serve its sixth annual Thanksgiving meal for the community Thurs., Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until gone). The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert.

Fourth Sunday

The public is invited to attend a fourth Sunday celebration at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, featuring a special speaker each fourth Sunday of the month.

Poinsettias

The Noah Project North is accepting orders for red poinsettias to be delivered the week of Nov. 28. Poinsettias are \$12.50 each or \$25.00 for dressed up poinsettias. To order, call 864-2551 or go by the Noah office on the third floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. Proceeds benefit Noah Project North.

Toy drive set

Camacho and Charlie's Grill will host their 1st annual Toy Drive to benefit God Loves You Ministries Sun., Nov. 27. Proceeds will be used to bless local children with a joyful Christmas Day. Come out, enjoy a meal and help bless a child.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project North will host their annual Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 4 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. To order tickets, call 864-2551 or go by the Noah office on the third floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. Proceeds benefit Noah Project North.

Christmas cantata

"Almost There," the Haskell Community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell. A nursery will be provided.



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COMPETES AT STATE—Haskell Maiden Franzi Lutz, left, placed eleventh at the State Cross Country meet. It came down to a photo finish for tenth place medal. This is her first time to compete in cross country running. She is pictured with her coach, Melissa Burson.

Goodfellows to help needy families, seek donations

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 3 and Sat., Dec. 10, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

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

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

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information.

All cash donations may be mailed to the Haskell Goodfellows, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude for our blessings

by Caron Yates

Thanksgiving, as defined in the dictionary, is an expression of gratitude, especially to God.

For many of us, the meaning of Thanksgiving includes feasting, long weekends, football games and family gatherings. According to allabouthistory.org., the first Thanksgiving was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock in 1620, after weeks of traveling the tumultuous Atlantic waters, battling strong winds and waves, the Pilgrims would discover just how difficult and trying their new life would be.

While more than half of those original Pilgrims did not survive the first winter, with the help of nearby Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived and gathered a bountiful harvest in 1621. Their governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving toward God. They prepared a feast to enjoy with family and

friends, both from within the colony and with neighboring Indian tribes.

Three hundred and ninety-six years have come and gone, since the Pilgrims first acknowledged their blessings with thanksgiving. Could they have imagined that their sacrifices would lead to this great country in which we now live?

While the meaning and observing of Thanksgiving has undergone numerous transitions throughout history, today most Americans do pause on the fourth Thursday of November to count their blessings and to enjoy their family and friends.

Johannes A. Gaertner wrote, "To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude in generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven." It is not always easy to see the blessings we receive, when they are overshadowed by the negative happenings in our personal lives and the world. They are, however, there if we just look.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with family and

friends to enjoy delicious food, fond memories, stories and a time of relaxation, remember, as the Pilgrims did, that even in the most difficult of circumstances we

can still give thanks to God for his provisions. Resolve to not only express your gratitude with words, but to really live that gratitude each and every day of the year.



STORY TIME—The Rainbow Fish was chosen for the weekly story time reading Fri., Nov. 4 at the Haskell County Library. The art project was window clings featuring the star of the book, the rainbow fish. Attending were, l-r, Heather Turner, Hadley Turner, Brooke Turner and Assistant Librarian Paula Garcia.

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FIRST PLACE—The Paint Creek junior high girls' basketball team won first place in the Woodson basketball tournament Sat., Nov. 12. Team members are, l-r, Coach Jenn Prichard, Priscilla Gonzales, Brianna Yanez, Ana Hall, Tanna Ledbetter, Haylee Garcia and Jasmine Boyd.



THIRD PLACE—The Paint Creek junior high boys' basketball team won third place in the Woodson basketball tournament Sat., Nov. 12. Team members are, l-r, Kaiden Castillo, Ethan Jenkins, Ashton Grand, Eric Perkins, Caden Guadalcazar, Coach Aaron Ashford, Dylan Souther, Steven Crain; and kneeling, Gus Blair and Levi Rhoads.

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met at their regular meeting place Mon., Nov. 7 with all members present.

The monthly report and Experienced Citizen Center report were submitted by County Treasurer Janis McDaniel and were accepted.

A contract with Xerox for three new copies was accepted.

A motion to pay for four coaches to receive training for 4-H shooting sports passed.

Take control of your debt

While it can be surprisingly easy—and often fun—to get into debt, it's much more difficult and takes longer to get out. Statistics show that eight in ten Americans are in debt. However, all debt isn't created equal. Mortgage debt can help strengthen your financial position if handled correctly, but credit card debt and other debts with high interest rates are unnecessarily costly and should be dealt with as soon as possible. There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to tackling debt but there are various proven strategies to help knock it out. With a plan, dedication and discipline, anyone can achieve a life free of bad debt, even if it takes a while to get there from your current position.

Many people struggle with getting out of debt because they're not sure where to start and feel overwhelmed. Below are tips that can help you take control of your debt and get on the road to financial success.

Stop creating more debt

While this may seem obvious, it's often harder than one would think. This won't get you out of debt, but it will ensure your current situation doesn't get worse. You

can reduce temptation by cutting up your credit cards or freezing your credit. Try cash or debit cards instead.

Make a list of your debts and plan

Make a list of all of your debts and the interest you're charged for each, then put them in order of highest interest rate to lowest. Put as much as you can toward the debt with the highest interest rate—usually your credit card balance—while paying at least the minimum on other balances. Pay all bills on time to avoid unnecessary late fees. Once the debt with the highest rate is paid, move to next-highest rate and do the same.

Create a budget

Figure out where your money goes, including your spending patterns and unnecessary expenses. For one month, write down every dollar you spend so you can determine the extras that can be cut out. Once you have your budget to the bare minimum, you'll know exactly how much you have each month to pay your debts. If possible, save monthly to build an emergency fund—start with a \$1,000 goal but aim to build it to three to six months of living expenses.

While this may sound counterproductive to what you're trying to do, it will help ensure you don't get further in debt when an unexpected emergency arises, which inevitably will happen.

Live within your means

You can avoid bad debt by living within—or better yet, below—your means. A detailed budget will allow

you to get on track and stay there. It can help you watch expenses and divert money to saving or paying off bills. Make changes like packing your lunch instead of eating out, skipping the fancy coffee and keeping your car for a few years once it's paid off. Your commitment to sticking with your budget and living within or below your means is critical to getting out of debt. Plus, it will help install good financial habits for the future.

Ask creditors for lower interest rates

Ask your credit card issuers to lower your interest rate. They'll often negotiate the rate for customers with a good payment history. The saved interest can make a real impact over time.

Boost your income

Try to boost your income however you can. This may mean temporarily taking a part-time job or selling things you no longer use. If you receive a tax refund, bonus or other unexpected money, immediately put that toward paying off debt.

Be patient

Be realistic and understand that you can't erase years of debt overnight. Acknowledge that setbacks will come up but don't get discouraged and give up. Track your progress, celebrate each success and keep at it until the seemingly impossible has been accomplished. Once you've overcome debt, it's likely you've learned an important lesson and won't find yourself in the same situation again.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 14-20:

Thomas Tidrow, harassment of a public servant and public intoxication.

Bobby Loyd, theft of property surety withdraw.

Ryan Anthony Reid, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kevin Taylor Strickland, possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

Martin Silvas, motion to revoke community supervision driving while intoxicated.

Randal Edward Wills, public intoxication.

Tammy Fairlene Hearn, driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age.

Thirty-three calls were made to 911.

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2016 INDIAN-MAIDEN BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Tues., Nov. 29	Eula	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Dec. 1-3	Woodson Tourney	Woodson	JVG	TBD
Dec. 1-3	Petrolia Tourney	Petrolia	VG	TBD
Dec. 1-3	Guthrie Tourney	Guthrie	VB	TBD
Tues., Dec. 6	Quanah	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Dec. 8-10	Archer City Tourney	Archer City	VB, VG	TBD
Tues., Dec. 13	*Hamlin	Hamlin	JVG, VG	5 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 16	Newcastle	Newcastle	JVG, VG	5 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 16	Clyde	Clyde	JVB, VB	5:15 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 20	*Stamford	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Dec. 27-28	Jayton Tourney	Jayton	VB, VG	TBD
Tues., Jan. 3	*Hawley	Hawley	All	4 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 5	KC JV Tourney	Knox City	JVB	TBD
Fri., Jan. 6	*Anson	Haskell	JVG, VG, VB	5 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 10	*Roscoe	Roscoe	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 13	*Albany	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 17	*Hamlin	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 24	*Stamford	Stamford	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 27	*Hawley	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 31	*Anson	Anson	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 3	*Roscoe	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 7	*Albany	Albany	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 10	*Hamlin	Hamlin	JVB, VB	4 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Boys Site	Girls Site	Time
Mon., Nov. 28	Stamford	Stamford	Haskell	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 5	Hawley	Haskell	Hawley	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 12	Anson	Anson	Haskell	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 19	Anson	Anson	Anson	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 9	Roscoe	Haskell	Roscoe	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 16	Albany	Albany	Haskell	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19, Jan. 21	Throckmorton JH	8th Boys		TBD
Sat., Jan. 21	Clyde Tourney		7-8 Girls	TBD
Mon., Jan. 23	ACMS	ACMS	Haskell	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 28	Aspermont Tourney	7th Boys		TBD
Mon., Jan. 30	*Hamlin	Hamlin	Haskell	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 2-4	District Tourney		Stamford	TBD
Feb. 4-6	District Tourney	Stamford		5:30 p.m.

*District Game. All denotes JVG, JVB, VG, VB

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2016 PIRATE-LADY PIRATE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 29	Winters	Winters	VG,VB	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1-3	Woodson Tournament	Woodson	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 6	Trent	Trent	VG	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Baird	Baird	VB	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	ACHS	ACHS	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Rotan	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15-17	Rotan Tournament	Rotan	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 20	Abilene Hawks	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	Rule	Rule	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	*Graford	Graford	VG	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Bryson	Paint Creek	VG	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	*Newcastle	Newcastle	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	*Woodson	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Throckmorton	Throckmorton	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	*Graford	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Bryson	Bryson	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	*Newcastle	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	*Woodson	Woodson	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	*Throckmorton	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Graford	Graford	VB	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	*Bryson	Paint Creek	VB	6:00 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 28	Woodson	Woodson	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Throckmorton	Paint Creek	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Graford	Graford	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Bryson	Paint Creek	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Newcastle	Newcastle	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Woodson	Paint Creek	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Throckmorton	Throckmorton	JHG/JHB	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Jr. High Tourney	Bryson	JHG/JHB	TBA



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Do I have the flu? What to do

"I was just sitting at my desk, when all of a sudden my head and body started aching. I felt a fever coming over me, and I was exhausted. What is going on?" You may have caught the influenza virus—or "flu" for short.

According to Darlene Hopkins, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent in Haskell County, one of the distinguishing characteristics of the flu virus is its sudden onset. Symptoms may include fever, headache, body aches, extreme tiredness, runny or stuffy nose, dry (nonproductive) cough, and sore throat. The influenza virus is a highly contagious respiratory illness in humans, which means it attacks the nose, throat, and lungs in our bodies. "Influenza is often confused with what people refer to as the stomach flu," says Extension Health Associate, Janet Pollard. "The main symptoms of stomach flu are nausea, profuse vomiting, and often diarrhea. What we refer to as stomach flu is not really flu because it is not caused by the influenza virus but rather by other viruses, bacteria, or parasites that cause illness. Although children and a few adults may experience nausea or feelings of being 'sick to your stomach' as a symptom of influenza, it is

not the main symptom but rather a secondary symptom of the flu that is often brought on by fever or congestion."

"If you do catch the flu virus, remember that your doctor won't prescribe antibiotics since antibiotics only kill bacteria and not viruses," explains Hopkins. "If you suspect you have the flu, however, it is important to see your doctor right away since he/she may be able to prescribe antiviral medications to reduce the severity of your symptoms. These medications must be taken within two days of the onset of symptoms to be effective." In addition, it is recommended to treat your flu symptoms with 1) rest, 2) plenty of liquids (primarily clear broths and beverages, not cream soups or milk), 3) over-the-counter medications for your particular symptoms (contact your doctor for recommendations), and 4) avoidance of alcohol and tobacco products.

Influenza is highly contagious, so you should also try to isolate the person who has the virus. Stay home from work, and have children stay home from school or other activities where they might expose others.

Of course, the best thing you can do is to not catch the influenza virus in the first place. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is to get

vaccinated. Flu vaccines are given at most doctors' offices and health clinics. You can also go to the American Lung Association's flu clinic locator website at <http://www.lungusa.org> and enter your zip code to find a location offering flu vaccines near you. "Also," says Hopkins, "practice good hand washing habits. Use soap and warm running water, rubbing your hands together to remove any germs. Be sure to wash your hands long enough—encourage children to sing 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' or say their ABCs (the whole alphabet) while they're washing their hands; when they finish, they're also finished with hand washing." "If running water is not available," says Pollard, "use a hand sanitizer that contains alcohol. These products can be squeezed onto the hands and simply rubbed in without water." Always cover your mouth when coughing, sneezing, or wiping your nose. Use disposable paper tissues that can be thrown away after each use to reduce the spread of the flu virus. Using a cloth or handkerchief can contribute to the spread of the virus since the virus can remain on the surface of the cloth and spread wherever it might be set down or touched by others.

Take care of yourself this flu season! Remember to take precautions to prevent becoming infected.



CRAFT SHOW—The Haskell Young Homemakers Craft Show filled the Civic Center with local artisans, vendors, businesses and fund-raising endeavors last Sat., Nov. 19 to kick off the holiday season.

Progressive Study Club treated to fashion show

Members and guests of the Haskell Progressive Study Club were treated to a "Latest Fashion for Fall and the Holidays" style show at The Personality-Slipper Shoppe in Haskell Fri., Nov. 11.

President Julia Harrell welcomed members and guests. In observance of Veterans' Day, all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Harrell reported that work on the war memorial on the Haskell courthouse lawn was nearing completion and a dedication would be held when completed. The club has been working on this project for six years and through the help and support of the community, hope to see it completed by the first of the year in 2017.

Mary Drury was presented and voted as a new club member. Yearbooks for the 2016-2017 year were presented to members. Other guests attending were Holly Stocks, Bridget Guess, Ann Katherine Rike Winstead, Lena Tidwell and Mary Rike.

Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, owner of The Personality-Slipper Shoppe, was introduced and thanked for hosting the style show. Rutkowski showed numerous bracelets, pins, necklaces and charm bracelets carried in the store. She also featured cosmetics, sandals, shoes, blouses, skirts, dresses and scarves.

Modeling for the occasion were Jo Ann Farre, Ashton Kuehler, Elaine Glover and Rutkowski. Rutkowski commented on the clothing and styles

shown and explained the various occasions for each. The Personality-Slipper Shoppe is located at 413 S. 1st Street in Haskell.

Following the style show, members and guests were treated to an assortment of finger foods, including sandwiches, fruit, breads, dips and spreads and brownies.

The next club meeting will be Thurs., Dec. 8 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. William Overton will present a program on Christmas symbols.

Thanksgiving drivers urged to pack safety first

As Texans prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) offers tips for safe travel and calls on residents to celebrate responsibly.

"The Thanksgiving weekend invariably means increased traffic on roadways, and DPS is reminding Texans that we all have a responsibility to help make the roads safe for everyone," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Our Troopers will be on the lookout for dangerous drivers who disregard the law—at the same time, we urge drivers to use extra caution while traveling and to always drive sober."

DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas around-the-clock during the holiday weekend looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other drivers who are endangering themselves and others.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2015, DPS troopers issued 28,835 traffic citations and warnings for a variety of violations, including speeding, no insurance and seat belt/child safety seat usage. DPS patrols also resulted in 219 driving while intoxicated arrests, 127 fugitive arrests and 94 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Slow down—especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle—it's the law.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles

and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated—it's the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road if it is safe to do so.

- Don't drive fatigued—

get plenty of rest before trips or take breaks as needed.

- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

DSHS offices move to Anson

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is consolidating offices in Jones County.

Effective Nov. 29, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) office in Stamford will move to Anson.

The new location is 1301 Commercial Avenue, P.O. Box 31, Anson, Texas 79501. The phone number is 325-823-3285. The fax number is 325-823-3537.

The DSHS Anson office will continue to provide public health services to Jones, Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties.

Vaccines are available for children who are Native Alaskan or Native American, have Medicaid, have private health insurance that doesn't

pay for vaccines or have no health insurance. Children with CHIP or private health insurance that pays for vaccines are not eligible to receive vaccines at this office.

Adult vaccines are available for adults without health insurance.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 17, 2016
Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin.....	500
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	2,194
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	2,219
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	1,092
Weinert	
Weinert Gin.....	90
Total bales	6,095

Area Basketball scores

Boys

Rule 58, Woodson 54

Scoring for Rule: B. Mitchell 19, R. Mitchell 14, Thompson 13, Helms 9, Hollingsworth 3.

Girls

Woodson 60, Rule 27

Scoring for Rule: Hertel 8, Fritzer 6, Manske 6, Speck 4, Navarette 2, Gray 1.

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2016 RULE BOBCAT AND LADY CATS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 29	Woodson	Rule	VG, VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 1-3	Woodson Tournament	Woodson	VB, VG	TBA
Dec. 6	Paint Rock	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	Moran	Moran	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Chillicothe	Rule	VB, VG	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	Paint Creek	Rule	VB, VG	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	*Roby	Rule	VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Benjamin	Rule	VB	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Aspermont	Aspermont	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	*Trent	Rule	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	*Rotan	Rule	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Lueders	Lueders	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	*Roby	Roby	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Aspermont	Rule	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	*Trent	Trent	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	*Rotan	Rotan	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	*Lueders	Rule	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Roby	Rule	VB	6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 28	Rotan	Rule	6 p.m.
Dec. 5	Lueders	Lueders	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	Roby	Roby	6 p.m.
Jan. 5	Aspermont	Rule	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	Trent	Trent	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Rotan	Rotan	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	Lueders-Avoca	Rule	6 p.m.

1st annual Toy Drive
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efforts to bless local children with a joyful Christmas Day!
Come out, enjoy a meal and help Bless a Child!

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 23, 2006

Crowned during the second annual Miss Merry Christmas Pageant were Lealonne Alvarez, Miss Merry Christmas; Sydney Saucedo, Junior Miss; Lucy Carmichael, Young Miss; Adaline Utley, Little Miss; Madilyn Moore, Miss Snowflake; and Creed Williams, Littlest Elf.

Haskell Indian Travis Adams was named "Player of the Week" by KTXS television station in Abilene.

Haskell County 4-H members will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. They would like to thank Eugene Plunket for his many years of volunteering at the Haskell County branch of the Salvation Army.

20 Years Ago November 21, 1996

Dr. Frank Cadenhead Jr., a Haskell physician, was elected to the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board. The board conducts business of the BGCT between annual sessions.

Haskell County 4-H members competing in the District Food Show are Shayne McKenzie, Anna Rieger, Tabitha Coker, Bergen Peiser, Jennifer Smith, Abby and Emory Dudensing, Lindsay Reel and Charlie Smith.

Haskell High School Ag Science teacher James Bevel, presented a program to the Haskell Garden Club on organic gardening.

30 Years Ago November 20, 1986

Congressman Charles Stenholm presented Mrs. Ida Goodwin of Haskell, the "Commemorative Medal for Families of American Personnel Missing in Southeast Asia." Lt. Comdr. Charles Goodwin, a 1957 HHS graduate, was shot down over North Vietnam on Sept. 8, 1965.

Two members of the district runner-up Weinert volleyball team were recognized for their efforts. All-District selections

included senior Dianne Carroll and junior Laurie Hester.

The Haskell Maidens began the basketball season with a 70-59 victory over Merkel. Leading the scoring were Julie Roewe, 21 pts.; Patricia Henry, 13 pts.; Robyn Weaver, 12 pts.; and Sheree Dumas, 9 pts.

40 Years Ago November 18, 1976

Haskell High School senior Eddie Medford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilda Medford of Haskell, was elected FHA Beau at the November meeting of the Haskell Chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Verdie Oates celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children Mr. and Mrs. Wayburn Oates and Mr. and Mrs. Don Oates. Members of pioneer farm families, they have spent their entire married life farming northwest of Haskell.

Named Rule High School Football Sweetheart and Hero were Wynette Williams, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J.R. Williams, and Paul Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Flores. They are both seniors.

50 Years Ago November 24, 1966

The six Haskell County Home Demonstration Clubs held their annual County Achievement Day at Felker's Restaurant. Mildred Robertson was named Club Woman of the Year for Haskell County.

Cheering the Weinert Bulldogs to victory are seniors Kay Newton, Evelyn Mayfield, Sandra Mathison; juniors Mary Yates and Penny Patton; and sophomore Amy Dunnam.

100 Years Ago November 18, 1916

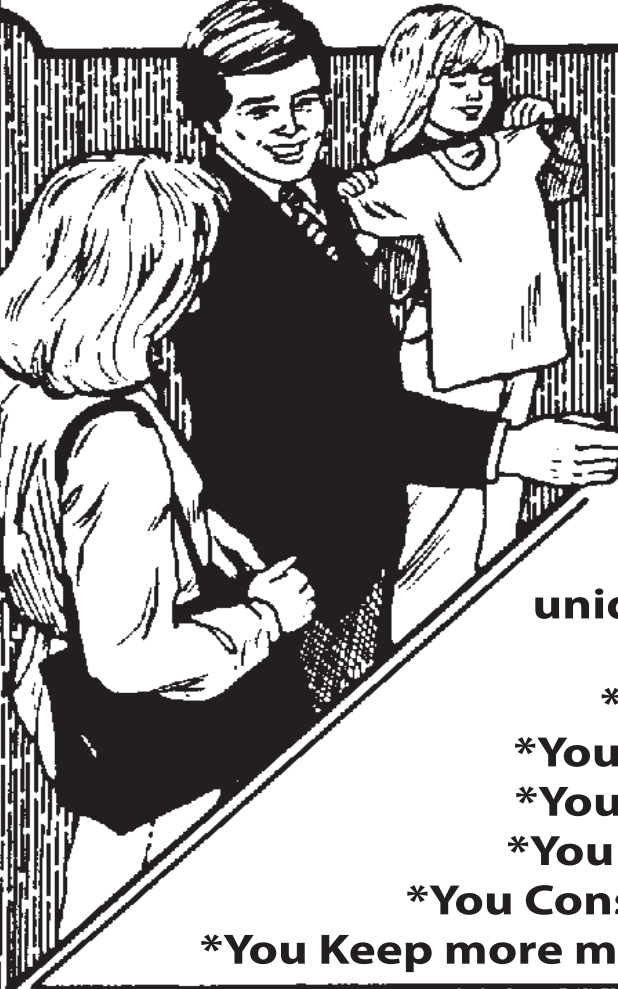
The total vote for Haskell County in the general election was low. Results of the twenty-one boxes showed 1212 Democrats, 92 Republicans and 360 Socialists cast votes.

R. A. Bradley, a prominent farmer in the Pinkerton community believes that his four children are the champion cotton pickers of this section. Ranging in age from seven to twelve, they have picked 20 bales over the past five weeks. W.J. Lindsey, traveling salesman for the Texas Ironing Board Co. of this city, came in for a visit with home folks Sunday.

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Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Mynea Short
Chamber Manager
Shop Small

Shop Small is a nationwide movement to celebrate small businesses every day and to help communities thrive. In 2010 American Express created Small Business Saturday. It is highlighted as a special day to show our support for small business owners during the holiday season.

small businesses thrive. Granted, our local stores will not open their doors at midnight or have a line wrapped around the block for door-buster deals as big box retailers do; however, shopping and dining at our local businesses on Saturday and throughout the year, shows our support and appreciation to each of them.

Small Business Saturday is celebrated on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, right smack-dab between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Small Business Saturday is the time to come out and support local small businesses in our community and boost the economy in the process.

When you support small, Haskell businesses, you support our town and our local area. I hope Small Business Saturday will become just as important and pivotal to the start of the holiday shopping season as Black Friday. The small businesses are the backbone of the community, but the customers are the heart that keeps them vibrant.

As consumers and citizens of Haskell, we are key to helping our

Thanks in advance for participating on Small Business Sat., Nov. 26.

Jeffrey Silba to ride to raise funds for veterans and families

Jeffrey Silba, a 2006 Haskell High School graduate and son of Francis and the late Jessie Silba of Haskell, will soon embark on a horseback ride in support of a cause that is very near and dear to his heart.

collections to veterans and military families of all branches, who are in need of extra support. As a part of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, they wish to contribute to the scholarship funds that benefit past and present troopers and families within the unit. Valhalla Ranch of Kiowa, CO caters exclusively to combat veterans to help them recuperate and heal through horsemanship. Lastly, the 4 Horsemen Ranch for Veterans is the startup of Silba. He uses the ranch to take veterans and active duty service members hunting, riding, camping, or just to give them a time of "getting away from it all."

The Horseback Ride 'N' Ruck March to Recovery, which will be held in March 2017, is a 550 mile ride across the Western Texas Trans Pecos Plains. The purpose is to bring awareness and aid to our recovering and fallen veterans and their families. He will be accompanied by Margaux Gebers of Fairfield, California. Silba, who has served in the United States Army for more than ten years, including four deployments says, "As members of the military community for a collective fifteen years and having served overseas on multiple occasions, we can empathize with these families' situations. These circumstances drive us to contribute in any way we can."

Silba, who is stationed out of Ft. Hood, but is currently serving in Afghanistan, emphasizes that all funds collected will be donated to the above mentioned foundations.

The trip will take them over a trail that was established by the U.S. Army in the 1850s to distribute messages and supplies between San Antonio and El Paso. The Army Corps of Engineers sent scouts over northern and southern routes of the plains to find the most efficient delivery routes.

To contribute to this worthy cause, go to <https://www.paypal.me/4HRanchForVeterans> or <https://www.gofundme.com/RideAndRuckFund>.

The Ride 'N' Ruck will travel along the southern route, stopping at some of the same forts the original scouts used. Silba says, "In keeping with tradition, we will ruck march portions of the trip or ride our horses, Deuces and Sonny, to the destination in Ft. Bliss."

For more information on the foundations you may visit <https://semperifund.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/3d-US-CavalryAssociation-234528900021836/> or <https://www.facebook.com/4HorsemenRanch/>

Ultimately they hope to raise funds and donate them to the Semper Fi Fund, 3rd US Cavalry Association, Valhalla Ranch and the 4 Horsemen Ranch for Veterans.

The Semper Fi Fund donates 94% of their

Silba and Gebers, all too familiar with the aftermath of physical and emotional injuries that can plague our returning soldiers, would greatly appreciate any and all contributions to this fund raising event.

Retirement party
An open house will be held Fri., Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Haskell County Farm Bureau, located at 508 N. 1st in Haskell. Snacks, cookies, coffee and fellowship will be enjoyed. From 4 to 6 p.m., a special retirement party will be held for Agency Manager Kenny Tanner.

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 28-Dec. 2
Breakfast
 1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice variety and fruit are available at every meal.
Weekly: Cereal, toast, muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers, cheese stick
Monday: Pancake wrap
Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit
Wednesday: French toast, sausage
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon
Lunch
 Milk variety is available at every meal. Sandwich available daily at elementary.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, garden salad, Tuscan veggies, fresh seasonal fruit
Tuesday: Pizza, baby carrots with ranch, steamed broccoli, pineapple, cookie
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, lettuce and tomato garnish, refried beans, salsa, tiny tomato cup, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, multigrain chip, savory green beans, fresh apple slices
Friday: Cheeseburger with garnish, oven fries, veggie cup, oranges

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 28-Dec. 2
Breakfast
 Milk, juice and cereal are served daily.
Monday: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit
Tuesday: Chicken-biscuit, fruit
Wednesday: French toast, sausage, fruit
Thursday: Pancake, sausage
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden salad, Tuscan vegs, roll, fruit
Tuesday: Pizza, baby carrots, broccoli, chilled pineapples, sugar cookie
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce/tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples
Thursday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll
Friday: French bread pizza, salad, California blend veggies, peaches, pudding

Rule School Menu

Nov. 28-Dec. 2
Breakfast
 Juice, milk and fruit are offered daily.
Monday: Pancake wrap, yogurt
Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit
Wednesday: French toast, sausage
Thursday: Breakfast boat
Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll,

salad, Tuscan veggies, fresh fruit choice
Tuesday: Pizza, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple, cookie
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, lettuce garnish, refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples
Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, fries, veggie cup, orange smiles
Friday: Pulled pork sandwich, multi-grain chips, coleslaw, green beans, apple slices

Now is the time to prepare for adverse winter weather

Each year, motorists lose their lives on icy bridges. It only takes a small amount of ice on bridges or roads to make your vehicle go out of control. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not assume the posted speed limit is the safe speed. Excellent winter weather travel information from TxDOT will also be provided.

Now is the time to prepare for adverse winter weather. For road conditions, please go to the Texas Department of Transportation's website www.drivetexas.org or call 1-800-452-9292.

Have a good plan of action when it comes to winter weather:

- Have more than one way to receive NWS Winter Weather Watches and Warnings and have a plan of action
- Prepare your vehicle and monitor temperatures and visibilities.
- Drive according to the condition of the highway.
- Practice safe fire prevention.
- Assemble a disaster kit.
- Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm.
- Patchy freezing drizzle or rain is deadly. When the temperature falls below 32

degrees, even a little mist, drizzle, or frost can create slick bridges and roadways. Slow down especially on overpasses and bridges.

•When driving in low visibilities due to dense fog or snow, slow down and use your low beams.

•Fully check and winterize your vehicle before you leave.

•Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

•Avoid traveling alone. Always drive to the conditions of the highway.

•Let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes.

•If you become stranded: *Never leave the safety of your vehicle.

*Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat.

*Open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

*Be sure to keep your exhaust clear of snow as you're keeping warm in the car.

*Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine.

*Tie a colored cloth, preferably red, to your antenna or door.

*After snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help.

Fire Safety

•Each year people die in house fires and from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating sources. Be sure to place your emergency heat sources (fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters) in a safe place away from curtains and combustible materials.

•Don't use equipment that can generate sparks outside especially when fire weather conditions are elevated or are occurring.

•Check fire extinguishers

and be sure to test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

•Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawl space or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

•Refuel before you are empty since fuel carriers may not reach you after a winter storm.

A Disaster Kit for your home and when you travel should include:

- Cell phone, charger, batteries, battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Knife
- A 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person, per day)
- High-calorie, non-perishable food
- Extra clothing to keep warm and dry (One change of clothing and shoes per person)
- Large empty can to use as emergency toilet. Tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes
- Small can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for traction
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit and tow rope
- Battery booster cables
- Water container
- Compass and road maps
- Extra cash
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members
- Prescription medicines

ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 28
 Enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, chips, picante sauce, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., Nov. 30
 Sloppy Joes, pork n beans, coleslaw, chips, pickles, onions, misc. dessert, tea or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Get your flu shot before the flu season strikes

With flu season just around the corner, health officials at the Texas Department of State Health Services urge everyone 6 months old and older to get vaccinated to protect themselves from getting the flu.

"I'm asking people to get immunized now because it takes about two weeks for the flu vaccine to become fully effective," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "Getting the flu shot every year offers the best protection against getting sick with the flu."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone at least 6 months old to get vaccinated against seasonal flu. Flu vaccination is particularly important for pregnant women, young children, older adults and people with chronic health conditions, because people in those groups are at a greater risk of severe complications if they do get the flu.

Influenza is an illness caused by one of a number of related viruses. Symptoms usually start abruptly and include fever, body aches, chills, a dry cough, sore throat, runny nose, headaches and extreme fatigue and can last a week or longer.

Take precautions to reduce your chance of getting the flu this season by getting vaccinated, washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes and

staying home if you're sick. Flu information and tips for protecting against the flu are at TexasFlu.org.

All flu vaccines this season are made to protect against viruses similar to the strains A/California/7/2009 (H1N1), A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2) and B/Brisbane/60/2008 (Victoria lineage). Some vaccines include an additional vaccine virus strain, B/Phuket/3073/2013.

This flu season the CDC does not recommend the use of the live attenuated influenza vaccine, commonly called the "nasal spray"

vaccine and sold under the trade name FluMist. Research during the last flu season measured no protective benefit.

People can contact their health care provider, local health department, local pharmacy or visit the Vaccine Finder at TexasFlu.org to find out where flu shots are available.

Health officials encourage people to seek treatment if experiencing flu symptoms. If started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, antivirals may help shorten the duration or lessen the severity of the flu.

Calendar

75th anniversary

Charles and Leatrice Swinson of Haskell are celebrating their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary with a come-and-go party at Haskell Healthcare Center, 1501 N. First in Haskell Sat., Dec. 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. No gifts, please.

Lighting contest

Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Home and Yard Lighting Contest on the weekend of Dec. 9-11. To enter everyone must have their lights on. If you live outside the city of Rule, and want to be considered, please call Rule City Hall at 940-996-2214, before Thurs., Dec. 8. Prizes will be awarded with first place being \$50, second place

\$35 and third place \$25. Everyone is encouraged to light up Rule and enter the contest.

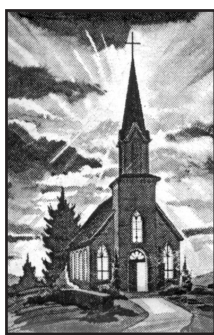
Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. A practice session will be held the Thursday before the Jubilee.

Toy drive

God Loves You Ministries is conducting its first annual toy drive. New and slightly used toys, cash donations and volunteers are needed. Contact Bobbi Long at 325-338-2292 for information.

This Week's Devotional Message:



We can all find good reasons to give our thanks

Though fortune seems to pass you by, And if you have just one good friend, There's something that you can't deny. In case misfortune should descend, At times we all have things go wrong, Then you have blessings by the score, But manage still to get along. Of things you should be thankful for. If you can somehow pay each bill, Your house of worship will convey And no one at your house is ill, This message for Thanksgiving Day, And if your children get good grades, So let us all, with one accord, And don't indulge in escapades, Extend our thanks unto the Lord.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
 Terry Bunch, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
 Sun. 10:45 a.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
 Rev. David White, pastor
 Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista
El Calvario
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 5 p; Wed. 7 p
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United
Methodist Church
 Rev. David Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a, 6 p. Wed. 6 p
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George
Catholic Church
 Father Angelo Consemmino
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
 Philip Sims, minister
 Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
 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; Wed. 6:30 p
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Ollie Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a, 11:00 a, 6:30 p; Wed. 7 p
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
 940-863-4405
New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
First Baptist Church
 Ollie Pierson, pastor
 Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
 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., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
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Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sunday 11 a.m
 Weinert
 —ROCHESTER—
Church of Christ
 Mitchell Greer, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Jim McCurley, 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; Wed. 7 p
 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
 Cory Graham, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Anna Robbins, pastor
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
 —RULE—
First Baptist Church
 Scott Hensley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 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
 Paul Leonard, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
 811 Union, Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Omegas
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sunday 10 a.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
 940-997-2296
West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Clovis Dever
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
 —PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek
 —O'BRIEN—
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Statistics show more than 15 million U.S. residents per year have been victims of identity theft since 2010. That's why it is more important than ever to take extra precautions to protect your personal information and reduce your risk of identity theft. In the increasingly online world we live in, consumers need to be vigilant both online and offline to not become part of the rising statistic. Below are tips to help safeguard your information.

Online Protection

Use anti-virus software

Install anti-virus, anti-spyware software and a firewall on all computers. Set your preference to update these protections often. If you have a wireless network at home or work, make sure it's secured.

Don't reuse passwords

As tempting as it may be, don't reuse passwords. This will help minimize the effects of unauthorized access to your accounts. Also, use optional security questions whenever they're offered for an extra layer of protection.

Make purchases on trusted sites

When deals seem too

good to be true, they usually are. You can easily become a victim of identity theft when you make purchases on websites that aren't secure. Stick with trusted, well-known online retailers or smaller sites that use reputable payment processors. Look for the padlock icon on the bottom of your browser to verify the page is safe.

Beware of

Phishing and Spam

Don't open files, click on links or download programs sent by strangers as it could expose your system to a computer virus or spyware that captures your personal information. It's best to also not open emails from friends that contain only a link as these are often viruses. Beware of phishing schemes in which you think you're signing into your bank account, when it's a ploy to get your important information. Always sign in by going to your bank's website.

Use caution with public computers

Make sure to never save private information on a public computer. Always log out completely from your accounts, and never save login information on

these computers.

Check your credit report annually

Each of the major credit bureaus - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion - provides consumers with a free copy of their credit report each year. Your credit report is your window into your identity security, and it's advised to check it once annually to ensure nothing is amiss.

Offline Protection Lock up important documents

Keep financial documents and records in a safe place at home, and lock your wallet or purse in a safe place at work. If you carry a purse or computer at a restaurant, keep it close to you. Keep financial information on your laptop only when necessary, and don't use an automatic login feature. The same goes for your phone - make sure it's password protected.

Limit what you carry

Take only the identification and credit/debit cards you need when you go out. Leave your Social Security card at home unless you absolutely need it, and

then immediately return it to a secure location. That is the most prized of all personal information. Carefully protect all user IDs, password information, etc. by never carrying this information in your wallet.

Ask before sharing

Before you share information at your workplace, your child's school or a doctor's office, feel free to ask why it is needed and how it will be safeguarded. Never give out personal information to anyone you don't know, either in person or on the phone, unless you initiated the contact.

Shred and wipe

Shred receipts, credit offers and applications, insurance forms, physician statements, checks, bank statements, expired charge cards and similar documents once they're no longer needed. Also, destroy labels on prescription bottles before you throw them out. When you dispose of a computer or phone, erase the hard drive and memory first.

Secure your mailbox

If your mailbox doesn't have a lock, immediately remove mail when it arrives. If you order new

checks or a new credit/debit card, don't have it mailed to your home unless you have a mailbox with a lock. If you're sending mail, drop it at a post office or locked outgoing mailbox. If you won't be in town for several days, request a vacation hold on your mail.

In the event that you become an identity theft victim, it's key to act quickly. Contact all credit providers immediately, file a police report, and contact one of the credit agencies to explain the situation and ask for a fraud alert on all of your credit accounts.

Calendar

Lighting contest

Dec. 5 is the deadline to enter your house for the 2nd Annual Residential Lighting Contest, in Haskell. Call the chamber at 940-864-2477 to enter your house. Winners will be announced after the Lighted Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 10. The winners will receive: first place \$500, second place \$300 and third place \$200, all in Haskell Dollars.

Window contest

Dec. 5 is the deadline to enter your business for the 2nd Annual Window Contest in Haskell. To enter your business you can call the chamber at 940-864-2477. One winner will be announced after the parade. The business will claim the trophy for one year at their business and receive

a free one year business membership from the chamber.

Christmas parade

This year's Haskell Lighted Christmas Parade theme is "A Farm Town Christmas." The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 10 and line up at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center/Expo parking lot. Entry forms must be filled out by coming by the chamber office or when entries come to line up for the parade. Prizes for winners are first place \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25, all in Haskell Dollars.

Special speaker

Regina Billington will be the special speaker Sun., Dec. 4 at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell.



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UNKNOWN HEIRS OF H.G. HANSON, DECEASED DEMAND FOR REIMBURSEMENT
In compliance with Chapter 29 of the Texas Property Code, Susan Black and the Heirs of Wayne Winfred Kittle, Deceased, (Petitioner) hereby makes demand on the Unknown Heirs of H.G. Hanson, Deceased, (Defendant) for reimbursement of Defendant's share of ad valorem taxes (covering an undivided 0.0712 interest) heretofore paid by

Public Notices

Petitioner on the following described real property located in Haskell County, Texas: Being 217.67 acres, more or less, out of the J. Pointevent Survey No. 5; 3.25 acres, more or less, out of the Thomas B. Starkey Survey No. 4; and All of Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Block 24, Original Town of Sagerton, Haskell County, Texas. You may respond to Petitioner at the following address: c/o L.W. (Bill) Jones, III, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1085, Haskell, TX 79521. 44-47c

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Kendal & Company's second annual Women's Night event in Haskell last Thursday was once again, a huge hit. We would like to thank all the vendors who participated along with all the lovely ladies that came out to join us for laughs, live music, food and shopping!

We would also like to thank all of our wonderful sponsors who helped make our "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" a huge success! We would like to point out two companies that went far and beyond in their support: Lake Creek Beverage Co. and Spring Market, Haskell. Additional sponsors who helped make this a wonderful event are: Karen Kaigler-Walker-The Women's Space, Kendal & Co., Modern Way, H&R Block, Summit Supply, Missy's Boutique and The Personality-Shoppe.

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811 N. 3RD, MUNDAY-3/2. \$57,500 - **NEW**
341 N. H, MUNDAY-2/1. \$42,000 - **NEW**
1041 W. CISCO, MUNDAY-2/1. \$39,000 - **PENDING**
11624 FM 617 ON 80 +/- AC. -2/2. \$180,000 - **NEW**
500 CARDIFF AVE, RULE-3/2. \$48,900 - **REDUCED**
704 SUNNY AVE., RULE-3/1. \$57,500 - **NEW**
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Maidens' basketball

Maidens smother the Lady Panthers

The Haskell Maidens used smothering man to man defense and a balanced scoring attack to hand the always tough Seymour Lady Panthers a 39-17 loss last Tuesday night at home. Haskell outscored Seymour 26-9 the second half to get the win and move to 1-2 on the season.

The Maidens were (15-44) for 34% from the field, (2-16) for 12% for three pointers, and (7-14) for 50% from the free-throw line. Senior Ashlyn Bevel led all scorers with 10 points followed by

Courtney Whitt with 9, Hollyn Hadaway 8, Landry Hanson 7, C'Era Taylor 3 and Taylor Manske 2. Leading the team in assists were Hanson and C. Taylor with 2 each.

"Offensively, I thought we executed at a very high level and our shot selection was much better than it was during our first two games. The girls did a good job making the extra pass, not forcing things, and sharing the ball," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Defensively, Haskell got four shut down quarters (below 10) and that proved to be the biggest deciding factor

in the game. "I have been very proud of our defense over the past six quarters. We have only given up 35 points over that period of time and we have stayed out of the foul penalty. If we continue to do that, we will be tough to beat," Eddleman said.

C. Taylor led all rebounders with 6 boards followed by Bevel and Manske with 3 each. Leading the team in steals was Manske with 4 and Hanson 3.

"Overall, we played extremely well on the defensive end and we did enough good things offensively to get the win. We knew Seymour would come ready to play and the girls were ready as well physically, mentally, and emotionally. I thought we played with a lot of discipline, toughness, and determination," Eddleman added.

Haskell 5 8 16 10 = 39
Seymour 4 4 8 1 = 17

JV Maidens defeated Seymour 29-20

JV Maiden results at the Spur JV Tournament

JV Maidens beat O'Donnell 62-30

JV Maidens beat Lorenzo 37-7

JV Maidens beat Hale Center 24-23 in the championship game

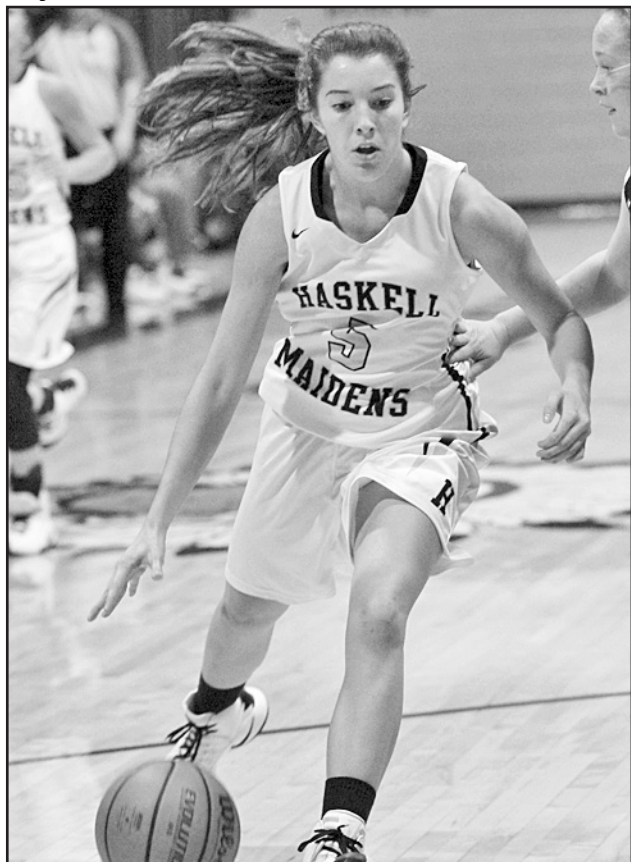
Jr. High Maiden results at Abilene Christian Middle School

7th A won 49-0

8th A won 47-20



TWO POINTS—Haskell Maiden #45 C'Era Taylor goes up for two points under the basket against Seymour.



BASKET BOUND—Haskell Maiden #5 Taylor Manske drives to the basket in the Maidens 37-19 victory over Seymour.



MAIDEN ADVANCES—Haskell Maiden #35 Ashlyn Bevel makes a move to beat the Seymour defender to the basket.

Go Indians!

Go Maidens!



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—The Haskell JV Maidens won the Haskell JV Girls' Basketball Tournament for the second year in a row. Team members are, front row, l-r, Grace Colley, Ryanna Rodriguez, Kourtney Gibson and Valerie Andrews; back row, Abree Ramos, Krislyn Tatum, Braelyn Bevel, Madison Moore, Haley Alsabrook, Kobie Walker, Jessica Andrews and Vanessa Trussel.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—The Haskell JV Maidens won the championship at the Spur JV Tournament and remain undefeated on the year at 8-0. Team members are, l-r, Coach Melissa Burson, Jessica Andrews, Madison Moore, Kobie Walker, Ryanna Rodriguez, Grace Colley, Abree Ramos, Vanessa Trussel and Valerie Andrews. Not pictured are Haley Alsabrook, Braelyn Bevel, Kourtney Gibson and Krislyn Tatum.

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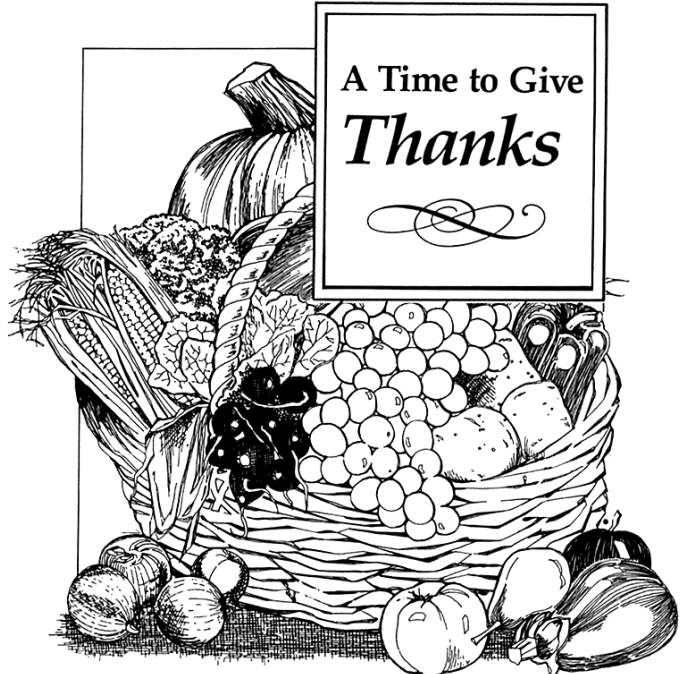
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