

Basketball

HASKELL
VG-VB Guthrie tourney
 Dec. 4-6
JH A, B game Maidens vs Roscoe
 Mon., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.
 at Roscoe
VB vs Throckmorton
 Tues., Dec. 9, 8 p.m.
 at Throckmorton
PAINT CREEK
VG/VB Woodson tourney
 Dec. 4-6
JHG/JHB vs Roby
 Mon., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Roby
VG/VB vs Blackwell
 Tues., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Blackwell
RULE
VG/VB Woodson tourney
 Dec. 4-6
JHB-G vs Rotan
 Mon., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Rotan

Calendar

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., 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 Thurs., Dec. 4 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Dec. 25.

Christmas parade

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade will be held Sat., Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is, "West Texas Christmas." Entry forms are available at the Chamber office, by calling 864-2477 or at the parade line up. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. A Christmas movie will be shown on the east side of the square following the parade.

Brisket dinner

A barbecue brisket dinner will be served Sun., Dec. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion, 507 S. Ave. E, in Haskell. Barbeque brisket, sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, onions, pickles, bread and apple cobbler will be served. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit the American Legion, Rogers-Cox Post 221 in Haskell.

Stuffed animals

The Haskell Mommy and Me group is collecting stuffed animals to donate to the Haskell County DPS and Sheriff's offices. They hand out these animals when there is an accident involving children. The donation must be a new purchase and can be dropped off at the AgriLife Extension office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Cash donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase stuffed animals. Please drop donations off by Dec. 15.

Cantata

The Community Christmas Cantata, "What A Glorious Night," will be presented by the Haskell Community Choir Sun., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. A nursery will be provided.

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Noah Project's Tour of Homes set Sunday

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2014 INDIANS—Members of the 2014 Indian basketball team include, front row, l-r, Sean Weiser, Brad Winterstein, Kellen Parks, Marc Guzman and Dylan Hanson; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, Kade Colley, Henry Smith, Riley Meinzer and Lane Burson.

Annual Tour of Homes to be held Sunday

by Caron Yates

The Christmas season brings excitement, beauty and compassion for others. It also signals an event to which many in Haskell County look forward, the Christmas Tour of Homes.

In its 21st year, the Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour will be Sun., Dec. 7 in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour, will be Brooke & Joe Ray Camacho, 807 N. Ave. G; Chelsie & Cody Polk, 1104 N. 8th; Jenny & Doug Easterling, 116 U.S. Hwy 380 West; Sovereignty Abstract & Title, 318 N. 1st; and Richardson's True Value, Hwy. 277 North.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any advisory committee member, at the Noah Project-North office, or at the door on the day of the tour. Homes may be toured in any order

from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at Richardson's.

The benefits of this event are twofold. Not only do you get to enjoy the beauty of these homes, but you are also helping raise funds for a very worthy cause.

The Noah Project-North's mission is to support people dealing with the crisis of family violence. Family violence is one of the most common, as well as devastating, problems in our country. They provide victims a safe shelter, help with basic living essentials, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal and medical advocacy. Their services are available to all victims of family violence.

Services provided by Noah Project-North are supported through grants, donations and the various fund-raisers held throughout

the year.

Donna Sue Anders is the Noah Project-North service area director, and she is assisted by Janis Brzozowski.

The Noah Project-North, which serves five counties, offers not only help to victims, but also provides educational programs for all ages, including training for any professional audience.

The Noah Project-North

is also selling poinsettias for \$12.50 or \$25 dressed. Contact the Noah office or any advisory member for more information or to place your order.

In order to continue to provide services, Noah Project-North needs our help. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a worthy cause.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Anonymous.....	\$20
Anonymous.....	\$20
Anonymous.....	\$1000
Anonymous.....	\$10
Total to date.....	\$1050

Haskell FFA teams advance to state contests

Haskell FFA students have been extremely busy competing in leadership development contests over the past few weeks. FFA leadership development contests aim at developing students' premier leadership, critical thinking and public speaking skills.

On Nov. 18 at the Double Mountain District contests, Haskell FFA was proudly represented by 31 members competing in eleven events. Unlike UIL and athletic events, FFA competitions are not divided by school size; all schools, no matter how large or small, compete against each other. The Area II FFA Association includes all schools from Haskell to Brownfield and from Sonora to El Paso.

Four teams advanced from district to compete at the Area II FFA Contests on Saturday at Big Spring. Advancing to the State competition will include the first place Jr. Farm Skills, first place FFA Radio, and second place Ag Issues Forum

teams. Congratulations to all our Haskell FFA Leadership Teams and good luck to those advancing to state.

Results from District and Area are as follows:

Agriculture Advocacy: second place, District; sixth place, Area. Competing were Sarah Campbell, Reagan Hadaway, Kourtney Howard and Morgan Nava.

Ag Issues Forum: first place, District; second place, Area. Team advances to State Contest Dec. 4-6. Competing were Makenzie Gass, Chase Gibson, Daphni Leonard,

Katy Newberry and Alye Stewart.

FFA Radio: second place District; first place, Area. Team advances to State Contest Dec. 4-6. Competing were Makenzie Gass, Kameryn Mathis and Alye Stewart.

FFA Radio: second place, District. Competing were Ariel Martinez, Riley Sloan and Tanner Thomas.

Jr. FFA Skills: second place District; first place, Area. Team advances to State Contest Dec. 4-6. Competing were Kenna

Ferguson, Kameryn Mathis and Ariel Martinez.

Sr. FFA Skills: third place, District. Competing were Lane Burson, Sam Fouts and Hayden Hudson.

Public Relations: third place, District. Competing were Kylie Adams, Jacee Guess, Pryce Stewart and Payton Thomas.

Jr. Chapter Conducting: third place, District. Competing were Jaycee Ferguson, Sarah Fouts, Makinzie Garvin, Dalton Meinzer, Lori Rodgers, Riley Sloan and Tanner Thomas.

Goodfellows seek funds to help those in need

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

On Sat., Dec. 6 and Sat., Dec. 13, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

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

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; 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 made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Jr. FFA Quiz: fourth place, District. Competing were Griffin Coleman, Cody Dutton, Hollyn Hadaway, Kyler Hoover, Dalton Meinzer and Adriel Rivas.

Jr. FFA Creed: third place, District. Competing was Kenna Ferguson.

Jr. FFA Creed: sixth place, District. Competing was Sarah Fouts.

Sr. FFA Creed: seventh place, District. Competing was Kourtney Howard.

Sr. FFA Creed: eighth place, District. Competing was Sam Fouts.



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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Nov. 24 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Whitt, Councilwoman Jill Druessedow and Councilmen Allen Morrow, Earnest Frye and Dan Hoover in attendance.

After a discussion, the city was advised by City Attorney Lois Rockefeller that the city will not be able to give a gift, discount or free utilities to anyone, including retired firemen.

The city's holiday schedule was set.

The council approved the easement for the Chamber of Commerce billboard located on city land just south of the feed store on business 277 south.

No RFPs were received for the roof at the Helen Farabee Center in the old City Hall so the Council authorized City Administrator Brandon Anderson to seek out roofers and attain quotes to be reviewed at the next council meeting.

A budget amendment adjusting insurance money received on the stolen tractor was approved.

The Council went into executive session to discuss the prospective sale of the land south of town and any legal issues that may apply.

Returning to regular session, two received bids were opened on the land south of town.

The high bid received for the property south of town from Sam Toliver was accepted.

The Council went into executive session to discuss the city secretary position.

Returning to regular session the Council approved confirming the Mayor's appointment of Linda St. John to the position of city secretary.

Director of Public Works and Safety Matthew Duran, Police Chief Scott Kennedy and City Administrator Anderson gave their respective reports to the council.

Public comment was given by Phil Sims.



FFA RADIO TEAM—Members of the Haskell FFA Radio team are, l-r, Kameryn Mathis, Alye Stewart and Makenzie Gass. The team advanced to the State Contest held Dec. 4-6.



FFA AG JR. SKILLS TEAM—Members of the Haskell FFA Jr. Skills team are, l-r, Kenna Ferguson, Ariel Martinez and Kameryn Mathis. The team advanced to the State Contest held Dec. 4-6.



FFA AG ISSUES TEAM—Members of the Haskell FFA Ag Issues team are, l-r, Daphni Leonard, Katie Newberry, Chase Gibson, Alye Stewart and Makenzie Gass. The team advanced to the State Contest held Dec. 4-6.

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TxDot encourages getting a safe ride after celebrations

As holiday festivities get into full swing, the Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers to stay safe and sober when traveling to and from parties and other celebrations.

"We want drivers to have fun over the holidays, but more importantly, we want them to celebrate responsibly," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Make a sober ride part of your plans and don't let one bad choice ruin the holidays for you and your family."

TxDOT's Sober Ride Sleigh will be visiting more than a dozen cities across Texas to draw attention to the importance of having a sober ride. The "sleigh" is a donated limousine wrapped to look like a holiday gift. It will visit shopping malls, parades and other holiday-related venues.

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2013-Jan. 1, 2014), there were 2,367 DUI-alcohol traffic crashes in Texas resulting in 763 serious injuries and 92 fatalities. While these figures are staggering, DUI traffic fatalities actually decreased 8.9 percent compared with the same time frame the previous year.

"A decrease in fatalities is always welcome news and I think it speaks to the importance of our aggressive impaired driving campaigns," Weber said. "As Texans, however, we must do better because one life lost to

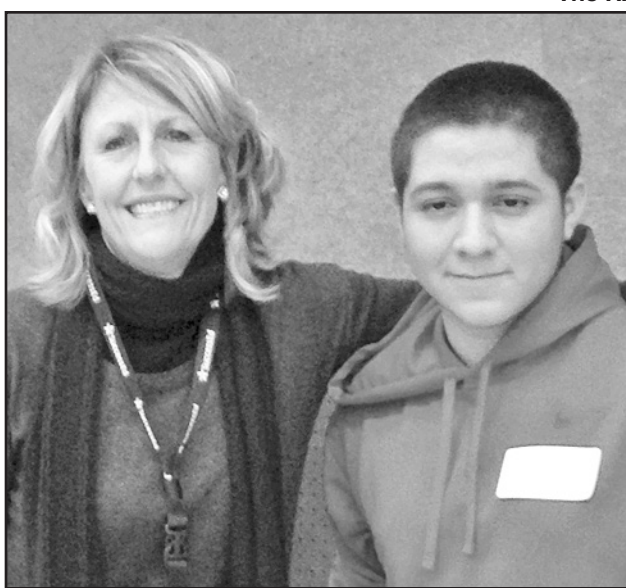
impaired driving is not only tragic, but also preventable."

The TxDOT Sober Ride Sleigh campaign occurs in conjunction with law enforcement's increased holiday efforts to crack down on drunk driving and curb vehicle crashes and fatalities. In many jurisdictions, no-refusal programs will be implemented.

TxDOT also is partnering with the National Safety Council and some of the state's largest employers to help promote the safe and sober message this holiday season. The Texas Hospitality Association and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission also will be distributing sober ride materials in stores and venues where alcohol is sold. Finally, TxDOT is working with transit authorities in Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi to encourage people to use the bus to get sober rides home.

Texans who make a pledge to have a sober ride this holiday season can enter to win donated prizes, including a day at the Richard Petty Racing Experience at Texas Motor Speedway or a SpaFinder gift certificate valued at \$2,000. Three runners-up each will win a \$1,000 American Express gift card. Contest details and ways to enter can be found at holidaysoberride.com.

Texans looking for a sober ride can visit soberrides.org for assistance.



HELPS OUT—Rule ISD sophomore Devin Martinez, right, went to Abilene Fri., Nov. 21 to help out with the Annual Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival at the Hillcrest Church of Christ. He is pictured with Jimmy Kay Peters. Activities included crafts, games, goodies, food, giving back to the community, preparing an evening meal for the families, expanded core curriculum skills and transition. This is an annual joint project between ESC 14, Division for Blind Services, and local schools.

Free ACU basketball

All Big Country elementary school students, faculty and staff are invited to watch the ACU women's basketball team for free

Mon., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. vs. Southwestern Christian. Free admission also will be given to any person who brings a gift to donate to Toys for Tots.

Elementary students to hold Christmas program

Parents, family and friends are invited to an old-fashioned Christmas celebration, performed by Haskell Kindergarten, first grade and second grade

students, Thurs., Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary cafeteria.

An open house from 6 to 7 p.m. will follow the performance.

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Rule ISD seeks students for G/T

Rule ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

Anyone wishing to nominate a child believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the office at Rule School

to pick up the necessary forms. The office is open daily from 7:50 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this test.

The nomination period for Rule ISD is Dec. 1-5.

For further assistance, contact Shannon Deen during school hours at 940-997-2783 or 940-997-2246.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Suspected shooter dies in confrontation with police officer

AUSTIN—Police responded to reports of gunfire in the capital city's downtown area around 2 a.m. on Nov. 28.

An estimated 100 shots were fired in about 10 minutes, hitting buildings including the Mexican consulate, police headquarters and the federal court building. No pedestrians, motorists or building occupants were reported injured in the incident.

An armed suspect identified as Larry Steven McQuilliams, 49, of Austin, was shot and killed when he was confronted by an Austin police officer near police headquarters. Bomb squad officers searched McQuilliams' parked vehicle and found small propane tanks of a kind the suspect may have used in a failed attempt to set the consulate building afire.

Perry extends proclamation

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 24 announced the renewal of the emergency disaster proclamation he originally signed in July 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

This month, the proclamation applies to 92 of the state's 254 counties. In contrast, the proclamation applied to 98 specified counties in the month of October. The drought proclamation directs that "all necessary measures, both public and private" as authorized by state law "be implemented to meet that threat" and "all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster."

Noted public servant dies

Former state Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, died Nov. 20 at his home in Austin.

Farabee, 81, served as a member of the Texas Senate from 1975 to 1988. He resigned from office in 1988 to accept a position as general counsel for the University of Texas System. His son David Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, served as a state representative from 1999 to 2011.

A Dec. 5 memorial is scheduled in the state Capitol Senate Chamber. Burial will be in the Texas State Cemetery on Dec. 6.

Illegal fishing is targeted

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Nov. 21 announced its Law Enforcement Division and the U.S. Coast Guard are distributing a wanted poster seeking any information related to illegal fishing activities along the Texas-Mexico border.

According to the

announcement, "both agencies are investigating multiple cases of Texas and federal conservation law violations, including illegal long lining, gill netting, crabbing, hoop netting, shrimping and other offenses."

Citizens are urged to report suspected illegal fishing by calling the Operation Game Thief hotline, 1-800-792-GAME.

Jobless rate decreases

Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 21 reported the state's economy added 35,200 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in October and over the year, Texas added 421,900 total nonfarm jobs, setting a record for jobs added in Texas for the third consecutive month.

Eight of 11 major industries added jobs in Texas over the month, led by Trade, Transportation, and Utilities with 17,500 jobs added in October.

According to the agency, Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area had the lowest October unemployment rate in the state at 2.5 percent; Odessa MSA came in second at 3.0 percent; and Amarillo MSA ranked third at 3.5 percent.

TCEQ opposes proposal

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Nov. 26 publicized its opposition to a proposal by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to lower the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone air pollution from 75 parts per billion to a range of 65-70 parts per billion.

TCEQ Chair Bryan W. Shaw said the rule change would increase costs and yield "no significant health benefits."

Also, TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker said he found it "offensive for EPA to make this announcement the day before Thanksgiving without giving the TCEQ, one of the largest environmental regulatory agencies in the world, a courtesy call to alert us it was coming."

Group underlines resolve

Texas Railroad Commission member Barry Smitherman on Nov. 19 reported the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' adoption of a resolution "reiterating both its 2009 resolution supporting state regulation of hydraulic fracturing and recognizing and reiterating that states are well suited to effectively regulate their (own) natural resources."

Some two weeks earlier, local option, as a way to limit hydraulic fracturing activities, caught state and national attention in the Nov. 4 election, when city of Denton voters passed a ban on further hydraulic fracturing within city limits.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 2, 2004

The Haskell Indians defeated the Goldthwaite Eagles 21 to 7, to become the Regional Champs. The Indians used a hard-hitting defense, along with ball control to gain this victory. Ray Cuellar led the defensive unit with 12 tackles, 3 behind the line of scrimmage. Josh Kimmel, Jon Dulaney and Nate Webb, had one sack each.

The Wild Horse Gang team of Ryder Cude, Calder Cude, Gay Lynn Gary and Brooke Bullinger, tied for first place in the overall world championship competition at the Working Ranch Cowboys Association Jr. Ranch Rodeo, held in Amarillo. They competed in the senior division.

Joe Higgins, Hamlin area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, announced that work has begun on the construction of the US 277 4.9 mile four-lane relief route around Haskell.

20 Years Ago December 8, 1994

Tom and Mary Kaigler of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Karen Kaigler-Walker and M.E. Walker.

New owners of The Haskell Free Press, John and Doris McDougal, were welcomed by members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. Also a new business, Haskell Apartments and Self Storage

Center managed by Alta Faye Harvey, was welcomed by the Chamber.

Pvt. Donald Mahan, son of Leonard and Linda Mahan of Weinert, is stationed in Haiti serving with the 10th Mount of the U.S. Army. He is assisting his unit with policing duties.

30 Years Ago December 6, 1984

Smokey the Bear, the float sponsored by the Haskell VFD, was the grand prize winner in the 3rd annual Night Christmas Parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herricks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children. They have lived in Weinert their entire married life and have been active in church and civic affairs.

Winning entries in the recent Pecan Show were Wallace Allison, S.A. Ezzell, Bennie Flores and Mrs. Willie Berryhill.

40 Years Ago December 5, 1974

Denise Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darold Roberson of Haskell, and Rebekah Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Smith of Rochester, were both initiated into Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society, at West Texas State University.

Receiving 4-H Awards in the Horse division were Glenda Gayle Chapman, James Hopkins, Debbie Morris, Carl Hopkins, Debbie Aycock and Susie

Hopkins.

Haskell Maiden Karen Croft was leading scorer with 24 points as the Maidens were defeated by Wylie 51 to 44. Emily Thigpen had 10, Christie McAdams scored 8 and Gena Lancaster had two to round out the scoring.

50 Years Ago December 3, 1964

All past commanders of Rodgers-Cox Post 221 were honored with a post-wide barbecue. In 1920 John Payne, retired druggist, was the first commander of the post. He was followed as commander in 1921 by Charles Conner, florist and nurseryman.

Jesse Dean of Dean Butane Co. in Haskell, has joined forces with other members of the Texas Butane Dealers Association, to co-sponsor the "Outstanding Young Farmer of Texas" awards program.

100 Years Ago December 5, 1914

F.G. Alexander & Sons will pay above market prices for cotton in exchange for dry goods, until the market changes.

County Superintendent R.C. Williams is to be congratulated on his excellent management and execution of the Haskell County Teachers Institute. About one hundred teachers have been assembled in Haskell, discussing and working out plans for better schools.

Guy Speck of Rochester, left on business to Stamford, Sunday night.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 24-30:

Roland Cisneros, Jr., possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

Katherine Denise Young, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Travis Bryan Hicks, forgery x2 theft class B misdemeanor.

Forty-two calls were made to 911.

Weather

by Kim Hutto

National Weather Service Volunteer Co-op Observer

Temperature

Mon., Nov. 24.....43°/60°
Tues., Nov. 25.....32°/61°
Wed., Nov. 26.....40°/60°
Thurs., Nov. 27.....32°/61°
Fri., Nov. 28.....39°/70°
Sat., Nov. 29.....48°/78°
Sun., Nov. 30.....49°/80°

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Highland 35, Haskell 34
Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 13, Klose 10, Shelton 6, Bevel 3, Stewart 2.
JV: Haskell 30, Highland 9

Boys

Haskell 44, Highland 33
Scoring for Haskell: Hanson 20, Colley 9, Parks 8, Winterstein 3, Burson 2, Smith 2.
JV: Haskell 52, Highland 11

Loans available from BCEC

Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. has a limited amount of funds available for low-interest loans to qualified applicants to stimulate rural development.

Applicant does not have to be a member of Big Country Electric Cooperative.

Please contact Linda Key at keyllk@bigcountry.coop for details.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

USDA offers assistance to producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that nearly 2,500 applicants will receive disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses suffered from Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2013.

The program, re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides disaster relief to livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs. Eligible losses may include excessive heat or winds, flooding, blizzards, hail,

wildfires, lightning strikes, volcanic eruptions, and diseases, or in the case of honeybees, losses due to colony collapse disorder. Beekeepers, most of whom suffered honeybee colony losses, represent more than half of ELAP recipients.

"As promised, we're making sure that thousands of producers who suffered through two and a half difficult years without Farm Bill assistance, are getting some relief," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack "Once the Farm Bill was restored, not only did we implement the disaster assistance programs in record time,

we're issuing payments less than three months after the enrollment deadline. The funds will hopefully help producers with some of the financial losses they sustained during that time."

The Farm Bill caps ELAP disaster funding at \$20 million per federal fiscal year. To accommodate the number of requests, which exceeded funds available for each of the affected years, payments will be reduced to ensure that all eligible applicants receive a prorated share of assistance.

ELAP was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has

made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

To learn more about USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs, visit the FSA factsheet page at www.fsa.usda.gov/factsheets or contact your local FSA office at <http://go.usda.gov/pYV3>.

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How to avoid senior fraud

As the senior population in the United States continues to grow, so does the scope of financial crimes committed against them. In 2012, the Census Bureau estimated that 43 million Americans are over the age of 65. That number is expected to double in the next 40 years. Stealing seniors' hard-earned money is one of the most prevalent forms of financial fraud that takes place today.

Telemarketing and email scams, including fake sweepstakes, are the most common forms of fraud that impact seniors. An important rule to know is that any sweepstakes that requires advance fees or upfront charges is a scam. And in no instances should money be wired to a stranger. Another type of telemarketing scam is the fake governmental agency call. This type of scam involves access to government benefits and includes requests for personal information such as social security numbers or Medicare information.

Medicare fraud happens exclusively to the elderly. Every American older than 65 is eligible for Medicare. Scam artists often pose as Medicare representatives to solicit personal information. With some scams, services and screenings are provided through mobile clinics. These mobile clinics will visit senior citizen centers,

and personal information is collected to bill Medicare for fraudulent services. Always ask questions about medical services being offered and know that free services should never require that personal information is provided.

Funeral and cemetery scams happen far too often as well. This usually happens in two ways. In the first, a perpetrator will scan obituaries and contact the grieving widow or widower with a claim that the deceased had an outstanding debt. Alternately, seniors are exploited by disreputable funeral homes, which will use unfamiliarity with funeral costs to add unnecessary charges. For example, a funeral director might insist that embalming or an expensive casket is necessary for cremation. Texas state law doesn't require either. More information about Texas mortuary laws can be found by contacting the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

Additionally, having equity in a home makes seniors a target for fake mortgage lenders who will offer reverse mortgages, a popular form of home lending for seniors. Scammers will try to sell unsecured reverse mortgages, which can lead to property owners losing their homes. A common tactic is to offer either a free house to live in or cash

in exchange for the title to the property. A real estate attorney should always be consulted before pursuing any sort of reverse mortgage.

The Grandparent Scam preys upon the hearts of the elderly. A perpetrator pretends to be a grandchild, law enforcement officer or medical professional with a story that the grandchild is in legal or medical trouble and needs money immediately to resolve the issue. This scam is easy to avoid if a senior never provides personal information to anyone over the phone. If someone calls claiming to be a grandchild in trouble, ask about personal information only that person would know. Most seniors will be extremely alarmed when a grandchild is in trouble and often unwittingly provide verbal clues to a scam artist.

Unfortunately, it's not always strangers perpetrating these crimes. According to the National Council on Aging, more than 90 percent of reported elder abuse is committed by an older person's own family members, most often the adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others.

The best rule of thumb to avoid being a victim is to never provide personal information to a stranger and don't send money or provide a credit card number to "verify," "guarantee" or "process" a prize.



FOOD DRIVE—Haskell FCCLA collected food cans and supplies for the Noah Project on Wed., Nov 19. Donations will go to victims of family violence in Haskell County while they are in temporary shelters. Pictured, l-r, are Corben Davis, Fonda Newton—advisor, Victoria Kucera, Adriel Rivas, Trey Lira, Jolene Navarette and Kacie Shaw.

The walking cardiovascular cure

Does your job have you out and about, up and down, and moving around, or does it keep you planted in a chair for most of the day? If yours is an out-and-about type job, consider yourself lucky, according to a study published recently in *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*. The study, led by Dr. Jarett Berry, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, found that long periods of sedentary behavior hurt overall cardiorespiratory fitness—or exercise capacity—even for people who exercise regularly. What cubicle dwellers need to do is find ways to work movement into their workday, such as replacing the traditional coffee break with a walking break.

Here are some other ideas for working movement into your daily office routine:

- Pace while talking on the phone.
- Instead of emailing a question to a co-worker at the other end of the building, walk to his/her desk.
- Suggest to colleagues that you hold a walking meeting instead of the usual conference-table

- Always take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- If possible, replace your desk with an

adjustable standing desk or, even better, a treadmill desk, and stand or walk on the treadmill part of each hour.



Robert Gonzales
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Calendar

Poinsettias

The Noah Project—North is now taking orders for their Christmas poinsettias! The beautiful poinsettias are \$12.50 each or \$25.00 each for the dressed ones. Please call the Noah office at 940-864-2551 to place your order. We will deliver them Dec. 4-6. Please place your orders and support the Noah Project. Advisory committee members are also taking orders. Please pay when you place your order.

Tour of Homes

The annual Noah Project-North will present their Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door, the Noah Project office or from any Advisory Committee member. On the tour are the homes of Brooke and Joe Ray Camacho, 807 N. Ave. G; Chelsie and Cody Polk, 1104 N. 8th; Jenny and Doug Easterling, 116 U.S. Hwy. 380 West; Sovereignty Abstract & Title, 318 N. 1st; and Richardson's, Hwy. 277 North where refreshments will be served.

Movie night

Haskell Early Learning Center will present Haskell Family Movie Night Sat., Dec. 13 on the square 6:30 p.m. following the parade and ticket drawings. The movie is shown outdoors and is free for all ages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or glass containers will be permitted.

Dance

A monthly country dance will be held at the American Legion, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell Thurs., Dec. 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring "Cottonwood Cowboys." Admission is \$5. No alcohol is permitted. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues.,

Dec. 16 at 6:45 p.m. at 1422 Tanglewood, Abilene, just off South 14th Street and Leggett. A light meal will be served. An ornament exchange will be held, so those attending should bring an ornament to trade. For more information, contact Tammy Crowe at 325-518-3464.

Medical fund

A fund to help with the medical expenses of Tammy Parham of Haskell, who works as secretary of the AgriLife Extension and is very involved with 4-H, has been established at First Bank Texas, 200 S. Ave. E, P.O. Box 527, Haskell, TX 79521.

AWANA

AWANA children's activities at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will meet every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (on school days, not holidays), AWANA is a ministry for children 5 years old (by

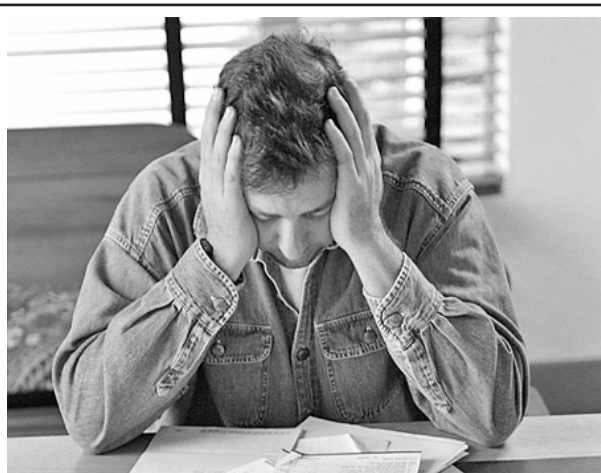
Sept. 1) through sixth grade. Activities include Bible stories, scripture memory, games and snacks. No pre-registration required. For more information, go to <http://www.cornerstonehaskell.org/> or call 940-864-5557.

TeamKID

TeamKID will meet at the First Baptist Church in Haskell on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The program is for children ages 4 years pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

Hour of prayer

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. C, Haskell will hold an hour of prayer from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Come by the church to pray for our city, state, country and other needs. Contact pastor Earnest Flanders, Jr. at 863-4405 for information.



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IN THE PAINT—Haskell Indian #40 Henry Smith goes up in the paint for two points over the Highland defenders.



TWO POINTS—Haskell Indian #24 Dylan Hanson goes up for two points in the paint during the Highland game.



TWO POINTS—Haskell Maiden #5 Jacie Klose drives in for the two point lay up against Highland.

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 8	jello, tea or coffee
Meatballs with tomato gravy, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, Coke cake, tea or coffee	Fri., Dec. 12
	BBQ sausage, ranch style beans, coleslaw, garlic toast, strawberry cake, tea or coffee
Wed., Dec. 10	Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
Hamburger with all the trimmings, chips, brownie,	

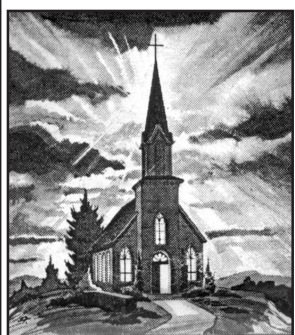
Haskell School Menu

Dec. 8-12
Breakfast
 Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles or cereal variety and toast
Tuesday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and toast
Wednesday: Texas toast and scrambled eggs or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Muffin and yogurt or cereal variety and toast
Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast
Lunch
 Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, carrot coins, sliced peaches, bread stick, chocolate or vanilla pudding
Tuesday: Two crispy tacos with Spanish rice, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon apples
Wednesday: Turkey and dressing with gravy, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, roll, fruit, cranberry sauce
Thursday: Teriyaki beef sandwich, baked potato chips, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles
Friday: Sloppy Joe sliders, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit



ON THE MOVE—Haskell Maiden #21 Destiny Benavides moves the ball around the perimeter of the court.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith reveals our greatest blessings

Our blessings that have come to pass,
 We tend to disregard;
 Because we see the greenest grass
 In someone else's yard.
 The magic thing we call success
 Eludes us, come what may;
 And thus it seems that happiness
 Will never come our way.

However, through the church we find
 That there's no need to roam,
 For happiness and peace of mind
 Are always close to home.
 So, don't go searching all around,
 And some day you'll agree:
 The greenest grass of all is found
 Wherever you may be!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

<p>—HASKELL—</p> <p>East Side Baptist Church Terry Bunch, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church Sun. 10:45 a.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church Rev. David White, pastor Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Rev. Weston Pendergrass, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church Father Angelo Consemmino Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>Church of Christ Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Baptist Church Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p>	<p>Greater Independent Baptist Church Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell 940-863-4405</p> <p>New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Baptist Church Jim Reid, interim pastor Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. 1600 N. First St., Haskell</p> <p>God Loves You Ministries Mark Wallace, pastor Church Service 10 a.m. West side of square, Haskell</p> <p>—WEINERT—</p> <p>First Baptist Church Dan Bullock, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. Weinert</p> <p>Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sunday 11 a.m. Weinert</p>	<p>Faith Chapel of Rochester Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwy. 6, Rochester</p> <p>—SAGERTON—</p> <p>Sagerton Methodist Church Cory Graham, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church Anna Robbins, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sagerton</p> <p>—RULE—</p> <p>First Baptist Church Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ Paul Leonard, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 811 Union, Rule</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegas Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p. 500 Elm Street, Rule</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church Russell Stanley, pastor Sunday 10 a.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule 940-997-2296</p> <p>West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p>
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Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 8-12
Breakfast
 Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Breakfast club
Wednesday: Toast, eggs
Thursday: Oatmeal round, yogurt
Friday: Pizza
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, breadsticks, salad, pudding
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas, chips, beans, salad, applesauce
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, strawberries and bananas
Thursday: Teriyaki beef sandwich, chips, salad, oranges
Friday: Hot dogs, fries, cucumbers, cookies



SINKS TWO POINTS—Haskell Maiden #53 Kenzie Shelton sinks two points for the Maidens.

Rule School Menu

Dec. 8-12
Breakfast
 Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Chicken n biscuit
Tuesday: Animal crackers, cheese stick
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled egg, sausage
Thursday: Muffin, yogurt
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pork chop, salad, carrot coins, sliced peaches, bread sticks
Tuesday: Tacos, Spanish rice, salad, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawboerries, roll
Thursday: Sloppy Joe, fries, cucumbers, fresh fruit
Friday: Teriyaki beef sandwich, chips, broccoli, ranch, salad, orange

Maidens basketball

Maidens fall to fourth ranked Lady Hornets
 The Haskell Maidens hosted the fourth ranked Highland Lady Hornets last Tuesday night. Highland drained two free-throws with no time remaining to get the 35-34 win over Haskell. The Maidens started the fourth quarter up 31-23, but the Lady Hornets came scratching and clawing back to secure the one point victory. Haskell moves to 4-1 on the season.

Reagan Hadaway led all scorers with 13 points followed by Jacie Klose with 10, Kenzie Shelton 6, Ashlyn Bevel 3 and Alye Stewart 2. Leading the team in assists was Hadaway with 5 and Klose 3. "Offensively, we did a great job handling their 1-2-1-1 press. Unfortunately, we did not shoot the ball well from the field or free-throw line and that was the biggest factor in the outcome of the game," head coach Blake Eddleman said. Haskell shot 14-50 (28%) from the field and 3-7 (42%) from the free-throw line.

Hadaway had a team high 5 steals followed by Crissy Bassett with 3 and Klose 2. "Defensively, I thought the girls did an excellent job. We held them to 35 points and that is a huge accomplishment against a very good team like Highland," Eddleman said.

"Overall, it was very disappointing to lose to Highland after leading the entire game for 32 minutes. However, I was very proud of the girl's effort and defensive play. It was a great non-district game for both schools and the kind of game that we will both benefit from as our season progresses," Eddleman said.

Highland 9 5 12 =35
 Haskell 15 5 11 3 =34

Scoring: Hadaway 13, Klose 10, Shelton 6, Bevel 3 and Stewart 2.

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How to choose a health insurance plan

A Harvard study published in the American Journal of Medicine reports that 62 percent of household bankruptcies filed are due to medical bills. What is even more alarming is that 78 percent of those households had health insurance. While the cost of healthcare continues to rise, health insurance plans intended to control costs have been unable to do so. Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, many Americans have needed to learn about a product that is unfamiliar to them. Below are tips to consider when choosing a health insurance plan.

Plan Type

There are several types of plans, and each plan offers a different coverage option. Health maintenance organizations (HMOs)

and exclusive provider organizations (EPOs) limit the doctors and hospitals that the participant may access under the plan's network. There is generally no coverage for an out-of-network provider. With an HMO, a participant designates the primary care physician (PCP) and must have a referral to visit a specialist. Preferred provider organizations (PPOs) and point-of-service (POS) plans offer in- and out-of-network coverage but the policyholder usually pays a higher amount for using out-of-network providers. With a POS, a participant must have a referral to visit an out-of-network provider. A high deductible health plan (HDHP) generally has lower monthly premiums because all costs accumulate to the

much higher deductible with no copays. In 2014, the minimum deductible requirement is \$1,250 for an individual and \$2,500 for a family. An HDHP can be paired with a health savings account (HSA) or health reimbursement account (HRA) to pay for the eligible medical costs. A HDHP plan is considered catastrophic incident insurance rather than traditional insurance with coverage that includes routine office visits and prescription copays.

Benefits and Costs

While individuals usually consider the monthly premium for their health insurance, they don't always include the costs associated with the plan benefits. Policyholders should evaluate their anticipated annual medical needs—including regular check-

ups, office visits, lab work and prescriptions as well as the cost for each of these—when trying to get an accurate picture of one's healthcare cost.

Provider Coverage

Look into the extent of network coverage prior to purchasing a health insurance plan. Insurance carriers sometimes limit the network to control their costs, and this affects access to local providers.

Control Costs

The Affordable Care Act created guidelines about the cost a participant can incur with an insurance plan. The maximum out-of-pocket limit for any plan in 2014 can be no more than \$6,350 for an individual and \$12,700 for a family. In 2015, the amounts change to \$6,600 and \$13,200 respectively. Policyholders can reduce their monthly premium by

increasing the deductible, limiting the network to fewer doctors and hospitals, and adding certain exclusions such as fertility, bariatric and cosmetic procedures.

Transparency in the Medical Marketplace

Patients view doctors and other healthcare professionals with a high level of esteem because they are the experts in relieving the pains that ail us. We have not been taught to question or consider cost when it comes to our health. Question an item on a medical bill and you will get lost between the transferred calls and hold music. Health insurance has done nothing if not mask the true cost of healthcare because patients are no longer responsible for shouldering the burden of the majority of the

cost. Individuals should demand transparency in healthcare pricing. Knowing the actual cost of healthcare is the first step to accomplishing change and controlling the true cost of healthcare.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.



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community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and

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to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Marvin Stegemoeller, Mayor, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact

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City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements

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Texans urged to prepare for winter

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to begin preparing for possible winter weather, which can impact the state during the coming days and months.

"Winter weather can disrupt and endanger the lives of Texans in all parts of the state, and residents should prepare their cars and homes now for possible storms and freezing temperatures this season," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The best defense against a potential dangerous situation is early preparation."

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

- Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>.

- On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.

- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

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

- Keep your gas tank full.
- Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted.

Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, mittens

and hat.

- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries.
- First-aid kit and pocket knife.
- High calorie, non-perishable food, bottled water.
- Sack of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel.

Here are some additional

steps to prepare for winter weather:

- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.
- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.
- Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock.

• Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water.

• If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks.

• Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

Prospects good for Texas deer season

If early field reports by bow hunters and those hunting on Managed Lands Deer Permit properties are a sign of things to come, Texas hunters should see deer in good condition and above average numbers of mature bucks when the general season kicks off Nov. 1 statewide.

"I had a report of a bow hunter in Walker County connecting on a buck that scored 163 B&C (Boone & Crockett scoring system)," said Alan Cain, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department White-tailed Deer Program Leader. "It turns out it was the hunter's first time to bow hunt. I got another report of a 183 B&C buck harvested in Atascosa County on a low-fenced MLD property."

Cain noted he's received several reports indicating decent antler quality this year so hunters should be in for a nice surprise with the quality of bucks they are seeing.

The general season runs through Jan. 4, 2015 in the 209 counties that

comprise the North Zone and through Jan. 18, 2015 in the 30 counties of the South Zone. For county specific regulations, check the 2014-15 Outdoor Annual-Texas Hunting and Fishing Regulations available at hunting license sales outlets, online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us and as a free mobile app download on iOS and Android platforms at www.txoutdoorannual.com/app.

When it comes to deer, wildlife biologists use rainfall as a barometer for gauging hunting season because of the direct correlation between rainfall and impacts to habitat during certain times of the year (primarily as it relates to nutrition and cover deer need). Rainfall or a lack thereof can significantly impact deer body condition, antler quality and fawn production—the end results are what hunters see each fall.

According to Cain, mast crops (acorns, mesquite beans, etc.) that provide a good forage resource to help

deer meet the demands of raising fawns and growing antlers during the stressful part of the summer have been in good supply this year. Those native food sources appear to be carrying over into the fall, which means some hunters may have to contend with native food sources competing with artificial feeders early in the season.

"Precipitation has greened up vegetation around much of the state in the last month and with green conditions deer aren't utilizing feeders as much," Cain added. "The green vegetation and warm temperatures in October have made hunting a little tough, but there are a few folks having some luck."

Texas whitetail population estimates have remained fairly stable over the last few decades at around 4 million deer. Hunters can expect to see about the same number of deer as in 2013. Bottom line from a hunter perspective is there will be plenty of animals to pursue.

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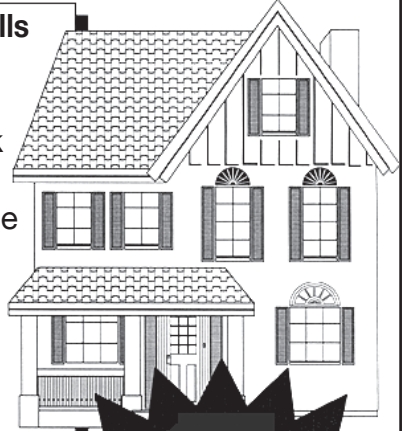
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