

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB-VB vs Windthorst
 Fri., Dec. 19, 2 p.m.
 at Haskell
JVG-VG vs Winters
 Fri., Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG vs Roby
 Fri., Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VB vs Loraine
 Fri., Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
 at Rule
VG vs Aspermont
 Fri., Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Early deadline

The deadline for news and advertising for the Christmas edition, Thurs., Dec. 25 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m. The deadline for news and advertising for the New Year's edition, Thurs., Jan. 1 of the Haskell Free Press will be Tues., Dec. 23 at noon.

Celebration

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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 20 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Lighting contest

The Rule Home and Yard Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be judged Sat., Dec. 20. To enter all you have to do is have your lights on. If you live outside the city limits and want to be considered, call City Hall 996-2214. Prizes will be awarded for first place \$50, second place \$35 and third place \$25.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2880 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Candlelight service

Haskell First United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to their Christmas Eve candlelight service Wed., Dec. 24, at 6:00 p.m.

Men's bible study

A men's bible study will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 6 at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square. The study is open to all. For more information call 940-481-0495.

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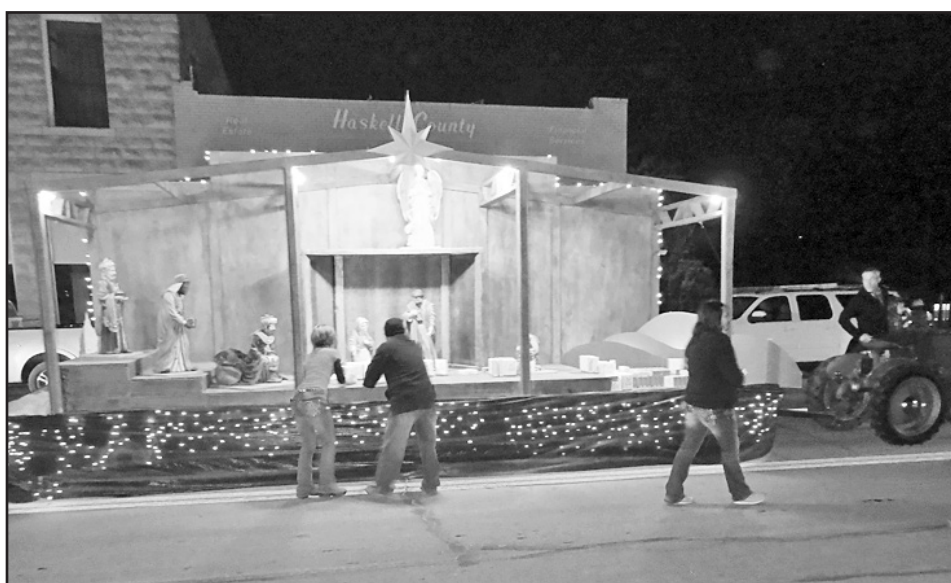
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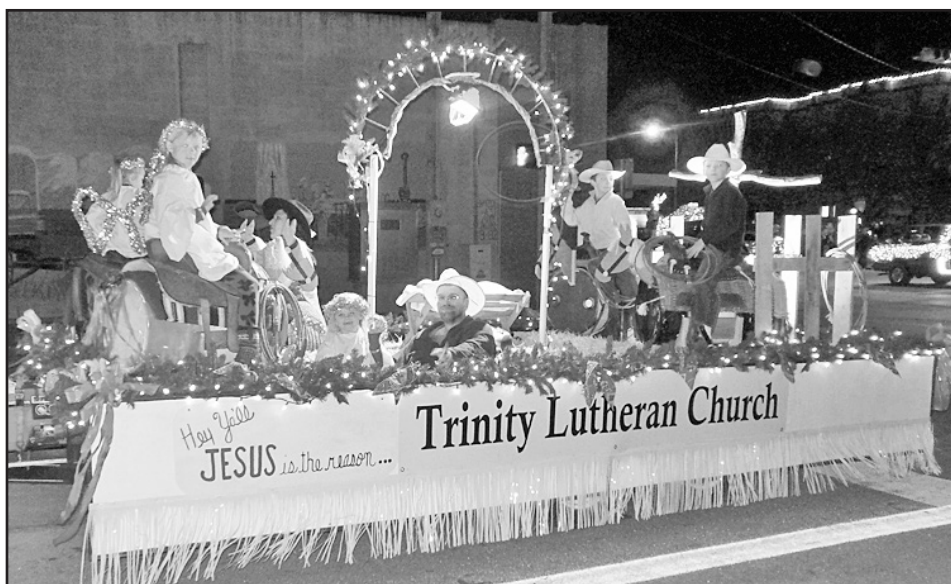
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FIRST PLACE—Winning first place in the 'West Texas Christmas' parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, held Sat., Dec. 13 around the square in Haskell was this float by Richardson's.



SECOND PLACE—Winning second place in the 'West Texas Christmas' parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, held Sat., Dec. 13 around the square in Haskell was this float by Trinity Lutheran Church.



THIRD PLACE—Winning third place in the 'West Texas Christmas' parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, held Sat., Dec. 13 around the square in Haskell was this float by Candy and Terissa Candelaria and Anita Hurst.



SANTA'S SERVERS—Members of the Haskell Lions Club served hot chocolate during the Christmas parade held Sat., Dec. 13. Members helping were, l-r, Brian Burgess, Linda Haynes and Donnie Rieger.

Goodfellows seek 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 may 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.

Wall of Honor project updated

by Caron Yates

It began as a thought, expanded into a discussion and soon became a major undertaking or project for the Progressive Study Club. The Veterans' Wall of Honor has reached the final stages toward completion.

Over three years ago, after attending a Veterans' Day celebration, Club President Dorothy Hartsfield began to think about the possibility of erecting a memorial in the county seat, to pay tribute to all veterans connected to Haskell County. After discussing the pros and cons of such a project, the Progressive Study Club voted to take the lead role in making this dream a reality.

Members of the club met with County Judge David Davis and the Commissioners' Court to discuss the project. After receiving their support, plans were set in motion.

While there were many details to consider and decide upon, the first major hurdle was raising the money to finance such a large project. They knew it would take everyone working together to see it through. Indeed it seems that so many gave generously. Hartsfield, chairman of the project, wants to thank each and every person who gave to help reach this goal. She says, "We have had many fund-raising projects and you gave." She acknowledges the people and organizations that have helped over the past 3 1/2 years. Hartsfield continues, "Our thanks to Willow Creek Quilters Club for their donation of the quilt, the community supported garage sale and the sale of Veterans' flag holders and flags, the anonymous business that challenged us to match his donation of \$5,000, which was met, Van Winkler and Jacky Sanders for their sponsorship of the Veterans' Hunt and the teams for the Warriors for Freedom, the Haskell Free Press and Haskell Star for publishing updates and articles, and the support of the Haskell County Commissioners, including a place to erect the memorial."

She added, "Through the support of the scrap metal drive, we pulled together to make the town of Haskell a much cleaner place. It was truly a community effort to collect all the metal and cans

and have people volunteer to make many trips to Abilene to haul all that was collected. The city of Haskell allowed us to use their lot as a collection point. Jay's Recycling in Abilene, provided the roll-offs and hauling at no cost to the club or memorial fund. We appreciate all the donors, be it \$5 or \$5000, each dollar has helped to see this project become a reality. Many of the civic clubs along with the Historical Society have given most generously. If we have missed naming you, it was certainly not our intent. We know without your support, efforts and contributions, this dream would never be possible."

As they come to the end of this journey, the club is faced with a very big mountain to climb. The goal is to make sure all Veterans' names are correctly engraved on the memorial. Your help is needed. With approximately 4,000 names on the list, it is an overwhelming chore to verify that every name is correct and not duplicated.

The names to be engraved will be published in the Haskell Free Press one final time in January. This will be the last chance to make any corrections or additions. Names will then be sent to the engraver to be permanently etched in the stones.

If all goes according to plan, an unveiling and dedication ceremony will be held in May 2015. Enough money was raised to complete the ten granite tablets, the four granite bevels and three benches. Additional funds will be needed for lighting, landscaping and upkeep on the Memorial. For more information on how you can help, contact Dorothy Hartsfield at (940)864-2004 or email dotharts@gmail.com.

Hartsfield, on behalf of herself and the Progressive Study Club, expresses their heartfelt thanks to all the donors, because without your help it would have been impossible to accomplish. All of us can be proud as the names of members of the armed services of Haskell County, will be in a place of perpetual honor and remembrance.

The Wall of Honor is one way to say thank you to these men and women, who have served so that we can walk the streets of our hometown secure in the blessings of liberty.

Goodfellows Donations

First United Methodist Church	\$200
Helen Allison	\$200
Anonymous	\$50
Jim and Diane Isbell, in honor of our family and friends in Haskell.....	\$200
Anonymous.....	\$50
Total this week	\$520
Previous total	\$2250
Total to date.....	\$2770

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Teach kids to donate wisely

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
The holidays are a great time to teach kids about charitable giving. If they get an allowance or earn money from chores, you can encourage them to donate to a cause of their choosing.

But help them learn to give with their heads as well as their hearts. Teach them how to identify legitimate charities, and how to avoid the many scam artists posing as charities this time of year.
For the parents:
As a parent, you want to

teach your children that the holidays are about more than the number of presents under the tree. The holidays are about giving too, and a great way to teach your children that lesson is to help them donate part of their allowance to a charity of their choice.

Begin by researching charities together. Find a cause you support or an organization that works on something you are passionate about. There are lots of groups big and small, national and local, that could use your donation, so make sure you help your child pick something that has meaning to them.

You can verify that a charity is legitimate by checking with one of the many organizations that keep an eye on charities, such as the Better Business Bureau. Remember, that not all charities are listed, especially newer, smaller ones, and if the charity you're interested in supporting isn't listed, you can request more information from that charity. If you ask, a legitimate charity will send you their mission statement and a description of how they use donations. If anything about a charity makes you uneasy, trust your gut and help your child pick a different organization to support.

Check to make sure your donation is tax-deductible by asking for a receipt that clearly states the amount you donated can be deducted and explain what that means to your child. You want to help them understand the whole process of donating and possible tax deductions are a part of that.

When you're ready to make the donation, write a check instead of sending cash. Cash can get easily lost or stolen. Have your child give you the cash amount of the donation and then you can write a check for them.

Take the time to teach your child the importance of giving back this holiday season by donating to an organization your family supports. With these tips from Kids.gov, you can select a charity that will put your donation to good use.



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Haskell FD holds annual party

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department gathered for their annual Christmas party Mon., Dec. 8 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Invited guests included the families of the firemen, retirees and wives, local law enforcement, local EMS and local county and city officials.

The run report for the department included 19 structure related fires, 11 wildland or wildfires, 24 car or vehicle related calls, 1 downed power line, 2 tank battery fires, 1 trash fire and 1 cotton module fire.

Fireman A.J. Shaw received a service pin for 10 years of service to the department. He serves as a lieutenant.



RECEIVES SERVICE PIN—Haskell Volunteer Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham, left, presented a 10-year service pin to Haskell fireman A.J. Shaw at the Christmas party held Mon., Dec. 8. Shaw serves as a lieutenant in the department.

Obituaries

Marjorie Sue Vanderworth



SUE VANDERWORTH
Funeral services for Marjorie Sue Vanderworth, 96, longtime resident of Stamford, were held Thurs., Dec. 11 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Stamford with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Interment was in Highland Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mrs. Vanderworth passed away peacefully Mon., Dec. 8 at her home.

Born Aug. 13, 1918 in

Boswell, Oklahoma, she was one of five children born to Lafayette and Elwa (White) Stewart. She married Edgar S. Quade Dec. 22, 1945 in Groom. Mr. Quade preceded her in death March 5, 1978. Sue later married Lee Roy Vanderworth March 17, 1979 and he preceded her in death Sept. 1, 2009. Sue attended and earned a Bachelors Degree from North Texas State University, and furthered her education at Hardin Simmons University, earning a Masters Degree. During her career in education which began in 1945, she taught school in various communities such as Sagerton, Seminole and the Stamford school systems. After teaching in the Stamford Oliver school for 34 years, Mrs. Vanderworth retired in 1980. Sue was a past president of the Pierian Club of Stamford, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and also served in the United States Navy. She was a faithful member of St. John's United Methodist Church in

Stamford. Preceding Sue in death were her parents; her husbands; three sisters, Hazel Weaver, Bessie Ames Stewart, Cornelia Faye Hirsch; and one brother, Rev. J.B. Stewart.

Family left to cherish her memory are a daughter, Melodee and husband Milton Christian of Haskell; one grandson, Lee Christian and wife Tera of Bedford; one granddaughter, Dr. Kristi and husband Major Mario Cabiao of Simpsonville, South Carolina; two great grandchildren, Kaylee Christian and Conner Christian, both of Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be given to Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601; Stamford VIP Center, 508 E. Gould Street, Stamford, Texas 79553 or the donor's favorite charity.

Online condolences may be given at www.kinneyunderwoodfuneralhome.com. PD. NOTICE

Bessie Nelle Prindle



NELLE PRINDLE
Funeral services for Bessie Nelle Prindle, 72, longtime resident of Rule were held Thurs., Dec. 11 at First Baptist Church in

Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Prindle passed away Mon., Dec. 8 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Bessie Nelle O'Berry was born March 23, 1942, in Alva, Florida, the daughter of Bessie Blanche (Harrington) and James Woodrow O'Berry. Nelle loved to sew, quilt and crochet as well as ride horses and help at the church. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Rule.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, Bessie and James O'Berry; a son, Tony Williams; and six aunts, Ardith Reynolds, Velma Farr, Opal Lowen, Anna Marshall, Ivellee Harris and Rosa Long.

Survivors include her four sons, Mark Williams, Mitchell Williams, John Hollis and Ricky Clay Trueleson; two daughters, Faye Williams and Kelly Ann Lewis; brother, Tom O'Berry; sister, Gayle O'Berry; and 19 grandchildren.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

No arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 8-14:
Twenty-eight calls were made to 911.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature

Mon., Dec. 8	44°/66°
Tues., Dec. 9	35°/60°
Wed., Dec. 10	47°/58°
Thurs., Dec. 11	44°/60°
Fri., Dec. 12	50°/74°
Sat., Dec. 13	59°/72°
Sun., Dec. 14	60°/72°

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.

Club travels to Rochester

This the season for 'sleigh-rides' so the Progressive Study Club carpoled and went on a merry ride to Rochester for their Saturday afternoon Christmas meeting. What a welcome we had in Rochester!

The club members were greeted at the Rochester Hobby Club's most cheerful and delightful decor adorned with thrills of the Christmas season from an aluminum tree, Santa cups, quilts 'blankets made with love' and an array of Christmas treats of snowballs, peppermint meringues, merry berry cheese bars, cranberry walnut bread, served with mango twists to drink. Treats were served from a festive table topped with a felt Christmas tablecloth with gingham accents, atop a poinsettia runner. The centerpiece was a lighted Christmas ball with a glass manger scene. Treats were given to each guest of Coca Cola, lip balm, candy canes inside gift bags.

Hostesses for the event were Linda Parsons, Susan Turner and Jane Short.

Monty Moeller enriched the guests with a wealth of information concerning the countywide vocational school which has nineteen students enrolled with an additional fifteen students enrolled in the LVN school housed in the old Rochester ISD school building. The Progressive Study Club enjoyed a slide show presented by Moeller which he uses to demonstrate to interested schools statewide "just how this phenomenal opportunity just happened in Rochester." Because of the good things happening in these two vocational schools in Rochester, others in Texas are wanting to learn how to participate in like endeavors.

Members of the Progressive Study Club walked across the street to the workshop in the old Rochester ISD Ag building to see the classroom and workshop students use for these studies. The welding and plasma shop has some of the latest equipment and was very impressive as to how students use them. A mechanical motor shop is in the making in the old Rochester ISD bus barn for students to learn how to work on small engines. It was all very impressive.

That's not all Rochester has to offer to visitors. The old bank building with its old 'teller cage' which is lined with beautiful leaded glass inserts along with leaded glass doors has been turned into a museum

which houses much school memorabilia, 'clickers' used at pep rallies, along with pictures to delight anyone associated with the heritage of Rochester including a Coca Cola display belonging to Linda Short. This display is only a small showing of her entire display, but it was quite impressive from various old Coke machines to 'Coca Cola suspenders.'

The group viewed the Veterans' Memorial outside

the Hobby Club. The Progressive Study Club is in hopes with fervent plans being laid, to get the Haskell County Veterans' Memorial Wall completed in May 2015.

Members attending from Haskell were Kay Croft, Franciene Johnson, Dorothy Hartsfield, Julia Harrell and Susan Cockerell. Members from Rochester were Linda Parsons and Susan Turner. Guests were Jane Short and Monty Moeller.



SERVICE PINS—Haskell Memorial Hospital employees receiving ten year service pins at the annual Christmas party were, I-r, Janie Guzman, Mickie Aguilera and Lesa Meier. Not pictured is Ellen Johnson.



SERVICE PINS—Haskell Memorial Hospital employees receiving five year service pins at the annual Christmas party were, I-r, Teresa Rodriguez, Fran McCown and Pie Lucion. Not pictured are Lavon Hamilton, Alma Nabarrette, Harriett Desmond and Susie Garcia.



SERVICE PINS—Haskell Memorial Hospital employees receiving one year service pins at the annual Christmas party were, I-r, Jesse Nava, Reasa Ikram, Janice Payne, Louis Enriquez and Lavita Luna. Not pictured are Missy Larned, Shawn Garrett, Melissa Moeller, Shelby Winter, Jean Beason and Shana Armstrong.



SHAW RETIRES—Randy Shaw, center, was recognized at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Christmas party with a retirement award for thirty-two years of service. Other employees who have spent much of their time employed during the same time, were, I-r, Charlotte Johnson, L.C. Johnson, Debbie Curd and Kim Hill.



SERVICE PINS—Haskell Memorial Hospital presented June Esquivel, left, a 10 year service pin and Linda Latham a 20 year service pin during the annual Christmas party.

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SERVICE PINS—Haskell Memorial Hospital employees receiving twenty year service pins at the annual Christmas party were, I-r, L.C. Johnson and Benita Flores. Not pictured is Gloria Munoz.

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ECC Menu

<p>Mon., Dec. 22 Ham and butter beans, fiesta corn, broccoli/cauliflower, cornbread, tea or coffee</p> <p>Wed., Dec. 24 Beef enchilada, salad, chips,</p>	<p>garlic toast, dump cake, tea or coffee</p> <p>Fri., Dec. 26 Closed for Christmas</p> <p>Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.</p>
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Go Indians! Go Maidens!

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Panel sets \$7 billion minimum for Rainy Day Fund

AUSTIN—On Dec. 11, a Senate-House joint committee empaneled to adopt a sufficient balance for the state's "rainy day fund" approved \$7 billion as the floor for it.

Properly titled the Economic Stabilization Fund, the oil and gas tax-fueled pool of money was created by constitutional amendment in 1988 when oil was selling as low as \$10 a barrel, causing state coffers to run thin. Calculated at \$6.7 billion last August, the fund previously had no required minimum. The maximum the fund may hold is capped at 10 percent of the state's general revenue during the previous two-year budget cycle.

Proposition 1, passed by Texas voters on Nov. 4, was "The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads."

The measure requires the state to split the oil and gas revenue between the rainy day fund and state highway fund. Because of the booming oil and gas industry, some \$1.74 billion is to be transferred into the highway fund in 2015.

"This transfer will provide a much-needed boost to transportation, which affects everything from commerce and economic development to public safety and our quality of life," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, co-chair of the joint committee. "The floor also ensures that Texas has sufficient reserves for any unexpected difficulties in the future. It also allows us to address our vital infrastructure needs in a fiscally responsible way."

TxDOT senses optimism

Texas Department of Transportation last week announced the agency "is riding a wave of optimism as citizens, national transportation groups and stakeholders have noted great improvements in Texas just in time for state lawmakers to convene for the 84th Legislative session."

According to a Dec. 9 TxDOT news release, "Many have stated that transportation is a key issue for legislators in 2015, and by passing Proposition 1 with an 80 percent approval, voters have entrusted TxDOT with the job of addressing congestion and keeping our roads safe."

Sales tax revenue is up

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 10 reported state sales tax revenue in November of \$2.66 billion, up 10.7 percent compared to

November 2013.

Combs said gains were led by oil and natural gas-related sectors and collections from retail trade and restaurants also rose strongly.

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive December local sales tax allocations totaling \$645.9 million, up 11.4 percent compared to December 2013, Combs added.

School ratings released

Texas Education Agency on Dec. 3 announced its release of the final 2014 state accountability system ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters and more than 8,500 campuses.

Final ratings are issued following an appeals process provided to districts and charters that contested the district or campus ratings originally announced in August, TEA explained.

Final 2014 ratings show 90.2 percent of the state's 949 school districts and 158 charters achieved the rating of "Met Standard."

Alert: Lock your vehicle

Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 11 encouraged drivers to take necessary precautions to protect their vehicles from possible theft during holiday season.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "December is one of the busiest months for auto thefts, and during this holiday shopping season, it is important that any valuables in a vehicle are out of sight."

According to the DPS, 5,395 automobiles, pickups and motorcycles were recorded stolen in December 2013, "making it the third-highest month for vehicle thefts that year behind July and August." In addition, more than 13,100 vehicle burglaries were reported and \$12.2 million in property stolen last December.

Permit process speeds up

Texas Railroad Commission on Dec. 11 announced its Information Technology Modernization Program is making the process for granting oil and gas drilling permits faster.

"Expedited permit processing was reduced from a peak of 30 days experienced with a surge in industry activity in the spring of this year to a one-day processing rate in November," according to the petroleum-regulating agency.

Commissioner David Porter said that in addition to the improved technology, the agency has hired additional temporary staff "to help meet the demands of the rising drilling permit applications and to assist our hardworking permanent staff."

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

December 16, 2004
 Chosen by their peers, Kerri Newton and Aaron New were named Haskell High School Football Sweetheart and Hero. Newton is the daughter of Phillip and Fonda Newton, while New is the son of Mike and Teresa New.

Shannon Forehand, son of Chet and Jeannie Forehand of Haskell, placed fourth out of 332 runners in the 35-39 age group, and 37th overall out of 3,171 runners in the Dallas White Rock Marathon. A 1986 graduate of Weinert High School, he is a pharmacist in Stephenville.

During the Rule Booster Club Tournament, the Rule Lady Cats defeated Lueders-Avoca 50 to 39. Scoring for Rule were Smith, 28 pts.; Scheets, 4 pts.; Brown, 10 pts.; Kittley, 4 pts.; L. Johnson, 2 pts.; and Lehrmann, 2 pts.

20 Years Ago

December 22, 1994
 Marci Elmore, HHS ninth grader and daughter of W.O. and Mendi Elmore of Haskell, has been invited to be part of a concert tour for The Young Continentals. She will spend five weeks traveling through the northeastern U.S., performing with a group of about 30 singers.

Heather Hobgood, senior cheerleader at Haskell High School, will participate in the halftime activities of the Aloha Bowl, Christmas Day in Honolulu, Hawaii. She qualified by being selected as an NCA All-American Cheerleader.

Haskell Indians named to the 7-2A All-District First Team were Cody Cypert and Casey Larned, both offense and defense; Brandon McFadden, Martin Limones, Wesley Alsabrook, Chris Silvas and Justin Lisle, offense; Ryan Olson and Jamie Hodgins, defense.

30 Years Ago

December 20, 1984
 120 years of combined service by four members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, were recognized as badges were given to Satch Lusk, 40 years; E.J. Stewart, 35 years; Wayne Wainscott, 25 years; and Wilbert Klose, 20 years.

The art work of Mandy Mathis has been selected to represent Haskell County in a special Texas Sequicentennial Children's

Art Exhibition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mathis of Rule.

Jeffery Wayne Frierson received a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Texas A&M University, in a recent ceremony. He is the son of David and Janette Frierson of Haskell.

40 Years Ago

December 19, 1974
 Presented with plaques by County Judge B.O. Roberson were retiring county employees Slover Bledsoe, Artie Bradley, Jessie Vick and E.C. Collins. Following the presentation, courthouse employees and their families enjoyed a buffet luncheon.

Highway Patrol supervisor Sergeant Frank Jircik said the rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1974, shows 49 accidents, resulting in 8 deaths and 35 injuries.

Rule High School's Most Spirited Boy, Steve Anders, and Most Spirited Girl, Amelia Moore, were announced at the annual football banquet held in the school cafeteria.

50 Years Ago

December 17, 1964
 Haskell's newly black-topped airstrip, plus an airplane parking apron, opened for business recently. Appropriately enough, the first airplane to land on the freshly macadamized project was that of J.H. (Jim) Strain, a civic-minded citizen of Haskell, whose firm accomplished the job "at less than cost" in 23 days.

Members of the Haskell Indian Band picked for All-District honors were Larry Long, Wayne Cadenhead, David Follstaedt, Ken Barnett, Harold Ivy, Randy Wiseman and Lon Barnett.

100 Years Ago

December 19, 1914
 The Magazine Club met in their club room with a full attendance. Mrs. Posey read an interesting paper on "Dramatic Technique" followed by Mrs. Oates with "Religion and the Stage" as her subject.

Rev. E.R. Wallace, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, with his family, arrived this week from Merkel.

Judge B.B. Greenwood, who has been at Rochester for some time, was here on legal business.

December sales tax

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.66 billion, up 10.7 percent compared to November 2013.

"The growth in sales tax collections was fueled by increased remittances from both business and consumer driven sectors," Combs said. "The gains were led by oil and natural gas-related sectors, while collections from retail trade and restaurants also rose strongly."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their December local sales tax allocations totaling \$645.9 million, up 11.4 percent compared to December 2013.

The sales tax figures represent October sales reported by monthly tax filers.

Haskell County had a 5.29 percent increase for December 2014 of \$47,152.75 in comparison to \$44,780.49 for December 2013. 2014 payments to date of \$576,053.93 reflect a 4.81 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$549,568.33.

The City of Haskell had a 4.36 percent increase for December 2014 of \$43,643.76 in comparison to \$41,819.97 for December

2013. 2014 payments to date of \$533,029.28 reflect a 3.94 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$512,796.88.

The City of O'Brien had a 6.81 percent increase for December 2014 of \$192.76 in comparison to \$180.46 for December 2013. 2014 payments to date of \$3,461.76 reflect a 3.18 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$3,354.77.

The City of Rochester had an 11.19 percent decrease for December 2014 of \$516.55 in comparison to \$581.70 for December 2013. 2014 payments to date of \$7,329.98 reflect a 24.21 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$5,900.87.

The City of Rule had a 27.62 percent increase for December 2014 of \$2,600.39 in comparison to \$2,037.49 for December 2013. 2014 payments to date of \$28,827.35 reflect a 17.07 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$24,624.01.

The City of Weinert had a 23.88 percent increase for December 2014 of \$199.29 in comparison to \$160.87 for December 2013. 2014 payments to date of \$3,405.56 reflect a 17.76 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$2,891.80.

Haskell Basketball



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HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Indian basketball team include, front row, l-r, #34 Sean Weiser, #20 Brad Winterstein, #10 Kellen Parks, #12 Marc Guzman and #24 Dylan Hanson; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #14 Kade Colley, #40 Henry Smith, #30 Riley Meinzer and #22 Lane Burson.

Haskell Indians

JV-V Indians vs Windthorst
Fri., Dec. 19, 2 p.m.
at Haskell



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #41 Katie Newberry, #35 Ashlyn Bevel, #11 Ariel Martinez, #33 Alye Stewart and #31 Brittany Amos; back row, #23 Crissy Bassett, #5 Jacie Klose, #21 Destiny Benavides, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #53 Kenzie Shelton.

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