

Basketball

HASKELL
Maidens at Guthrie Tourney
 Dec. 3-5 at Guthrie
JHG-B vs Roscoe
 Mon., Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Girls at Haskell
Boys at Roscoe
Maidens OPEN
 Tues., Dec. 8
PAINT CREEK
VG-B at Woodson Tourney
 Dec. 3-5 at Woodson
JHG-B vs Loraine
 Mon., Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VB vs Blackwell
 Tues., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-B at Woodson Tourney
 Dec. 3-5 at Woodson
JHB-G vs Rotan
 Mon., Dec. 7, 6 p.m.
 at Rotan
VG-B vs Brownwood Victory
 Tues., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Goodfellows signup set

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. 5 and Sat., Dec. 12, 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.

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.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project-North will host a Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 6 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Homes on the tour include Jeannie Dulaney, 1606 Derrick Dr.; Haley and Brad Smith, 502 S. Ave. P; Missy and Todd Lewis, 325 Waylon Road; Toliver Bunk House, 1901 North 1st St.; and Laurie Newberry, 501 North Ave. K East. Tickets may be purchased at the Noah office, from any Noah member or at the door.

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. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Thurs., Dec. 24.

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Noah Project's Tour of Homes set Sunday

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Josselet farms honored for over 100 years of ownership

Two Josselet farms in Haskell County received heritage recognition Nov. 5, in Austin for 100 years of ownership.

The C.H. Josselet farm and the J.D. Farm were recognized at the 40th annual Family Land Heritage ceremony for owning land in Haskell County since 1900.

Victor and Catherine (Hugon) Josselet were the original owners of the land. As each of their children married, Joseph and Catherine deeded a portion of the land to them.

Dave Josselet, one of the

sons, received the land next. Upon the marriage of his son, Homer to Jerry, Dave deeded the land to Homer.

After Homer's death, the land was deeded to his four children, Judy Josselet, Catherine Bartley, Van Josselet and Sandra Sanford. Thus showing ownership for over 100 years.

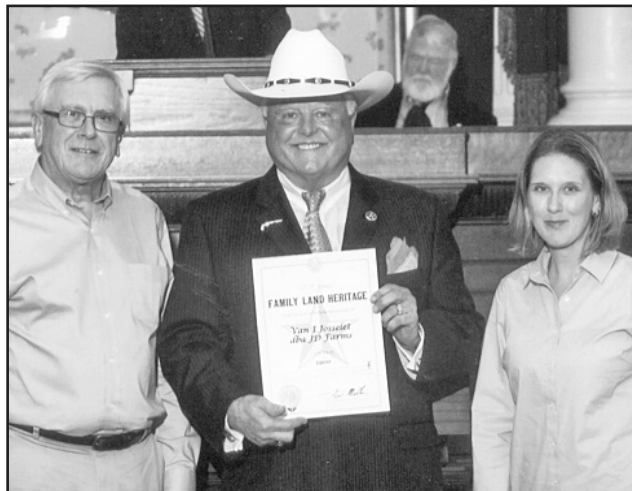
J.D. Farms owned by Van Josselet was also one of the honorees. This land came from Victor and Catherine Josselet to their son, Dave, who, deeded the land to Richard Josselet.

Richard's family sold

his portion of the land to Homer's children, Van, Catherine and Sandra. Van bought the land from his sisters and is the current owner.

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Sid Miller, presented the certificates to each honoree.

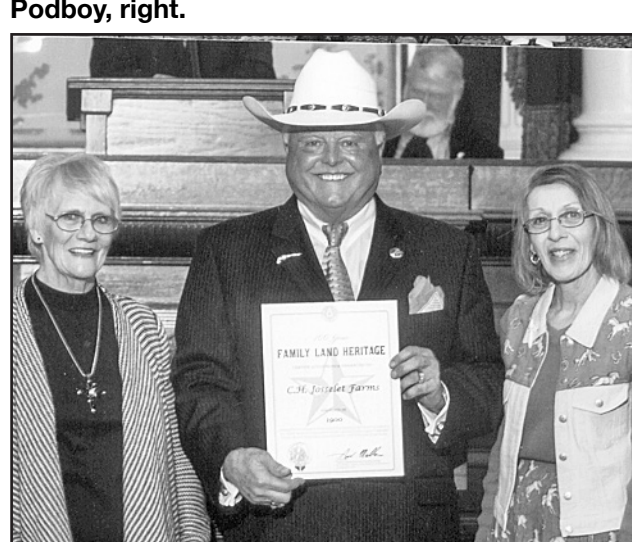
Josselet descendants attending the ceremony were Catherine and Misti Bartley, Christi, Caleb and Cooper Wheat, Van Josselet, Kari, Abbie and Josie Podboy, Sandra and Austen Sanford, Brenda and Clinton Baccus and Rick Josselet.



J.D. FARMS—Receiving the Family Land Heritage certificate for the J.D. Farms from Ag Commissioner Sid Miller, center, were Van Josselet, left, and Kari Podboy, right.



FAMILY LAND HERITAGE AWARD—Two Josselet farms in Haskell County received recognition for over 100 years of ownership Nov. 5. Family members present were, front row, l-r, Cooper Wheat, Kari Podboy, Abbie Podboy, Austen Sanford, Sandy Sanford and Josie Podboy; back row, Christi Wheat, Caleb Wheat, Van Josselet, Cathy Bartley and Misti Bartley.



C.H. JOSSELET FARMS—Receiving the Family Land Heritage certificate for the C.H. Josselet Farms from Ag Commissioner Sid Miller, center, were Cathy Bartley, left, and Sandy Sanford, right.

15 Indians named to 2015 All-District 7-2A team

The Haskell Indians ended their regular season play with a 7-3 record. They advanced to the playoffs, but unfortunately met a very strong Albany team in the first round. Albany at this point, is still alive in the playoffs.

The Indians however, represented their school well, as evidenced by fifteen members of the team being recognized for their district

play.

The 2015 All-District 7-2A Football Team, chosen by coaches in the district, has been announced. Named to the 1st Team Offense were Kadin Seeliger, wide receiver; Garret Tatum, tight end; and Chase Gibson, offensive lineman. Selected for the 2nd Team Offense were Dylan Hanson, quarterback; Sam Fouts, wide receiver;

Pryce Stewart, offensive lineman; and Caden Tatum, offensive lineman. Lane Burson, running back and Bryce Rodriguez, offensive lineman were chosen for Honorable Mention Offense.

On the defensive side of the ball, five Indians were listed on the 1st Team Defense. They are Devon Barrios, defensive tackle; Garret Tatum, inside linebacker; Burson, outside

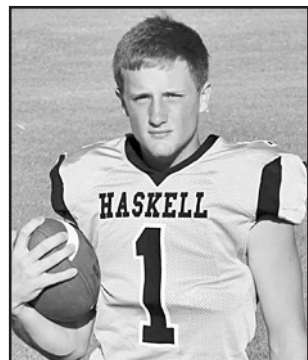
linebacker; and Hanson, defensive back. Included on the 2nd Team Defense are Gibson, defensive lineman and Alec Roewe, defensive back. On the Honorable Mention Defense list are Rudy Espinoza, defensive tackle and Stewart, defensive back.

Kicker Caleb Wheat was named to the 1st Team Special Teams, while punter Barrios was selected for the

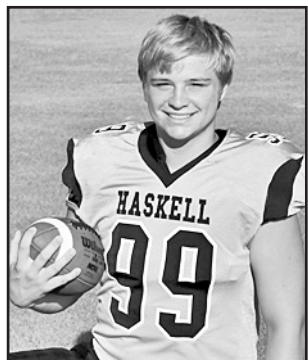
2nd Team. Rodriguez was chosen All-District Utility Player.

Four Indians made the All-District Academic Team, including Burson, Gibson, Hayden Hudson and Dalton Meinzer.

We congratulate the Haskell Indians and coaches on a winning season, as well as these who received individual recognition for their efforts.



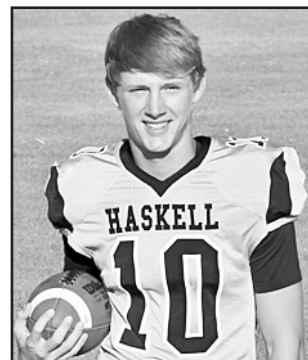
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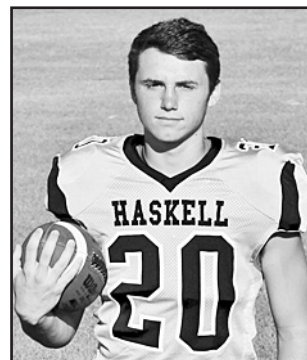
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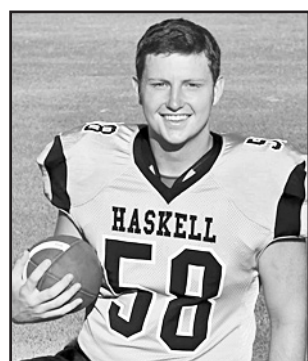
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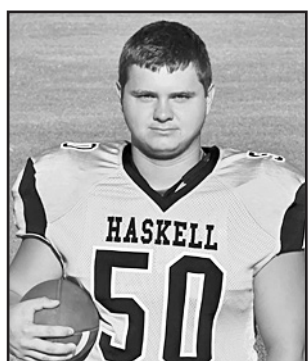
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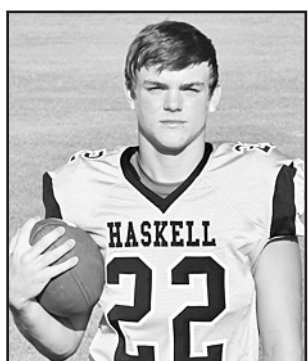
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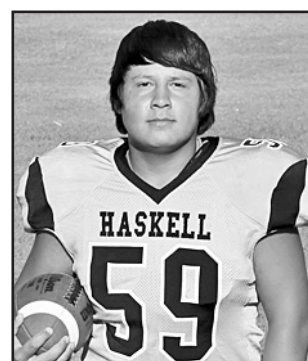
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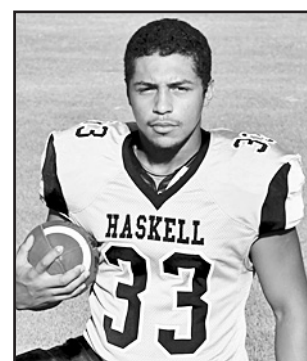
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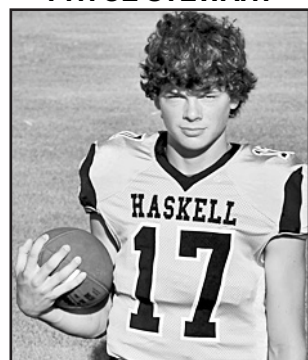
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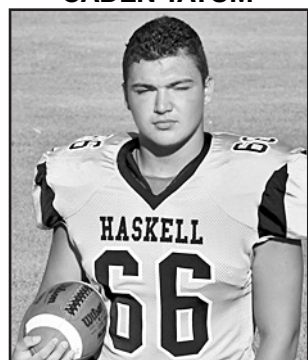
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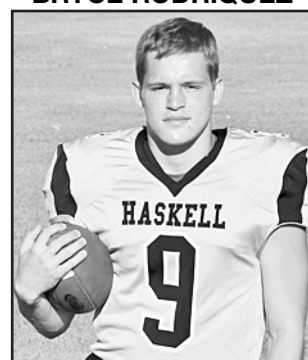
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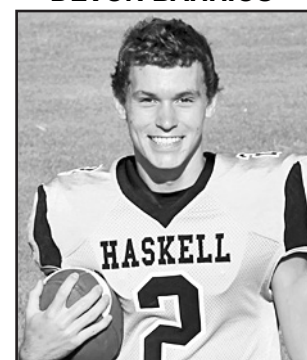
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Christmas Cantata Country Christmas

The community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Nursery provided. Fellowship will follow.

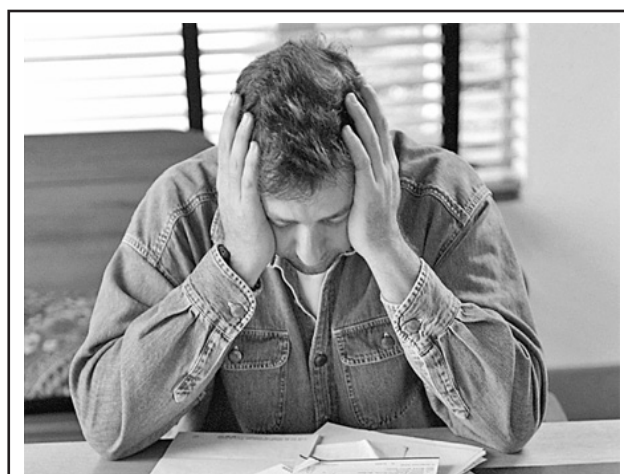
Christmas in the Country will be held Sat., Dec. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. at the emergency services building in Jayton. To be a vendor, call the extension office at 806-237-3751 to reserve your space on or before Nov. 16.



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TWO POINTS—Haskell Indian #24 Dylan Hanson takes the layup in for two in the Indians win against Highland.



INDIAN ACTION—Haskell Indian #10 Kellen Parks puts the ball up against Highland.

Maidens' basketball

Lady Hornets take down Maidens

The Haskell Maidens traveled to Highland last Tuesday night to take on the always tough Lady Hornets and lost 58-27. The Maidens were only down 10 at halftime but the Lady Hornets dominated the third quarter 23-9 and went on to easily win the game. Haskell falls to 1-3 on the season.

Jordan Garvin led all scorers with 6 followed Mackenzie Garvin with 5, C'era Taylor 4, Ariel Martinez 3, B.B. Rodriguez 3, Ashlyn Bevel 2, Destiny Benavides 2, Taylor Manske 1 and Courtney Whitt 1. Leading the team in assists was Martinez with 2. Haskell shot 10-50 (20%) from the field and had 24 turnovers. "Offensively, we really struggled shooting and passing against their length and size," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Manske had a team high 4 steals followed by Martinez with 3 and Taylor 2. Leading

the team in rebounds was J. Garvin with 6, M. Garvin 5 and Manske 3. "Defensively, we just did not match-up well with Highland out on the perimeter or down low on the inside. I thought we battled well the first half, but they just wore us down the second half," Eddleman said.

"Overall, it was disappointing to lose to Highland by such a big margin. They have a very good team again this year that is led by seven seniors. They have been to state two times in the past three years and they have a great chance of going back this year. We just need to keep working hard and improving so that we are playing our best basketball come district play," Eddleman added.

Haskell 0 8 9 10 =27
 Highland 10 8 23 17 =58

JV Maiden basketball day two results at the

Eula tourney:

Haskell won over Clyde 40-37 in the second round

Haskell lost to Merkel 52-37 in the championship game Jr. High Maiden basketball versus Anson results:

7th B won 21-2
 8th B won 21-4
 7th A lost 28-22
 8th A won 29-21

Indians' basketball

Indians beat Highland, 65-34

On Tues., Nov. 24, the Indians traveled to Highland to take on the Hornets.

Haskell began the game slowly, but a large second quarter opened up the game for the Indians, who then cruised to a 31 point victory.

The Indians were led in scoring by senior guard Dylan Hanson with 25 points (5 of 9 from 3 point range) and junior Alec Roewe with 14 points. Also scoring for the Indians was Haggard with 8, Seeliger with 6, Parks and Burson with 4, Gibson and Skiles with 3.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say after the game, "Our guys did a great job of bouncing back from the Slaton game. We had a little bit of a slow start, but then had a big second quarter. We are continuing to improve in many areas and the kids continue to display a great work ethic."



DRAWS A FOUL—Haskell Maiden #11 Ariel Martinez drives to the basket, drawing a foul against Highland.



MAIDEN DEFENSE—Haskell Maiden #25 Jordan Garvin puts defensive pressure on the ball.

Obituaries

Ron Johnson

at Sumner Regional Medical Center.

Johnson was a line foreman for the Gallatin Department of Electric for 35 years. He was a member of the Tennessee Sheep Producers and the Montadale Sheep Association for over 28 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Aubrey Johnson, and his grandfather, Allie Johnson.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Riva Hitt Johnson of Gallatin, Tennessee; daughter, Jenna Poe and her husband Stanley Poe II of Franklin, Indiana; mother, Dorothy Johnson of Lexington, Tennessee; grandmother, Mable Johnson

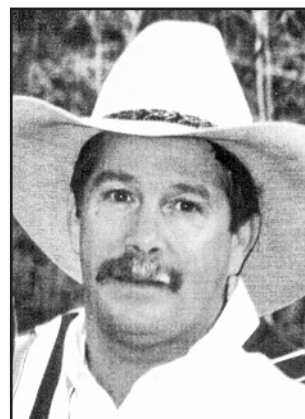
Luna of Pulaski, Tennessee; brothers, Arnold Johnson of Pensacola, Florida, Carl Johnson of Lexington, Tennessee; and numerous aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and his Gallatin Electric Department Family.

His family from the Gallatin Electric Department served as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the Sumner County 4H, 658 Hartsville Pike, Gallatin, TN 37066.

Anderson Funeral Home, 202 E. Main is in charge of the arrangements. www.andersonfuneralhome.org.

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RON JOHNSON

Memorial services for Ron Johnson, 60, of Gallatin, Tennessee were held Fri., Nov. 27 at the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel in Gallatin.

Mr. Johnson passed away Thursday morning, Nov. 26



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Precinct 2 Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield to retire Dec. 31

by Caron Yates

Basic human nature, at least for the majority of humans, dictates that whatever our task, we give it our very best.

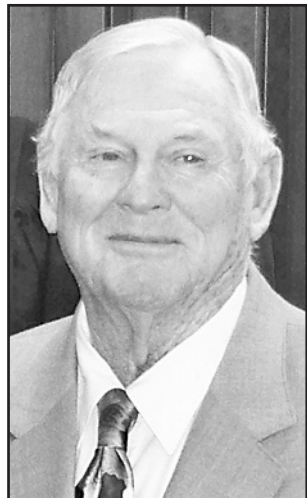
Tiffen Mayfield, County Commissioner for Precinct 2, has indeed given his very best as he has worked for his constituents in Pct. 2, throughout the past seventeen years.

Mayfield, the youngest of four children born to the late Clyde and Otie Bell Mayfield of Weinert, graduated from Weinert High School in 1958. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from what was then known as North Texas State University, in 1962. Having been raised in a farming family, Mayfield knew he wanted to come back home and farm. In addition to farming, he put his newly acquired degree to work by accepting a teaching position at Mattson High School. He taught Social Studies at Mattson for three years, before being hired by Weinert High School. After two years at Weinert, he decided to devote his time entirely to farming.

After moving back to Weinert, Mayfield married Erlinda Alexander, also of Weinert. Married now for over 50 years, they have raised two sons, Mondy and Mitch, who have blessed them with grandchildren.

Mayfield was sworn in for his first four-year term as commissioner on January 1, 1999. Since then, he has taken the oath four more times. When his resignation takes effect on December 31, there will be three years remaining on his term.

There have been many changes in the job description over the past



TIFFEN MAYFIELD

seventeen years. Mayfield says, "When I first started out, it was mostly dirt work. Now it seems a big part of the job involves committees and meetings." Certainly the commissioners' court has a big job in taking care of the business for Haskell County.

While much of the responsibility of the job involves routine road maintenance and the like, there have been some specific projects in Precinct 2 and the county at large, of which Mayfield is very proud.

Early in his tenure, the Lake Creek Bridge was reconstructed. Located in the northeast part of the county, the narrow road with a dangerous blind curve,

frequently washed out. Mayfield's team, along with help from many advisors and Precinct 1 Commissioner Bill Hester, was able to straighten the road out and replace the bridge, thus preventing an impassable road every time it rained. Even more remarkable, it was accomplished in eight working days.

Caring for all the county roads in Precinct 2 was somewhat of a constant effort, but for those that lived or farmed "on the sand," there was a whole different set of problems. Even experienced drivers could find themselves stuck in blow sand in the middle of the road. In spite of those who said it couldn't be done, the Pct. 2 crew was able to haul in good base material and then calched these roads, making them much more serviceable.

County wide, Mayfield says, "I am very proud to have been a part of the effort that secured the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, as well as the Haskell County Library." As with any big project, there were opinions on both sides. Mayfield said he tried to contact every one in

his precinct to know their wishes. The decision to go forward with the prison has proven to be beneficial to the county, both while they owned it and since it was sold.

Being an avid reader himself, Mayfield says, "I am proudest of the new library. It was made possible through donations, grants and endowments. No tax dollars were used." In fact the Precinct 2 crew loaded and hauled every book from the original library to the Hassen's building and then to the new Haskell County Library. He served as chairman of the library board during the construction.

Mayfield knows he was able to accomplish many of these goals through the help of his long time employees, Larry Brueggeman, Rick Tidrow and Matthew Sanders. These men have been a great hardworking, conscientious group to work with.

The highlight for him has been meeting so many people, as well as working with the other commissioners. He has strived to have an "open door" policy, just ask and we will get it done. Mayfield

reflects, "I have always tried to treat everyone alike." That policy has afforded him the opportunity to help when there were other needs, in such places as the cemetery, church or community.

Because giving his best to a job has always been important to Mayfield, he

feels it is now time to resign. Due to health issues, he doesn't feel he can do the job the way it should be done. He is grateful for the opportunity to have served as Haskell County Commissioner Pct. 2, and we, in turn, are very appreciative of his efforts on behalf of Haskell County.



HASKELL CO. PRECINCT 2 CREW AND EQUIPMENT

Healthy Homes Partnership forum set Sat., December 5

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Sat., Dec. 5, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a Healthy Homes Partnership with local businesses and professionals. The goal is to provide money saving tips for individuals and families through the winter and next year.

Registration at the Extension Office (101 S. Ave D) will begin at 8:30 a.m.

First Bank Texas will start the educational forum at 9:00 a.m. with tips on how to budget for the new year. Karen Kaigler-Walker

will discuss ways to save money with a modular wardrobe. Richardson's will demonstrate money-saving products that can be used for winterizing homes. Davis Kinard and Co., PC will provide tips for getting ready for tax season. Closing the Healthy Homes Partnership from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will be V's Flowers, teaching how to make Christmas crafts which can be used as décor or gifts.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Join us by calling 864-2546 before Thurs., Dec. 3.



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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 8, 2005

The Haskell High School FFA Senior Skills team of Teddye Harris, Kellye Tidrow and Stephanie Grand, placed third in the State LDE contest. Kenny Cockerell is their advisor.

Melina Garcia, a graduate of Rochester CLISD and a student at Angelo State University, was a member of the cross country team that took 3rd place at the Lone Star Conference Championship. She placed sixth out of 94 and received the 2005 LSC Cross Country All-American Award.

Hy Richards of Haskell recently had his novel, "A Hanging Offense," published by Publish America, of Baltimore, Maryland. The novel fictionalizes an actual hanging which occurred near Casper, Wyoming in 1889.

20 Years Ago December 7, 1995

Four voting delegates from Haskell County Farm Bureau participated in the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention. They are Wes and Kristi Jones, Tom Turner and Tim Weise.

Cub Scout Pack 136 held its annual Parent-Son Cake Bake. Winners included Jay Walling, Biggest Cake; Ross Hairgrove, Smallest Cake; Geoffrey Phemister, Best Tasting; Ryan Barnes, Ugliest Cake; Joseph Felty, Most Unique; Nate Webb, Tallest Cake; and A.J. Shaw, Judge's Choice.

30 Years Ago December 5, 1985

Edythe DeWitt, who taught music at Rule in the 1920s and operated a music and dance studio in Haskell in the late 1920s and early 1930s, has been named "The Best Teacher in Texas," by Texas Monthly magazine.

The old Opera House in Anson was deeded to the city of Anson by descendants of pioneer Anson businessman,

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 23-29:

Hector Rangel, driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.

Norman Joe Mays Jr., public intoxication open container.

Christopher James Henthorne, driving while license invalid with 3 prior convictions.

Norman Joe Mayes Jr., reckless damage Class C misdemeanor.

Thirty-eight calls were made to 911.

A.W. Johnson. Once described as the fanciest showplace between Fort Worth and El Paso, it was built in 1907.

A baby shower honoring Mrs. Lynn Dale Dudensing was held in the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Special guests were Mrs. Odene Dudensing, mother-in-law and Mrs. Larry Hobratschk, sister-in-law.

40 Years Ago December 4, 1975

Janie Henderson, bride-elect of Randy Stone, was honored with a kitchen shower in the home of Debbie Thomas. Mrs. Rickey Brazell was co-hostess.

Jami Barbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Barbee, and Jimmy Macias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cato Macias, have been chosen Football Sweetheart and Hero at Rule High School. Leonard Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rhoads, was named Most Spirited Boy. Barbee was also named Most Spirited Girl.

50 Years Ago December 9, 1965

The winning float in the annual Christmas parade, was "The Night Before Christmas, In Texas, You-All." The float was entered by the Haskell Young Homemakers.

Mary Vallen Metcalf became the bride of John Samuel Rike III on Nov. 27, in a ceremony held at Golden Rule Presbyterian Church in Elysian Fields.

The high-flying Haskell Jaycees rolled past the Hamlin Jaycees 34-14, in a thrilling football game played here. Seeing action for Haskell were Albert Roberts, Bobby Cass, Von Marr, A.G. Peiser, Ted Elliott, Ronnie Brooker, Jimmy Terrell, David Strickland, Robert Bartley, Jackie Whorton, Bennie Mueller, Jerry Hadaway, Johnny Matthews, Frankie Jenkins and Robert Greenroy.

100 Years Ago December 4, 1915

The enrollment in the public schools of Haskell is much greater than it has been for years. The teachers are working in crowded rooms. Half day sessions are necessary in some of the rooms and it is highly probable that other rooms will adopt the half day session in the near future.

The drug store of John Pace was this week the scene of a novel and interesting display of late electrical appliances. Among other things was a sewing machine motor, connected to a sewing machine and running right along. Also displayed were electrical toasters, percolators and vacuum cleaners.

Paint Creek FFA competes at LDEs

Paint Creek FFA competed in six events at the Double Mountain District Leadership Development Event (LDE) in Anson Tues., Nov. 17.

With hard work and dedication, Paint Creek FFA brought home three banners and advanced two teams, Chapter Conducting and Senior Quiz, to the Area II LDE at Howard College in Big Spring this past Saturday. To advance to Area you must place first or second. The same rule applies at the area level to advance to state.

On Sat., Nov. 21 at the Area II LDE, the Paint Creek FFA Chapter Conducting team placed sixth and the Senior Quiz team placed ninth.

The following is a break down of the different events that Paint Creek competed in:

Chapter Conducting: Teams conduct a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate knowledge of basic parliamentary law and the use of correct parliamentary procedures. At the conclusion of the meeting, team members are asked questions regarding parliamentary law.

Creed Speaking: A member presents the FFA Creed from memory and answers questions about its meaning and purpose. This event is just one way to boost self-confidence, earn recognition, and develop powerful, organized and professional communication skills.

Chapter Agriculture Quiz: An exam testing knowledge of the Grays Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for FFA and FFA knowledge including history, facts, business structure, leadership and programs is given to individuals. Quiz teams can be made of three or four members.

Job Interview: At the competition, each member submits their resume, completes a job application on site and participates in an interview via telephone, in person one-on-one and with a panel of possible employers.

Agriculture Skills

Demonstration: A team of three to five members performs an actual demonstration of an agricultural skill including anything in the Agricultural Science and Technology curriculum using effective public speaking and communication methods.



JR. QUIZ—Members of the Paint Creek FFA Jr. Quiz team are, l-r, Nick Parks, Nicole Park and Christian Lieb.



COMPETE AT AREA LDE—Paint Creek FFA members competing at the Area LDE recently were, front row, l-r, Devon Benitez, Catherine Lemond and Katelyn Jenkins; back row, Felicity Hannsz, Corey Mengwasser, Seth Harper and Bailey Hawkins.



PAINT CREEK FFA—Members of Paint Creek FFA competing at the Double Mountain District Leadership Development Event in Anson Nov. 17 were, front row, l-r, Christian Lieb, Katelyn Jenkins, Bailey Hawkins, Devon Benitez, Catherine Lemond, Doug Spencer and Seth Harper; back row, Nicole Park, Corey Mengwasser, Felicity Hannsz, Nick Parks and Everett Priddy.



SR. CHAPTER CONDUCTING—Members of the Paint Creek FFA Sr. Chapter Conducting team are, front row, l-r, Bailey Hawkins and Seth Harper; back row, Corey Mengwasser, Felicity Hannsz, Devon Benitez and Catherine Lemond.



SR. SKILLS—Paint Creek FFA members competing in the Sr. Skills event were, l-r, Catherine Lemond, Doug Spencer and Devon Benitez.



COMPETES AT LDE—Paint Creek FFA members Christian Lieb, left, competed in the Jr. Creed event and Everett Priddy, right, competed in the Job Interview event.



CHAPTER AG QUIZ—Members of the Paint Creek FFA Ag Quiz team are, front row, l-r, Bailey Hawkins and Katelyn Jenkins; back row, Corey Mengwasser and Felicity Hannsz.

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Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Farmer-saved wheat seed quality should be checked before planting

Producers across the Rolling Plains and Central Texas who have not planted winter wheat or those who are seeing spotty stands in earlier-planted wheat might consider their seed quality, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Dr. Emi Kimura, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Vernon, and Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist in College Station, are advising producers as they move into planting season in those regions that farmer-saved wheat seed from the 2014-15 crop might have had some quality issues that could cause problems with the 2015-16 wheat crop.

The costs associated with using saved, low quality seed can be higher than purchasing certified seed, they warned.

"Winter wheat in the 2014-15 crop year endured a wet spring, which caused pre-harvest sprouting and many head diseases, such as stinking smut, loose smut and Fusarium head blight or scab infection, throughout certain regions of the state," Neely said.

Some areas had less than 30 percent germination on wheat acres planted for forage due to the low quality wheat seed, he said.

"The wet conditions last spring lowered the quality of wheat seed intended for planting now," Neely said.

Kimura said producers should examine their seed prior to planting for quality issues, as this is critical for successful stand establishment.

Some characteristics the two experts advised producers to look for are:

- Healthy look and smell. Seeds should look plump with good color and have no unpleasant odor. If seeds are sprouted, swollen, shrunken or exhibit any other unhealthy traits, then suspect that the seeds have already been infected with seed-borne diseases, damaged by insects, or undergone pre-harvest sprouting.

- Test weight. The potential reasons for the low test weight include adverse weather during the seed development, nutrient deficiency, drought

stress, insect activity, sprout damage and diseases such as scab, rots and fungal diseases. Healthy seeds should have test weights greater than 58 pounds per bushel.

- Germination percentage. Minimum germination percentage for certified seeds is 85 percent. Variability in farmer-saved seed suggests that despite good germination for some farmer-saved seed, the quality of the seed depends on the seed source and a germination test should be conducted before planting.

- Seed-borne diseases/insect activity. If seeds are infected with stinking smut, loose smut, head scab or black point, seeds should be treated with an appropriate seed fungicide. For detailed disease and seed treatment decisions, refer to the Seed Treatment Decisions for Use on Winter Wheat, <http://bit.ly/1RwwbjN>.

- Weed seed contamination. Common weed seeds that may contaminate saved wheat seed include bindweed, Italian ryegrass, jointed goatgrass and other noxious weeds. Careful inspection is necessary to lower the risk of weed contamination.

Kimura added that when comparing seed size, only do so within the same variety because seed size varies by variety. But regardless of variety, the seed should be plump, which indicates it contains more carbohydrates that will serve as the initial energy source used for germination and seedling growth before the plants produce energy through photosynthesis.

"Also, testing germination of saved seed not only gives you peace of mind, but can also reduce risk and allow seeding-rate adjustments prior to planting to ensure adequate stands," she said. "You can expect seeds infected with head scab and other seed disease to contain a lower germination percentage."

"If seeds with low germination are used for planting, the seeding rate could possibly be adjusted according to the expected plant population, but this can be risky," Neely said.

For a list of seed testing laboratories, refer to the Seed Testing Laboratory Providers for Texas Agriculture, <http://bit.ly/118sk2c>.

November sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$731.7 million in local sales tax allocations for November, 1.2 percent more than in November 2014. These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in July, August and September by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Hegar also said that sales tax revenue for the state in October was \$2.28 billion, down 5.4 percent compared to October 2014.

"October state sales tax revenue was depressed, as expected, by declines in spending in oil and natural gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Other major sectors of the Texas economy, including construction, information, and services, continued to show growth in tax remittances."

Haskell County had a 19.01 percent increase for November 2015 of \$60,432.46 in comparison to \$50,778.78 for November 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$533,047.27 reflect a .78 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$528,901.18.

The City of Haskell had a 16.88 percent increase for November 2015 of \$54,322.91 in comparison

to \$46,473.69 for November 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$491,797.70 reflect a .49 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$489,385.52.

The City of O'Brien had a 158.56 percent increase for November 2015 of \$846.20 in comparison to \$327.27 for November 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$4,024.71 reflect a 23.11 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$3,269.00.

The City of Rochester had a 24 percent increase for November 2015 of \$1,065.50 in comparison to \$859.21 for November 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$6,749.31 reflect a .94 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$6,813.43.

The City of Rule had a 35.34 percent increase for November 2015 of \$3,801.35 in comparison to \$2,808.54 for November 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$27,418.57 reflect a 4.54 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$26,226.96.

The City of Weinert had a 27.87 percent increase for November 2015 of \$396.50 in comparison to \$310.07 for November 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$3,056.98 reflect an 4.65 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$3,206.27.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Nov. 24 with Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger present.

A motion to pay all bills passed.

Sheriff Deputy Kenny Barnett reported to the court that items stolen from the Mattson area are still being recovered.

Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer, reported that the insurance company, NFC, would return to the Courthouse to visit with employees.

The 4-H Food and Nutrition members introduced themselves to the court and told the court what they liked about 4-H.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Small grains stocker cattle

Don't forget to supply a balanced mineral supplement for stockers grazing small grains pasture.

- A balanced mineral supplement will significantly improve performance of stocker cattle on small grains pasture.

- Well-designed trials demonstrated that stocker cattle consuming a balanced mineral supplement while grazing small grains pasture gained on 0.19 to 0.24 lb/d (Ave. 0.22 lb/d).

This equates to an additional 22 lb. gain for every 100 days of grazing.

Using a \$10/cwt slide and deferred feeder cattle futures prices, the additional gain is worth about \$1.00/lb. or \$22/hd/100 d grazing.

At the targeted 0.25 lb. (4 oz)/d intake and \$1.00 value of added gain, then the breakeven (maximum) cost of the supplement \$1760/ton.

- In these same trials, adding the ionophore Rumensin to the mineral supplement increased daily gains another 0.19 to 0.23 lb./d (Ave. 0.21 lb/d) compared to mineral only.

This equates to an additional 21 lb. gain for every 100 days of grazing.

Using a \$10/cwt slide and deferred feeder cattle futures prices, the additional gain is worth about \$1.00/lb. or \$21/hd/100 d grazing.

At the targeted 0.25 lb. (4 oz)/d intake and \$1.00 value of added gain, then the mineral supplement containing Rumensin could cost as much as \$1680/ton more than the mineral without Rumensin.

- The cattle consuming

the balanced mineral with Rumensin gained 0.38-0.47 lb./d (ave. 0.43/lb/d) more than the calves receiving salt only.

This equates to an additional 43 lb. gain for every 100 days of grazing.

Using a \$10/cwt slide and deferred feeder cattle futures prices, the additional gain is worth about \$1.00/lb. or \$43/hd/100 d grazing.

At the targeted 0.25 lb. (4 oz)/d intake and \$1.00 value of added gain, then the breakeven (maximum) cost of the supplement \$3440/ton.

- In all cases, the actual cost of the balanced mineral supplements (with or without Rumensin) on today's market are 25 to 50% of the breakeven price.

- What is a balanced mineral supplement for stockers on small grains pasture?

Contains macro—as well as trace minerals.

Mineral supplements already contain salt so no additional white salt is required.

Some guidelines:

Calcium level is a focus—Minimum 12%, 13-14% better

Low phosphorus—2 to 5%

Magnesium—1 to 3% maximum

Salt—10 to 16%

Zinc—3000 to 3750 ppm

Copper—750-850 ppm

For additional information go to: Mineral supplements for stockers grazing small grains pasture at <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/facultystaff/tmc/nutritional-management-section/> or contact Ted McCollum.

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MCSMITH, JR.**

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2:30 PM**

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Haskell, TX

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is retiring after
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**125th Anniversary
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**Thursday, December 10th
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- One drawing for a new gas grill!



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Holiday Lobby and Drive-Through Schedule (both locations):

- We will close at 12 noon on Thursday, December 24th
- Closed all day December 25th, 26th and Friday, January 1, 2016



HASKELL NHS—2015-2016 members of the Haskell National Honor Society include, front row, l-r, Payton Thomas, Sam Fouts, Dylan Hanson, Pryce Stewart, Lane Burson, Hayden Hudson and Chase Gibson; back row, Daphni Leonard, Katie Newberry, Alye Stewart, Jacee Guess, Kylie Adams and Hannah Foster.

Ten juniors inducted into Haskell chapter of NHS

The Haskell Chapter of the National Honor Society held its 60th annual induction ceremony Mon., Nov. 9. Ten juniors were inducted to the Haskell High School chapter this year.

In order to apply for NHS, students must be a junior/senior at Haskell High School with a cumulative grade point average of 93 or above.

In their application packet, they must document proof of attaining a certain number of points in the areas of participation in extracurricular activities, taking advanced academic courses, school related leadership/awards/honors, non-school related activities/leadership/awards/honors, and community service and work experience.

Officers for this year are Hannah Foster, president; Dylan Hanson, vice president; Kylie Adams, secretary/reporter, and Pryce Stewart, treasurer.

New inductees are Kylie Adams, Lane Burson, Sam Fouts, Chase Gibson, Jacee Guess, Hayden Hudson, Daphni Leonard, Katie Newberry, Alye Stewart and Payton Thomas.

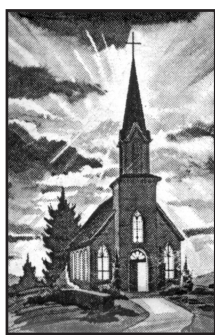


END SEASON—The Rule Bobcats made it to the first round of the playoffs in football ending the regular season with seven wins and three losses. The Guthrie Jaguars ended the Bobcats' playoff run Thurs., Nov. 12. The final score was Guthrie 69, Rule 22.



WINS SECOND PLACE—The Rule High School varsity boys' basketball team accepts their second place award at the Moran Tournament held Nov. 19-21. Team members pictured are Mason Helms, Chase Thompson, Brandon Mitchell, Ron Mitchell, Jacob Navarrette, Adolfo Gonzales, Rumaldo Chavez and Del Fritzier.

This Week's Devotional Message:



The word 'help' is one of the most versatile ones in our language. It can mean something as little as holding a door open for someone, or as much as offering your services as a full-time volunteer to help the poor. Your local community is full of people and organizations in need of your assistance, and this list includes your house of worship. When you think of all the blessings you have received there if

you have been attending the services regularly, you will be filled with a natural desire to do whatever you can in return. This might involve making phone calls, typing the bulletin, baking cookies, painting the stripes in the parking lot or performing some other needed job. You depend on the Lord for many things; show Him that He can depend on you to be there when you are needed.

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 Consentino
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**
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
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
- 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
- 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.
Weinert
- Weinert 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—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
O'Brien

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 7-11 Breakfast
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice; and muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers and cheese are offered at every meal.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles or cereal variety and toast
Tuesday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and toast
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled eggs or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Sausage kolache, yogurt or cereal variety and toast
Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast
Lunch
Milk variety is available at

every meal.
Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, baked potato, roll, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, roll, sweet potato waffle fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, cookie
Wednesday: Mexican

combo plate, Spanish rice, salsa, corn, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles
Friday: Pizza, garden salad, Key West blend veggies, chocolate/vanilla pudding, sliced peaches

Students visit Rotary Club

Brandie Contreras is the daughter of Hope Castilla of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is active in FCS, FCCLA, SkillsUSA and at the vocational center.

She has CPR certification the Most Improved achievement award and an Academic award.

She enjoys hanging out with her friends and family, outdoor activities, learning new things and helping others.

She plans to attend Vernon College in Wichita Falls to study occupational therapy.



BRANDIE CONTRERAS

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 7-11 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Breakfast club
Wednesday: Eggs, toast
Thursday: Sausage roll
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, pudding
Tuesday: Baked potato, ham salad, fruit
Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, dessert
Thursday: Teriyaki beef sub, chips, salad, oranges
Friday: Sloppy Joes, fries, cucumbers, cookie

Rule School Menu

Dec. 7-11 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffle
Tuesday: Breakfast club
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage
Thursday: Sausage kolache with yogurt
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Breaded pork chop, baked potato, carrots, roll,

strawberries and bananas
Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, peaches, chocolate/vanilla pudding
Wednesday: Chicken quesadillas, Mexican corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Chili with Fritos, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles
Friday: Popcorn chicken, waffle fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie

HASKELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEETINGS

Haskell Memorial Hospital is requesting your assistance in conducting a community health needs assessment, which identifies areas for health improvement and identifies assets and resources that can be mobilized to address population health improvement.

We need your help! To meet this requirement, we need input from the community members in the Haskell community, which will occur during a focus group meeting. The community focus group meeting is scheduled for **December 7th from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Hospital Education building.** Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

Haskell Memorial Hospital seeks your participation in providing input about as to how Haskell Memorial Hospital can improve and expand our health services in Haskell County. Your input on the community health needs of Haskell County and community is important. Haskell Memorial Hospital not only wants to meet the federal requirements but wants to provide for the health care needs in our county."

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Haskell lighting contest

Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Residential Christmas Lighting Contest and a Business Window Contest. To enter, call the chamber office at 864-2477. Judging will take place the week of Dec. 7. Winners will be announced at the parade Sat., Dec. 12. The residential prizes are

first place \$500, second place \$300 and third place \$200, sponsored by Rike Real Estate and Haskell Funeral Home. Business prizes are first place one year free chamber membership and bragging rights for one year with a Christmas Business Window Contest Trophy.

Movie night set Dec. 12

Haskell Family Movie Night will be held Sat., Dec. 12 following the parade on the east side of the square.

The featured movie is "The Muppet Christmas Carol," rated PG.

This is an outdoor showing with no charge to participate.

All ages are welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

No alcohol or glass containers permitted at the event.

For more information, call 864-3424 or check www.haskelltx.us.

TeamKID

TeamKID will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for 4 year old Pre-K students through sixth grade at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Drop children off at west parking lot door of main building. Call 864-2581 if your child needs a ride.

Singles Around Town to meet

Singles Around Town is a non-denominational fellowship of singles dining out together on Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m. For the month of December, dining will be at Camacho & Charlie's. This event is hosted by Pam Heezen and Kenneth Wallace.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. Practice sessions are held on Thursday nights at HTS.



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48-51p

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: Fri. and Sat., Dec. 4-5. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1003 N. 10th St., Haskell. Dishes, kitchen appliances, Christmas decorations, liquid soap dispensers and more. Rain or shine. Please no early birds. 49p

Miscellaneous

CUSTOM PECAN CRACKING, blowing and shelling. James Dunlap. 1506 S. 7th. 940-203-1507 cell. 864-6130. 47-50p

Lost and Found

REWARD OFFERED to locate strayed Black Angus 675 lb. heifer yearling since Thurs., Nov. 12. Heifer strayed from Lloyd M. Blackwell home place 13 miles southwest of Haskell. This heifer has auction tags, blue ear tag in right ear and red ear tag in left ear. Likely located west of Hwy. 277, between FM 1225 south of Haskell and north to Hwy. 380 between Haskell and Rule. If found, please call Lloyd M. Blackwell's cell phone 325-338-8499. 47-49c

For Rent

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 201 N. Ave. N, Haskell. 864-2004. 325-660-7295. 43tfc

S&S STORAGE in Haskell has storage units for rent. Boat and RV storage available. Call 864-2208. 49c

Public Notices

FINAL NOTICE: Haskell Co-op Gin has several cotton trailers that have been here for several years. If you think one or more is yours, please come by. The trailers will become gin property after the ginning season and they will be disposed of. FINAL NOTICE. 46-49c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS RULE ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating Rule ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:45 p.m. on December 10, 2015 in the library of the Rule School at 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Rule ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system. 49c

PUBLIC NOTICE Haskell CISD will hold a hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. This hearing will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday December 17, 2015 at the Haskell CISD Boardroom. This rating covers our financial rating for the 13-14 school year. 49c

PUBLIC NOTICE Paint Creek ISD will hold a hearing on December 14, 2015, at 5:45 p.m., to review the FIRST rating. FIRST stands for "Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas." It is the annual rating performed by the Texas Education Agency to test the financial performance of school districts as required by Title 19, Texas Administrative Code, Section 109.

The 2015 rating was based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2014-2015 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2014. 49c

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203 N. AVE. M -3/1 w/metal roof. \$49,900 -REDUCED

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1150 WEST EDEN, MUNDAY -3/2. \$74,500 -REDUCED

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510 N. 1ST ST -WHORTON BAIL BONDS -Perfect comm. office space or residential investment. Must see to appreciate. POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE

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821 HWY 380 W - 6 +/- Acres 3 Miles from Town! 4/2. \$190,000 **REDUCED**

701 N AVE L - Country Living in Town on 1 +/- Acre lot! 4/3.5. \$184,900 **REDUCED**

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3121 HWY 6 ROCHESTER - Country Living at its Best! 3/2. \$82,900 **REDUCED**

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200 S AVE H - Sweet Deal! 3/3. \$84,900 **UNDER CONTRACT**

303 N AVE C - Delightful Home, Priced to Sell! 3/1.5. \$69,900 **SOLD**

102 S AVE L - Cute. Move in ready! 2/2 \$66,900 **NEW**

1307 N AVE L - Don't Miss this Opportunity! 3/2. \$66,500 **REDUCED**

500 S 3RD E - Room to Roam, Possible Financing! 3/2. \$52,000

130 MADDEN LANE - Lake Stamford Vedas Camp-furnished 3/2. \$36,500

5275 FM 2163 - Lots of possibilities on 2 Acres! 2/1 \$25,000 **NEW**

Attend Noah Project's Tour of Homes Dec. 6

by **Caron Yates**

Christmas is in the air, which means it is time once again for the Christmas Tour of Homes.

In its 22nd year, the Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour will be Sunday, December 6, in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour this year, will be Jeanie Dulaney, 1606 Derrick Drive; Haley and Brad Smith, 502 South Ave. P; Missy and Todd Lewis, 325 Waylon Rd; Toliver Bunk House, 1901 North 1st; and Laurie Newberry, 501 North Ave. K East.

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 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Newberry home.

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.

Janis Brzozowski is the Noah Project-North Service

Area Director. Assisting with the responsibilities is Laurie Wilson and Dana Holmes.

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.

Parade, lighting contests to usher in Christmas season in Haskell Sat., Dec. 12

It is time to start thinking about your entry in this year's Lighted Christmas Parade, to be held in downtown Haskell Saturday, December 12.

The evening of fun will begin with the parade at 6 p.m. Mynea Short, manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, says, "There is no theme this year, so let your imagination go wild!" They are hoping businesses, organizations, civic clubs and individuals will get in the Christmas spirit and have an entry in this year's parade. Prizes for the parade

Help can be found by calling the 24-hour crisis hotline at 800-444-3551, or by contacting the local office in the courthouse.

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.

It is only through the continued support of fund-raisers such as this, that these services can continue to be provided. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a very worthy cause.

will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third, all paid in Haskell Dollars. Parade prizes are sponsored by Haskell Modern Way/ACE.

The Chamber, hoping to encourage more citizen participation, will also hold the Haskell Residential Christmas Lighting Contest, as well as the Christmas Business Window Contest. Residents and businesses can call the Chamber of Commerce office at 864-2477 to enter the contest. Judging will take place the week of December 7th. Sponsored by Rike Real Estate and Haskell Funeral Home, cash prizes for the residential contest will be \$500, \$300 and \$200.

Winner of the Business Window Contest, will receive a one year membership to the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, in addition to a

trophy and "bragging rights" for a year.

Following the parade, contest winners will be announced at the gazebo on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn. At the same time, the Holiday Drawings will be held. Winners in the drawings will receive Haskell Dollars of \$50, \$100 and \$150. If you or your business would like to contribute to the Holiday Drawings, please contact the Chamber office.

The evening of fun will conclude with Family Movie Night and the showing of "The Muppet Christmas Carol," on the east side of the courthouse.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Haskell community and surrounding area to come together in the spirit of Christmas. So make your plans now to participate in the fun.

Weather

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

Mon., Nov. 23.....	37°/65°
Tues., Nov. 24.....	62°/70°
Wed., Nov. 25.....	62°/75°
Thurs., Nov. 26.....	33°/62°
Fri., Nov. 27.....	30°/36°
Sat., Nov. 28.....	29°/33°
Sun., Nov. 29.....	30°/37°

Precipitation

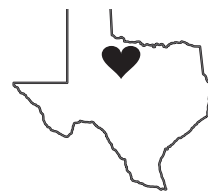
Thurs., Nov. 26....	.73" rain
Fri., Nov. 27.....	1.80" rain
Sat., Nov. 28.....	.65" rain
Sun., Nov. 29.....	.68" rain

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