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HASKELL

JVG-VG vs Seymour

Fri., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.

at Haskell

JVG-B, VG-B vs Munday

Tues., Jan. 12, 4 p.m.

at Munday

PAINT CREEK

VG-B vs Aspermont

Fri., Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

at Paint Creek

JH vs Lueders-Avoca

Mon., Jan. 11, 6 p.m.

at Lueders-Avoca

VG-B vs Rule

Tues., Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.

at Rule

RULE

JH vs Woodson

Thurs., Jan. 7, 6 p.m.

at Woodson

VG-VB vs Throckmorton

Fri., Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

at Throckmorton

JH vs Jayton

Mon., Jan. 11, 6 p.m.

at Rule

VG-VB vs Paint Creek

Tues., Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.

at Rule

Calendar

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Paul Friske of Abilene, well-known artist, presenting the program.

Fire victim help

A fund to assist Damien Winterstein, son of Dana and Chad Pannell of Haskell, has been established at Citibank in Haskell. Winterstein lost everything in a bedroom fire at his home on Christmas Day.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Laura Burnett of Houston as the guest speaker. Burnett is from Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. A business meeting will be held and members will report on their participation in Meals on Wheels. Members are asked to bring toiletries for the Noah Project.

Entries deadline

Entries for the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show are due to Ag. teachers and County Agent on Jan. 8. For more information call Wes Utley at 940-864-2658.

Cotton conference

The Haskell and Jones County Texas AgriLife Extension will host the Rolling Plains Cotton Conference Jan. 13 at the Bunkhouse in Stamford. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. CEU's will be offered. For more information and to pre-register and reserve your place, call Wes Utley at 940-864-2658 or Steve Estes at 325-823-4242.

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Go Indians – Go Maidens

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Haskell Troop honors five Eagle Scouts

by Caron Yates

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with honor. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character.

On Nov. 1, 2009, five young men from Haskell County accepted the Eagle Scout Challenge of honor,

loyalty, courage, cheerfulness and service. In a Court of Honor ceremony held at the First United Methodist Church, Luke Terry, A.J. Benton, Ethan Frierson, Tucker McCormick and Brennan Medford received their formal award of Eagle Scout.

Kenneth Patton, who

was Scout Master when these five young men began scouting, served as Master of Ceremonies. The ceremony itself is to honor these scouts, but also to showcase the tremendous amount of time and effort it takes to achieve this highest rank in scouting.

Members of Troop 136 led

by Leland Terry and Craig McCormick, participated in presenting the flags, oath and pledges.

In the second segment of the ceremony, Joe Woodard, Scout Master of the Hawley scout troop, gave a description of the requirements, hours and merit badges necessary to achieve

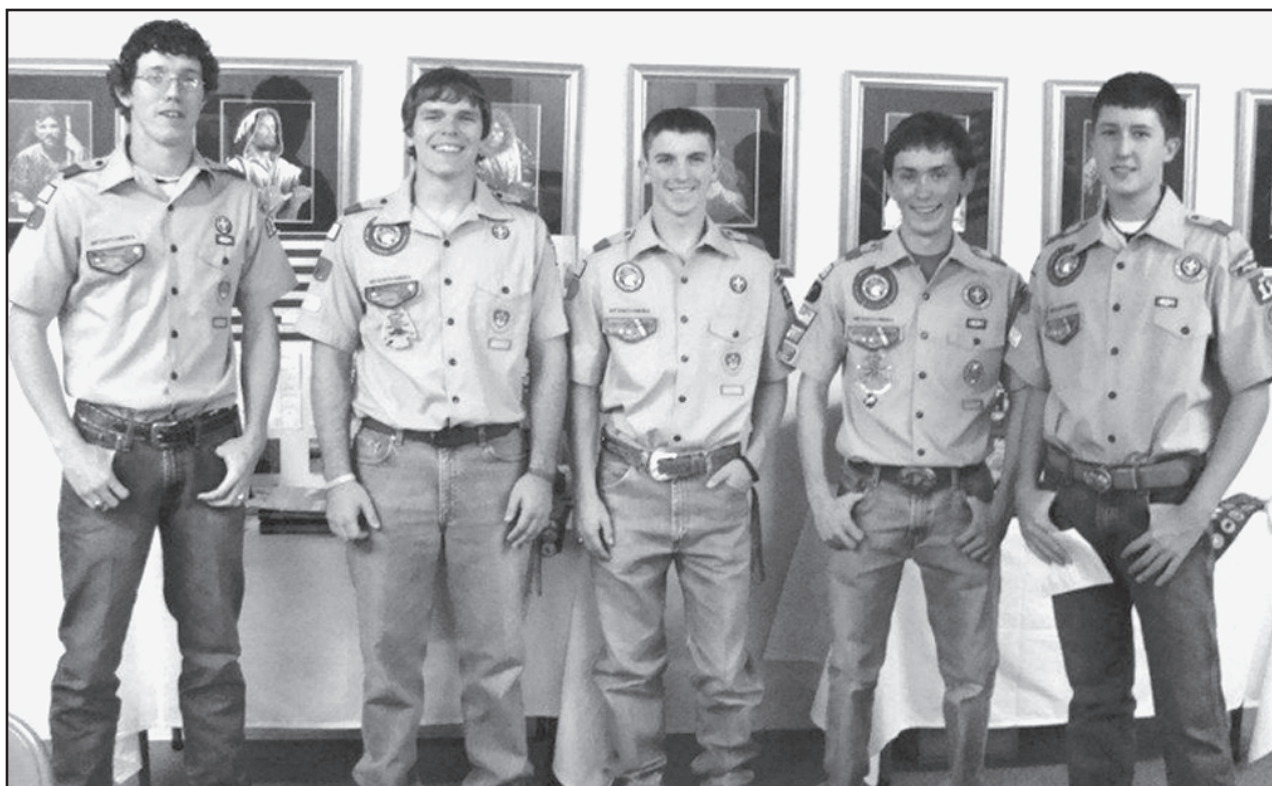
the Eagle rank. All Eagle projects must be approved by the Double Mountain Advancement Chairman, and after the completion of the project each scout must meet with the Board of Review for questioning. Final approval for the Eagle award is made by the board.

A very special part of the ceremony included the mentor pinning. Each scout paid tribute to one person they felt had greatly influenced their lives, as well as encouraged their scouting interest. Benton chose Coach Harvey Davis as his mentor, Frierson chose his grandfather David Frierson, Medford presented his mentor pin to Scout Master Leland Terry, Luke Terry chose Scout Master Craig McCormick and Tucker McCormick chose Kay Smith as his mentor. The boys also gave a pin and rose to their parents in appreciation of all their help.

After the ceremony, the approximately two hundred and seventy-five guests were invited to a reception, where each of the scouts set up a table displaying their patches, awards, letters of congratulations, project book and pictures of scouting experiences.

The current Haskell Troop 136 was chartered in 1945. There were, however, boy scout troops in Haskell and other county towns before that time. The website of the Boy Scouts of America lists Eagle Scouts for Haskell County. Joe Brooks and Gerald Parsons, both of Rule, were the first Eagle scouts listed in 1930. From 1930 to the present, there are one hundred forty-four Eagle scouts named from Haskell County.

These five young men join a long list of other local Eagle scouts, who through the years have taken seriously the challenge of reflecting honor in character. After beginning their scouting experience together, they have now ended it together, achieving the ultimate goal in scouting.



EAGLE SCOUTS—Five Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 Eagle Scouts were honored with a court of honor ceremony Nov. 1 at the First United Methodist Church. Eagle Scouts are, l-r, Brennan Medford, A.J. Benton, Ethan Frierson, Tucker McCormick and Luke Terry.

Suspect arrested for supplying drugs

A long time suspected drug supplier was finally caught on Dec. 30. The right information came in on Vernon Session and a search

warrant was executed on his residence on South 3rd St. in Haskell.

Session was charged with possession of a controlled

substance with intent to deliver, namely cocaine, in a drug free zone and transported to Haskell County Jail.

Two females at the residence were also arrested on outstanding city warrants.

Haskell County officers have suspected Session of supplying drugs at his car wash for a long time. Some of his employees have been arrested for the same charge in the last few years. None of them would give up enough information to charge Session with supplying the drugs.

More people are still suspected of bringing drugs into Haskell and just like Session, officers will make an arrest.

Officers of Haskell, Rule Police Department, Parks and Wildlife and Haskell County Sheriff's Office took part in the warrant.

Candidates file for positions in March 2 primary election

Jan. 4 was the last day to file for a place on the ballot for the March 2 primary election.

Candidates filing for election in the district races which include District Judge are incumbent Shane Hadaway; and for District Clerk, incumbent Penny Anderson.

Seeking office as County Judge, is incumbent David Davis and Chad Gibson.

Incumbent Rhonda Moeller and Erin McLellan have filed for County Clerk. Filing to fill the Tax Assessor/Collector position is Belia Abila and Connie Benton, while Janis McDaniel has filed for reelection as the County Treasurer.

Candidates hoping to fill the Justice of Peace position are incumbent Lynn Dodson and Gerre Larned. Vying

for office as commissioner for Precinct 2 is Tiffen Mayfield and for Precinct 4 is incumbent Bobby Smith and Neal Kreger.

The last day to register to vote in the March 2 primary is Feb. 1. Ballots by mail may be requested beginning Jan. 1 through Feb. 23, with early voting by personal appearance taking place Feb. 16 through Feb. 26.

Haskell Fire Dept. elects officers

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan. 4.

Randy Shaw was elected Fire Chief. Felix Rodriguez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Eddie Klose, Donald Cunningham and Mathew Cunningham will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Casey Moeller, A.J. Shaw and Stephen Wright.

Kenny Bullard is the safety officer. Bobby Howard will serve as the assistant safety officer.

Steven Wright was elected chaplain. Mathew

Cunningham and Felix Rodriguez were elected trustees.

Mathew Cunningham is training officer. Charlotte Johnson and Bobby Howard will serve as assistant training officers.

Bobby Howard is equipment manager. Casey Moeller is the assistant equipment manager.

Andy Rodriguez is the public information officer.

Bobby Scheets will serve as secretary-treasurer. Charlotte Johnson will serve as the assistant secretary-treasurer.



TOY DRIVE—The Rule High School Beta Club held a toy drive and donated the toys to the Haskell County Child Welfare Board. On hand to deliver and accept the toys were, front row, l-r, Allison Petty, Kate Rowan, Vicky Benavides, and Nick Johnson; back row, Linda Haynes, Jenny Dudensing, Grace Burgess, Lorena Diaz, Cheryl Hutchinson and Joseph Turner.

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Review personal assets

Given the current economic situation, it is clear that maximizing personal assets is important. The American Society of Appraisers suggests that people take the opportunity at the beginning of the new year to resolve to document and assess personal assets. "The contents of most peoples' homes are worth

tens of thousands of dollars and they don't even realize it," said Sharon Ring Rollins, chair of the personal property committee of the American Society of Appraisers.

When people count up their assets, they normally include the value of their home and other real estate, cars, bank accounts, retirement accounts, stocks and bonds, etc. What many people forget, however, is that their personal assets include the contents of their home including artwork, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, etc. The value of those items needs to be considered for estate planning purposes, to ensure that they are properly covered by their homeowners or renters insurance policies in case of a loss, and for sale or charitable donation purposes.

The American Society of Appraisers offers tips for homeowners or renters to get started reviewing their personal assets.

- Documentation. Take an inventory of the items in your house. Open cabinets and closets and document the contents with video or photos. Make lists of what you own, where you got each item, etc., and keep receipts.

- Make note of potentially valuable items. Make a list of items that you think might be especially valuable, including family heirlooms, artwork, and antique furniture.

- Get an appraisal of valuable items. If you think you have valuable items and want to know more about their value, consult an accredited appraiser.

- Review your homeowners or renters policies. These policies have a certain coverage amount for the contents of your home. Do a rough calculation of the value of the contents of your home if you had to replace everything. Does the amount in your current policy cover it? If not, talk to your insurance agent about raising the limit or get special riders for extremely valuable items. Owning a few pieces of fine art or a few good antiques may mean that the coverage in your policy is less than adequate.

"Appraisals are important documents like wills. They provide proof of the worth of a piece of property," said Rollins. "An appraisal performed by an accredited appraiser will stand up in court, with the IRS, or the insurance company if need be."

Obituaries

Chester 'Pat' Speer



PAT SPEER

Graveside services for Chester 'Pat' Speer, 82, of Haskell were held at Willow Cemetery Wed., Jan. 6 with Philip Sims officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Speer took his last breath on this earth Mon., Jan. 4.

Born April 27, 1927, he was the son of Jack and Eva Speer. He spent much of his childhood in Winters before moving to Haskell. Speer had lots of fond childhood stories that he shared with anyone who would listen. He drove to Winters to watch a football game this past fall and drove past the "home place" one last time to reminisce before going to the game and cheering on the Haskell Indians.

He was a veteran of World War II and enjoyed serving in Europe after the war. He achieved the rank of Sergeant. He had many

job ventures which took him all over the southern United States working in the oil industry, real estate and various other adventures including flying. But in the late 80's he returned to Haskell to care for his aging parents whom he adored. He was a Christian in the church of Christ. At first, his church family was intimidated by this quiet man who was somewhat hardened by life on the "outside." But as time passed, special people patiently loved this lonely, old man and his hardened shell began to slowly melt so that the softer, more social, and tenderhearted "inside" began to be revealed.

Some of these special friends were his neighbors, Carl and Lisa Milburn, and his "adopted family" Lonnie and Kim "Ace" Meredith to name a few. Speer didn't know it at first, but he loved children. Many of the younger children in church hugged him and talked to him which often "made his day."

Speer loved sports. He played golf daily for years and exercised extensively on his workout equipment. He loved the Haskell Indians and Maidens and the teens in Haskell came to know him as the man who was at all the football, basketball and softball games. He especially enjoyed the success the Indians had this football season traveling to their very cold state semi final game with his buddy Philip Sims.

He had a "slight setback" (his words) Sun., Jan. 3 while doing another of his favorite things: eating with his church family. Due to a dissected aorta, he was transported to the Hendrick ER for a long wait. He spent his last day doing what he did best: talking, joking, reminiscing, laughing, teasing and sharing his witty opinions and philosophies. He was never in pain and he never complained about the long wait. He even got a little sentimental talking about how his church family had loved an "old coot" so much and been so nice to him and made his final years the best years of his life. He was ready to go "home" to be with his Lord and Savior and he said he would "put in a good word for us." And I bet if he gets an opportunity to talk, it will be more than a "few words."

He will be missed by many people of all ages especially those who enjoyed deep discussions and bantering with him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Eva Speer; his sister, Billie Jack Ivy; and his nephew, Samuel Ivy.

Survivors include his nephew and wife, Michael and Brenda Ivy of Houston; his great nephews, Nathan and wife, Karen Ivy, Matthew Ivy, John Ivy, Michael David Ivy; and nieces, Sharon and husband, Jorge Garcia and Stephanie and husband, Austin Stovall. PD. NOTICE

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GERRE COLBERT LARNED ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE



Gerre Colbert Larned announces her candidacy for election as Haskell County Justice of the Peace. Gerre, who is now 61 years old, moved to Haskell County when she was 3 years old with her parents, Dr. Bob and Golda Colbert. She and her husband, Sammy Larned, have two grown sons, Cole and Casey Larned.

Cole is an elementary PE teacher with Coppell ISD. With his wife, Amanda, he has 3 sons: Creed, Gage and Crew. Casey and his wife, Missy, have 2 children: Peyton and Piper Smith. Casey works with his dad at Larneds' Sale Center in Haskell.

Gerre graduated from Haskell High School in 1966 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in English and History and a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Hardin-Simmons University. She has 36 years teaching experience which includes 19 years counseling experience in grades K-12, all in Haskell County schools.

Gerre has a personal message for the residents of Haskell County: "I have had the wonderful privilege of growing up in Haskell County. My most formative years were guided by my parents and influenced by the residents of Haskell County who were my teachers, next door neighbors, family friends, classmates, and leaders in the community. All of these folks were just average citizens for the most part, yet many were extra-ordinary in their strong sense of Christian values, their willingness to work hard, and their support of the American way of life.

As an adult working in Haskell County schools for 36 years, I have continued to see many people with these same attitudes and beliefs. I have come to the conclusion that small communities are vitally important for the development of healthy attitudes among its citizens.

Now, I seek the opportunity to make a contribution to my community by serving the citizens of Haskell county as the hardest working, fairest, and most honest Justice of the Peace that I can be.

If you will elect me as the Justice of the Peace for this great county, I will work responsibly to perform the duties of the office with diligence and integrity. I ask for your thoughtful consideration and will appreciate your vote on March 2, 2010."

Political advertising paid for by Sammy Larned, Campaign Treasurer. Gerre subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Fraud to be reduced in farm programs

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service to reduce fraud in farm programs and streamlining payment limits for family farmers. The actions are intended to strengthen the integrity and defensibility of USDA farm safety net programs and help the agricultural industry to meet requirements included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Today's announcement will ensure that the producers who depend upon the safety net of USDA programs will have future access to these programs by enhancing the overall integrity of the programs," said Vilsack. "It will also provide more flexibility for family farm operations across the country."

As part of today's announcement, USDA has finalized a Memorandum

of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income provisions for programs administered by USDA's FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service. This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

The electronic process that USDA developed with IRS reviews data from tax returns, performs a series of calculations, and compares these values to the AGI limitations from the 2008 Farm Bill FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program

participant appears to meet the income limits. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. As part of the review and evaluation process, participants whose AGI may exceed the limits will be offered an opportunity to provide third party verification or other information to validate their income.

Meanwhile, beginning with the 2010 program year, USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA has implemented the following change to permit certain operations, most often family-run operations, to meet 'actively engaged' in farming requirements under less restrictive rules.

Every stockholder or member of a legal entity, such as a corporation, does not have to contribute labor or management if both of the following apply:

- at least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management that altogether qualifies as a significant contribution to the farming operation;
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Bullinger attends 4-H Congress

Brooke Bullinger of Haskell County 4-H was among 31 Texas 4-H members who attended National 4-H Congress Nov. 27 through Dec. 1 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Each 4-H'er chose to Accept the Challenge to learn more about leadership, citizenship, and cultural diversity. Texas delegates joined some nine hundred other members across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Each delegate attended personal development workshops and assemblies to learn from experts on how to better themselves, to set and attain their goals, and to expand their 4-H project knowledge.

With a visit to the Atlanta History Museum and an "International Dinner and Dance" night, delegates gained a greater awareness and appreciation of cultural differences and similarities.

"Hands Across Atlanta" was the service component of Congress where delegates fanned out across the city to take part in organized service projects ranging from park cleanup to boxing books for school programs in Africa.



BROOKE BULLINGER

Participants were also treated to a variety of tours around the city including CNN, Coca Cola, Georgia Aquarium, Turner Field (home of the Atlanta Braves), Centennial Olympic Park, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change.

The week was topped off with a formal gala where members were treated to an inspirational message by reigning Miss America (and former Indiana 4-H member) Katie Stam and to the rocked-out performance of the Loose Cannons, a part of the U.S. Army Ground Forces Band.

Student in the News

Dustin T. Yates received his Doctorate of Philosophy in Reproductive Physiology in graduation ceremonies held at New Mexico State University in December.

Yates, a 2000 Haskell High School graduate, is the son of Joe and Caron Yates, and the grandson of Lindo Guess and Tom and Alice Yates, all of Weinert.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas A & M University, and a master's degree from Angelo State University.

While at New Mexico State University, he undertook a number of research projects, with the main focus being on the interplay between environmental stress and reproductive performance using lab rat and sheep models.

Yates has had three manuscripts published in scientific journals and has others under review for publication. During the course of his studies, he presented six procedural papers at the annual Western



DUSTY YATES

Section Animal Science Conference.

Yates was selected as the 2009 Most Outstanding Graduate Student in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Economical Sciences. He was also inducted into the Gama Sigma Delta, which is an agricultural honor society.

He has accepted a Post-Doctorate Fellowship at the University of Arizona where he will be part of a team examining prenatal predispositions to type II diabetes caused by stress to the fetus.

Births

Shawn and Nikki Jordan of Stamford announce the birth of their daughter, Jocelynn Astraea Jordan, born Nov. 2 at 9:18 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. She was 20 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her big brothers, Hunter and Brennan Jordan.

Grandparents are Mike and Deanna Jordan of Haskell, Susan and Larry Trotter of Stamford and

Sam Powell of Dallas.

Andrew and Shannon Deen of Crowley announce the birth of their daughter, Jordan Teagan Deen, born Nov. 17 at 10:50 p.m. at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. She was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Deanna Jordan of Haskell and Francis Deen of Brownwood.

Alzheimer's workshop to be held in Haskell January 19

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

The Haskell County Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Committee along with the Alzheimer's Association, will be conducting a workshop, Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters on Tues., Jan. 19. The workshop will begin at 2 p.m. and will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building, located at 1 North Avenue N in Haskell.

Current data suggests that less than 35% of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias have a diagnosis of the condition in their medical record. "In 2011, the first wave of baby boomers begins turning 65—the age that one's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease begins to increase significantly," said Mindy Bannister, Caseworker, of the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's

Association. "Knowing the warning signs of Alzheimer's and getting diagnosed early is vital to receiving the best help and care possible."

The workshop, Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters, is designed to help concerned individuals understand the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's disease and the benefits of early detection. Key topics that will be discussed include:

- The 10 warning signs
- Basic overview of Alzheimer's disease
- Risk factors
- What is involved in getting a diagnosis
- Benefits of early detection including accessing available treatment, planning for the future and participating in clinical trials.

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

New law: Cigarettes sold in Texas must be 'fire-safe'

AUSTIN—A new law that went into effect Jan. 1 mandates that only “fire-safe” cigarettes—marked as FSC for “fire standard compliant”—can be sold in Texas. Fire-safe cigarettes are designed to go out when they are not being actively smoked, reducing the risk of an accidental fire.

Lawmakers passed a bill in 2007 requiring that all cigarettes sold in Texas be fire-standard compliant by Jan. 1, 2010, and Gov. Rick Perry signed it into law. Texas is one of 49 states where FSC mandates for cigarettes are in effect or pending. The Texas Department of Insurance is responsible for inspecting, certifying and enforcing the law.

Anyone manufacturing, distributing or selling cigarettes that aren't fire safe can be fined \$100 per pack. State Fire Marshal Paul Maldonado said FSC cigarettes will help prevent fires and save lives. More information about fire-safe cigarettes is available at the insurance department Website, www.tdi.state.tx.us.

Hutchison blasts TxDOT

Shortly after filing to run for governor in the March 2 Republican primary, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison promised to “clean up” the Texas Department of Transportation. She said Texans are fed up with traffic congestion and blamed the “arrogance and inefficiencies” of TxDOT's leadership.

Hutchison said, if elected governor, she would push for a high-speed rail line connecting Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. In a campaign swing around the state, Hutchison also said the Texas Transportation Commission should be expanded from five to nine members.

Katz files for Lt. Governor

Austin restaurateur Marc Katz has filed to run for lieutenant governor in the March Democratic primary. Katz, owner of Katz's Deli and Bar in downtown Austin, will face former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who also filed to run for lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary.

Katz said he would spend millions of dollars of his own money to win the primary race against Earle. The winner likely will face incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who filed to run for reelection in the Republican Party primary.

Licenses for immigrants OK

A Texas appeals court has ruled that the restriction on driver's licenses issued to immigrants is lawful. The

3rd Court of Appeals ruled against a Dallas landscaping company that has said the Texas Department of Public Safety does not have authority to establish requirements for immigrants seeking driver's licenses.

Under DPS rules, a driver's license cannot be issued to someone with a visa valid for less than a year or if there is less than six months remaining on the visa. If a visa is valid for more than a year, the driver's license says “Temporary Visitor.” Those licenses are vertical, not horizontal like standard Texas licenses.

Although the plaintiffs argued that truck drivers can't enter certain areas with a temporary license, the court said the plaintiffs did not prove any negative effects caused by the temporary-visitor licenses.

Valley med school steps

The University of Texas System has taken the first steps toward creating a medical school in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. State education officials said a medical school in South Texas is needed because of the area's high poverty rate and its lack of doctors and medical facilities.

In the 2009 legislative session, lawmakers passed a measure authorizing, but not requiring, the UT Board of Regents to establish a medical school in Cameron County. UT President William Powers Jr. said South Texas needs a medical school and a law school.

UT officials are looking at the possible cost of establishing a medical school in the Valley. A report is underway examining the financial and faculty needs and possible hospital affiliations.

State issues health warning

Consumers have been warned about eating a traditional African product called Nzu because of potential health risks. Nzu is sometimes eaten by pregnant women as a remedy for morning sickness.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said laboratory tests found high levels of lead and arsenic in Nzu sold at African specialty stores in the Dallas and Houston areas. Among other adverse health effects, exposure to lead can put a developing child at risk of brain and nervous system damage.

Polunsky reappointed by Perry

San Antonio attorney Allan Polunsky has been reappointed to the Texas Public Safety Commission. Gov. Perry reappointed Polunsky to a term ending 2015. The commission oversees the Texas Department of Public Safety, the state's main law enforcement agency.

WHY DOES DREARY OL' WINTER LAST SO LONG?



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 6, 2000

First Baptist Church of Haskell, extended a call to Rev. Kevin Hall to serve as their pastor.

According to Billie McKeever, thanks to the generosity of our community, the Jingle Bell Kitchen served nearly 300 hearty meals to students, senior citizens and those in-between.

Haskell Maidens defeated Anson 33-27. Scoring for Haskell were N. Wallace, 10 points; T. Riley, 6 points.; T. Lindsey, 6 points; M. Rodela, 4 points; M. Buerger, 4 points; M. Bird, 3 points.

20 Years Ago January 4, 1990

First National Bank president, Bobby Hobgood, announced the promotion of Joey Kimbrough to assistant cashier and loan officer.

An early morning fire destroyed the office and merchandise area of Kennedy Lumber Company.

The Haskell Indians and Maidens, each sporting a 3-0 record in district play, jump back into the 7-2A title chase.

30 Years Ago January 3, 1980

Terry Scott Langford and Betsy Ann Optiz exchanged wedding vows at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell.

Dr. James F. (Jeff) Cadenhead recently completed a PhD in Range Science at New Mexico State

University.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey A. Harrison, former residents of Weinert, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children.

The first grade class of Mrs. C.A. Thomas sang Christmas carols for the residents of Leisure Lodge.

40 Years Ago January 1, 1970

According to Sam Herren, the official U.S. Government weather recorder for Haskell, “The ice storm experienced here this week was the most damaging since 1926.”

John Greeson, pastor of Rule Church of Christ, officiated the double ring ceremony uniting Sonja Casey and David Parr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moeller of Haskell announce the birth of their baby girl, Tiffany Rene.

Candy Strippers Sue Wilkinson, Marsha Berry, Denise Perry and Becky Stubblefield presented a Christmas program for the residents of the Clear View and Rice Springs Rest Homes.

50 Years Ago January 7, 1960

John Miller donated and planted, with the help of park superintendent Randy Ballard, eight Chinese elm trees in Scott Memorial Park.

Haskell's “First Baby of

the Year” is William Bruce Del Valle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwin Del Valle. The family will receive a number of gifts awarded by Haskell merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Middleton became sole owners of Fashion Fabrics this week, after purchasing the interest of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Gipson.

Paint Creek School superintendent Pat Morrison, along with school board members Gene Overton, Paul Fisher, Roy Medford and Ira Coleman are attending the Texas School Administrators meeting in Austin.

Lester Hutchinson, who is stationed in Germany, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Hutchinson, during Christmas.

100 Years Ago January 1, 1910

Norman's Paint Store has moved to a new location in the Whitman Building on the west side of the square.

McDougal and Company will move their grocery business to the building north of the Farmers National Bank, known as the Cozy Corner.

Whit Williams of the southeast side was in town Monday. He says farmers are pleased with the outlook for this year.

N.I. McCollum and family spent Christmas with relatives in Putnam.

HNB receives award

It is with great pride that Haskell National Bank accepts its distinguished 5-Star Superior rating from BauerFinancial, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida. The 5-Star rating is based on the overall financial condition of the bank and indicates that, for strength and stability, Haskell National Bank is the perfect place to entrust your deposits. The 5-Star rating is the highest rating attainable from BauerFinancial (the nation's bank rating firm for over a quarter of a century). Not only has Haskell National Bank earned a 5-Star rating, it has done so for 71 consecutive quarters. Only seven percent of the nation's banks can claim that distinction.

“Sheila Bair, chairman of the FDIC, said recently that community banks are the lifeblood of our financial system, and that certainly is true,” comments Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. “What she doesn't say it that not all community banks, or all banks for that matter, are created equal. Haskell National Bank has passed BauerFinancial's stringent stress test with flying colors. Not only is it a vital part of its community, it is a prime example of what all community banks should strive for.”

Correction

An article appearing in the Dec. 31 issue of the Haskell Free Press should have read:

Jerri J. Grimsley Buerger, of Haskell graduated with honors and a Master of Arts degree in English from Midwestern State University during graduation ceremonies held in December.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

What Texans Should Know About Providing Their Social Security Number

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Texas ranks second in the nation for identity theft complaints. In 2008, nearly 32,000 Texans were identity theft victims and, as a result, lost thousands of dollars and hours of time attempting to correct their credit ratings and personal financial history.

Identity theft occurs when a criminal illegally uses someone else's personal information—a name, address, driver's license number, credit or debit card account number or Social Security number—to commit fraud or other crimes.

Fortunately, increased identity theft awareness has made Texans much more cautious about freely providing their personal information. One particularly sensitive part of a person's identity is his or her Social Security number (SSN). Many Texans call the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to ask when and where they are required to give out their SSN.

One of our most commonly received questions on this subject is, “Can a private business ask for my Social Security number?” Generally, the answer is yes. The law does not prohibit a business from asking for a person's SSN; however, the customer has options and does not have to provide that information.

Texans are not legally required to provide their SSN to private businesses unless the transaction is one which triggers mandatory Internal Revenue Service notification. Texans should be aware, though, that businesses can refuse to provide products or services to customers who fail to provide their SSN.

If a business insists that customers provide their SSN and customers feel this is not justified, customers may want to ask for a supervisor or manager to discuss the situation. If the company is unwilling to budge, Texans may want to consider taking their business elsewhere.

Be aware that while federal law does not forbid a business from asking for a person's SSN, it does mandate that the business

protect any numbers it collects. People who provide their SSN to a private business should familiarize themselves with the company's privacy policy.

Texas law also requires that businesses safeguard their clients' sensitive personal information, including names, addresses, financial information and SSN. The OAG has charged several commercial vendors with unlawfully failing to protect such information.

Many Texans also inquire about government agencies and whether they have the right to ask for a person's SSN. Federal law does compel government agencies to ask for a SSN in certain instances.

For example, certain government agencies, including taxing authorities, human resource offices and departments of motor vehicles, can require a SSN as mandated by federal law.

Federal law does provide protections when citizens are required to divulge their SSN. The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that all government agencies that request Social

Security numbers provide a disclosure statement on the form. The statement explains whether citizens are required to provide their SSN or if it is optional. Additionally, the document details how a person's SSN will be used.

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget provides guidance and oversight regarding the Privacy Act of 1974. Interested Texans may read the Act on the U.S. Department of Justice Web site at www.usdoj.gov.

The Privacy Act also provides that citizens cannot be denied government benefits or services if they refuse to disclose their SSN—if the disclosure is not required by federal law or if the disclosure is to an agency which has been using Social Security numbers prior to January 1975.

Texans who are asked to give their SSN to a government agency but do not receive a disclosure statement may want to cite the Privacy Act and contact their U.S. congressmen or senators.

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**Haskell
Indians
JVB, VB
vs
Munday
Tues., Jan. 12,
4 p.m.
at Munday**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tyrone Neskorik, Christian Myers, Austin Marshall, Kelson Aguero and Clint Howard; back row, Austin Nanny, Ross Wittenborn, Kosta Mahlelis, Simon Rodriguez and Sterling Bird.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Marissa McGhee, Aubrey Bassett, Briè Torres, Kayce Wilcox, Cheslee Hearn; back row, Jordan Burson, Ashley Short, Lisa Rodgers, Miranda Johnson, Harley James and Lonnie Alvarez.

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Maidens
JVG, VG vs
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LADY PIRATES—Paint Creek Lady Pirates Brittany Waggoner, center, and Katrina Buerger, right, in action against Throckmorton.

Paint Creek School Menu

**Jan. 11-15
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Wednesday: Toast or cereal
Thursday: French toast
Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken pot pie, bread, salad, pudding
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, cobbler
Wednesday: Corndogs, fries, beans, brownies
Thursday: Chili dogs, cheese, chips, beans, cookies
Friday: No school

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**Jan. 11-15
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Maple burst pancakes
Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit
Wednesday: Cereal, goldfish
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served

daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pears
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas,

peppers and onions, pinto beans, garden salad, brownie

Wednesday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket, baby carrots, ranch dressing, assorted chips, apple

Thursday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, assorted chips, orange slices
Friday: No school

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 11

Lunch—Chili wieners, mac and cheese, au gratin potato, pork and beans, cornbread, lemon cake, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 13

Lunch—Goulash and rice, pinto beans, buttered corn, toast, blueberry cobbler, tea

or coffee

Fri., Jan. 15

Lunch—Chicken and spaghetti, English peas, garden salad, garlic bread, brownie, pears, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Texas holiday facts

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has compiled some festive holiday facts about our state and its economy related to the season.

•Texas has approximately 150 Christmas tree farms across the state producing 200,000 trees annually on 2,500 acres. Texas Christmas tree growers contribute \$12 million each year to the state's economy. Christmas trees have been grown commercially in Texas since 1977. Virginia and Afghan pines are the most common Christmas trees grown in Texas.

•In 2007, Texas producers contributed 75 million pounds of pecans toward the record United States total crop of more than 385 million pounds.

•The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book was first published in 1926. Neiman

Marcus is headquartered in Dallas.

•In 2008, 5 million Texans traveled during the Christmas and New Year's season, with 4.5 million traveling by car. Only California had more holiday travelers.

•According to the U.S. Census Bureau, three places in the country are named after the main course of Christmas dinner: Turkey, Texas, was the most populous in 2008, followed by Turkey Creek, La. (361) and Turkey, N.C. (272).

•According to climate data gathered over the years, Abilene, Lubbock and Wichita Falls have a 3 percent chance of having a white Christmas, and Amarillo has a 7 percent chance of having snow on Dec. 25. The other major cities in Texas have nearly zero chance of a white Christmas.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your resolutions can't help you unless you keep them

A brand new year is underway,
And just one week ago you say
You made a comprehensive list
Of what temptations to resist;
Along with projects to be done,
Including those not yet begun:
Like writing letters you've postponed,
To people whom you should have phoned.

You'll clean that closet out for sure,
And give those things to help the poor.
But most of all, you've vowed to heed
The lessons of your chosen creed,
And each and every Sabbath day
Attend the services and pray;
Then thank the Lord with all your heart
You gave this year a flying start.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

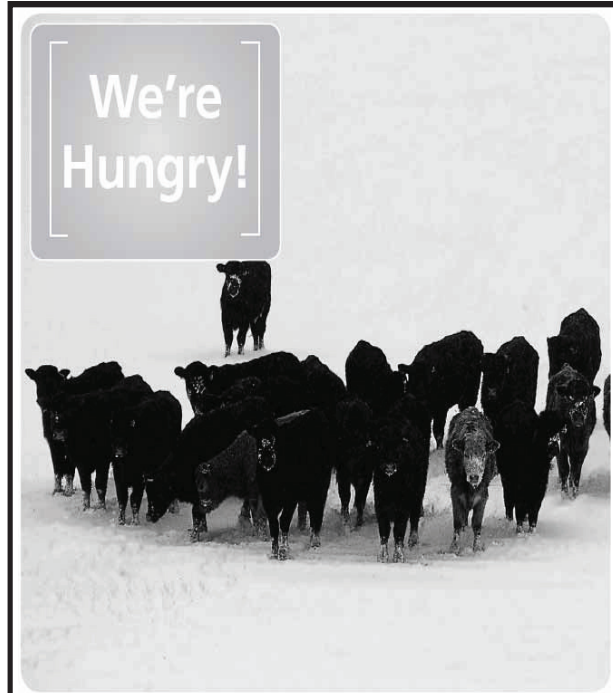
- East Side Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien



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The residence of Phillip D. Newton is located in Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. The residence of Michael L. Newton is located in College Station, Brazos County, Texas. The post office address of Phillip D. Newton and Michael L. Newton is as follows: Phillip D. Newton and Michael L. Newton, c/o Brian J. Hall, Barnett-McNair-Hall, L.L.P., 8350 North Central Expressway,

Suite 1220, Dallas, Texas 75206.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present such claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated November 23, 2009.

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Contract 6108-91-001 for THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in MITCHELL County, etc. will be opened on February 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,158,759.18.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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703 Central-Rule. Nice older stucco home with three bedrooms, two baths with a large kitchen, living room, large utility room and good closet space. There is a detached metal garage, fenced back yard and a large front porch.

RULE. 1503 Union. Nice two bedrooms, two bath brick home with C/HA, living room, den with kitchen. Dwelling has an attached two car garage. (Possible third bedroom). There is a water well for the yard.

Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.

We want to thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers. Especially thanks to the Rule Canasta Club that brought a 'truck load' of paper goods, drinks, cakes, casseroles, flowers and brownies to Lubbock; and also for the ones that came for the services. Brenda had such wonderful friends. You have blessed us.

The family of Brenda Griggs
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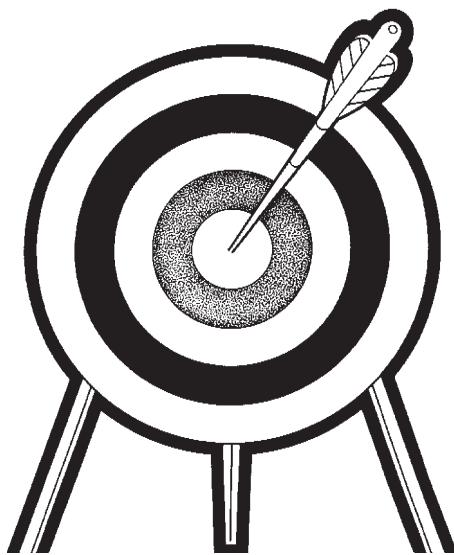
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EULA TOURNAMENT—The Haskell Maidens played Eastland during the Eula Tournament held Dec. 28-30. Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn, left, looks to pass the ball. Maiden #55 Ashlee Short, right, makes a pivot move to the basket. Haskell defeated Eastland 31-28.



EULA TOURNAMENT—The Haskell Maidens played in the Eula Tournament Dec. 28-30. Maiden #45 Lisa Rodgers, left, waits for a pass to set up a scoring play against Goldthwaite. Maiden #23 Kayce Wilcox, right, brings the ball down court against Roscoe.

Jr. Livestock Show and Sale to be held Jan. 14-16

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held January 14-16 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 14 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is

Thurs., Jan. 14 by 6:30 p.m. Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. for lambs; followed by swine. Beginning at 2 p.m. for steers followed by heifers will show.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Mark Standley of

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

Auctioneer and announcer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 16 are to be announced.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand offering drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 102 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$86,000. Brandon Anderson of Haskell is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

Haskell lodge members meet

The ODS #241 met on a bitterly cold day for the first meeting of the new year Sun., Jan. 3.

News of the death of Raymond Dippel of Lubbock was reported. Condolences were sent to the family. Dippel had been a member since 1963.

Installation of officers will be held at a later date.

Door prizes were won by Jerry Don Klose, Evelyn Moeller and Leona Seelig.

The youth of the

organization are busy taking care of their livestock in anticipation of the livestock shows and sales which begin this month. This along with basketball games keeps our young members busy and older members active, by attending these events in their support.

Games of dominoes and chicken-foot followed a business meeting. The day came to a close following the meal.

Area basketball scores

Girls
Goldthwaite 44
Haskell 35
Scoring for Haskell:
McGhee 18, Torres 5.

Eula Holiday Classic
Girls
Haskell 31, Eastland 28
Scoring for Haskell:
Bassett 8, Rodgers 8.
Haskell 36, Roscoe 18
Scoring for Haskell:
Bassett 9, Rodgers 8, Torres 6, Short 5, Hearn 4, Burson 2, Johnson 2.

Roby 48, Haskell 34
Scoring for Haskell:
Marshall 10, Wittenborn 7, Neskoric 7, Myers 4, Howard 2, Rodriguez 2, Aguero 1, Bird 1.

Calendar

Cookbooks
The Committee to Help Haskell County's cookbook, comprised of recipes from Haskell County cooks, is available at the Tax Assessor/Collector's office and at Susan Cockerell's office in the courthouse for \$15. This is one of CHHC's major fund-raisers for providing an academic award for a graduating senior at each of our three county high schools.

Boys
Olney 53, Haskell 30
Scoring for Haskell:
Myers 16, Wittenborn 10.

Jayton Tournament
Girls
Rule 43, Ira 40
Scoring for Rule: Polk 22.
Boys
Ira 76, Rule 18
Scoring for Rule: Brown 5, Turner 4



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It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your County Judge for the past thirteen years. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to do so.

Please vote on March 2 and allow me to continue to work for you, the citizens of Haskell County.

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