Happy New Year

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Basketball games

Haskell Haskell 7th, 8th & 9th vs. Seymour Mon., Jan. 4, 5:00 p.m. Girls Here, Boys There JV-B, V-B vs Wylie Mon., Jan. 4, 5 p.m. at Wylie JV-G, V-G vs Throckmorton Tues., Jan. 5, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Paint Creek vs Roscoe Thurs., Dec. 31, 10 a.m. at Roscoe Paint Creek vs Lueders-Avoca Tues., Jan. 5, 4 p.m. at Lueders *******

Paint Creek JH Boys vs. Goree Mon., Jan. 4, 4:00 p.m. at Goree

Calendar

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Jan. 3 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be stew. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Jan. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Historical & Genealogical

Society to meet The Haskell Co. Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 4 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Modelle Barton from Rochester will speak on an historical account about Marcy. This is the city moved to the tracks when the railroad first came through and became known as Rochester.



BILLIE McKEEVER

Groundwater conservation district vote set Jan. 26

Voters in Haskell and Knox counties will decide in a special election Jan. 26, 1999 whether to approve a local groundwater conservation district. If approved, the district will allow an appointed board of local citizens to regulate groundwater resources.

"Water in our area is one of the main resources that we still have. We have good water and we're very fortunate in that respect," said Judge David Perdue in Knox County. "But we have to maintain it and use it properly and wisely to protect it. We can better do that ourselves than someone else from outside who doesn't know our needs."

The counties are located above the Seymour aquifer, one of nine major aquifers in the state. Groundwater from the aquifer is used primarily to support

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agricultural production, which in 1997 amounted to \$48 million in cash receipts in Haskell County alone, according to Greg Kaase, Haskell county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Municipal residents in Knox and Haskell counties use primarily surface water from Miller's Creek Reservoir for their drinking water although some towns mix half surface and half groundwater. Additionally, groundwater in the aquifer is part of a drought management plan for the area, said Mayor Tommie Reynolds in Knox

Judge David Davis of Haskell County said that the need to use groundwater may arise at any time. 'At any point when it doesn't rain, Haskell and Rochester might have to go back to using groundwater. It's an asset that needs to be protected."

People do not want their water regulated by anyone but themselves, but we've got to realize that if we don't decide to regulate ourselves, we could be regulated by a bureaucracy in Austin in the future, Perdue said.

Texas first provided for the

formation of groundwater conservation districts in 1949 in order to allow some local control and management of groundwater use. In 1997, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 1 which said that groundwater conservation districts are the state's preferred method of managing groundwater

resources. Dr. Bruce Lesikar, an agricultural engineering program leader with the Extension Service. said that conservation districts allow a local group to monitor aquifer resources.

"A local group would monitor the aquifer, let people know what their current water situation is on a timely basis, help with educational programs to explain how to conserve the resource and better plan how to use the limited resource to meet demands in their area," he said.

For example, districts can regulate how far apart wells must be spaced to reduce occurrences of pumping interference between adjacent landowners. However, regulations extend only to residents within the groundwater conservation district. Rules do not apply to neighboring counties that are not part of a conservation district unless a process is undertaken to annex that area into an existing district.

Most districts use ad valorem taxes to generate revenue. The law allows groundwater conservation districts to tax up to \$0.50 per \$100 of property values; however, most districts tax a much smaller amount. Some districts-including the one being proposed-have included a smaller tax cap of \$0.05.

This permits the local board to tax up to \$0.05 per \$100; taxing above that amount would require voter

approval in another election. Major considerations for the upcoming confirmation vote include how the district will be paid for, what powers it will have and how it will affect water exports and existing wells. However, the main issue for many has been the

right to control their own water. "I think it's important to stress what can happen if they don't have a district," said Dolan Moore, manager of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. If the district is created, it allows us to set our own rules to manage and protect our groundwater resources. If we don't take the initiative, the state may come in and control it if the law changes, he said.

Judge Davis said the main reason the district has been proposed is to plan the future of the aquifer.

"The main reasons we're considering this is to plan the use of our underground water. We need an understanding of our underground water supply and how to conserve it so that it will be available for this generation and future generations," Davis said.

Richard Albus, temporary board chairman, stated that early voting would begin Dec. 28, 1998 at the County Clerk's office in Haskell and Knox County. Mail ballots will be available to registered voters 65 years and older by contacting the County Clerk's office by phone.

Billie McKeever named new Superintendent

During a 7:00 a.m. meeting of the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Board members, Billie McKeever, current Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, was named as the new Superintendent of Haskell CISD. She will begin her new duties on Jan. 1.

Other applicants for the position were High School Principal Jim Rumage and Elementary Principal, Jimmy Lisle.

In making the announcement, School Board president, Bob Aycock said, "They were all good applicants. It was a hard decision to have to make."

A graduate of Paint Creek High School, McKeever holds a Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education/English degree from Hardin-Simmons University, and a Master of Education, Secondary Education/English and History degree from Abilene Christian University. She has done post graduate work at ACU in Educational Administration, and at Texas Woman's University in Superintendency.

McKeever's teaching career began in 1968 as a First and Second grade teacher in Putnam. After teaching in Weinert and Stamford, she worked for Region 14 ESC, Abilene as testing coordinator and Co-op Counselor for 5 schools.

In 1988 McKeever came to Haskell CISD where she built a scholarship program and provided career/personal counseling. From 1988 to 1995 she was an Adjunct Professor for Western Texas College, Snyder.

At Haskell she was Curriculum

Director/Instructional Supervisor for eight years, researching and implementing new academic programs, leading curriculum realignment, and evaluating and

selecting instruction materials. From 1996 until the present, she has been Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. In this capacity she has supervised special programs, planned staff development, written grants and developed schedules for staff and students.

McKeever is a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas State Teachers Association, and Big Country Administrators Association. Leadership and professional activities for her include the Texas Education Agency TSII Peer Review Team for Accountability and Compliance, Executive Secretary of Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, Small Schools Leadership Academy, Rolling Plains Community Planning Committee chairperson, Commissioner's Advisory Board for Compliance, presenter for Commissioner's Midwinter Conference, Administrator's Fall Retreat, and Superintendent's Spring Conference, TAAS State Review Committee, TAAS Testing Advisory Committee, and Administrator's ExCET Development Committee.

She is a member of the Church of Christ, Progressive Study Club, and Hospice of the Big Country.

McKeever and her husband, Eddie McKeever, have two daughters, Jan and Joy, and four grand-daughters.

Hobgood nominated to service academy

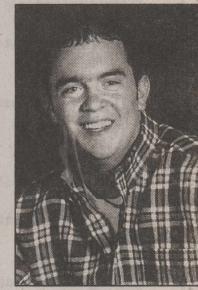
Congressman Charlie Stenholm is pleased to announce that 19 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Six individuals were nominated to compete for one appointment slot at the Military academy at West Point, NY. Thirteen young men and women were nominated for two appointment slots at the the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado and two slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Nominees include Jason Hobgood of Haskell to the Military and Naval Academy.

Nominees will be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. The academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.



JASON HOBGOOD

Farm show set Feb. 23-24

Greg Kaase Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The 7th Annual Big Country Farm & Ranch Show is scheduled Tues., Feb. 23 and Wed., Feb. 24 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. The show will feature the latest in agricultural equipment and offer area producers a two day educational conference.

The exhibit floor will showcase over 300 booths of national manufacturers, dealers and suppliers. Exhibits will range from large hp tractors to seed and chemical companies. Educational seminars are organized by the Taylor County Agricultural Extension Service and offer CE U's for Pesticide Applicators during several meetings. The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers will hold their annual meeting at the event.

For more information, call 1-800-827-8007.

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Student in the News

The Dean of Arts and Science at Texas Tech University has announced that Brandon McFadden has qualified for the Dean's Honor List for the 1998 summer session. This recognition is awarded to

students who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

McFadden is a recent graduate of Texas Tech. He is the son of Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden of



Haskell Basketball scores

Hawley Holiday Hoops Classic Girls Haskell 31,

Hawley 29.

Scores by quarter: Haskell; 3, 8, 6, 14. Hawley; 6, 4, 7, 12. **Individual Scorings:**

Nikki Wallace, 13: Tiffany Lindsey 2, Bree Burgess 4, Shayne McKenzie 8, Misty Rodela 2 Brittany Bartley 2.

> Haskell 45, Anson 33.

Scores by Quarter: Haskell; 14, 11, 10, 10 Anson; 9, 18, 8, 8.

Individual Scoring: J. J. Comedy 6, Kerre Cole 3, Deshea Phemister 4, Tiffany Cadenhead 2, Rosalinda Gonzales 2, Bree Burgess 4, Shayne McKenzie 16, Brittany Bartley 7.

> Hawley Holiday Hoops Classic Boys

Haskell 62, Bronte 40. Scores by Quarter: Haskell; 11, 14, 16, 19.

Bronte; 11, 10, 11, 8. Individual Scoring: Trey Rogers 13, Cy McGuire 2, T Nichols 2, Robert Spells 22, Trey Cheyne 15, Shane Steele 4, Jimmy Huff 2.



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Obituaries

Leonard L. 'Pete' Carroll

Funeral services for Leonard L. 'Pete' Carroll, 90, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 23 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dale Huff officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Carroll died Sun., Dec. 20 at a local care home. Born May 30, 1908 in Bagwell, he married Lillie Mae Miller Aug. 7, 1926 in Bagwell. She preceded him in death June 9, 1966. He later married Johnnie L. Worrell and she died Dec. 21, 1990. He was a lifelong farmer in Haskell County and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Dessie Mae Burkhalter in 1981.

Funeral services for Leon V. Parsons, 70, of Paducah,

were held Tues., Dec. 29 at First Assembly of God Church

in Haskell with Rev. J. C. Amburn, pastor, and Rev. James

Story of Mansfield officiating. Burial was in Willow Cem-

etery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of

Mr. Parsons died Sat., Dec. 26 at his home following

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Mary Carroll of Abilene and Joe and Michele Worrell of Haskell; four daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Layne Wells of Trent, Geraldean Burke, Colita and Don Whitfield and Barbara and Bobby Roberts, all of Haskell: two sisters. Norene Danner of Blanchard, Okla., and Stella Danner of Shawnee, Okla.; thirteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Sam Bitner, Terry Blanks, Steve Cothron, Ronny Tanner, John Foster and Loraine Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were Ted Jetton, Glenn Merchant,

Gene Rose, Loyal Cameron, Gene Long, Gerald McCoy, Wayne Peiser, R. E. 'Buck' Speer, Sam Wester and H. V. 'Woody' Woodard.

Leon V. Parsons

Born Nov. 15, 1928 in Center Point, he had been a long time resident of Haskell, prior to moving to Paducah. He was a retired oilfield worker and had worked for the City of Haskell.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and one

Survivors include one brother, David Parsons of Paducah and one sister, Estelle McMillin of Altus, Okla.

Ricky Ray Phelps

Graveside services for Ricky Ray Phelps, 35, of Haskell were held Mon., Dec. 28 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Eric Clark, pastor, Church of God, officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Phelps died Sat., Dec. 26 at his home.

a lengthy illness.

Born March 30, 1963 in Haskell, he was a lifelong resident. He attended Haskell High School and had worked for the City of Haskell as a truck driver for 15

Graveside services for Johanna M. Mitchell, 89, of

McCamey were held Mon., Dec. 21 in Willow Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Richard W. Box

Mrs. Mitchell died Sat., Dec. 19 in the Upton County

Born Jan. 24, 1909 in Chico, she was the daughter of

John and Minnie B. Wilson. She married Willard L.

Mitchell Nov. 28, 1925 in Anson. They made their home on a farm near Rochester for over forty years. He pre-

ceded her in death in 1969. She moved to McCamey in

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lillie Phelps.

Survivors include one brother, Dean Phelps of Abilene; one sister, Anita Crain of Haskell; nephews, Robert A. Crain, Randy Phelps and Steven Crain, all of Haskell; nieces, Anita Ann Love and Teresa Crain of North Little Rock, Ark., and Michele Phelps of Haskell.

Johanna M. Mitchell

1974 where she was associated with Colonial Flowers and Gifts. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Jimmy McClure, McCamey; one granddaughter, Melanie Gomez, McCamey; one grandson, James McClure and wife, Kristi, of Lewisville; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary Nell Tarkington and Dr. Robert N. Tarkington, Tulsa, Okla.; six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Haskell Healthcare Center

by Betty Hearn Activities Director

Funeral Home of McCamey.

Convalescent Center in McCamey.

Our facility has been blessed with many carolers this past week. The Haskell Elementary 3rd graders came and entertained the residents with happy songs of Christmas and they all shook hands and gave out Christmas cards. The Paint Creek Elementary also presented a program of carols. The residents enjoyed these children very much. Haskell GA's and preschoolers also

Our doors were judged by Ruby Turner and Gayla Nanny. 1st place went to Patricia Castillo; 2nd place to Connie Griffen and 3rd place to Sheryll Griffen. The judge stated it was hard to decide and all the doors were very pretty.

The Haskell FFA boys brought out birdhouses for the residents. They did a wonderful job on them. Thank you, boys, for taking time to do this. The residents will enjoy painting them.

We had our Christmas party on Fri., Dec. 18. Family and friends came and brought gifts for their loved ones. Santa was special this year. We had a singing Santa, Philip Martin and he was accompanied by Cindy Guess at the piano. Also Betty Martin sang a carol in Spanish. An opening of gifts and refreshments were served to about 60 people. Merr Christmas and Happy New Year to

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BRANDON McFADDEN - STEPHANIE STENNETT

itennett, McFadden plan June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stennett of hoka announce the engagement their daughter, Stephanie Carol, Brandon Jay McFadden, the son Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden of

Stephanie is a student at Texas ch University and will graduate May with a Bachelor of Science gree in Multidisciplinary lence. She is a self-employed mnastics instructor in Hale

Brandon is a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Science. He is working on his master's certificate in education and is employed at the Texas A&M Experiment Station in Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry June 26 at First Baptist Church in

lementary implements new discipline guidelines

After the Christmas holidays, rent or guardians of elementary udents and the students will be vare that changes have been made Haskell Elementary School's

iscipline Management Plan that ill affect students receiving cipline. The following changes Il begin with the Jan. 5, 1999

Major offenses as defined in the isting discipline handbook will atinue to be handled according to existing policy.

Change #1- Depending on the fense, teachers will use various assroom management techniques efore assigning D-hall. One of ese techniques will be an tempted conference with the rent or guardian.

Change #2- D-hall will be loved to 7:00 a.m., and will last ntil 8:00 a.m. If a student misses -hall for anything other than an xcused absence, the student will utomatically be sent to ACE (ISS) upon arrival at school. Excused absences are classified as personal

illness, serious illness or death in the immediate family, emergency medical or dental attention, or participation in school-sponsored

Change #3- D-hall will be cumulative per six-week period. After three d-hall assignments in one six-week period, the student will be sent to ACE (ISS) on the fourth discipline notice and every discipline notice thereafter for that six-week period. The process starts over at the beginning of each six-

Change #4- When a student has been to ACE (ISS) eight times in one semester, he/she will be assigned to two days of Saturday class on the next discipline notice. ACE accumulation starts over at the beginning of each semester. If a student misses Saturday class, one more day of Saturday class will be

These changes will all take effect Jan. 5, and will affect students attending Haskell Elementary



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MISTI HENSON

Misti is off to London for New Year's parade

Haskell Varsity Cheerleader, Misti Henson left at 4:10 p.m., Dec. 26, on a 15 hour flight to London, England where she will cheer in a parade for the royal family on New Year's Day. Hoping to have a safe and fun-filled trip, she will return Jan. 2.

Henson was selected as All-Star Cheerleader during a cheerleading camp at Texas Tech University last summer. This trip gives the senior

student an opportunity to be on her own and experience a different culture before she leaves to attend Tech next fall.

Businesses, individuals and family members have donated funds to assist with expenses of the trip. She has expressed her thanks to the community for their support.

Henson is the granddaughter of Sue and Cecil Bingham. Her parents are Tami and David Penick.

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PSYC 2301.27

General Psychology

Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Vocational courses (TASP exempt) CRIJ 1307.27 Crime in America

Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. MCOT 1104.27 Introduction to Internet Thursday, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

for the first time should bring completed application transcripts, GED scores, TASP scores, or TASP exemption documenta-

MCOT 1401.27 Microcomputers for Business Wednesday, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: Christye Gannaway, 864-8123 at Haskell High School or VRJC, (940) 552-6291 or access VRJC's web site at www.vrjc.cc.tx.us

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Travis Burson, Bruce and Shelly Burson of Lubbock were in Haskell for an early Christmas visit with Dan Burson and C. E. and Viola Tidwell. Dan treated to a meal at Burkett's Restaurant on Sat., Dec. 19 then back to his home for treats and sweets. Peggy Burson, Steven, Joni and Travis Speegle were unable to attend.

Viola Tidwell celebrated her 88th birthday Dec. 16 with Chunky with dinner out at

Burkett, Restaurant, treated by Dan Boon. The Happy Birthday song was sung to her by the staff of Burkett's Restaurant. That afternoon Dan had them at his house for gifts, cake and ice cream. Joining them there were Mike and Julia Harrell and Lillian Hodgin. To end the day, Dan took them along with Lillian to look at Christmas lights. All wished Viola happy birthday and many, many

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From Out of the Past

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10 Years Ago December 29, 1988

Coach Randy Stone was presented with a plaque commemorating his 200th career coaching victory after the Indians defeated Seymour 85-47.

20 Years Ago

December 28, 1978
Christmas holiday visitors in the E. L. Hilliard home were their children Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hilliard, Jarred and Jason of Lockhart; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilliard and Nicole of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Short of Rochester; Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard of Abilene.

30 Years Ago

December 26, 1968

Burglars entered the Mayfield Grocery at Weinert through a rear door during the night; only a small amount of cash and merchandise was taken.

•The Haskell Elementary PTA met at the cafetorium with Mrs. Wallace Cox, Jr. in charge of the program. Dr. Harry Sarles, minister of the Presbyterian Church, spoke to the group on "Values in the Family."

40 Years Ago December 25, 1958

Mrs. Nell Pogue, Hardin-Simmons student from Haskell, has been admitted to the Ki Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, national English fraternity for English majors and minors.

The Sunshine Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. John Fouts for their Christmas party.

50 Years Ago December 23, 1948

Kenneth Tooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Tooley, was initiated into the Ko Sari men's social club at McMurry College, Abilene. Tooley is a sophomore at McMurry.

I. N. Simmons, retired Haskell postal employee, was elected treasurer of the First Baptist Church. He succeeds J. R. Fouts

who held the position for twenty-three years.

80 Years Ago
December 28, 1918
Mr. and Mrs. John Yates of t

Mr. and Mrs. John Yates of the Cottonwood Community have returned from Tennessee where they have been for several months.

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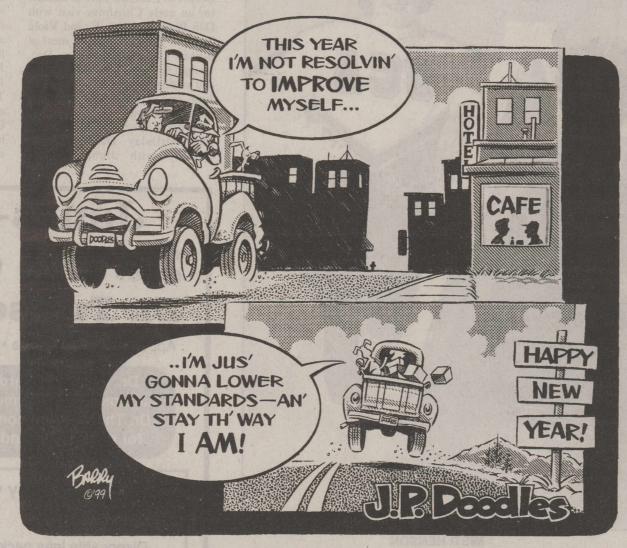
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Legal Matters

By Attorney General Dan Morales

During state fiscal year 1998, which ended on August 31, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General received 29,522 complaints about businesses. With 2123 filed complaints, debt collection agencies were on the top of the list again this year. The good news is that the Consumer Protection Division was able to help resolve more than 19,000 of the complaints it received in FY 1998. The majority of our complaints arise from disagreements between consumers and merchants, rather than violations of state consumerprotection laws. While state law will not allow the Office of the Attorney General to represent either party in these disputes, our complaint resolution service often helps the two sides come to an agreement.

However, there is still much work to be done, both in preventing unscrupulous

businesses from taking citizens' hard-earned money and in educating consumers about what to watch for. That is why we would like to take this opportunity to warn you about this year's most prevalent problems.

The Texas Top Ten
Listed in order by the number of complaints received, the top ten

consumer complaint categories are:
1. Debt collection agencies.
Texans' number-one consumer complaint deals with debt collection agencies. We all know that when we incur a valid debt, the creditor is entitled to be paid. However, Texas citizens are often illegally harassed by unscrupulous bill collectors.

2. Direct mail advertising services. The most common problem in this category involves fake prizes announced by lines like "You are a winner." All too often, the only winner is the prize promoter.

3. Used motor vehicles. While most used car dealers are honest business people, some sell off clunkers and junkmobiles. Most used cars are sold "as-is" and no used car is covered under the State's Lemon Law.

4. Business opportunities.

Many people, looking for a quick return on their investments, participate in start-up or multilevel marketing programs. Too often, however, the schemes in which they invest are not legal and the only person who gets rich is the business opportunity seller.

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Andrew Stanford, Stamford
Delma Adams, Haskell
Bruce Carlton, Munday
Otie Mayfield, Weinert

Dismissals
Gloria Blake, Raymon Saffel,
Earlene Smith, Garland Edwards,
Longina Barrios, Billy Reynolds,
J. W. Jeffcoat, Maudine Frierson,
Christi Bartley

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

5. Long-distance service companies. Most complaints in this category deal with "slamming" and "cramming." "Slamming" occurs when your carrier is changed without your prior authorization or knowledge. "Cramming" is when extra charges for services not ordered or provided are added to your bill.

6. General automotive repair shops. The majority of the complaints received involve bad repair work, billing for parts not replaced and double billing.

7. Credit card companies. The majority of the complaints received in this category relate to billing problems. Consumers are often billed for items not purchased, double billed for items, or billed for dubious service or finance charges. Other complaints involve incorrect reporting of payments made.

8. Landlord/Tenant disputes. Common complaints include disagreements over deposit refunds, poor repair work and unsafe living conditions.

9. Mortgage companies. Nearly all mortgage notes are sold to another company during the life of a loan. This can cause problems when the lender's record is inaccurate or if unexpected transfer

10. New motor vehicles. Most complaints received in this category are about warranty

problems and lemon vehicles.

For more information

In many cases, our Consumer Protection Division can help resolve problems between consumer and business people. To find out about the process and to request a consumer complaint form, call our office at 800/621-0508, or visit our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

The office of the Attorney General also has a number of free brochures available that discuss common consumer problems. To request a brochure, please write to: Research and Legal Support, Office of the Attorney General, Post Office Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas' 122-yearold constitution has been rewritten by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

The two lawmakers have filed their draft as House Joint Resolution 1, for consideration by the 76th Texas Legislature.

If adopted, the constitution would change how public officials are selected and would create a cabinet form of government giving the governor power to appoint the land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and railroad commissioners.

It also would give the governor power to appoint all district and appeals court judges and make their retention subject to approval by a vote of the people.

A new state constitution would have to win a two-thirds vote in the Legislature, and then election by Texas voters.

As good or bad as those changes sound, there's one thing upon which Texas Republican Party chief Susan Weddington and Texas Democratic Party chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm agree, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week:

It's not time rewrite the 1876 Texas Constitution.

Departing Sharp Offers Advice
Texas Comptroller John Sharp
last week made his final plug for

fiscal responsibility in the new Legislature convening Jan. 12. Sharp, who will leave elected office next month after losing his bid for lieutenant governor, has

estimated that the state could have about a \$4 billion surplus when the biennial budget ends Aug. 31. "They're not going to be thinking about paring back and storing their nuts for winter. Somebody's

got to be the bad guy," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

The last installment of Sharp's ongoing audit of state government recommends changes that could save the state \$1.7 billion over five

After leaving office, Sharp will join the Dallas-based tax consulting firm of Ryan & Co. He will represent the company to businesses in Texas and nationally

nesses in Texas and nationally.

Bush Names Williams to RRC

Gov. George W. Bush last week named former federal prosecutor Michael Williams to the three-member Texas Railroad Commission.

Williams, a 45-year-old Arlington lawyer, will be the first African-American to serve on the 107-year-old board.

Next month, when Williams begins to fill the two years remaining on the term of comptroller-elect Carole Keeton Rylander, he will be the only African-American to hold a statewide office.

Williams said he intends to run for a full term in 2000.

DPS Predicts 60 Traffic Deaths
The Texas Department of Putlic Safety has predicted that

many as 60 people could die traffic accidents during reporting periods between Christmas Evand Jan. 3.

Eighty-eight traffic deaths we recorded during the holiday peril last year.

This year's prediction of fewer deaths was made because Chrismas and New Year's fall on Fridays, making for shorter holiday weekends. Last year, the holiday fell on Thursdays.

Other Capital Highlights

Texas Attorney General Da Morales last week questioned the fairness of the state's system of a ministering the death penalty, particularly in regards to racial bin and clemency procedures. Marales, who did not seek re-electic will leave office in January afteight years as the state's top law yer.

The Swiss firm of Herzog de Mueron has been hired by t University of Texas at Austin design the \$40 million Blanto Museum of Art, to open in 200

The Texas Transportation Commission is requesting \$2. million in new federal funding to be used in projects including to widening of Interstate 35 south a Austin and construction of Texa 130, a north-south loop that would allow traffic to bypass Austin.

The State Reps. Warren Chist R-Pampa, and Robert Talton, Pasadena, have filed legislation that would ban homosexuals bisexuals from serving as for parents.

The Texas Department Public Safety's Missing Person Clearinghouse, which operates hours a day, seven days a week asking for help locating missin Texans. Runaways are being asket to call 1-800-346-3243.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks those who helped with our 199 project. The donations of money food, toys, time and clothes are appreciated. A total of six packages were distributed to need families.

This year's Goodfellows proje was a community effort, which v spearheaded by the Haskell LicClub, the Haskell County Chawledge Board and the Haskell Fit Department. Also assisting in the endeavor was the Haskell Fre Press.

Sincerely,
Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
Linda Haynes
Haskell County Child Welfar

Thank You!

ASSOCIATION

The residents at Haskell Healthcare Center are enjoying all the Christmas programs on a new 27 inch color TV.

The staff would like to thank each and every one of those who contributed to the success of our goal. Which was to involve the community in a worthwhile effort to provide a safe, fun activity for the community during Halloween and benefit our residents during Christmas.

We met old friends and made new ones.

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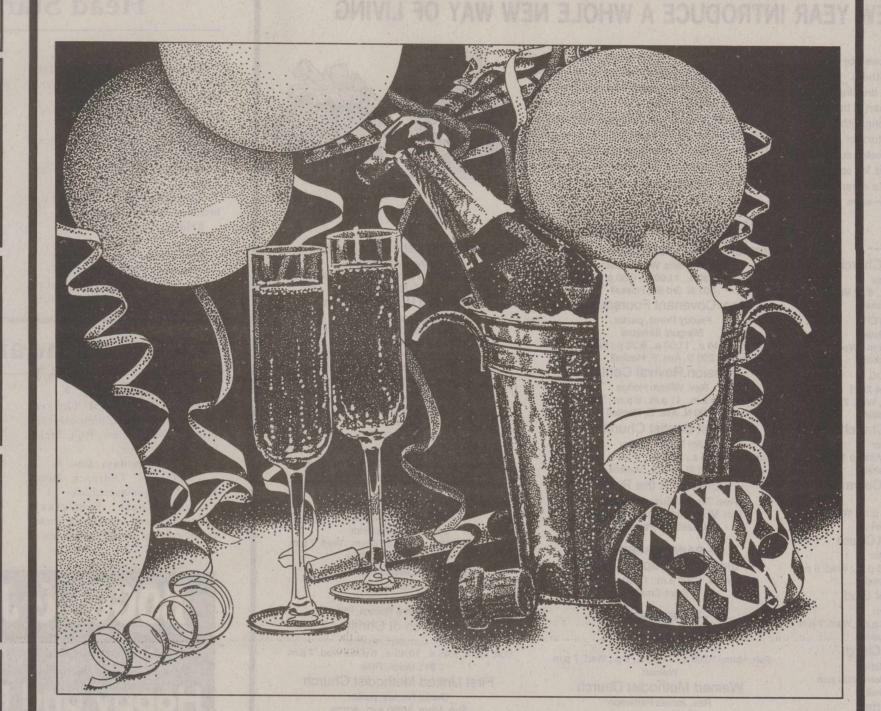
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Jan. 4-8 Breakfast

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Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and tea are served daily at the

High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: No school Tuesday: Fish, pinto beans,

seasoned spinach, cornbread, diced Wednesday: Chili dog, curly

fries, carrot sticks, pudding Thursday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad Friday: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings, ice cream

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 816 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 19, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Market is active and steady. Stocker cattle are 1-2 higher.

Cows: fat, .27-.33; cutters, .25-.32 canners, .12-.26. Bulls: bologna, .38-44; feeder,

.55-.61; utility, .35-.42. Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .80-.92; 300-400 lbs., .77-.86; 400-500 lbs., .72-.85; 500-600 lbs., .65-.74; 600-700 lbs., .62-.70; 700-800

lbs., 60, 65; 800-up lbs., .55-.62. Helfers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .72-.84; 300-400 lbs., .68-.78; 400-500 lbs.. 62-.69; 500-600 lbs., .60-.65: 600-up lbs., .54-.64. Bred Heifers: medium frame

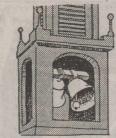
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 400-520; aged or small, 350-

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 550-650; aged or small, 450-

This Week's Devotional Message: LET THE NEW YEAR INTRODUCE A WHOLE NEW WAY OF LIVING

It's only another night, followed by a day the same length as all the others. However, December 31st is an arbitrary dividing line between one year and the next, a part of the necessity for keeping track of time along with the days, weeks and months. We have further drawn attention to it with elaborate revelry, culminating at the stroke of midnight; and for some of us, followed the next day by a state of remorse and a determination to mend our ways. We begin

every new year in this manner, with a list of sweeping reforms designed to correct all our faults at once; a task usually beyond human compliance. However, if we would just be sensible about both our actions and our expectations, none of this would be necessary. In fact, a regular trip to our House of Worship can be far more effective than all those futile efforts at atonement. Try it and see for yourself.





·--HASKELL--• East Side Baptist Church

David Page, pastor Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church Gary Bruns, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Verail Smith Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church Shane Brue, pastor Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church Father Michael Melcher

Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell Church of Christ Dale Huff, minister

Sun, Morn, 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.: Wed, 7:30 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p. 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Greater Independent Baptist Church Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell New Covenant Foursquare

Freddy Perez, pastor Bilingual Services Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center Rev. William Hodge Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m. 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church Jim Turner, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Gazebo or Pavillion

---PAINT CREEK---Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek

---WEINERT--First Baptist Church Joel Rister, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert

Weinert Methodist Church Rev. James Patterson Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Weinert Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert

---ROCHESTER---Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church Ed Buerkle, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Andrew Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester First United Methodist Church Dolan Brinson, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

---SAGERTON---Sagerton Methodist Church Daniel Ramey, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church Jeff Zell, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton ---RULE--First Baptist Church Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church Daniel Ramey, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule New Life Baptist Mission Jesus Herrera

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Elm Street•Hwy 380 E, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Matt Herrington, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule West Bethal Baptist Church

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Friday: Toast, apple slices Lunch Milk served daily with lunch. Monday: No school

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/hamburger meat sauce, lettuce/tomato salad, pear half Wednesday: Corn dog, string cheese, spinach, orange slices Thursday: Beef tacos,

lettuce/tomatoes, Spanish rice, peaches Friday: Fish sticks, corn, broccoli w/cheese, bread

Snacks Monday: No school Tuesday: Peanut butter

cookies, milk Wednesday: Apple muffin,

Thursday: Carrot sticks, Ranch dip, crackers, apple juice Friday: Lemon cookies, orange juice

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, Jan. 4 Lunch-Oven fried chicken, potatoes/gravy, tomatoes/green

milk, tea or coffee Wednesday, Jan. 6 11:00 a.m. Outreach Home

beans, cabbage slaw, fruit, bread,

Health blood pressure check Lunch-Roast beef/gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, cobbler, bread, milk, tea or Friday, Jan. 8

Lunch-Ham, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, okra/tomatoes, brownies, bread, milk, tea or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Locations of Polling Places: County Clerk's Office in Haskell and Knox Counties.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROBERTA HIGH

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time prescribed by law.

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert High were issued on December 18, 1998, in cause number 4,004, pending in County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to Dovle Eugene High.

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The Abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, January 14, 1999, to discuss and gather public input on the proposed construction of the realignment of US 277 through Haskell. The meeting will be held in the Haskell High School auditorium, 600 N. Ave. D, Haskell, beginning at 6 p.m.

The proposed project will begin approximately 1.5 miles north of Haskell and go to 2.2 miles south of Haskell. The proposed roadway will have four 12 foot travel lanes with shoulders and bridge structures. Approximate length of the project is 3.2 miles. At this time, the project is scheduled for letting in January 2003 at an estimated cost of \$6 million.

There will be an opportunity during the meeting for the public to make oral and written comments and to ask questions. TxDOT wishes to solicit input from the citizens of Haskell on this proposed construction on how to best make this project run smoothly, with the least inconvenience as possible to the people. Citizens not able to attend the public meeting may submit comments to the Abilene District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

If you have any information or questions concerning the meeting, please contact: Bill Leach in Abilene at 915/676-6831 or Joe Higgins, Hamlin area engineer, in Hamlin at 915/

All interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting room is handicap accessible.

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Move of US 277 to be discussed Jan. 14

re-routing of US 277 through Haskell is planned for Thurs., Jan. School Auditorium.

As of now the route has not been chosen for the highway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the need for this project and to seek public input. Also to be discussed to Earl Proctor, TxDOT jhiggin@mailgw.dot.state.tx.us.

A public meeting concerning the will be right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance procedures.

A display of the proposed routes 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the High, is available for viewing at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Maintenance Office on US380 west of Haskell.

Questions and comments before and after the meeting can be directed

Maintenance Supervisor at 864-8521 or by calling Joe Higgins, TxDOT Hamlin Area Engineer, 915-576-2765 (a local call). Comment via mail to Joe Higgins, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 637, Hamlin, Tx. 79520. He may be reached Email:

Rochester FFA Jackpot Pig Show results

Results of the Rochester FFA Jackpot Pig Show held Sat., Dec. 19 include:

Lightweight: 1. Chase Cockerell; 2. Kailey Jones; 3. Kylie Myers. Mediumweight: 1. Ross Short; 2. Lindsey Penman; 3. Kyler Black.

Heavyweight: 1. Laci Townsend; 2. Colton Black; 3. Cody Byrd. Breed champion: Ross Short,

mediumweight. Reserve breed champion: Chase

Cockerell, lightweight. Hampshire Class

Lightweight: 1. Jacob Davis; 2. Justin Cypert; 3. Daniel Earle. Mediumweight: 1. Lauren Newton; 2. Daniel Earle; 3. Kara

Heavyweight: 1. Sabrina Hoffman; 2. Kerri Newton; 3. April

Breed champion: Lauren Newton. Reserve breed champion: Jacob

Black Other Pure Breed Class Lightweight: 1. Kiel Rowan; 2. Heath Hodges; 3. Kailey Jones.

Heavyweight: 1. Heath Hodges; 2. Marcie Stoddard; 3. Daniel Earle Breed champion: Heath Hodges, heavyweight

Reserve breed champion: Marcie Stoddard, heavyweight

White Other Pure Breed Class Lightweight: 1. Cameron McMillin; 2. Hayden Cole; 3. Bobby Bingham.

Mediumweight: 1. Brian Lehrmann; 2. Keith Wilcox; 3. April Terrell.

Heavyweight: 1. Eric Whitaker; 2. Cody Byrd; 3. David Newton. champion: Brian Lehrmann.

Reserve champion: Cameron McMillin

Crossbreed Class Lightweight: 1. Kara Cash; 2. Pete Ermis; 3. Hayden Cole.

Middleweight: 1. Mandi Morrow; Brian Lehrmann; 3. Trent Tidwell Heavyweight: 1. Jason Lackey;

Jonna Williams; 3. Bobby Breed champion: Mandi Morrow. Reserve breed champion: Kara

Showmanship: Grand champion: Cross, Mandi Morrow Reserve champion: Hampshire,

Lauren Newton. Peewee showmanship (age 8 and under): Hayden Cole. Junior showmanship (9-13):

Daniel Earle. Senior showmanship (14 and older): Eric Whitaker. Overall showmanship: Eric

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

(Editor's note: Many visitors were in Sagerton during the holidays. Due to space requirements, we will print these in upcoming editions.)

Well...it's the end of 1998 and we wish all our readers a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We hope for more rain in the upcoming year and better crops for all the farmers in the area. We'll have to do some adjusting as we begin to write 1999 and look forward to continued good health and all the usual activities in our little town.

The regular monthly community meeting and supper will be held at the community center on Tues. night, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Annual reports of all committees will be given and ladies are asked to bring desserts for the supper. Election of officers will be held in conjunction with the business meeting following the

Upcoming meetings at Faith Lutheran include worship committee Jan. 5 at 7:00 p.m.,

Haskell Co. **Gin Report**

December 22, 1998

Farmers Co-op Gin	780
Haskell Co-op Gin	1,456
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	15,653
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	876
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	842
Sagerton	
Sagerton Gin	630
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regular confirmation classes Wed. at 6:00. LMM and Altar Guild Thurs.. Jan 7 at 7:00 and Home Communion Fri., Jan 8 at 10:00 a.m. Dean Quade delivered the message Sunday morning in the

absence of Pastor Zell. Local students are beginning to exhibit their farm animals at area stock shows. Brian Lehrmann placed first with his medium weight OPB pig in the recent Rochester Jackpot Show and won breed champion. Michelle Stegemoeller and Josh Freeman participated in the Stonewall

County show with Josh winning first lace with his Chester and third with his Duroc. Michelle placed first with her Spot and had the champion breed. Michelle also entered the Munday show where she won second with her light weight Cross, first with her heavy weight Spot and breed champion Spot. In Tahoka last weekend she won third with her Spot. For readers who are not "up" on the FFA language, these are pigs that

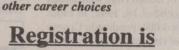
the students are grooming and showing. We congratulate them

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