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HASKELL INDIANS - 2004 REGIONAL CHAMPS

Indians are Regional Champs

Not since 1978 have the Haskell Indians won three playoff games in one season. Yet, that is situation the Indians find themselves in after the impressive 21 to 7 Regional victory over the Goldthwaite Eagles.

Football games

HASKELL
Indians vs Windthorst
Fri., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.
at Memorial Stadium
Wichita Falls

Basketball games

HASKELL
V B-G
Haskell Tournament
December 2-4

JV B-G
Hawley Tournament
December 2-4

7th-8th B-G vs Roscoe
Mon., Dec. 6, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

9th B-G vs Seymour
Mon., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m.
at Seymour

JV-V B-G vs Eula
Tues., Dec. 7, 4 p.m.
at Eula

Calendar

Brisket lunch

A brisket lunch will be held Sun., Dec. 5 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to benefit Mike L. Jordan of Haskell. Jordan is recovering from injuries received as a result of a fall.

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The Indians used a hard-hitting defense, along with a ball control and possession offense, to gain this victory.

Haskell gave up one offensive play to the Eagles the entire opening first quarter, and that play resulted in an Eagle fumble, which was recovered by Indian safety, Ronald Chapman. The Indians then started their 79-yard march to pay dirt. Using

14 plays, Haskell controlled the defense, along with a ball control and possession offense, to gain this victory.

On the 15th play of the drive, and the opening play of the second quarter, Josh Barbee scored on an 8-yard run. Nate Webb tacked on the PAT kick for an Indian 7 to 0 lead. That score would stand up through the intermission.

Goldthwaite started the third quarter with a bang. Starting on their

own 40 yard line, the Eagles used 7 plays, one play being a 53-yard pass play, to cross the south goal line. After adding the PAT kick, the score was knotted at 7 to 7 as the third quarter ended.

Starting on their own 45 yard line, at the opening of the fourth quarter, the Indians mounted an impressive 10-play scoring drive with QB Brandon McClatchey hitting end Nate Webb with an 8-yard TD pass in the same south end zone. Webb would again add the PAT kick to put the Indians in the lead 14 to 7, with only 5:42 left in the game.

Goldthwaite seemed to be getting something going, only to have defensive back, L. J. McCulloch, intercept a Justin Stegemoller pass

and return it to the Eagle's 25 yard line. Haskell would use 7 plays to cover this 25 yards to score. Josh Barbee got the 9-yard TD call, and Webb, for the second straight week, got a "Hat Trick" for his third PAT kick. Goldthwaite was done.

The Indians defensive unit stopped the Eagles on fourth down at the Indians' 27 yard line to close the door. As in their previous games, kneeling the ball down for the win was as sweet as it gets for the Haskell Indians; Regional Champs!

Brandon McClatchey had 22 yards rushing on 13 carries. Josh Barbee had 2 TDs and 103 yards on 23 rushes. Cameron Short had 67 yards on 17 carries. McClatchey threw for 25 yards and one TD. He

completed 2 of 5 attempts. Nate Webb had one catch for an 8-yard TD, and Brad Blanks had one catch for 17 yards.

Ray Cuellar led the defense unit with 12 tackles, 3 behind the line of scrimmage. Josh Kimmel, Jon Dulaney and Webb each had one sack.

The Indians will play the Windthorst Trojans, the defending Class A State Champs, for State Quarterfinals, Friday at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls. Kickoff time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Following the game with Goldthwaite, Coach Brad Brunson said, "The kids executed better this week than we have the previous two games. I thought the defense played extremely disciplined, and offensively, the kids were very physical and did a good job controlling the clock. We have an excellent opportunity this week to compete against the defending State Champions. They are an excellent team, and we look forward to the challenge that lies in front of us."

Goodfellows to help needy again

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

On Sat., Dec. 4 and Sat., Dec. 11, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell

County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Tour of Homes is Sunday

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held in Haskell, Sun., Dec. 5 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The beautifully decorated homes featured on this year's tour include: James and Frankie Alvis, 1301 North Ave. E (The Old Weaver Home); Jimmy and Missy Burson, 1307 North Ave. F; Dr. Cliff and Chi Chi Ray, 706 North 18th; Denton and Dee

Bates, 402 South Ave. H; Jennabeth Kimbrough's "This Ole' House," 701 North Ave F. Maine Street Antiques at 1507 1/2 North Ave. E will also be open during the tour.

Refreshments will be served at the home of Denton and Dee Bates.

Tickets for the tour are \$5.00 each, and may be purchased at any of the homes the day of the tour.

Parade set Saturday

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" in downtown Haskell, with lights glowing and colorful scenes evoking thoughts of Santa.

The 2004 Christmas activity program announced by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, began Fri., Nov. 19, with Bob and Darlene Smith putting the colorful Christmas decorations around the courthouse gazebo.

The annual Christmas parade will be held on Dec. 4, at 3:00 p.m. All entries are to meet at the Post Office area by 2:30. Santa Bucks prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25, will be awarded to the top three parade entries.

Four drawings will be made on Dec. 18, at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. The amounts of the drawings are to be determined by donations and gift certificates. Haskell Bucks will be awarded to winners, along with gift certificates.

Haskell Bucks, given by the merchants, can be used by the winners at the merchants listed on the

back of the Haskell Buck. These will be given away in increments of \$25.00.

For more information call the chamber office at 864-2477.

Construction begins on Haskell relief route

Joe Higgins, Hamlin Area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, announced that work has begun on the construction of the US 277 relief route around Haskell.

This project consists of constructing a new 4.9 mile four-lane divided non-freeway around Haskell from U.S. 277 south of Haskell to U.S. 277 north of Haskell.

This \$14,767,264.34 million project was awarded to J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye. Jesse Mendoza of the Hamlin Area office will be TxDOT's construction manager

while the chief inspector for the area office is Nancy Holland.

Traffic on U.S. 277 through Haskell will not be affected until the last nine months of construction, Mendoza said. Until then, the traffic pattern through Haskell will remain as is.

The estimated completion date of the project is the Summer of 2007.

As always, TxDOT asks that drivers use extra caution when traveling through work areas and on newly constructed or untreated surfaces.

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From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Holiday Safety Tips for Consumers

The holidays are a time of joy and good spirit. Families and friends come together and share in good will and fellowship. Many people will be traveling long distances to see their loved ones. Unfortunately, criminals are well aware of this fact and will use it to their advantage. That is why

consumers must take precautions when traveling and shopping over the holiday season.

If you are going out for the evening, turn on several lights. Also, turn on a radio or television. Don't display gifts where they can be seen through the window from the outside. Turn off or unplug the lights on any indoor holiday decorations.

Double-check door and window locks when you leave, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes. If you find signs that someone has entered your home while you were away, go to a neighbor's house immediately and call the police.

If you are going out of town, do what you can to make it look as though someone is home. Put two or more interior lights on automatic timers. Set each one on a different schedule, so that no pattern is obvious to outsiders. Ask a friend to stay at your house for one or two nights while you are away. Also, ask the neighbors to watch your home and to park a car in your driveway from time to time. Have the mail and newspaper delivery stopped, and ask a neighbor to pick up any packages that are delivered to your door.

You should also take basic safety precautions when you go shopping. Stay alert and be aware of what is happening around you. Park in a well-lit place. Be sure to lock the car and close the windows. Lock any packages or shopping bags in the trunk.

Pay by check or credit card when possible, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash with you. If you are shopping with children, make sure they know to go to a store clerk or security guard in the event you become separated. Finally, deter pickpockets and thieves by protecting wallets and purses.

Sometimes, criminals pose as couriers delivering packages or flowers. If a delivery person comes to your door, do not open the door right away. Ask them to show you proof of identification through a window or peephole. If the person's identification, dress or demeanor make you suspicious, tell them that you will pick up the item at their store or delivery warehouse, or ask to have the package left at a neighbor's house. If there is a charge for delivery and you are reluctant to open the door, get an address where you can send payment and arrange for delivery at a later date.

Some people will try to take advantage of our generosity by asking for contributions to a bogus charity. If someone comes to your door seeking a donation, ask to see identification before opening the door. Also, ask for information about the charity, including how the funds will be spent.

If you are uncertain about making a donation, ask for an address where you can send money at a later date. Legitimate charities will not hesitate to give you this information. If you suspect the solicitation is a fraud, decline to make a contribution and report the incident to your local law enforcement agency and the Attorney General's Office.

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Obituaries

Turner Andrew Grogan



TURNER ANDREW GROGAN

Funeral services for Turner Andrew Grogan, 89 of Naples were held Sat., Nov. 27 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel. Burial was in Williams Cemetery in McKinney under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home.

Mr. Grogan died Tues., Nov. 23. Grogan proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the Battleship USS Mississippi as a 3rd Class Gunners Mate in the 7th Division. His friendly, outgoing nature enabled him to meet people anywhere he went. He was loved by all that knew him and remembered for his willingness to help others, and his ability to tell stories.

He was preceded in death by many friends and family members

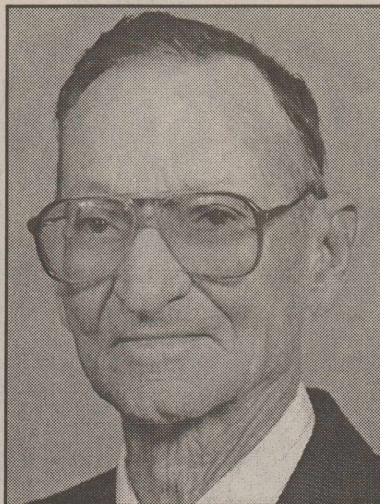
including his much loved son, Turner Dewane Grogan.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Adela Grogan of Naples; two daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Tracey Stone of Prosper and Deborah and Sid Sanford of Carrollton; daughter-in-law, Barbara Carlson of Dallas; five grandchildren, three great grandchildren; brother, V. H. Grogan of Oklahoma City, Okla.; sister, Lena Langston of Duncanville; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in memory of Turner Grogan to Grace Home, c/o Christus Schumpert Foundation, One Saint Mary Place, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

PD. NOTICE

John E. Sparkman



JOHN E. SPARKMAN

Funeral services for John E. Sparkman Jr., 92, of Haskell were held Sat., Nov. 27 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Bobby

Isbell officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Sparkman died Wed., Nov. 24 in Abilene.

Born May 24, 1912, he was the son of John and Sally Mayfield Sparkman. He married Beatrice Barton June 9, 1940. He has lived in Haskell for the past 40 years and was a truck driver and a city taxi driver. He proudly served our country during World War II as an army military policeman. He was a very kind and gentle man, always full of compliments. People enjoyed being around him. He always had nice things to say about people and will be missed by lots of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his

beloved wife, Beatrice Sparkman Nov. 17, 2004.

Survivors include two daughters, Penny Isbell and husband, Kenneth of Cedar Hill and Jo Ann Meeks Garza and husband, J.R. of Abilene; seven grandchildren, Clifford Isbell and wife, Kevin of Grapevine, Steven Isbell and wife, Belinda of Killeen, Timmy Isbell and wife, Nickie of Burleson, Darena Isbell and friend, Brian of Glenn Heights, Dusty Meeks and wife, Sandy of Abilene, Rusty Meeks and wife, Emily of Mertzon, and Shannon Meeks of Pacific Grove, California; seventeen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

PD. NOTICE

M. O. Stapleton

Graveside services for M. O. Stapleton, 90, of Plainview were held Tues., Nov. 23 in Plainview Memorial Park with Rev. Don Robertson, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church officiating. Services were under the direction of Cox Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Stapleton died Sun., Nov. 21.

Born Sept. 17, 1914 in Tidwell, he was the son of Thomas Lee and Eula Bell Johnson Stapleton. He and his family moved to the Texas Panhandle soon after as part of a covered wagon train. As a young man, he bought and sold mules to be used as teams for plowing. He was a member of the original Hale County Sheriff's Posse and he rode in many parades on his palomino, Buck, leading the Hale County Sheriff's Posse with his brothers, Howard and Shelby, throughout the United States. He was a blacksmith, welder and general contractor. He owned

and operated Stapleton Construction for 46 years and designed and built many of the farm and ranch implements used in the 1950s and 1960s. He later enjoyed making metal art and cooking for his family on his patio cooker he designed. He was a member of College Heights Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Iris; four brothers; six sisters; and one grandchild.

Survivors include three sons, Quien Stapleton of Amarillo, Max Stapleton of Haskell and Louis Stapleton of Grove, Okla.; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to College Heights Baptist Church Building Fund, 802 Quincy, Plainview, Texas 79072.

PD. NOTICE

Steven Craig Summers

Steven Craig Summers, 45, of Dallas, died Wed., Nov. 24 at his home surrounded by his family and close friends.

Born Oct. 7, 1959, he was the son of Don and Brenda Brewer Summers.

He began his career in San Angelo as a fireman and paramedic later moving to Dallas where he was a hairstylist and had a career in real estate.

He was preceded in death by his father, Don Summers; his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Lola Mae Brewer; and paternal grandparents, Charlie and Opal Summers.

Survivors include his mother, Brenda Summers; sister and brother-in-law, Gena and Brent Russell; niece Michelle Allison and husband, Tommy; nephews, Jeremi and Jason Ainsworth; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

The family will receive friends and loved ones Sun., Dec. 5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 623 Manus, Dallas, Texas 75224.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bryan's House, P. O. Box 35868, Dallas, Texas 75235.

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Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction had its sale on Sat., Nov. 27, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packers \$1 to \$3 lower. Stockers \$2 to \$4 higher. Feeders steady. Market fully steady.

Cows: fat, .43-.48; cutters, .40-.50; canners, .25-.37.

Bulls: bologna, .62-.67; feeders, .85-.97; utility, .55-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.42; 400-500 lbs.,

1.20-1.35; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.28; 600-700 lbs., 1.00-1.14; 700-800 lbs., .88-1.07; 800-up lbs., .82-.88.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.17; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.12; 600-up lbs., .78-.98.

Bred heifers medium frame, 675-790.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 900-1050; aged or small, 750-875.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1075-1275; aged or small, 825-950.

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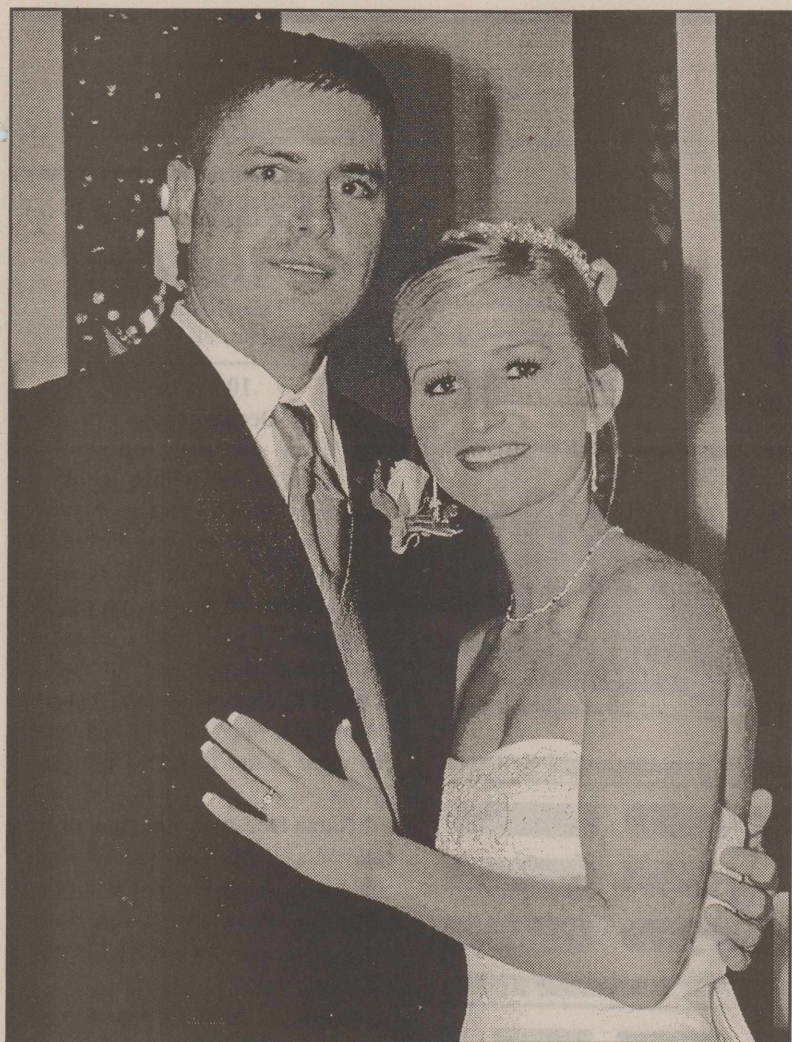
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MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ADKINS

Byrd, Adkins vows read in Lubbock

Janet Lanae Byrd and Michael David Adkins of Lubbock were united in marriage Sat., Sept. 25 in a ceremony at the First Christian Church in Lubbock, with Rev. Dolan Brinson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Karen and Clifford Byrd of Rochester. She is the granddaughter of Jo Evelyn Patterson and Elizabeth Byrd of Rochester.

The bridegroom is the son of Nancy and Danny Stewart of Munday, and Mike and Delanie Adkins of Rochester. He is the grandson of Aubrey English of Rochester, Kathryn Adkins of Stamford, and Frank and Margie Pickering of Munday. In memory of their late grandfathers, Albert English, W. T. Adkins, Hazel Sanderson, W. H. Patterson and Q. D. Byrd, special candles were glowing during the ceremony.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white tulle and organza gown featuring a strapless sweetheart neckline adorned with pearls and beads, a corset back tied with a satin ribbon, and a cathedral train. The bride carried pink roses and wore a crystal beaded tiara as her headpiece.

The matron of honor was Jenna Manske, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Courtney Ramage and Valerie Butts, both of Lubbock. They wore pink dresses trimmed in black, and carried white calla lilies.

Serving as best man was Blake Adkins, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Brian Bevel of Rochester and Jace Manske of Lubbock. The groom and groomsmen wore white shirts and black tuxedos. The groom wore a pink rose.

Flower girl was Brynn Burson, niece of the groom. Ring bearer was Hunter Manske, nephew of the bride.

Lighting the candles were Tyler Manske, nephew of the bride, and Mason Burson, nephew of the groom.

Serving as ushers were Patrick Burson, Jason Chance and Christopher Boger.

Registering guests was Ginger Adkins, sister of the groom.

The church was decorated with two large arrangements of calla lilies and nandina greenery. Two brown iron candelabra were decorated with glass beads, nandina greenery and calla lilies.

Pianist and soloist was Jenny McClendon of Lubbock. Songs were "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," during the lighting of candles; "Arioso," during the seating of the mothers; solo "Surely the Presence," during the attendants processional; "Cannon in D," during the bride's processional; "Bride's Chorus," solo "Honestly," during the lighting of the Unity Candle "Have I Told You Lately." The recessional was "Trumpet Voluntary."

Following the ceremony, a dinner reception was held in Kuykendall Hall. Food was served under a white canopy decorated with white lights, white tulle and white calla lilies. Tables were decorated with iron and glass candelabra. The bride's table was covered with white satin, organza, pearl ribbon and centered with white calla lilies. The bride's cake had sugar blown pearls and pink silk roses.

The groom's cake was German chocolate, with chocolate-dipped strawberries. The groom's sister served at his table.

Members of the house party included Donna Byrd, Sharon Brinson, Brenda Stanfield, Melanie Wood, Sid and Karen Smart, Jeanie Dulaney, Jeanie Stout, Megan Baker, Susan Henderson, Naome and Kortney Wood.

Following a trip to Phaya del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock where they are seniors at Texas Tech University. The bride is employed with Scoggin-Dickey Chevrolet-Buick and Hammer of Lubbock. The groom is employed by Sam's Club of Lubbock.

The wedding rehearsal dinner was held at The County Line in Lubbock, hosted by the groom's parents. The tables were decorated with iron and glass candelabra and pictures of the bride and groom.

Holiday safety tips

To help keep your home and family safe this holiday season, the following tips for properly preparing and using electrical decorations, both inside and outdoors, are offered.

Home:
*Install smoke detectors, or if you already have them, install new batteries and test them.

*Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.

*Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.

*Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

*Follow the use and care instructions included with your electrical decorations.

*Do not climb ladders, work in high places or put up electrical decoration when you are alone. Avoid injury by decorating with friends or family.

Christmas Tree:
*Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources, and make sure it does not block any exits.

*Never use candles as tree ornaments, even on artificial trees.

*Do not use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings. This could create an electrical shock.

*Use miniature lights, which have cool-burning bulbs.

Lights:
*Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than three strands linked together.

*Examine your old light strings each year, discarding worn ones.

*Review the original package for light strings to verify proper wattage and voltage.

*Use a power strip to avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords, and to protect your decoration from electrical surges.

*Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up.

*Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs.

*Turn off the Christmas lights and all other electrical decorations when you sleep and when you leave your home. Consider using a timer to automatically turn on and off your electrical decorations according to your schedule.

Outdoor Decorating:

*Before using any light strips, animated displays or other electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved by a nationally recognized certification organization and marked "For outdoor use."

*Never use indoor extension cords outside.

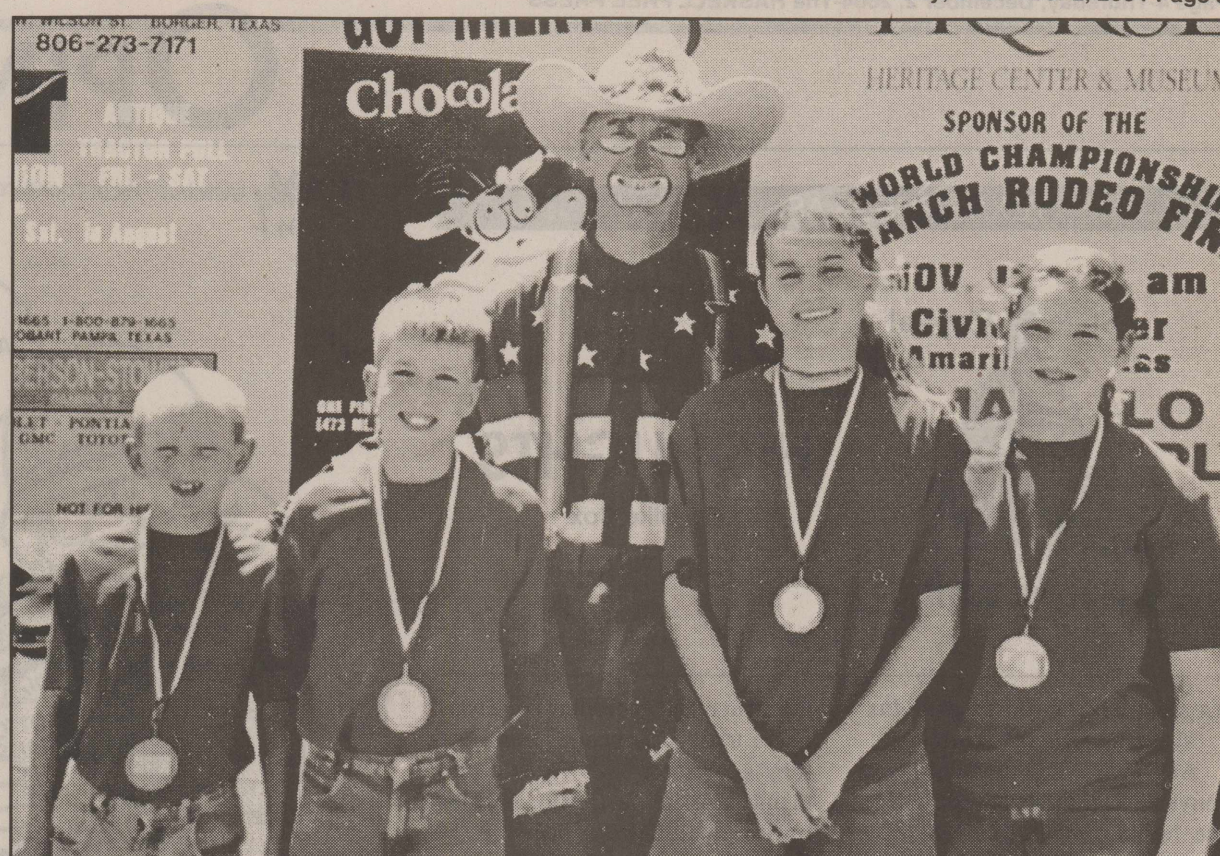
*Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.

*Make sure trees decorated with lights are not touching power lines.

*When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with teflon tape.

*Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords. You could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

*Do not decorate after dark when it is difficult to see electrical cords and easier to pierce one while hanging light strands.



THE WILD HORSE GANG TEAM—Area youngsters winning first place in the Pony Express race Senior Division, and tying for first place in the overall world championship competition at the Working Ranch Cowboys Association Jr. Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo are: l-r, Ryder Cude, Calder Cude, Gay Lynn Gary and Brooke Bullinger.

Youth teams enter World Championship Jr. Rodeo

Several Haskell County youth teams represented the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days at the Working Ranch Cowboys Association Jr. Ranch Rodeo held in conjunction with the WRCA World

Championship Rodeo, Nov. 13 in Amarillo. The teams competed in Pony Express races, wild cow milking, cow doctoring, and calf branding competitions.

The Wild Horse Gang team

included Brooke Bullinger of Haskell, Gay Lynn Gary of Rule, Ryder Cude and Calder Cude, both of Munday. This senior level team won first place in the Pony Express race and tied for first place in the overall world championship competition.

Cannon Edwards, Phillip Coleman, Shambry Sanders and Zane Rogers competed for the Guitar Ranch in the junior division, and Tyson Thompson, Kendall Thompson, Taylor Thompson and Kathryn Cude, all of Munday, represented the Thompson Ranch in the pee-wee division.

These teams qualified for the world championships by winning their respective age divisions during the WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo held in conjunction with the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo in June.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Recent visitors in Haskell were Lois Redwine's daughter, Charlotte and husband, Vern Foreman of Odessa and daughter, Suzy McElmurry of Monett, Missouri. They stayed with their sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Hyrum Richards. They attended the Haskell-Knox City ball game. The Foremans also visited son, Flint Nanny and late Saturday went to Wayland. Suzy attended Sunday services at First Baptist Church with her mother and Jean. On Monday, she drove to Tulsa, Okla. to spend the night with son and grandson, Chad and Canyon Lundy. She returned home to Monett on Tuesday.

Erma Liles of Weinert spent Thanksgiving Day with Fannie Mae Barton.

The Hawkins family had Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Haskell National Bank Building Sat. and Sun., Nov. 27-28 with 40 in attendance including: Gary and Yvonne Huffhines of Dimmitt; Keri Magby and son, Taylor of Lubbock; Darlene Conn and Daniel, Julie Cochran and children, Aubree and Dawton and Sammy Hawkins, all of Graham; Phillip and Flordean Cockerell of Temple; Jimmy and Barbara of San Angelo; Bobby and Darlene Hawkins and grandson, Tanner Grimes of Lewisville; Peggy and Britney Hawkins of Aspermont;

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

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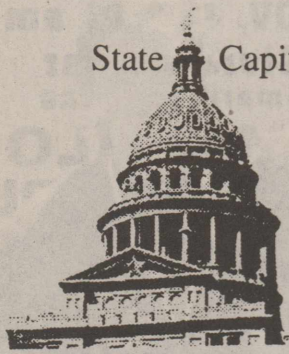
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Legislature to consider state tax system, legalized gambling
AUSTIN—When the Legislature convenes Jan. 11, its agenda will be the legislative equivalent of a heavily-laden Thanksgiving plate. But the lawmaking process, unlike turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, is almost guaranteed to give some people heartburn.

The House Research Organization released a report last week on topics likely to come up during the 79th Legislature.

As the introduction understates, "The Texas Legislature will consider a variety of issues when it convenes...." Topping the pile, of course, will be revising the school finance system and considering measures aimed at property-tax relief.

"In addition," the report continues, "revising the state tax system, including business taxation and the possible expansion of legalized gambling, reforming the system of workers' compensation insurance, and reviewing the distribution of water resources are among the issues" that likely will dominate.

Behind every consideration will be the state's budget and the revenue stream it relies on. The report notes: "While the fiscal outlook at the beginning of 2005 is expected to be better than that which confronted the state two years ago, budgetary concerns remain."

Heflin decides to fight...

His Capitol office space has been reassigned and he'll no longer be chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, but Rep. Talmadge Heflin (R-Houston) has submitted the necessary paperwork to the House to contest his election defeat.

Meanwhile, Democratic challenger Hubert Vo has been certified as the winner by 32 votes.

Once a committee appointed by the speaker issues its report, Heflin's legislative colleagues could take up

the matter in a proceeding somewhat like a trial. After hearing evidence, they can either seat Vo as a new member or return Heflin. Another option would be requiring the governor to call a new election.

Heflin earlier requested a recount in the tight race that appears to have ended his 21-year legislative career. Two other candidates for House also had filed recount requests with the Secretary of State—Eric Opiela (R-Karnes City), who lost to Democrat Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles of Alice by 835 votes and Kelly White, an Austin Democrat who fell 147 votes short of defeating incumbent Todd Baxter (R-Austin.)

The Kinkster's New Year's resolution...

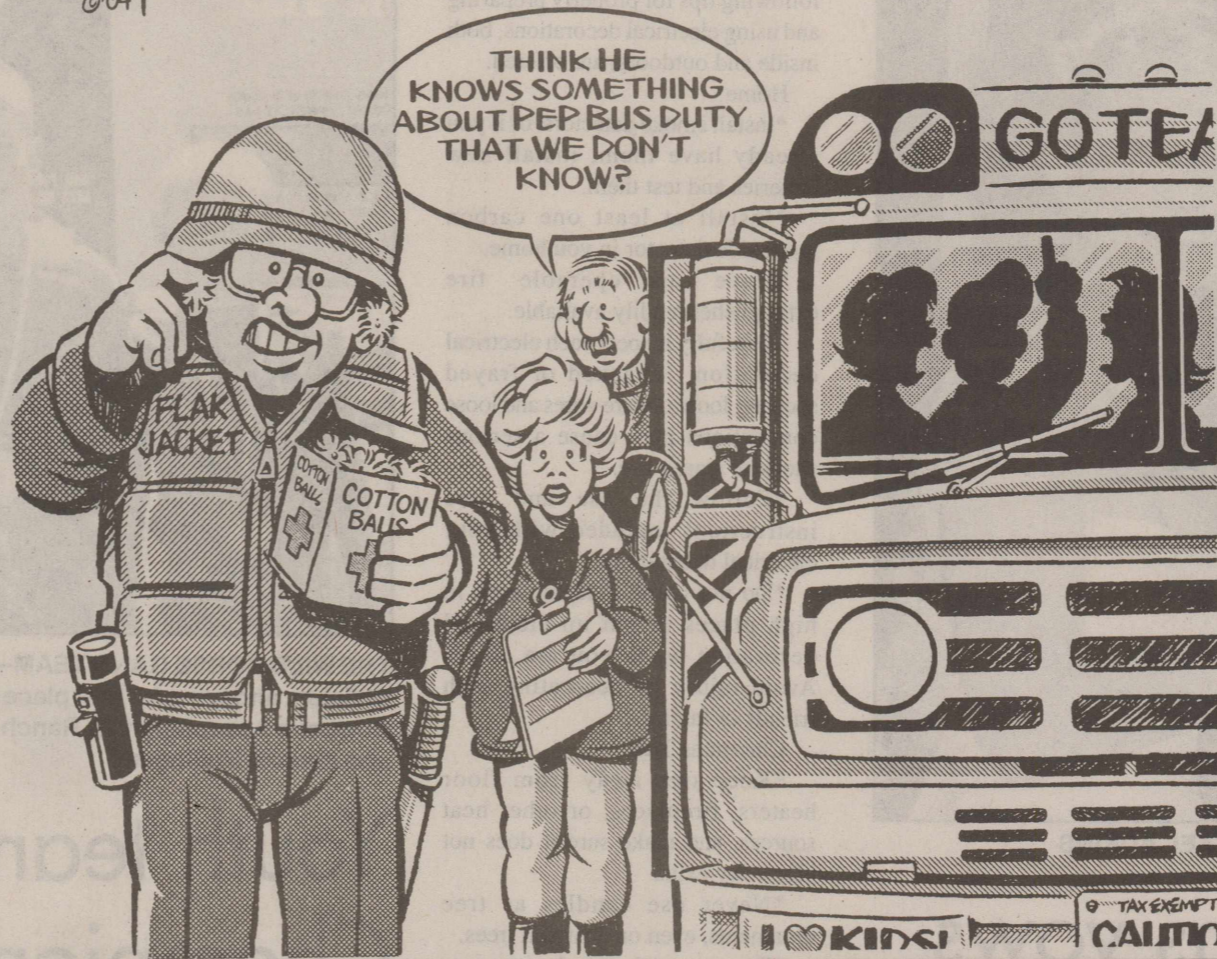
Kinky Friedman this January is expected to toss his black cowboy hat into the 2006 gubernatorial election ring. The Kerrville mystery novelist, singer and cigar-smoking Clown Prince to both former President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush has been threatening for more than a year to run as an independent candidate.

If Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison decide to challenge Gov. Rick Perry in the '06 Republican primary, and if Friedman indeed runs as threatened, the next governor's race promises to be the best political spectacle in years.

Ornament raises money for state...

Here's a shopping idea and a way to help preserve the furnishings and artwork in the Capitol.

The ninth annual Capitol Christmas ornament, an image of the Capitol rotunda, sells for \$16. The 24-karat gold ornament is available at the two gift shops in the Capitol complex or via the Internet at www.TexasCapitolGiftshop.com or by calling 1-888-678-5556. So far, the ornament project has raised \$2.6 million for Capitol preservation and education efforts.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Like arrows shot into the air, which come to earth we know not where, so are the stories and items printed in our newspaper. Sometimes this brings responses from unexpected sources, and makes us realize, happily, that what we write may be resonating with others we would never otherwise meet or get to know.

So, it was with pleasure recently, that we heard from Joe Albertson of Richardson, who said a friend had given him copy of the Free Press, and that reading it brought back memories of living in Haskell with his parents as a four and five year old. Retired from the insurance business, Joe and his wife have been married 65 years. As a young man he taught school in Sagerton two years, leaving in 1941 to go into the service.

Although he left Haskell in 1928, many of you may remember him, and identify with the memories of earlier times in our community, which he unfolds for us.

Memories of Haskell
by Joe Albertson

In the summer of 1925, my father, W. H. Albertson, my mother and four kids, moved from Merkel to Haskell. My dad was called to be pastor of Haskell's First Baptist Church. I was one of the four children, and had just turned four years old.

Dad drove us into town in our Model T Ford touring car, pulling a trailer holding our milk cow. When we got to Haskell, our furniture had not yet arrived. Dad took the seats out of the car for us to sit on while we had a picnic in the back yard. That night we slept on the floor, and I got to sleep with Rip.

Rip was a puppy a neighbor in Merkel had promised me. A week before we left, the mother dog and pups disappeared. So no puppy. But, just as we were driving off, both mother and puppy crawled from under our neighbor's house. I got my puppy, and we called him Rip, (short for Rip Van Winkle).

A year later in Haskell, Rip ran into the street and was hit by a passing car. As we cried, I asked my mother if there would be dogs in heaven. She told me, "God said there would be no sorrow in heaven, so if it takes dogs to make you happy, there will be dogs."

George was the man who took care of keeping the church and grounds clean. I liked George, and he tolerated me as I followed him around. One day George scared me with his singing. I ran home and told my mother that George had said that some morning about four o'clock, this old world is going to reel and rock. My mother said George was singing a spiritual. Then she gave me my first lesson in Biblical prophesy.

I would go with my dad as he visited members and prospects. My favorite place was a feed store and livery on the west end of the south side of the square. In the back of the store there were a number of stalls with horses stabled in them. Once I went with him to the north west corner of the square and he bought a 21 jewel Elgin watch and chain that he carried for years.

My mother had some ducks with little ones. She gave Roger Gilstrap one of the little ones. He loved that little duck so much he slept with it, and it got smothered in the night. He was so sad at losing his little duck, mother gave him another one.

In the summer of 1926 a group, mostly from the church, went to the mountains in New Mexico and then on to Santa Fe. The steeper road grades had to be climbed in reverse, since that was the lowest gear. But from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, they coasted most of the way. The Simmons, Colliers, Friersons and other families made that trip. Someone had brought along some apple cider that fermented in the heat, and one of the ladies surprised the others by saying, "Don't throw it away, it's too good to waste."

On the 4th of July, we went to Lueders Baptist Encampment, after

my dad assured my mother that her hens had plenty of water to survive the heat while we were gone. While we sat on the bedding in the shade of a tree by the river, my mother told us about Noah, the flood, and why we have a rainbow. I was sure glad to hear there wasn't going to be another flood. When we got home, the cow had drunk all the chicken water, and mother's prize hens were dead.

I think this was during prohibition, because someone threw their corn mash over the alley fence into our cow lot and got our cow a little drunk. Dad milked her, but she seemed confused. The chickens got the milk that morning; Dad wasn't taking any chances on it.

Going to the county fair was a treat, but my mother said we couldn't go until we all helped clean up the house. I remember crawling around on the floor picking up every little loose thread that morning.

During a winter snow, I remember one Sunday when Dr. Taylor shoved a handful of it down my neck while we kids were playing around in it.

The first yellow-meat watermelon I'd ever seen was brought to our house by Mrs. Frierson.

Mr. Reid, the druggist, living next door to us, raised fox hounds, and one night one of them got a toe caught in the fence, raising a real racket. Before it was over, it seemed to me that the whole town turned out to find out what was going on.

I will never forget the stained glass windows in the old Haskell church and the scriptures they depicted.

My dad was called to preach at Munday, and we moved there. In 1928, Bro. Whately, who followed my dad at the Haskell church, preached at a revival in our church in Munday, and I accepted the Lord as my Savior at the age of seven. His sermon that day was on the Great Judgement, and when he got to the separation of the sheep and goats, it hit me that I was a goat and had better make a decision to get with the sheep.

When they gave the invitation to come to Jesus, I told my mother that I had to go, and she said, "Go, dirty bare feet and all."

I have tried since then to be a faithful sheep, failing at times. But the good shepherd finds and forgives me.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 29, 2004 Haskell	
Haskell County Gin	300
Haskell Co-op Gin	27
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	4,766
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	950
Sagerton Gin	0
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	218
Weinert Gin	172
Total Bales	6,133

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 1, 1994

Thirty-seven outstanding members of 4-H Clubs across the Rolling Plains were honored including Jennifer Comedy, the 1994 Haskell County Gold Star recipient.

Martha Toliver was recognized during the Family and Community Education Clubs Annual Information Day as the organizations 1994 Club Woman of the Year. She has been a member of the Josselet Club for 47 years.

Sarah Densman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Densman, a former pastor of First Baptist Church in Haskell, marched in the Baylor University's Golden Wave Marching Band in Waco.

20 Years Ago December 6, 1984

Smokey the Bear, the float sponsored by the Haskell Fire Dept. and Fire Dept. Auxiliary was named the grand prize winner in the third annual night Christmas parade. The float was the best lighted float and had the best music.

Winners in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas window decorating contest were 1st place, Aladdin House; 2nd place, Lane-Felker; and 3rd place, Boggs and Johnson.

Rusty Stocks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stocks of Haskell, received the Arrow of Light Award, the highest honor awarded to a Cub Scout.

30 Years Ago December 5, 1974

One West Texas State University junior from Haskell and one from Rochester were initiated into Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society. Initiated were Denise Roberson of Haskell and Rebekah Smith of Rochester.

Navy Dental Technician Third Class Leo A. Sanchez, whose wife Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Silba of Rochester, participated in a dental field exercise at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Eddie Harris, Texas Tech University student of Haskell, was selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

40 Years Ago December 3, 1964

Awards for best and most sewing were presented Mrs. D. A. New and Mae Larned at a regular meeting of the Rainbow Sewing Club held in the home of Mrs. J. B. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Cobb, a southwestern Haskell County couple, observed their golden wedding anniversary. Honoring them on the occasion were their two children, Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn) Gillispie of Pecos and S. G. Cobb Jr. of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mary Lou Jetton of Rochester was one of 27 outstanding juniors and seniors at McMurry College named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

50 Years Ago December 2, 1954

The Friendly Blue Birds met for their Thanksgiving program. The project for the day was to decorate a box of fruit with fall colors. It was taken to the home of Mrs. J. H. Carter. They included Ruby Kay Alvis, Sandra Isbell, Sue Whisler, Hazel Hodge, Beth Vaughter, Judy Segal, Jo Helen Elliott, Betty Pittman and Jeanne Branch.

The Rochester Steers horned their way into the Aspermont Hornets nest Thanksgiving Day to clinch the 7-B football title for a second year with a 13-0 victory. End John Glover gave Rochester its first TD in the second quarter.

100 Years Ago December 3, 1904

John Therwhanger made a business trip to Austin and secured a lease on 1,500 acres of good land north of town.

P. G. Yoe now holds a position of nightwatchman, succeeding R. E. DeBard, who resigned.

H. T. Bule purchased G. J. Miller's place five miles southeast of town.

Caleb Terrell was sporting a new rubber-tired buggy.

Weathers Whys

Worst Weather Events

Q: What are some of the worst ever weather events in the U.S.?

A: This question gets asked a lot, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University, so much so that the NOAA (National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration) has issued a list of the some of the past century's worst weather events. "The worst ever occurred in Texas—it's the Galveston Hurricane of 1900," Curtiss explains. "It killed 8,000 people and leveled the city and is still

the worst natural disaster in U.S. history."

Number 2 on the list is the great Dust Bowl storm period of the 1930s when a large-scale drought wiped out thousands of farms in the Midwest, causing landowners to declare bankruptcy.

The third, Curtiss says of the list, is the tornado outbreak that occurred in 1974 when an incredible 148 tornadoes raved the U.S. from the Great Lakes to Mississippi, killing 315 people.

Q: What are some others?

A: Hurricane Camille in 1969 killed 256 people and is still one of the strongest storms ever recorded, Curtiss adds. Others on the NOAA list include the Midwest flood of 1993, the costliest on record, which caused \$18 billion in damage and killed 48 people.

Also, Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused \$28 billion in damage and killed 23 people in Florida and Louisiana; the New England hurricane of 1938, which killed 600 people and caused millions of dollars of damage in the New York and Boston areas; the Tri-State Tornado of 1925, which killed 695 people in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana; and the Oklahoma-Kansas tornado outbreak in 1999, which killed 44 people.

Texas turkeys 'gobbled' up

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Texas turkeys won't be found on the holiday table. Most of the state's turkeys are further processed, meaning the meat is sliced, ground or diced to create meals. A large majority are made into lunch meat.

Texas produces five million turkeys annually. Most of these are raised by contract growers for Cargill Inc. processing company.

Poultry diseases, Avian influenza and Newcastle disease, did not cause any significant problems this year.

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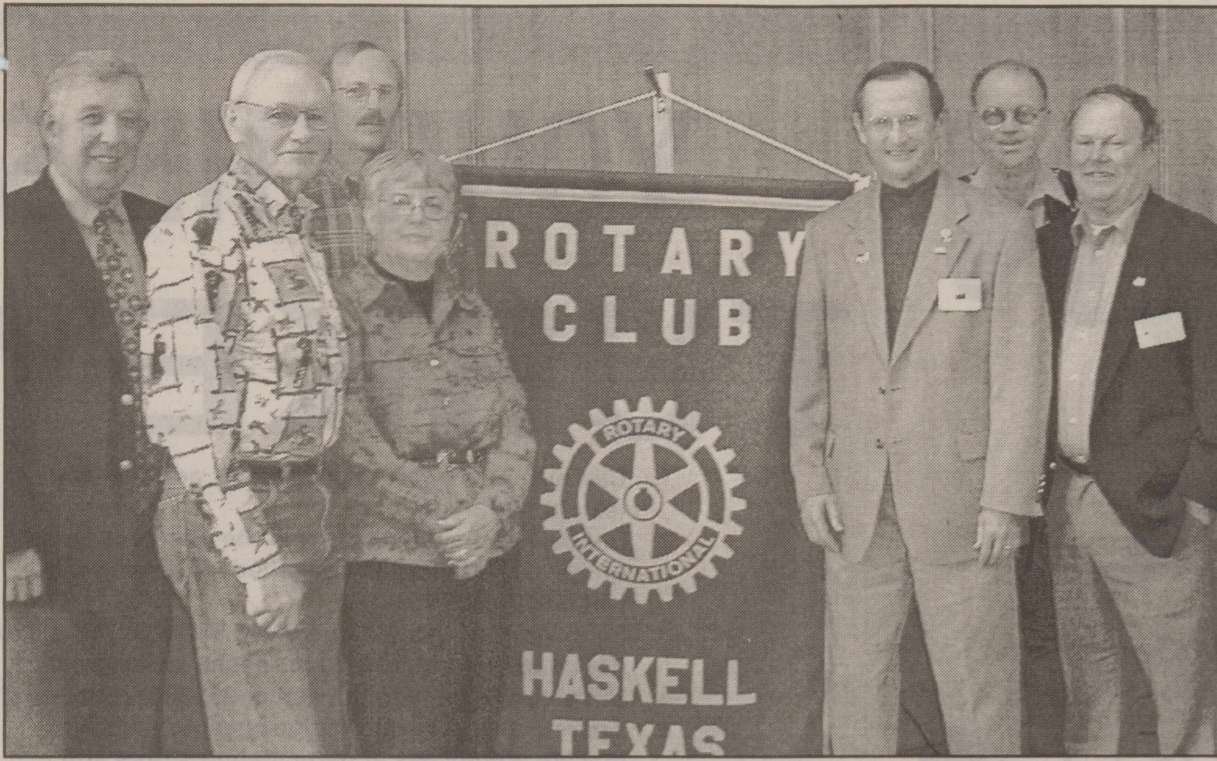
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ROTARY VISITORS—The Haskell Rotary Club was honored to have area Rotary dignitaries as special guests at their weekly club meeting. From the left, are: David Mason, Assistant District Governor of Abilene; Abe and Ruby Turner, club members; Sam Watson, Haskell Rotary Club president; Tom Sheriff, District Governor of Wichita Falls; Wallace Emerson, Haskell Rotary Club member; and Charlie Reeves, Wichita Falls Rotary Club member. The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of community service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

November sales tax shows mixed returns

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said that state sales tax collections rose in October by 8 percent compared to October 2003. The state's October sales tax revenue was \$1.29 billion. Strayhorn sent \$417.8 million in November sales tax rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.2 percent compared to November 2003.

"Sales tax collections continue to grow as this economic bumper crop of a year enters the crucial fourth quarter for Texas businesses and the holiday shopping season," Strayhorn said.

But the Comptroller's fall 2004 economic forecast calls for slower economic growth during the next three years.

Strayhorn sent Texas cities \$286.2 million in sales tax allocations, up 5.5 percent compared to November 2003. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 7.8 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$23.8 million, up 8.4 percent compared to one year ago. For the calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are running 8.4 percent ahead of 2003.

October sales tax collections and November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly

tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

Haskell County had a 1.60 percent decrease for November, 2004 of \$36,112.38 in comparison to \$36,699.61 for November, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$332,050.18 reflect a 11.20 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$298,596.88.

The City of Haskell had a 3.08 percent decrease for November, 2004 of \$32,450.64 in comparison to \$33,482.12 for November, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$306,366.38 reflect a 11.64 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$274,412.69.

The City of O'Brien had a 54.43 percent decrease for November, 2004 of \$33.63 in comparison to \$73.80 for November, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$820.94 reflect a 28.57 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$1,149.41.

The City of Rochester had a 7.98 percent increase for November, 2004 of \$1,041.53 in comparison to \$964.52 for November, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$7,705.35 reflect a 17.15 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$6,577.27.

The City of Rule had a 20.47 percent increase for November, 2004 of \$2,413.14 in comparison to \$2,002.96 for November, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$15,825.42

reflect a 4.68 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$15,116.48.

The City of Weinert had a 1.57 percent decrease for November, 2004 of \$173.44 in comparison to \$176.21 for November, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$1,332.09 reflect a 0.66 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$1,341.03.

Area basketball scores

Boys
Haskell JV 64, Roby 40
Scoring for Haskell JV: Mitchell 20, Foster 13, Chavez 13, Loyd 6, Kilgore 5, Lara 3, Ashley 2, Rincon 2.

Rule 55, Woodson 41
Scoring for Rule: Kittley 14, Saucedo 12, Brown 10, Pace 8, Dudensing 8, Simpson 2, Turner 1.



ENDING THE SEASON—Paint Creek varsity cheerleaders successfully completing the 2004 football season and spending extra time with numerous fund-raisers and other activities are: l-r, captain, Kailey McCord, Hali Wolsch, Alice Blair and Melanie Bishop. Seated is Tara Myers, Captain Courageous. All of the girls will be on the girls basketball team.



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Births

Chad and Christi Wheat of Wichita Falls announce the birth of their son, Cooper Andrew Wheat, born Nov. 17 at 12:03 p.m. in Wichita Falls weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. He was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Robert and Cathy Bartley of Haskell, Mike and Nora Wheat and Kitty Arrington, all

of Wichita Falls. Great grandmother is Jerry Josselet of Haskell. Aunt and uncles are Misti Bartley of Dallas, Michael and Jackie Wheat and cousins Kaleigh and Aaron, all of Wichita Falls.

He has a big brother, Caleb and many other aunts and uncles.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



THE CLOCK IS RUNNING ON 2004 TAX CUTTING

Time is running out on tax decisions and actions you can take to cut your 2004 taxes. Here are some year-end moves you should consider:

•If necessary, adjust your withholding before year-end to avoid tax underpayment penalties. Withheld taxes are considered paid in equal amounts during the year regardless of when the tax is withheld. Therefore, a year-end adjustment to your withholding could help you avoid a penalty if you're underpaid.

•Avoid the marriage penalty. The standard deduction and 15% tax bracket for couples are double those of single taxpayers. But that doesn't eliminate the marriage penalty for working couples in tax brackets above 15%. If a wedding or divorce is in your plans, be aware that your marital status as of December 31 determines your tax status for the whole year. Changing the dates of a year-end event may save taxes.

•If you turned 70 1/2 in 2004, you have until December 31 to decide whether to take your first required IRA distribution this year. You can wait until April 1, 2005, to take your first distribution, but then you'll have to take two distributions next year. Unless you're still working, these rules apply to qualified retirement plans, too. Roth IRAs have no distribution requirement.

•Contribute to a deductible IRA if you qualify. You have until April 15, 2005, to open an IRA and make a deductible contribution for 2004. A child with earnings could qualify for an IRA, too.

•Use this year's annual gift tax exclusion. If you make annual gifts to family members or others, make sure you complete your gifts for 2004 by December 31. Consider giving appreciated stock to your children. Annual gifts up to \$11,000 (\$22,000 for joint husband/wife donors) may be given to each donee tax-free. If your child sells the stock (e.g., for college tuition), tax on the gain could be as low as 5%.

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Why choose home care?

1. It is delivered at home. When we are not feeling well, most of us ask to go home. When we are feeling well, we enjoy the sanctity of our residence and the joy of being with our loved ones.
2. Home care keeps families together. There is no more important social value. It is particularly important in times of illness.
3. Home care prevents or postpones institutionalization. None of us wants to be in a hospital or nursing home unless this is the only place we can obtain the care we need.
4. Home care promotes healing. There is scientific evidence that many patients heal faster at home.
5. Home care is safe.
6. Home care allows a maximum amount of freedom for the individual. A hospital, of necessity, is a regimented, regulated environment. The same is true of a nursing home. Upon admission to either, an individual surrenders a significant portion of his or her rights in the name of the common good. Such sacrifices are not required at home.
7. Home care is the most efficient form of health care. By bringing health services home, the patient does not generate board and room expenses. The patient and/or his or her family supply the food and tend to the individual's other needs. Technology has now developed to the point where almost any service that is available in a hospital can be offered at home.
8. Home care is personalized care. Home care is tailored to the needs of each individual. It is delivered on a one-to-one basis.
9. Home care is less expensive than other forms of care.
10. Home care is the preferred form of care. According to a recent study conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., the American public preferred long-term care based on home care over nursing home care by an overwhelming 79% to 14% margin.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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Get ready for winter weather

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Public Safety advises Texans to prepare for adverse winter weather such as freezing rain, snow, dense fog, ice, and bitter cold temperatures.

Hector Guerrero, Warning and Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service in San Angelo suggests you have a plan of action when it comes to winter. 1. Prepare before the winter storm; 2. Check the weather forecast before you leave; 3. Monitor freezing temperatures; 4. Drive according to the conditions of the highway; and 5. Heed the warnings.

Guerrero will also provide the updated winter weather outlook for December through February for West Central Texas.

Data from the Department of Public Safety's Accident Records Bureau compiled between 1991 and 2000, indicated approximately 55 Texans die each year from accidents caused by adverse winter weather such as ice, snow, or fog. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not look at the speed limits and assume the speed limit is the safe speed.

Freezing drizzle and rain are deadly. When the temperature falls below 32 degrees, even a little mist, drizzle, or frost can create slick bridges and roadways. Slow down especially on overpasses and bridges. Speed and ice don't mix.

Each year people die in house fires and from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating sources. Be sure to place your electrical heating source in a safe place away from curtains and combustible materials. If you have a gas furnace, be sure to install carbon monoxide detectors. Always install smoke detectors, they could

save your life this winter.

Dense fog kills, too. When driving in low visibilities due to dense fog or snow, slow down and use your low beams.

Always have a way to receive winter weather forecasts and warnings because weather can change fast.

"Texans need to prepare their homes and cars for severe winter weather," said State Coordinator Jack Colley. "Roads can become treacherous in icy weather. Severe ice storms can knock out power, making it important to have emergency supplies on hand in your home." Colley recommended the following preparedness steps:

- Winterize your home by insulating pipes near outside walls and by sealing leaks that might expose pipes to cold air.

- Make sure that heating systems, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well ventilated and in good working condition.

- Winterize your vehicle by checking wipers, tires, lights, and fluid levels. Lubricate door and trunk locks to avoid freezing.

- Prepare a travel disaster supply kit containing food, drinking water, blankets, rain gear, extra clothing, flashlights with extra batteries, jumper cables and a first aid kit.

- People who plan to travel should keep their gas tank at least half full and should make alternative travel plans in case bad weather forces trip delays. Do not travel when such conditions threaten.

- Check on friends and family members whose health or age—especially the very young and very old—may put them at greater risk from cold weather or freezing temperatures.

By planning ahead and paying careful attention to road and weather conditions, Texans can enjoy an accident free and safe winter.

End-of-year garden checklist

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

- Place orders for seeds now so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.

- Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.

- Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid-March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well lighted window.

- Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.

- Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.

- November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until February or early March.

- In all but North Texas and the Panhandle, continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons, and dianthus.

- Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark, and similar materials mixed with existing soil.

- Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.

- Protect your lawn from excessive winter damage by providing irrigation during dry periods.

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.

- Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.

- Take advantage of good weather to prepare garden beds for spring planting. Work in any needed organic

matter, and have beds ready to plant.

- Don't forget tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator. They can be planted any time in December if they have received 60 or more days of chilling.

- Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 or 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 3 to 4 weeks.

- Don't spare the pruning shears when transplanting bare-rooted woody plants. Cut the tops back at least one-third to one-half, to compensate for the roots lost when digging the plant.

- Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogues as well as good gardening books.

- Berrying plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.

Colored carrots

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

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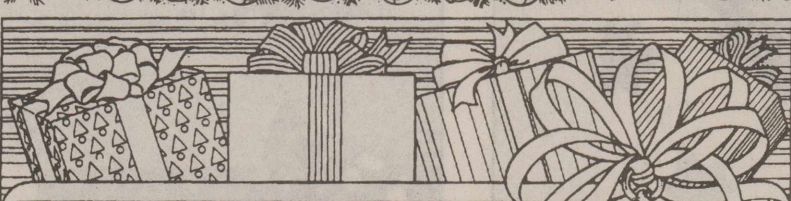
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JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADER—Working alone, Ariel Blair led the Paint Creek student body in cheering for the Jr. High team this year, and also assisted the Varsity squad with activities, as well as planning and carrying out her own pep rallies and half-time shows. With her is cheer sponsor, Susan Brooks.

Comment period for CRP ends Dec. 8

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman reminds producers and the public that the comment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) ends Dec. 8.

On Aug. 4, President Bush directed USDA to ensure the vital continuation of conservation protection under the CRP. Veneman invited public comments on other related issues, including enrollments and contract expirations, essential to ensuring the future of the program. A request for public comment on CRP was published in the Federal Register Aug. 10.

"The President is committed to achieving the full enrollment of the Conservation Reserve Program," said Veneman. "The public is encouraged to comment to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) on how best to meet the President's directive. This program builds on the conservation ethic of farmers and ranchers to protect and improve natural resources and enhance wildlife habitat."

CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Under the CRP, producers can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland. Beginning in 2007, 16 million acres under CRP contract will expire. Another 6 million acres will follow in 2008, 4 million in 2009 and 2 million in 2010.

USDA team to be in Rule Dec. 9

Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be at the City Hall, 405 Union Ave., Rule, Thurs., Dec. 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A representative will assist individuals with applications and provide information about the various housing, community and business and cooperative programs.

USDA Rural Development's housing programs offer loans and grants to very low, low and moderate income persons in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

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SPINNING TO LEARN—Wanda Thompson's Life Skills and Management student, D. J. Masias, right, assists Andrew Rodriguez at the "Wheel of Good Health," during the recent Fall Festival at the secondary campus. The event was part of activities through a Learn and Serve Grant.



SECOND QUARTER OPENING PLAY—Haskells' Josh Barbee handily carries the ball to score on an 8-yard run in the Indians' Regional-winning game with the Goldthwaite Eagles. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Water conservation starts at home

by Jane Rowan
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
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In newly built homes federal law requires that water saving toilets and showerheads are used. However, older homes can do their part too. The number one thing that homeowners can do is fix leaks. It's inexpensive and can save a large amount of water.

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CAMERON CARRYING—Haskell Indian #6 Cameron Short, carries the ball in one of 17 carries in which he covered 67 yards in the Indians' winning bid to take the Regional Championship. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Food safety still important when using precooked meals

by Jane Rowan
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Some who entertain for the holidays decide to forego cooking at home and choose to purchase precooked dinners or party foods. For convenience in serving family or friends, more people are relying on others to prepare their food.

Food safety precautions are necessary to prevent foodborne illness whether foods are prepared by others for later service, or prepared at home.

Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent with Texas Cooperative

Extension offers the following considerations regarding food safety in selecting, transporting, storing and serving take-out or delivered holiday foods.

When selecting a food service provider or caterer, it may be advisable for consumers to check out the credibility and food safety record of the restaurant or caterer before deciding. If the food is delivered and to be served immediately, keep hot foods hot (above 140 degrees F and cold foods cold (below 40 degrees F). A long delivery time or travel time between pickup and storage or service can be risky.

Foods should be picked up or delivered when they are hot if they are to be served immediately. Plan for a way at the entertaining site to keep these foods hot in the oven or a warming device if service will be within a couple of hours. Hot foods should be kept at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher for safety. Chafing dishes, preheated warming trays or slow cookers can be used to keep foods hot. Plan for space to keep cold foods in refrigeration or in coolers.

If you are not eating the take-out or delivered food immediately, follow food safety guidelines to be sure the food remains safe for you and your guests to eat at a later time. Plan for adequate storage space in your refrigerator or freezer. Be sure perishable foods are refrigerated as soon as possible after pick-up or

delivery. If pre-prepared foods are to be refrigerated and reheated later, divide food quantities into smaller portions or pieces, place in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze immediately upon delivery or pick-up. An example would be whole roasts, hams and poultry products should be sliced or cut into smaller pieces or portions before storing for later reheating.

Use a microwave, or range to reheat foods quickly to a safe temperature of 165 before serving. If reheating in the oven, set oven temperature to no lower than 325 degree F. For microwave reheating, cover and rotate food for even heating. Then allow for standing time before checking the internal temperature of the food. Always use a food thermometer to verify the internal temperature of reheated foods before serving.

If you are transporting the food yourself, plan to have hot-holding or cold-holding storage pieces available for the take-home. To transport cold food, wrap and place in an ice chest with cold ice or freezer packs. If transporting hot food, kept hot by wrapping in kitchen towels, newspapers and then packed in corrugated box or insulated container.

For more information on holiday food safety, contact the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546.

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				JV Invitational Tournament at Hawley					
				Haskell Invitational Tournament					
5	7th, 8th Girls at Roscoe 5 p.m. 9th Girls at Seymour 5:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11		
		JV-V G, VB at Eula 4 p.m.	Financial Aid Meeting All Jr. and Sr. Parents HS Auditorium 6 p.m.		V Invitational Tournament at Vernon				
				JV Invitational Tournament at Rule					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
	7th, 8th, 9th Girls at Hawley 5 p.m.	JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley at Hawley 4 p.m.		Christmas Band Concert	JVG-B, VG-B vs Cisco at Haskell 4 p.m.				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
			Holiday						
26	27	28	29	30	31				
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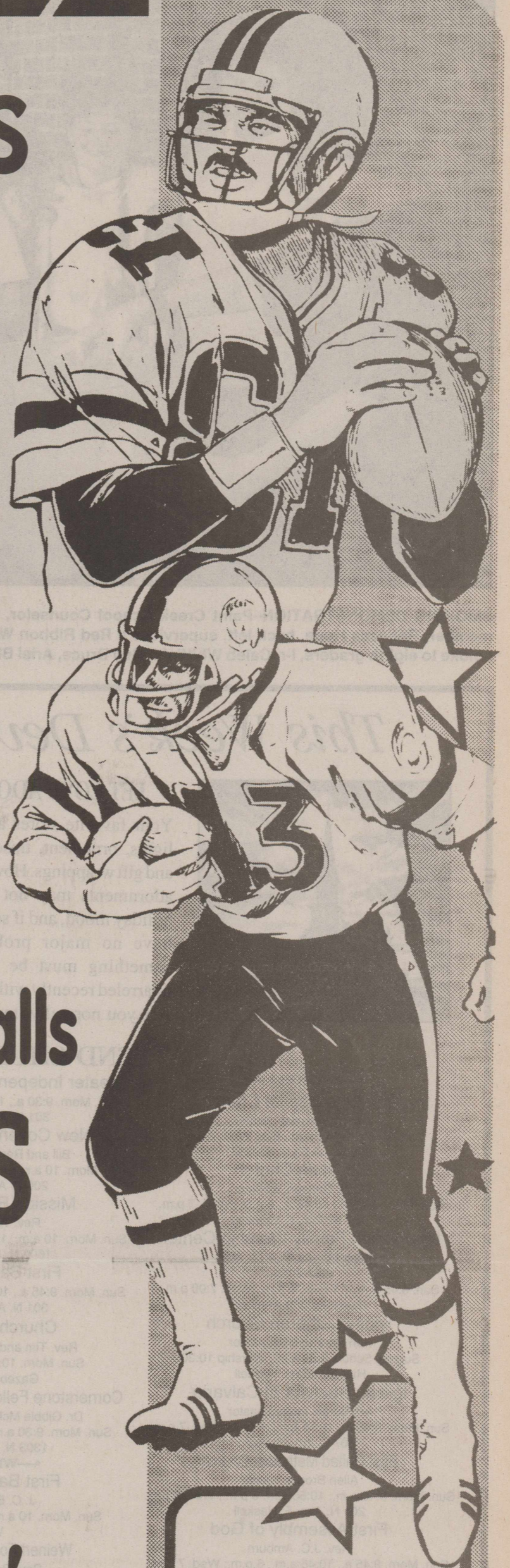
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SMOKING DEMONSTRATION—Paint Creek School Counselor, Gerre Larned, looks on as FCCLA member, Rebecca Hope, back left, supervises a Red Ribbon Week demonstration of second-hand smoke to eighth graders, l-r, Caleb Whitfield, Guy Bruce, Ariel Blair, Taylor Exum and Annissa Luna.

Paint Creek FCCLA conducts activities during Red Ribbon Week

The Paint Creek Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter members were busy during "Red Ribbon Week," Oct. 24-30, conducting drug abuse prevention educational programs and demonstrations to all Paint Creek students, K through 12.

Some of the topics addressed with

illustrated talks and demonstrations were the dangers of smokeless tobacco, secondhand smoke, and alcohol abuse.

The week began with a program entitled "Smoker's Roulette," given by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Sponsored by the FCCLA

members and chapter advisor, Darlene Hopkins, prizes were given daily to students who wore their "Red Ribbon" wristband. Banners and posters stating "We Choose to be Drug Free," were displayed all around the school, and red ribbons were tied to various objects, including car antennas.

Simple toys are ok, too

Do "educational" toys really do any good?

At this time of year, parents face a big dilemma: Do they buy their kids the fun toys they want, or do they buy educational toys that will help their children learn? Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say it really doesn't have to be a dilemma. Any toy can be educational if you use it the right way.

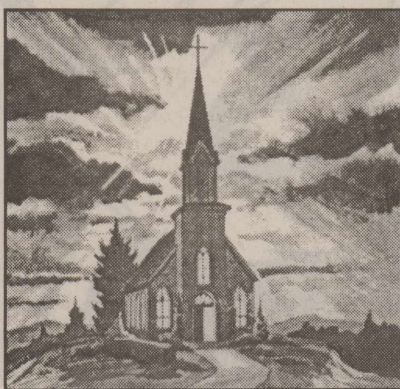
Dr. Pete Stavinoha, a child neuropsychologist at UT Southwestern, says it isn't the

blinking lights, sounds or sophisticated programming that makes a toy educational for a child. It's the interaction the toy promotes. When parents play with a child and talk to the child about the toy, and if the toy lets the child use his or her imagination, that toy can become an educational tool.

While there are a lot of gadgets available now that promise to teach children reading, spelling and math

skills, some old stand-bys can also be great educational tools. Crayons and watercolors paints let children unleash their creativity and stretch their imagination. Building blocks help children learn to deal with frustration. If the blocks fall down, the child has to learn how to recover from failure and start all over again. That's much more of a life lesson than hitting the reset button on a video game.

This Week's Devotional Message:



LET LOVE ADORN YOUR HOME WITH HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Your favorite stores are all a-glitter with lights, ornament, tinsel, candles, wreaths and gift wrappings. However, these seasonal adornments may not put you in a gala holiday mood, and if so, assuming that you have no major problems or sorrows, something must be wrong. Have your quarreled recently with a relative or friend? Are you normally impatient with people?

Then it's time to get rid of these negative tendencies. Mend that quarrel, no matter whose fault it was. Let your house of worship put some love and kindness in your heart before you plug in the Christmas lights or ignite the Chanukah candles. Then your home and your life will be much brighter during the upcoming holidays, as well as at all other times of the year.

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

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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

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Father George Roney
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901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

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

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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West on Main Street, Rochester

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Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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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.
Rochester

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Sagerton Methodist Church

Philip Houston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 6-10

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagels

Tuesday: Funnel cake

Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers

Thursday: Pigs in a blanket

Friday: Bean and cheese burrito

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese

and ham.

Monday: Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot roll, rosy applesauce

Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, candied yams, fruit salad, breadstick

Thursday: Frito pie, cheese, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, baby carrots, chocolate brownie

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, curly fries, orange wedges

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 6-10

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Pancakes

Friday: Breakfast burritos

Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily.

Monday: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, salad, garlic bread,

chocolate cake

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn on the cob, chips, jello

Wednesday: Ham with macaroni and cheese, spinach, salad, rolls, apple crisp

Thursday: Tator tot casserole, green beans, salad, bread, pudding with graham crackers

Friday: Chili dogs, chips, corn, salad, cookies

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 6

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Swiss steak and gravy,

mashed potatoes, English peas, garden salad, sliced onions, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Dec. 8

Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips and

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Fri., Dec. 10

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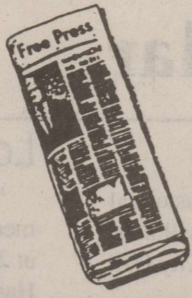
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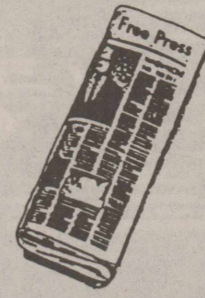




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City of Haskell, P. O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 10728-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 700,000 gallons per day. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 13, 2004.

The facility is located approximately one mile south and 0.25 mile east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and State Highway 380 in Haskell County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Rice Springs Branch; thence to Mule Creek; thence to Lake Stamford in Segment No. 1235 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are high aquatic life uses for Rice Springs Branch. The designated uses for Segment No. 1235 are high aquatic life uses, public water supply, and contact recreation.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Haskell City Hall, 301 South First Street, Haskell, Texas.

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Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit

without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ

Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from the City of Haskell at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Sam Watson at (940) 864-2333.

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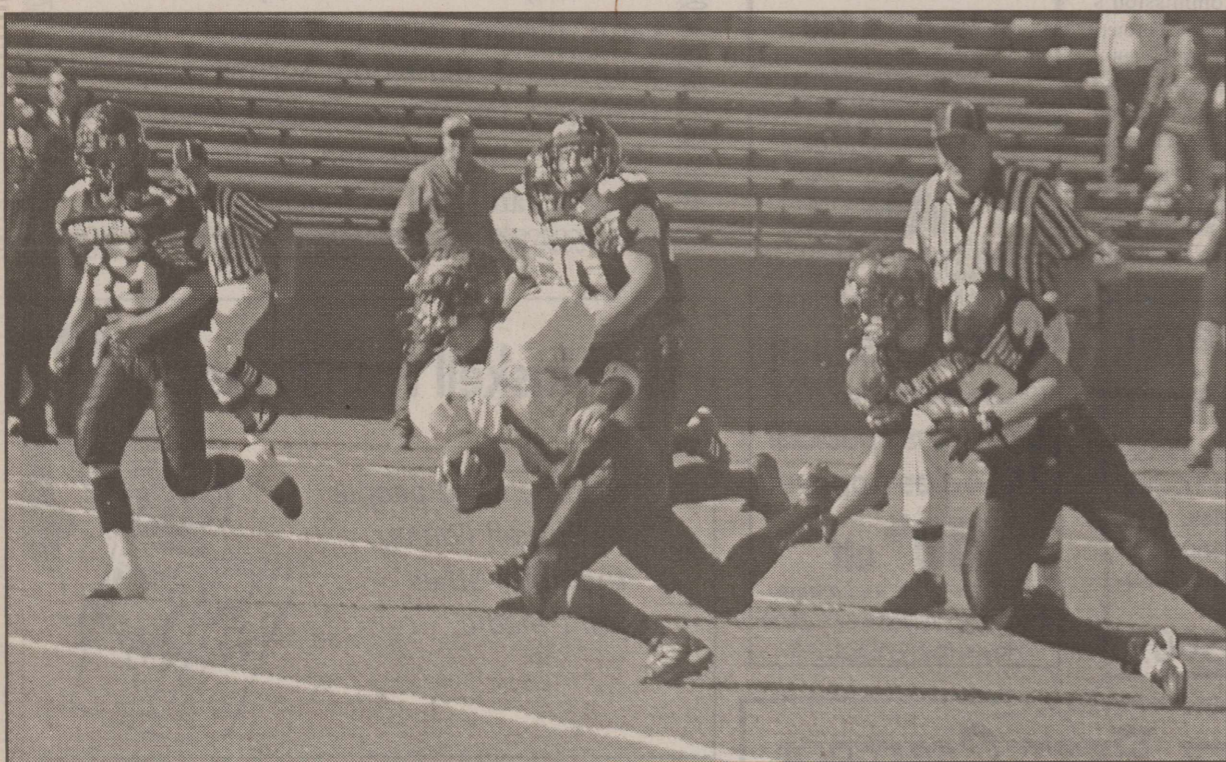
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INDIAN GROUNDING AN EAGLE—Haskell Indian defense #50 Ray Cuellar, tackles a Goldthwaite Eagle for a loss in the Regional game played at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Photo by Bill Blankenship



OUTRUSHING THE EAGLES—Haskell's #1 Brandon McClatchey, makes yardage in one of his 13 carries in the Indians' Regional-winning game with the Goldthwaite Eagles. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Letters to Santa to be published December 23

Hey Kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him.

Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the *Free Press* office at 420 North First Street or mailed to Santa Claus at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The deadline for having the letter printed in the newspaper is 5:00 p.m. Mon., Dec. 13. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 23 edition.

Calendar

Open house

Headstream Mental Health Center at 1201 N. First in Haskell will host an open house Thurs., Dec. 9 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Finger food and snacks will be provided.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Dec. 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Pit and Grill in Haskell.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Those attending should bring Christmas goodies, a gift to exchange and a toy for the Goodfellows.

Bethlehem Morning

The Haskell County choir will present a Christmas cantata "Bethlehem Morning" Sat., Dec. 11 and Sun., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Christmas Shorts

The children's choirs of First Baptist Church in Haskell will present "Christmas Shorts" Sun., Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

Tour of homes

Noah Project-North will host their annual tour of homes Sun., Dec. from 2 to 5 p.m. in Haskell. Tickets for the tour are \$5 each.

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