

## Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
 JV-V G-B vs Rotan  
 Fri., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.  
 at Rotan  
 JV-V G-B vs Roscoe  
 Tues., Jan. 17, 4 p.m.  
 at Haskell  
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**PAINT CREEK**  
 JH ACHS Tournament  
 Jan. 14, Abilene  
 JV-V G, V B vs Jayton  
 Fri., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.  
 at Jayton  
 JH vs Knox City  
 Mon., Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.  
 at Paint Creek  
 JV-V G, V B vs Aspermont  
 Tues., Jan. 17, 5 p.m.  
 at Paint Creek  
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**RULE**  
 JH G-B vs Knox City  
 Thurs., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m.  
 at Knox City  
 JV-V G-B vs Aspermont  
 Fri., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.  
 at Aspermont  
 JV-V G-B vs Knox City  
 Tues., Jan. 17, 4 p.m.  
 at Knox City

## Calendar

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

### GED classes

GED classes are underway at Haskell Elementary, Room 19, 306 S. Ave. G on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Testing is required to determine a student's level of knowledge. \$25 scholarships are available for as long as the money lasts. Classes are small and teaching is given on an individual basis.

### Country dance

Weinert Volunteer Fire Dept. will present Sheila Helton in an annual country dance Sat., Jan. 14 at 9 p.m. at the Weinert School. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. For information, call 940-716-6375.

### Youth basketball

Sign up for Haskell Youth Basketball will be held Wed., Jan. 18 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Children must attend Haskell Elementary and be in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grades. Parents or guardians must be present to complete registration forms. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Terri Klose at 864-3801 or Missy Burson at 864-8161.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., Jan. 13 at noon. All members are asked to attend to plan for the dinner theatre and silent auction to be held Sat., Feb. 11.

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# Haskell Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 12-14

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Haskell County kids to show livestock this weekend



**GRAND CHAMPION IN 2005**—Ross Short of the Rochester FFA, standing right, proudly held his winning entry which was named **Grand Champion Steer at last year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale.** This year's event is set to be held this weekend.

by Wesley Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The Haskell County Show Barn will be a lively place this weekend, Jan. 12-14, when the annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show gets underway.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 12, by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 5:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are for Thurs., Jan. 12 for poultry and chickens at 7 p.m. and Fri., Jan. 13 beginning at 8 a.m. for lambs followed by swine. Beginning at 2 p.m. steers will show followed by heifers.

Judges will be: steers and heifers, Greg Jones, Garza County Extension Agent; swine, Ray Dean Sites, Agriculture Science Teacher of Mt. View, Oklahoma; rabbits and chickens, Chris Beard, Agriculture Science Teacher of Albany; and lambs, Jay Wallar, Agriculture Science Teacher at Ira I.S.D.

Auctioneer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 14 will be Rex Ford of Stamford, assisted by Mike Fouts of Sagerton.

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

At last year's show, 116 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$74,400.

Larry Short of Rochester is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

## Burn ban Haskell CISD recognizes board members

### Burn ban reissued

By executive order of Haskell County Judge, David Davis, Jan. 6, the county was again declared a state of disaster resulting from the threat of wildfires due to drought and adverse weather conditions.

Taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management, the regulations took effect immediately, and will remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated.

On Jan. 9, the Haskell County Commissioners Court ratified and extended the prohibitions and restrictions imposed under the Jan 6. Order as follows:

1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, outdoor cooking apparatus and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.

2. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind over 15 miles per hour;

B. The welder must notify the Haskell County Sheriff's Department and Haskell Volunteer Fire Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area

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Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Haskell CISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge local trustees' unflinching commitment to our communities and schools.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, especially in today's climate of change and economic uncertainties. It's a huge responsibility, one which has an

effect on virtually every aspect of our schools. In January, we encourage our community to help honor the contributions and dedication of our local school board members. These locally elected citizens, who work long hours without pay, make decisions that influence and direct the education of our youth," said HCISD Superintendent Eddie Bland.

"Our board is one of 1,039 district and county school boards across the

state. These boards enable us to have local control of our public schools, meaning that decisions are made by local leaders who understand the community's unique culture, values, and challenges," said Bland.

"Take time to thank our local school board members for making the time to share their vision and voice about the future of our children. We proudly salute these education

advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities," he said.

Those serving Haskell CISD are Donnie Rieger, president; Susan Turner, vice president; Mynea Short, secretary; Bob Aycock, Tommy English, Steven Foster, Tom Hairgrove, Steve McGuire and Felix Rodriguez, members.

## Elementary students jump rope to raise funds

During the Jump Rope for Heart event, held Nov. 18, Haskell Elementary School second, third, fourth and fifth graders raised \$6,635.00 from sponsoring friends and family members.

"This is the most we have collected in the eleven years I have been doing the event," said Tiffany Thomas, P.E. teacher and event coordinator. "We raised \$1,200 more than last year, so I am extremely proud of the kids."

A joint project of the American Heart Association (AHA) and the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD), Jump Rope For Heart involves elementary students in the fight against heart diseases and stroke, which are America's number one and three killers. Participants also learn the benefits of physical activity and community service.

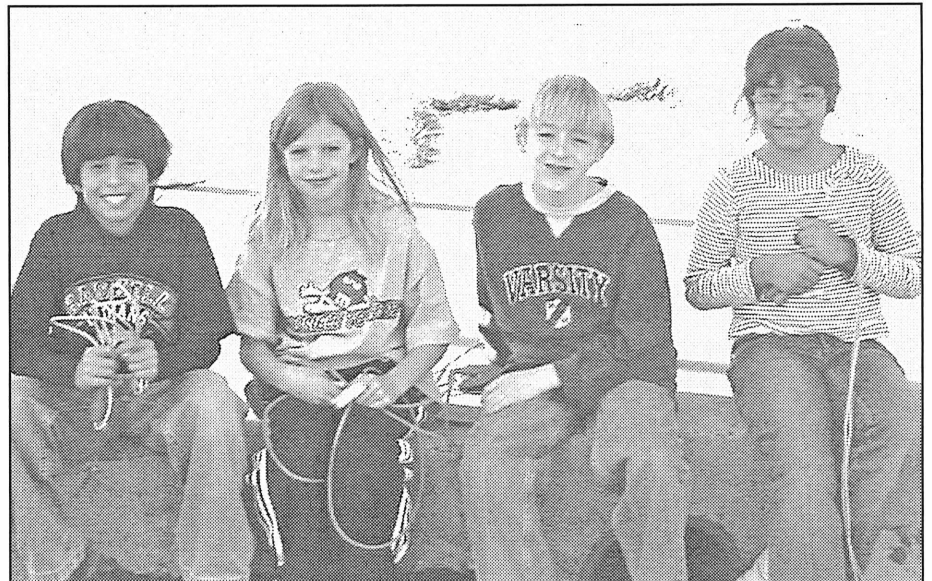
This popular event has been conducted in schools across the country for two decades. Students jump and collect donations from sponsors, and prizes are awarded according to the amount of money raised.

Along with the prizes awarded by the AHA, the top money collectors of each grade received prizes from

local merchants. Top collector for second grade was Morgan Nava-Munoz, with \$150, and the top collector for third grade was Jacie

Klose with \$125. Cole Casey was top collector for fifth grade with \$367. Fourth grade and overall top collector was Gus Estrada of Rochester, who

collected \$412. Estrada has been the overall top collector for two years running and has collected over \$800 by himself.



**TOP COLLECTORS**—Haskell Elementary students winning prizes for collecting the most donations for the American Heart Association during the Jump Rope for Heart event, Nov. 18, were: l-r, fourth grader Gus Estrada; third grader, Jacie Klose; fifth grader Cole Casey and second grader, Morgan Nava-Munoz. Altogether, students collected \$6,635.60, which was \$1, 200 more than last year.

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# Burn ban

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where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system, a minimum of 100 gallons, must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins, and remain on hand

until the activity is completed.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. Arson can be charged as a Felony.

# Forestry Service updates fire incidents

The Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordination Center in San Angelo reported Jan. 8, in a North Texas incident management summary, that the Service has responded to 17 new fires burning 925 acres during a 24 hour period ending Jan. 7.

Twenty-nine homes were threatened, 3 homes were lost and 26 homes saved.

"Strategically pre-positioning wildfire suppression resources based on the weather forecast proved most successful," said Ron Perry, Fire Prevention Specialist. "Response time was timely and effective."

According to the Forestry Service, which covers 97 West Texas counties, a total of 205,059 acres have burned to date in West Texas since Jan 1.

Fire conditions continue to remain extreme with Red Flag warnings posted over most of the state. Humidities will continue to be low ranging from 5-15%. Fire spread may be 100-300 feet per minute.

Four incident management teams are in West Texas. These include 3 Type II crews, 42 engines, 42 dozers, 18 helicopters, 6 air tankers, 7 air attack planes assigned to the incidents and 667 personnel assigned to the fires.

Since Dec. 26, 247 homes have been lost and 554 structures saved. These are subject to change as additional information is received.

The San Angelo Forestry office reports that 33 states and the District of Columbia are assisting Texas. The Louisiana and Texas National Guard, The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Public Safety Governor's Division of Emergency Management are also assisting.

# Obituaries

## Loretta (Beasley) Hewitt



**LORETTA HEWITT**  
Funeral services for Loretta (Beasley) Hewitt, 72, of O'Brien were held Fri., Jan. 6 at O'Brien

Baptist Church. Burial was in the O'Brien Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mrs. Hewitt died Tues., Jan. 3 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Jan. 9, 1933, in Jud she was the daughter of Leroy and Edna Beasley. She married Coy Hewitt March 29, 1954 in Jud. He preceded her in death Sept. 15, 2000. They owned and operated the O'Brien Food Store for 25 years. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. During her younger years she enjoyed doing yard work and cooking. After her health began to fail, she did what she enjoyed most—spending time with her family. She was a member of O'Brien Baptist Church. Everyone who knew her will miss her

mischievous sense of humor. We will always love and miss you, Mama.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Coy Hewitt; her father Leroy Beasley; mother, Edna Davis; and step father, Burt Davis.

Survivors include three daughters, Rhonda and husband, Allen Moeller of Haskell, Vickie and husband, Richard Daniel of Abilene, and Toni and husband, Tony Neal of Wichita Falls; seven grandchildren, Kelli Moeller Dixon, Casey Moeller, Reece Daniel, Jerod Daniel, Ashton Neal, Andrea Neal and Aubrey Neal; one sister, Patsy Covey of Snyder.

Memorials may be made in her name to the American Heart Association or the donor's favorite charity.  
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## Mary Massey



**MARY MASSEY**

Memorial services for Mary Jo Massey, 80, of Burleson were held Sat., Jan. 7 at Heritage Place Retirement Home in Burleson. Inurnment was at Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel in Burleson.

Mrs. Massey died Wed., Dec. 21 in Burleson.

Born Sept. 16, 1925 in Haskell, she retired in 1990 as an Administrative Assistant with Bell

Helicopter Textron. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Burleson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, one sister and one son, Dwight Massey.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Amy, Chase and Cody Massey; one sister-in-law, Ann Cox of Kimball, Nebraska; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.  
PD. NOTICE

## Mozelle Manske

Funeral services for Mozelle Manske, 87, of Sagerton were held Mon., Jan. 2 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Rev. Stan Leaf officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Manske died Sat., Dec. 31 at her residence.

Born Sept. 26, 1918 in Wortham, she was the daughter of the late Cliff and Alva Laughlin Lefevre. She married Oscar Manski June 18, 1913. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1971. She was a lifetime resident of the Sagerton community, a member of Faith Lutheran Church and was

a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant son, Billy Dwain Manske; grandson, Michael Manske; great grandson, Brandon Jacobs; and a sister, Frances Clark.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Manske of Stamford, Tommy Manske and his wife, Kathy and Johnny Manske, all of Sagerton; one brother, Delbert Lefevre of Sagerton; eight grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.  
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## Robert S. 'Bob' Bryan

Memorial services for Robert S. 'Bob' Bryan, 85, of Houston were held Sat., Nov. 12 at The Hampton Assisted Living Facility in Houston.

Mr. Bryan died Thurs., Nov. 10.

Born Oct. 13, 1920 in Avoca, he was the son of Henry and Corene Bryan. He was a Captain in the U.S. Navy, served his country during World War II, and was a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. He loved golf and was a member of the Texaco Country Club, then the Willowisp Country Club. He was a former resident of Stamford. His wife, Wynona (Post) Bryan is

a former resident of Haskell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary Jones; and one brother, Buddy Bryan.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Wynona Bryan; sons, Dr. Nick Bryan and wife, Jean, and Mike Bryan and wife, Patty; two grandchildren, Bobby Bryan and wife, Kathy Bertoldi and Nicole Bryan and husband, Brian Hall; one great grandchild, Nevin Hall.

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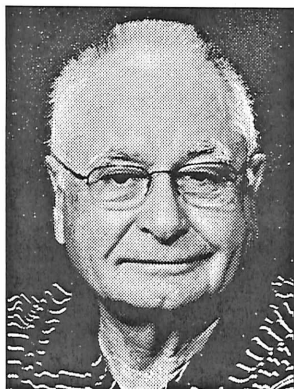
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# Local author to hold book signing Saturday



HYRUM RICHARDS

Hyrum Richards of Haskell published the book, *A Hanging Offense*, which is a historical fiction story based on actual events in 1889 in the Wyoming Territory.

Richards grew up on a small ranch in southern Alberta, Canada. He has been an oil field geologist, a high school teacher, and, for the concluding twenty-four years of his professional career, a practicing psychologist.

Retired since 1992, he lives in Haskell, spending his time golfing, fishing and writing. His wife is the former Jeanie Redwine of Haskell.

# EEA Club holds meetings

The Haskell County Extension Education Association Club held their annual Christmas party Dec. 8 at the Haskell County Extension Office.

Following a potluck meal, the members enjoyed a time of fellowship. In lieu of Christmas presents to one another, each brought items to be donated to the Noah Project North.

Attending were Mary Jennings, Jane Smith, Alice Yates, Lena Tidwell, Dolores Medford, Flossie Bates, Geraldine Baker, Joetta Burnett, Katherine Schonerstedt, Sue McGee and County Agent, Jane Rowan.

The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 6. Members will finalize plans for the concession stand at the Haskell County Junior Livestock

Show.

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The Haskell County Extension Education Association Club met Jan. 5 with twelve members and County Agent Jane Rowan attending.

Guest speaker John Fouts presented an informative program on planning and preparation of wills. Members learned about different types of wills, who needs wills and Texas laws concerning wills.

Plans were finalized for the Haskell County Jr. Livestock show concession stand, which is the club's major fund-raiser.

Refreshments were served by Geraldine Baker and Sue McGee.

The next meeting of the club will be held Feb. 9 at the Haskell County Extension Office.



SHANNON D'ANN JORDAN - ANDREW PATRICK DEEN

# Jordan, Deen plan March 11 wedding

Mike W. and Deanna Jordan of Haskell have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shannon D'Ann Jordan, to Andrew Patrick Deen, son of Frances and the late Bob Deen of Brownwood.

The couple plans a wedding, Mar. 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

## Births

Landon and Holly Terry of Stamford announce the birth of their son, Lawton Donovan Terry, born Dec. 19 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene weighing 6 lbs. 20 oz. He was 20 inches long.

He has a big brother, Lance.

Grandparents are Leland and Pam Terry of Haskell and Glen and Liz Leighton of Hollywood, Maryland.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Willie Farrel spent Christmas week with his sons, Cleve Farrel of Porter and Bill Farrel of Elgin.

# Vitamin D important in calcium absorption

More and more older women attempting to prevent osteoporosis are taking calcium supplements. But don't forget another important ingredient—vitamin D—which is necessary for the efficient absorption of calcium. Without vitamin D, bone mass diminishes and the risk of fractures increases.

"Vitamin D is present only in a few foods, such as fatty fish, cod liver oil and vitamin D-fortified milk. It also may be formed in the skin with adequate ultraviolet light exposure, but many older people avoid excess sun exposure," says Dr. Howard Heller, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "In addition, as people age their production of vitamin D may decrease."

For adults, Dr. Heller recommends daily doses of 1,000 milligrams of calcium and 600 to 800 international units of vitamin D. For people over age 65 and postmenopausal women not on hormone-replacement therapy, the recommended dose of calcium

increases to 1,500 milligrams. Most multiple vitamins contain about half the needed amount of vitamin D, and calcium tablets contain about a fourth your daily need.

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# OPINION

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State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### DeLay gives up hope of reclaiming House post

AUSTIN—U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay of Sugar Land announced his decision not to seek his former post as House majority leader in the new Congress, which convenes later this month.

DeLay and his defense team are awaiting the next steps in the legal process. DeLay was indicted by Travis County grand juries on charges of money-laundering and conspiracy in connection with the 2002 state election that increased the Republican majority in the Texas House.

After the indictment was handed down in September, the lawmaker followed U.S. House protocol in stepping down from his leadership post.

### Rose Bowl win gets huge play

Junior quarterback Vince Young and million-dollar coach Mack Brown led the University of Texas to a 41-38, come-from-behind victory over Southern California.

Many Texas politicians from President George W. Bush on down waxed glowingly about the Longhorns' victory. Even Gov. Rick Perry, an Aggie, gushed with appreciation over the outcome.

Perry won a wager with Golden State Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over the results of the game. The governors bet each other pairs of autographed boots, handcrafted in their respective states, to be auctioned for charity.

The UT Tower was illuminated in burnt orange with the number "1" in white lights beginning Thursday, Jan. 5 and throughout the following weekend.

Four days after the Rose Bowl, quarterback Young announced his decision not to return for his senior year and to enter the National Football League draft.

### Strayhorn files as Independent

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn filed papers with the secretary of state to be an Independent candidate for governor in 2006.

In announcing, Strayhorn emphasized she is still a Republican, but is putting partisanship aside "to do what's right for Texas" in her race against incumbent Gov. Perry and a

host of other candidates whose goal also is to do what's right for Texas.

In launching her Independent candidacy, Strayhorn follows suit with Kinky Friedman, who filed weeks ago as an Independent candidate for governor. Strayhorn brought up the fact that Sam Houston won the governorship as an Independent, but Friedman publicly voiced that idea more than half a year ago.

In order to get her name on the November ballot—like Friedman—Strayhorn will have to collect a minimum of 45,450 signatures from registered voters who will not have voted in either of the March 7 Democratic or Republican primaries.

To sign a petition for Friedman or Strayhorn, a voter must be registered for at least 30 days, and must sign the petition after the party primaries are over and before the May 8 petition deadline.

Meanwhile, the comptroller challenged the governor to a debate "anytime, anywhere, anyplace." No word yet on a time, a place, or if the governor even wants to debate challengers before the GOP primary.

Anyway, let the sloganeering begin. The heavily funded Perry and Strayhorn campaigns already have begun to run political commercials on network television.

### Creation theory sides taken

Last fall, Pennsylvania federal judge John Jones III ruled it inappropriate to teach "intelligent design" in public school classrooms.

With nine weeks to go before the GOP party primary, Gov. Perry came out in favor of intelligent design as a theory suitable for teaching in Texas science classes. But Chris Bell of Houston and Bob Gammage of Llano, who also are running for governor in the Democratic primary, sided with the Pennsylvania court.

### Texas report card shows gain

Texas is showing overall improvement in student achievement, the magazine Education Week said in its annual yardstick report on education in America.

The Texas public school student population earned a grade of "C" while teachers earned a "C-minus." Fourth grade African-American, Hispanic and poor students made noteworthy gains in reading.



## MORE FEAR IN TH' NEW YEAR?

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago January 11, 1996

Fred Barnett, the son of Lee Barnett of Haskell, was nominated for the Medal of Merit Award from the Austin Fire Department.

Marcus Overton was presented his Eagle Scout badge at the Pat Morrison Auditorium in Paint Creek.

The Weinert FCE Club quilted their 17th quilt "Boston Common" and donated it to the West Texas Rehab Center Telethon. Members include Myrtle Phemister, Rene Vojkufka, Alice Yates, Erma Liles and Estalynn Liles.

The mayor of Minden proclaimed Dec. 19 as Ruby Sanders Day. Sanders is the daughter of Grace McKelvain of Haskell and retired after 30 years as an administrator assistant for the city of Minden.

Dream 'T' the 1992 stallion owned by Sam and Gayle Bitner of Haskell was named Grand Champion 3 year old Stallion at the World Championship Appaloosa Horse Show in Fort Worth.

### 20 Years Ago January 9, 1986

Chip Morris was a goalie halfback on the Abilene Charger soccer team which won the Big Country Soccer Association championship.

C.H. 'Buddy' Herren Jr., son of

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Herren of Haskell, joined the Delaware Group of Funds as a regional vice president.

Senior Airman William F. Bobadilla II, son-in-law of Alexandra Silvas of Haskell, was decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Lackland Air Force Base.

Hamlin football coach Art Briles of Rule was named head football coach at Georgetown, a Class 5A school near Austin.

Haskell High School science students Kelly Wade Klose and Michael Rodriguez received national awards by the United States Achievement Academy.

### 30 Years Ago January 8, 1976

Airman Ollie D. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Johnson of Haskell, graduated at Lackland AFB from the U.S. Air Force security policeman course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Mr. and Mrs. James Elmus Swailes celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner hosted by their children.

William James Kemp, son of Dr. and Mrs. W.J. Kemp, received a conditional acceptance for the postgraduate studying Pedodontics for the 1976-77 school year.

Rita Mullino showed the grand

champion heifer, first in senior calf division and first in junior yearling division; and Calvin Wilfong showed the reserve grand champion heifer and first in the spring calf division at the Odessa Sandhill Hereford and Quarter Horse Show.

### 40 Years Ago January 13, 1966

Ken Barnett, member of the Haskell High School Band, was chosen to play in the all-region concert in Hurst.

Marsha Shaver of Rochester was chosen as an alternate to the national finals of the "Make It With Wool" contest.

Wilton O. Davis, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fouts of Haskell, was named president of Fair Park National Bank of Dallas.

Pvt. Johnny W. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ocie McGuire of Rochester, completed an aircraft maintenance course at the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Buddy Herren, Pension Consultant for Davenport-Dillard Inc. and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Herren of Haskell, was named Star Salesman of the company for the month of December.

### 50 Years Ago January 12, 1956

David L. Calhoun of Haskell, Army ROTC cadet at Texas Christian University, qualified as Sharpshooter with the small bore rifle.

Jimmie Lee Medley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Medley of Haskell, received his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy.

Willard Warren of Haskell qualified for the Leaders' Club of the Western National Life Insurance Company in a brief nine months.

Barbara Mullins of Haskell was initiated into Texas Tech's chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, national honorary fraternity.

Marvin Hardin Hancock Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Hancock Sr. of Haskell, received his degree at the University of Texas College of Business Administration.

Charlene Highnote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Highnote and senior at Haskell High School, was chosen as Sweetheart of the Future Farmers of America.

### 100 Years Ago January 20, 1906

C.C. Cummings advertised that he had 20 good, young well broke horses for sale.

J.W. Wright and little son Roger left on a visit to his mother at Columbian, Tenn., whom he has not seen in a number of years and stopped for a few days in Dublin to visit with Wilbur and Byron Wright.

Will Gentry, engineer at the Earnest & Sanders gin, resigned and returned to his home in Abilene, Lou Lindsey filled his position.

A.C. Holt was in with the last bale of the 25 bale crop he produced the past year.

Commissioner W.F. Watts of Sagerton was in the county capital.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### New Laws Shine More Light on Texas Government

We live in an era in which Texans demand more openness from their government. The role of public officials is not to be protectors of public information but active participants in sharing information with the public.

A new Texas law will help achieve that goal. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, all public officials subject to Texas open government laws must complete open government training. The new law tasks the Attorney General's office with establishing the formal training necessary to ensure that all elected and appointed government officials understand open records and open meetings laws.

The new mandatory training law, which I have long supported, grew out of a desire to clear up confusion and provide "no excuses" for government not to comply with open government laws.

My office is responsible for ruling on open records requests from governmental bodies seeking guidance about disclosure of records to the public. Over the past few years, we have seen incredible growth in the number of those requests. Last year alone, we received 11,300 such requests—an almost 40 percent increase in the last two years. We issue an average of about 45 open records rulings per day and answer more than 10,000 calls per year on our Open Government Hotline.

Through our investigations and enforcement, we have found there are several reasons why officials don't comply with open government laws. Some simply try to hide information because they don't want to follow the law. Then there are foot-draggers, who want to impede access to information by building barriers and making it difficult to get information.

Most often, however, violations of open government laws occur because public officials simply don't know what the law requires. By educating officials about their duty to provide information to the citizens they represent and to conduct lawful open meetings that are accessible to the public, my office can help ensure the law is followed.

My office has produced two hour-long videos—one for the Public Information Act (which governs open records laws), the other for the Open Meetings Act—to teach public officials what those laws require.

The free training videos can be viewed on our website at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). For those without Internet access, a free DVD or VHS cassette of the videos can be requested by calling my office at 800-252-8011. You can also visit our website to apply for the Attorney General's approval of an open government training course, to fill out an open government course completion certificate, and to find answers to many other frequently asked questions.

Officials who were in office before Jan. 1, 2006, have until Jan. 1, 2007, to complete the required training. Officials who are elected or appointed after Jan. 1, 2006, have 90 days after taking office within which to complete the required training.

I expect this law to reduce violations, increase compliance and speed up response times to open records requests. This, in turn, should decrease the money spent on enforcement and reduce the costs incurred on lawsuits to defend open government claims.

As I said earlier, no longer do public officials have any excuse for not following the state's open government laws. This training will teach public officials what the law requires and that there will be consequences for not following it.

I'm proud to say I have already completed the new open government training. As stewards of the public trust, we government officials have a duty to be as transparent as possible in the way the public's business is conducted. Making this kind of training available will help prevent inadvertent compliance problems and ensure our government remains open in the interest of all Texans.

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## Weather Whys

### Warmest winters

Q: It's been unusually warm. Is this the warmest winter we've ever had?

A: It's too early to say yet if the winter of 2005-06 will be the warmest on record, but it's true that it may go down as one of the warmest ever, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"There is already one report from NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) that says that 2005 is already the second warmest year on record," McRoberts explains. "The warmest year ever was in 1998. The report says that data will likely show that 2005 was 1.0 degrees warmer than 1895-2004 average."

Q: Was it warmer all over the world or just in the United States?

A: There's little doubt that global temperatures were higher all over the world, McRoberts adds.

"Statistics show that significant warmth was widespread, including large areas of Africa, Australia, Brazil, China and the United States," he adds. "A new record of seven consecutive days at or above 125 degrees was set in Death Valley, California. Also, studies show that in 2005, a new record was set for the lowest amount of Arctic sea ice since satellite monitoring began in 1970. There seems to be little doubt that temperatures are rising all over the world."

### Cold Fronts

Q: What causes cold fronts?

A: The simple explanation is that a cold front is where a cold air mass

is replacing a warm air mass, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The air mass behind it is noticeably colder and it pushes out the warmer air," McRoberts explains.

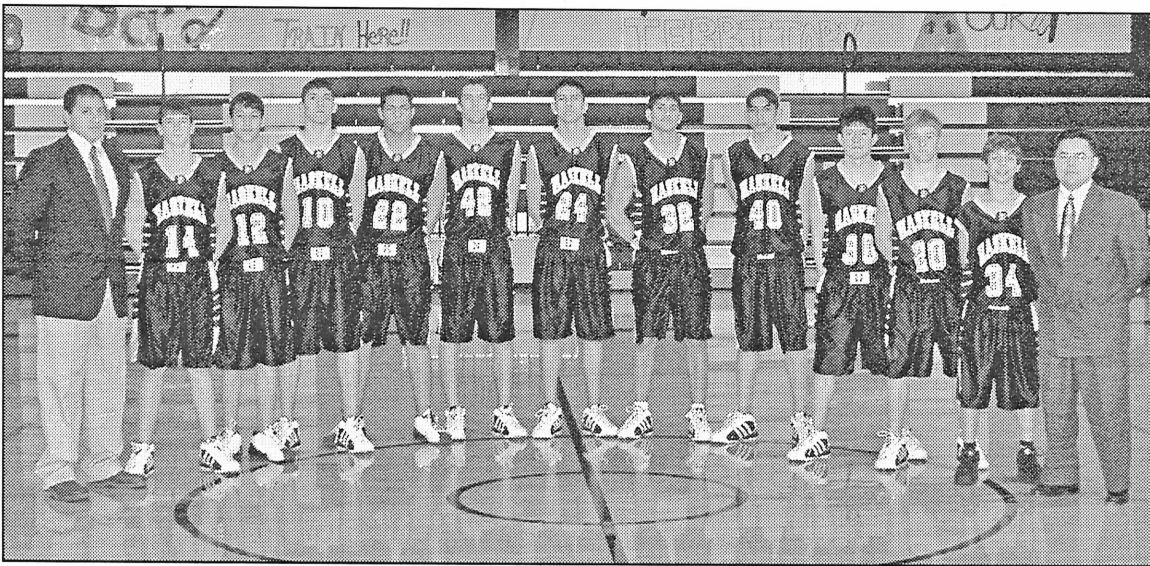
"As a cold front moves into an area, the heavier colder air moves out the warmer, lighter air its replacing. If the warm air is humid enough, water vapor in it will condense and rain can occur, which is why cold fronts often trigger thunderstorms. The rotation of the Earth helps to form the wind that flows between air masses."

Q: How fast can the temperature drop when a cold front arrives?

A: Amazingly fast, McRoberts adds. It is not uncommon for the temperature to drop 15 degrees or more in just one hour after a cold front arrives. "There are some incredible stories about temperature changes," he adds. "On Dec. 20, 1836 in Illinois, the temperature went from 40 degrees to 0 in just a few hours. And on Jan. 22, 1943 in South Dakota, the town of Spearfish was at the edge of an arctic air mass but still under a temperature inversion area. At 7:30 a.m., the temperature in Spearfish was -4 degrees and within two minutes, went to 45 degrees above 0 because of warm winds associated with the inversion. By 9 a.m. the temperature was up to 54 degrees, but the conditions changed and the temperature fell to -4 degrees. A 58-degree temperature drop had occurred in only 27 minutes, still believed to be a record."



# Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach LoLo Martinez, Weston Rutkowski, A.J. Alvarez, Derek Agraz, D.J. McCulloch, Jeremy Sorrells, Augustene Lara, Vicente Castillo, Miquel Chavez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams, John English and Coach Toby Villa. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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# Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Mollie McKnight, Jasmine Thomas, Roxanne Chavez and Lindsay Pannell; middle, Kimberly Medford, Lacey Peiser, Samantha Rodriguez and Robbyn Tribbey; back, Victoria Armenta and Kerri Newton. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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# Elk to blaze the animal identification trail in Texas

Elk being moved in Texas will sport a radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag at the first of the year, as commissioners for the Texas

Animal Health Commission (TAHC) have adopted regulations for tracking the animals for disease control, including chronic wasting disease

(CWD), a fatal brain disorder. About 300 producers in the state own elk, which are classified as exotic livestock in Texas and are under the jurisdiction of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Premises and animal identification and record keeping requirements will extend to all of the animals' movements in commerce.

"We worked closely with elk breeders associations, including the Exotic Wildlife Association, South Central Elk Breeders Association and the North American Elk Breeders, to develop the regulations adopted by the TAHC commissioners at their meeting Dec. 6 in Austin," said Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director for the TAHC and Texas' state veterinarian. "The regulations were developed to enhance disease monitoring with minimal impact on marketing."

"Identification and record keeping requirements will be extremely useful for quickly tracing elk movements, if chronic wasting disease (CWD) or other diseases, such as brucellosis or tuberculosis are detected in the animals," he said. "Nationally, the implementation of animal identification for exotic livestock is 'way down the line,' but the Texas industry saw a need to be able to track elk movement now, so these animals will blaze the trail in the state for other species."

The regulations require elk owners to obtain a unique premises identification number for their ranches prior to importing the animals, moving them to market, slaughter, another ranch or onto other premises within the state. Furthermore, receiving sites within the state also are to be identified. Dr. Hillman said producers of all livestock species can easily obtain the unique seven-character premises identification number.

"Producers can go online, call us or request a paper application to obtain their premises identification number. The information collected will be accessed and used only by state and federal animal health officials for disease surveillance, control and eradication purposes,"

explained Dr. Hillman. Premises registration can be completed online at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or by calling the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.

"HB 1361, passed during the last legislative session, enables the TAHC to develop an identification program consistent with the National Animal Identification System, and provides authority to charge a fee for the premises registration. Until 2005, the TAHC was one of the few state regulatory agencies that did not charge fees for services. An industry committee, after looking at many options, determined a \$10 per year fee for premises registration is the most equitable way to support TAHC programs," Dr. Hillman noted.

Under the elk regulations, the premises identification fee, to be paid biennially, also will be effective Jan. 1, 2006, for elk producers who move their animals in Texas commerce. The fee will not be charged retroactively for premises registered prior to that date. However, as premises registration are renewed every two years, the \$10 per year fee will be applicable. Fees for premises registration for other livestock species are expected to be in effect in spring 2006. As of late December, about 4,500 of the state's 200,000 premises have been registered.

Texas producers must individually identify elk with a permanent, official electronic ear tag prior to moving them from their premises. A movement report then must be submitted to the TAHC within 24 hours, providing the owner's name, and the age, gender and individual identification device number for each animal moved, source of the animal and the premises identifications for the herd of origin and destination site. The producer is to maintain a copy of the records for at least five years.

"Pasture-to-pasture movement of elk can be allowed without the electronic ear tag, provided the producer owns both sites and has them under a single premises registration," explained Dr. Hillman. "However, the owner must first obtain a written permit from the TAHC and fulfill the reporting requirements."

The regulations urge producers to have elk tested for CWD when they die or are harvested. Deer and elk that exhibit clinical signs of CWD, such as emaciation, behavioral changes and excessive salivation always should be reported to the TAHC, so brain tissue can be collected and tested. Although the disease has been detected in several states in mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk, and in one instance, a moose, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) do not associate CWD with any known human health effects. More than 9,413 samples from free-ranging or captive deer and elk in Texas have been tested, with no CWD detected.

While mule deer and white-tailed deer also are susceptible to CWD, these animals come under separate identification and health regulations, explained Dr. Hillman. Mule deer in

far west Texas and white-tailed deer statewide are classified as native wildlife, and to own them, producers must obtain a scientific breeder permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), which has regulatory authority over these species. Scientific breeders must meet identification and testing requirements established by the TPWD.

"We cannot say we don't have CWD, if we don't monitor susceptible species and test for it," Dr. Hillman stressed. "If we do find CWD in Texas, appropriate action must be taken to control and eradicate the disease. Hunting, wildlife and exotic hoof stock are industries extremely important to the livelihood of Texas. It's only reasonable to take precautions to ensure these animals are healthy."

## Driving course set Jan. 21 in Benjamin

A defensive driving course will be offered Sat., Jan. 21, in Benjamin, sponsored by the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission. The course will offer area drivers an opportunity to lower their insurance costs for three years.

The course will be taught by defensive driving teacher, Terri Fletcher of Munday.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m., Sat., Jan. 21, in the assembly room on the first floor of the courthouse in Benjamin. The registration fee is \$20.00 and includes lunch, which will be served by members of the Friends of KCHC. Those wishing to have lunch that day should call ahead.

According to Fletcher, most auto insurance policies will offer a 10% discount on liability and collision coverage each year for three years for those taking the course. Each one taking the course should ask their agent about their company's policy on these discounts.

The Knox County Historical Commission office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The telephone number is 940-459-2229. Notification to attend the luncheon can also be given to Mary Jane Young in Benjamin, at 459-2205.

All proceeds from the course and lunch will benefit the Wichita-Brazos Museum Building.

## Haskell Schools seek students for G/T program

Haskell CISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to the regular education programming. The G/T Program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

Parents interested in nominating their child for this screening, may come by the offices of Haskell Elementary, Rochester Junior High, or Haskell Secondary School Thurs., Jan. 12 to Thurs., Jan. 26, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30

p.m. and pick up a G/T nomination packet.

Information about the G/T Program and the screening process are included in the nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 26. Parents of Kindergarten children will need to get their nomination forms in by Thurs., Jan. 26.

For more information, contact Debbie Miller at the elementary school 864-2654, ext. #306.

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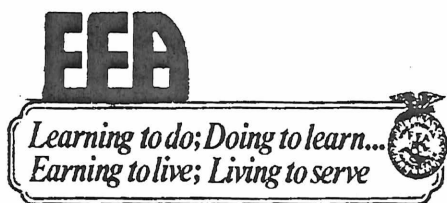
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by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

### Moms Make a Difference in Bone Health

We don't need researchers to tell us that "Moms matter," but here's a little bit of scientific proof anyway: a study in Texas shows that what Mom drinks (and serves) with meals can have a significant impact on the subsequent bone health of young girls.

Scientists with the Agricultural Research Service in Houston, say their study shows that parents who are concerned about a young daughter's bone health should make milk part of the mealtime routine. The scientists work at the Children's Nutrition Research Center, which is operated by Baylor College of Medicine in cooperation with Texas Children's Hospital.

The study followed the eating habits of 180 5-year-old girls for five years. The scientists wanted to find out whether mothers' beverage choices affect their daughters' long-term beverage choices, and whether the girls' beverage-drinking habits were linked to bone health. Incredibly, this was the first-ever study to investigate maternal influences on beverage-drinking habits spanning middle childhood.

The behavioral scientist who led the study had already done another study that found that mothers who drank the most milk had 5-year-old daughters who drank the most milk, but no one was sure why this similarity existed. Thanks to the new study, now we know: Moms who drink more milk also serve it more often to their 5-year-old daughters, at snack times as well as with meals.

The bottom line: The girls who regularly consumed sufficient calcium during the study drank an average of 13 ounces of milk a day. That's not a huge amount—just a little more than your typical can of soda. But it's still almost twice as much as the amount of milk consumed by the girls in the study who were not meeting their calcium needs. Also, the girls who consumed greater amounts of calcium had better measurements of bone health at the end of the study.

All the girls still tended to drink sweetened beverages, such as sodas or fruit drinks. But as the girls grew older, the frequency with which they were served milk at meals and snacks was most closely aligned with their drinking significant amounts of milk and getting enough calcium up through the age of 9, the scientists report.

The take-home message here? Mom can make a huge difference in a daughter's life, by developing food routines for her pre-school-age children that tend to lead to healthful, life-long food habits.

This particular study focused on milk consumption, but we all know there are a multitude of ways you can make sure your youngster's getting enough calcium. If a young girl doesn't like milk, there are always other calcium-rich beverages available, such as calcium-fortified orange juice or soy milk. And

children who are lactose-intolerant can often consume fermented milk products such as cheese and yogurt, as well as lactose-free fluid milk.

The recommended daily allowance of calcium for youngsters aged 9 to 18 is now 1,300 milligrams, the equivalent of about 8-1/2 American cheese slices. If chowing down on eight slices of cheese sounds like "a bit much," other great sources of calcium are flavored milk, fresh fruit smoothies, macaroni and cheese, or grilled cheese sandwiches.

Calcium is so critical because we're essentially "building" our skeletons until our early 20s. Some of the calcium we consume is stored in our bones, but some of it also travels throughout the body via the bloodstream to carry out other tasks. As we make "withdrawals" from our "bone bank" to take care of those tasks, we need to replace the calcium in our bones by eating calcium-rich foods.

There are many things a concerned parent can do to make sure a daughter is building a strong skeleton for the future; weight-bearing exercise and physical activity are also key bone-builders. But setting a good example at the dinner table, by serving milk with meals and snacks, is an easy way to start a daughter on the path to good bone health—and it's not such a bad thing for Mom, either!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## Cold weather won't stop the sun's rays

During the winter months, many people are more concerned with protecting their skin from the effects of the wind and cold weather than from the sun. But protecting skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) is a must all year-round. UV rays cause skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States—and they do not stop causing damage when the weather turns cold.

UV radiation is also reflected or scattered by different surfaces. Snow, for example, can reflect as much as 80 percent of UV radiation and UV levels increase significantly as altitude increases. Winter sports such as skiing can present UV exposure as intense as a day at the beach.

People taking winter cruises or tropical vacations should also use caution. Sand may reflect as much as 15 percent of UV rays and sea foam as much as 25 percent. While the sun may not climb as high during the winter months, UV levels are still strong during midday and the sun's intensity is highest near the equator.

Winter trips to tanning booths cause exposure to UV rays just as the sun does. In fact, a study by the National Cancer Institute found that using tanning booths more than once a month can increase the risk of getting skin cancer by 150 percent.

"Skin cancer, especially melanoma, can be deadly," says Lily Lai, M.D., skin cancer expert at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles. "Fortunately, skin cancers are preventable and highly curable if found and treated early."

# Winter increases the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning

by Jane Rowan

### Haskell Co. Extension Agent

What is odorless, colorless and tasteless but can be very harmful to you if present in your home? Carbon Monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when you breathe in enough CO that it begins to replace the oxygen in your blood.

The incomplete burning of fuels that contain carbon, such as wood, fuel oil, natural gas and gasoline, produces carbon monoxide. In your home, the build-up of carbon monoxide may be a result of your gas-burning stove or water heater not being properly vented. It may also occur if you use non-electric space heaters for warmth.

Another way CO may get into your home is from an automobile in your garage. If you allow your vehicle to run while enclosed in your garage, you are not only making your garage a dangerous place to be but also may be allowing CO to seep into your home.

Though you may not be able to see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, there are some common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning that you may experience.

Symptoms of CO poisoning may include headaches, dizziness or nausea. If the exposure continues, you may lose consciousness and even

die. A blood test is necessary to diagnose carbon monoxide poisoning. CO poisoning can be hard to identify since the symptoms can also be caused by several other illnesses. If you think you have been exposed to carbon monoxide, your health professional can test you for poisoning. If you are suffering from CO poisoning, treatment for the condition is available.

Preventing Carbon Monoxide build-up in your home involves making sure that all fuel burning equipment is properly vented to the outside. This may require bringing a professional into your home to ensure that all vents are working properly.

Also remember that your automobile, lawnmower and other gasoline-powered equipment should only be left running outside of your garage.

Several commercial carbon monoxide alarms are on the market and readily available at local retail stores. Make sure the alarm you select has the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters' Laboratory seals of approval. An alarm that has a digital readout is recommended. Also, be sure your alarm may be easily tested and reset.

Alarms should be placed near all sleeping areas in the home. Alarms are now required to sound at CO levels of 70 parts per million (ppm) and are prohibited from sounding or indicating at levels below 30 ppm. When and if the alarm makes an audible sound, you should get out of the house immediately and leave a door open for ventilation. Go to a neighbor's house and call your local fire department to report it.

We all spend a lot of time in our homes, especially during the winter months.

Your awareness of risk for carbon monoxide poisoning will ensure that your time in your home is safe and healthy.

For more information, contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS, at 940-864-2546.

### Pregnancy calls for sensible resolutions

Making a resolution to work out and diet is a time-honored New Year's ritual, but pregnant women should exercise caution about exercising their bodies. It's not a good idea to start a rigorous program when you're pregnant, says Dr. Robyn Horsager-Boehrer, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

As long as your doctor hasn't cautioned against it, however, a little extra exercise is good, she says—taking the stairs, parking your vehicle so that you have to walk farther, or taking neighborhood walks. And once the baby's born, mom-and-baby classes are a good way to bond while getting back into shape.

The same goes for dieting, Dr. Horsager-Boehrer says. A strict diet is not a good resolution—instead, just think about eating sensibly, while allowing for a few treats.



## Vote for Kathy Decker for Haskell County Judge March 7

I, Kathy Decker, would like to announce my candidacy for Haskell County Judge. After living in Haskell for eleven years, I currently live in Sagerton with my husband Rick.

While living in Haskell I worked as a dispatcher for the Haskell County Sheriff's Department and also for the Haskell County Probation Department. As County Judge I will actively stand behind our law enforcement agencies and appreciate what they do to ensure the safety of Haskell County.

From 1998 to October of 2005 I worked for two long term health care facilities as their financial manger and as an Assistant Administrator. These positions gave me experience in Medicare and prescription plans, guardianships, and care services for the concerns of the elderly. I worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services on safety, funding, and medical care for the elderly and disabled and their spouses. As financial manager of these facilities I was in charge of managing the company's budget including state, federal and private funds. These positions also gave me the opportunity to work with the offices of Charles Stenholm, Representative Rick Harcastle, and Congressman Randy Neugebauer on issues concerning government funding and elderly rights.

As your elected County Judge I will be available full time to help with your concerns and needs. I will work hard in supporting all of Haskell County, making sure that the financial support is properly sought out for the needs of our smaller communities as well as the city of Haskell and follow through when financial help is available. I will strive for what is needed for Haskell County to prosper and grow and will support the County Commissioners in their efforts to serve their constituents and maintain their precincts.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Haskell County and ask for your vote on March 7th.  
Thank you, Kathy Decker

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## Proper use of portable generators encouraged

Extreme caution should be practiced when operating portable generators, warns Fredda Buckner, General Manager at Big Country Electric Cooperative.

"These generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they also can be hazardous," said Paul Jones, Maintenance Supervisor at Big Country Electric Cooperative.

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are "backfeeding" power into the electric system, electric shock or electrocution, carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, and fire. Every year, people die in incidents related to portable generator use.

### Avoid 'Backfeeding'

Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "backfeeding." This is an extremely dangerous practice that presents an electrocution risk to cooperative utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. It also bypasses some of the built-in household circuit protection devices.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install the appropriate equipment in accordance with local electrical codes. Or, check with your cooperative to see if someone on staff can install an appropriate power transfer switch.

Plug appliances directly into the generator, or use a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads. Check that the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

Keep the generator dry and do not use in rainy or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure. Make sure your hands are dry before touching the generator.

For power outages, permanently installed stationary generators are better suited for providing backup power to the home. Even a properly connected portable generator can become overloaded. This may result in overheating or stressing the generator components, possibly leading to a generator failure.

### Danger From CO

Never use a generator in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. Generators can produce high levels of CO very quickly, which you cannot smell or see. Even if you can't smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air right away. Do not delay. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.

If you experience serious symptoms, get medical attention immediately. Inform medical staff that CO poisoning is suspected. If you experienced symptoms while indoors, have someone call the fire department to determine when it is safe to re-enter the building.

Follow these safety tips to protect against CO poisoning:

- Never use a generator indoors, including homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home.

- Follow the instructions that come with your generator. Locate the unit outdoors and away from doors, windows and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.

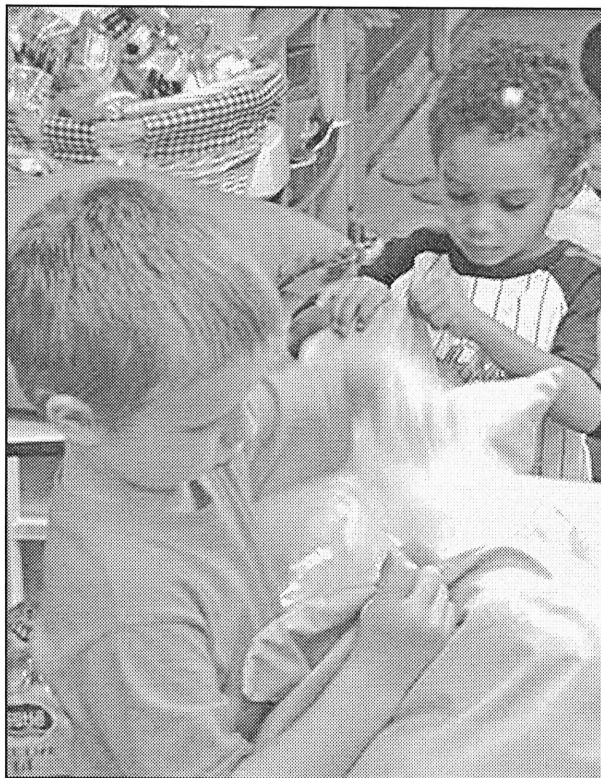
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery backup in your home, according to the manufacturer's instructions. The CO alarms should be certified to the requirements of the latest safety standards.

- Test your CO alarms frequently and replace dead batteries.

### Fire Hazards

Never store fuel for your generator in the home. Gasoline, propane, kerosene and other flammable liquids should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled, nonglass safety containers. Do not store them near a fuel-burning appliance, such as a natural gas water heater in a garage. If the fuel is spilled or the container is not sealed properly, invisible vapors from the fuel can travel along the ground and can be ignited by the appliance's pilot light or by arcs from electric switches in the appliance.

Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool down. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.



**PILLOWS FOR NAPTIME**—Taylor Green stuffs a pillow with fiberfill to make it just right, after the Haskell High School Personal and Family Development classes made colorful pillows for elementary student's naptime.

## FSA supports establishing perimeter firebreaks on CRP

In response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

"Although disking CRP ground is not a typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property," said CED Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director for the Haskell County FSA.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to modify CRP contracts to include

firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site specific basis.

With nearly four million acres of CRP in the state, many of those acres bordering communities and residences, Texas FSA supports efforts to reduce combustible vegetation that may cause a fire to spread.

There is no cost-share for establishing firebreaks and rental payment penalties will not be assessed.

Brzozowski added, "Although fuel prices are high, a little fuel and some sweat equity may prove to be cheap insurance in the long run."

For more information, contact the Haskell County FSA at 940-864-2617 or NRCS at 940-864-8516.

## Local candidates file for March 7 primary election

Candidates filing for Haskell County offices in the March 7 primary election all filed as Democrats. They are as follows:

39th District Judge: John Fouts, Incumbent; Shane Hadaway.  
County Judge: David Davis, Incumbent; Kathy A. Decker.  
Justice of the Peace: Lynn Ward Dodson, Incumbent.

County Treasurer: Janis M. McDaniel, Incumbent.

Commissioner: Pct. 4, Bobby D. Smith, Incumbent; Pct. 2, Tiffen Mayfield, Incumbent.

District Clerk: Penny Y. Anderson, Incumbent.

County Clerk: Rhonda G. Moeller, Incumbent.

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## Sunglasses—Good eye protection

As the cloudless Texas winter days continues, ophthalmologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center remind everyone to protect their eyes from the sun.

"Sunglasses should be used by adults and children when outdoors for prolonged periods of time. For eyeglass wearers, polycarbonate lenses, which are thin and shatterproof, offer protection from ultraviolet radiation," says Dr. V. Vinod Mootha, associate professor of cornea, external disease, refractive and cataract surgery.

The surface of the eye and the cornea are particularly vulnerable to the sun's rays. "Excessive exposure may increase the risk for the formation of a fleshy tissue over the cornea, some forms of cataract and possibly macular degeneration," Dr. Mootha says.

UV-B exposure is higher on sunny days (especially at noon) and low-ozone days.

Dr. Mootha says some sunlight is good for you but common sense should be a guide for limiting your exposure.

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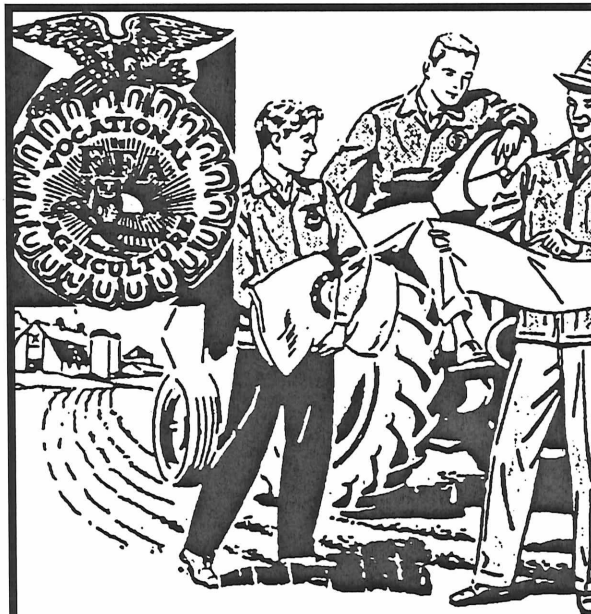
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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 985 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 7, according to Bill Cox, reporter. 93 sellers and 46 buyers were present.

Demand was good on all classes. Feeders steady. Stockers \$1-2 lower. Stocker cows \$15-25 lower. Packers \$1-2 lower.

Cows: fat, .42-.46; cutters, .40-.51; canners, .30-.39.

Bulls: bologna, .54-.64; feeders, .85-.98; utility .50-.61.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.50-1.75; 300-

400 lbs., 1.35-1.60; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.39; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.27; 600-700 lbs., 1.08-1.17; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.12; 800-up lbs., .85-1.06.

Heifers: medium and large frame N. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.32; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.18; 600-up lbs., .70-1.10.

Bred heifers medium frame, 725-900.

Bred cows young to middle aged 775-925; aged or small, 475-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1200; aged or small, 675-860.

## Haskell School Menu

**Jan. 16-20  
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** No school

**Tuesday:** Breakfast pizza

**Wednesday:** Cereal, 1 pop tart

**Thursday:** Cinnamon roll

**Friday:** Sausage, biscuit

**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:** No school

**Tuesday:** Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cherry Jello

**Wednesday:** Enchiladas, salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, pineapple tidbits

**Thursday:** Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, sliced peaches

**Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries-HS and Jr. High; assorted chips-elementary, homemade cookie

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Jan. 16**

Lunch—King Ranch chicken, okra and tomatoes, green beans, onions, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., Jan. 18**

Lunch—Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto beans, mac and cheese, onions, pickles, choco cake with white icing,

milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., Jan. 20**

Lunch—Sausage and kraut, English peas, scalloped potatoes, sliced onions, garlic toast, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Jan. 16-20  
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Toast or cereal

**Tuesday:** Pancakes

**Wednesday:** Biscuits and gravy

**Thursday:** Cinnamon rolls or donuts

**Friday:** Toast or cereal

**Lunch**

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Enchilada casserole, pinto

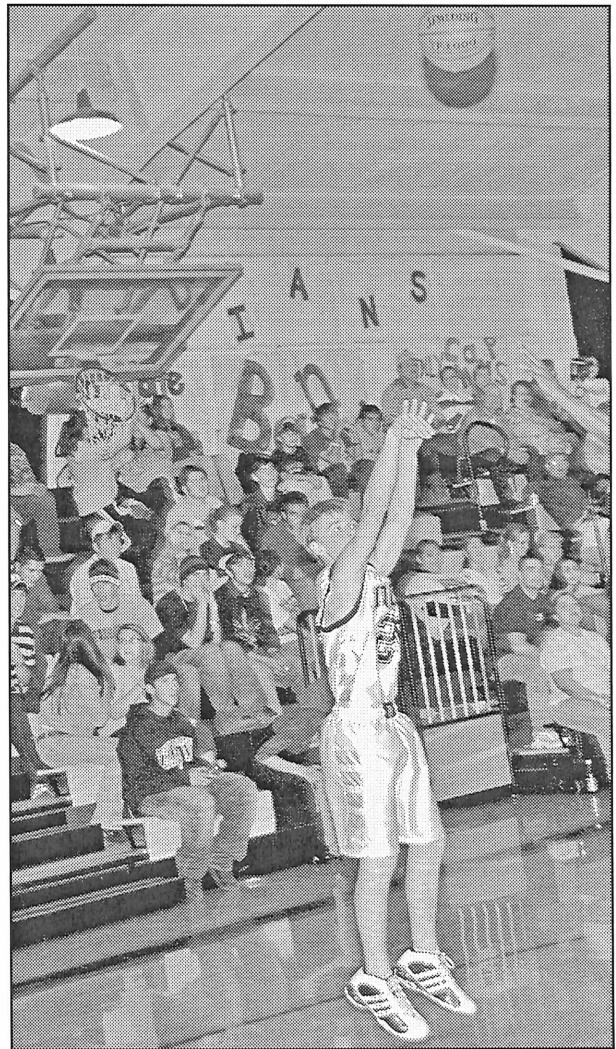
beans, salad, salsa, corn, peach cobbler

**Tuesday:** Mac and cheese with ham, green beans, salad, rolls, cake

**Wednesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp

**Thursday:** Stew, cornbread, salad, rice crispy bars

**Friday:** Chili dogs, chips, corn, cheese, fruit cups



**AIRING THE BALL**—Haskell's Travis Adams, (#20), airs out the ball in the Indians' winning District game with Hamlin played in Haskell, Fri., Jan 6.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## This Week's Devotional Message:

YOUR RESOLUTIONS CAN'T HELP YOU UNLESS YOU KEEP THEM



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

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

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

#### East Side Baptist Church

Danny Manross, pastor  
Sun. 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

Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

714 North First East, Haskell

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Rinnegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

Hwy 380 East, Haskell

#### Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

607 S. 7th, Haskell

#### First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, 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 George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

901 N. 16th, Haskell

#### Church of Christ

Jim Yates, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### Trinity Baptist Church

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

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

#### First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, 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

#### Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

1600 N. First St., Haskell

#### Cross of Christ Fellowship

Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors  
864-5404

Sun. 10:30 a.m.

455 CR 410, Haskell

#### —WEINERT—

#### First Baptist Church

J. C. Baker, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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#### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

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#### —ROCHESTER—

#### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

West on Main Street, Rochester

#### First Baptist Church

Jim Davis, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.

500 Main, Rochester

#### Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever  
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

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Rochester

#### —SAGERTON—

#### Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 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.

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#### —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

Terry O'Rear, 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. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 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

### Bible study

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an eleven week Beth Moore Bible study entitled 'Breaking Free, Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life.' The study begins Tues., Jan. 24 from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Work books and child care are available by prior arrangements made by calling the church office at 864-2581.

### MLK services

The annual area wide memorial Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. services will be held Mon., Jan. 16 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Liberty Church of God in Christ Church in Knox City. The sermon will be brought by Rev. C. Dever. Lunch will be served at noon followed by an evening service at 2 p.m.

### Bible conference

Cornerstone Bible Conference will be held Fri., Jan. 27 through Sun., Jan. 29 featuring Shiloh in concert Saturday night at Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church, 1600 N. First St., in Haskell. Call 864-3775 or 864-2729 for information.

### Financial program

Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church, 1600 N. First St. in Haskell, will present Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a study in Biblical money management beginning Sun., Feb. 12 at 4:15. Information meetings will be held Jan. 15 and Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. Call 864-3775 for details.

### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

### Flood donations

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance is collecting monetary donations for local flood relief. Donations may be made to P.O. Box 441, Haskell, Texas 79521. 100% of these donations will go directly to help the local flood victims.

### Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured for children.

## Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 9, 2006  
Haskell

Haskell County Gin	5,600
Haskell Co-op Gin	14,400
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	21,800
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	8,584
Sagerton Gin	N/A
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	8,200
Weinert Gin	11,009
Total bales	69,593

### Sonic Drive-In

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### Steele Machine

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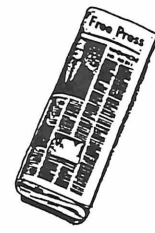
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FOR SALE: Treadmill. Good condition. Call 864-5869. Ask for Sue. 2c

### Public Notices

#### NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Section 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 16, 2006. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212. 1-2c

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A request has been received from Danny Manross of East Side Baptist Church to change the following described property: N/2 of outlot 12 Lot 8 and 9 track Brown and Roberts Addition address 509 N. 1st East other description 55'x155' of lot 8 and 95'x155' of lot 9 from general residential zoning district to commercial zoning district. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for storage building for bread truck. The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on Fri., Feb. 3, 2006 at 12 noon in City Hall Meeting Room. 2c

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NOW TAKING applications for all positions at Sonic Drive In, Haskell. Apply in person. 25tc

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### NOTICE

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### Help Wanted

THE CITY OF STAMFORD is accepting applications for a Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Monitors all gauges, meters and controls to ensure proper functions of the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant. Operates various plant equipment, starts and stops pumps, makes adjustments to ensure proper treatment occurs. Makes daily and monthly reports on water and wastewater operations. Collects 24-hour composite samples and any maintenance or operational work necessary at the plant as directed by plant supervisors. Rotating shift work may be required. Must be able to work overtime and be on call duty as assigned by supervisor. Requirements: Ability to operate heavy machinery; understand written and verbal instructions. High school graduate, or equivalent. Texas DL. Must be able to obtain a D Water or D Wastewater Certification from TCEQ. The City of Stamford offers a full benefits package including paid health insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, retirement benefits, paid holidays along with paid vacation and sick leave. Applications can be received by contacting the City Secretary, Jaime McCright at 325-773-2591 or 201 E. McHarg, Stamford, Texas. The City of Stamford is an equal opportunity employer. 2-4c

### Wanted

WANTED: Long term hunting lease. 817-907-8774. 48-5p

WANT TO BUY: CRP land. 806-781-8912. 52-3c

### Jobs Wanted

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### Real Estate

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### Burn Ban in effect.

#### POL CALENDAR

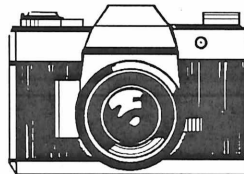
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Lance and Rhonda Hanson  
Dylan, Landry and Delaney  
Bobby and Leona Hanson

The family of William Victor (Vic) Lowry would like to thank you for your love, prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, memorials and most of all for being there for us during the illness and passing of our loved one. May the Lord bless each of you for your kindness.  
Love,  
Norma Lee Lowry  
Danny and Vickie Josselet  
Cody, Michele, Bethany and Allie Josselet  
Rodney, Ember and Cutter Medford

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our Jump Rope For Heart jump-a-thon. The kids went above and beyond by collecting more this year than ever before and I am extremely proud of them. I would especially like to thank all the parents for sharing your children with me and allowing them to collect donations for this wonderful cause. A special thanks also goes out to Wal-Mart, Sonic, Dairy Queen and Video Mania for their contributions and continued support of our annual event.  
Thanks, Tiffany Thomas  
P.E. teacher/Jump Rope For Heart coordinator

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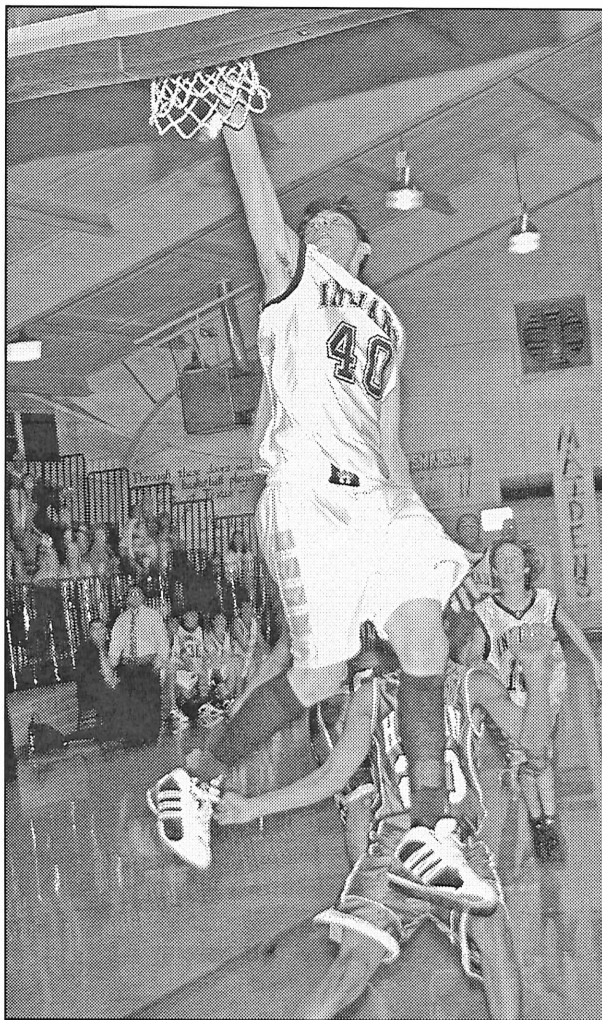
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**SCORING AGAIN**—Haskell Maiden, Molly McKnight, (#25), makes another score in the close District game loss to Hamlin, which ended with 34 for Haskell, 36 for Hamlin. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**CHAVEZ CLIMBING**—Haskell Indian, Miquel Chavez, (#40), soars to score in the Indians' 40 to 33 District game victory over the Hamlin Pied Pipers, Fri., Jan. 6. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Fire department elects officers

Elected as Fire Chief for Haskell Volunteer Fire Department last week during the annual election of officers was Bill Steele. Kenny Watson will serve as assistant chief.

Other officers include Tony Haynes, secretary-treasurer; Danny Stocks, assistant secretary-treasurer; Company 1, Sam Watson, captain and Danny Stocks, lieutenant; Company 2, Eddie Klose, captain and Felix Rodriguez, lieutenant; Company 3, Randy Shaw, captain and Mathew Cunningham, lieutenant.

Kenny Watson will serve as the

department's chaplain. Trustees are Tim Wilson and Louis Enriquez. Eddie Klose is tail twister.

Danny Stocks will serve as training officer, assisted by Mathew Cunningham. Donald Cunningham will be safety officer, assisted by Tony Haynes.

Tony Haynes will be in charge of equipment. Randy Shaw will be the public information officer.

The department has nineteen men and is seeking applicants. Those interested should see any Haskell fireman for details and an application.

## Area basketball scores

### Girls

Rule 39, Paducah 36  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 13  
Haskell 55, Quanah 35  
Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 24, Peiser 13, Chavez 6, Medford 5, Newton 3, Rodriguez 2, Tribbey 2.  
JV score: Haskell 45, Quanah 24

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Hamlin 36, Haskell 34, OT  
Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 20, Tribbey 5, Newton 3, Chavez 2, Pannell 2, Rodriguez 2.  
JV score: Haskell 27, Hamlin 9.

Rule 40, Guthrie 33  
Scoring for Rule: Smith 19, Scheets 13, Lisle 7, Lehrmann 1.

### Boys

Rule 53, Paducah 73  
Scoring for Rule: Brown 16, Spitzer 15, Pace 12.  
JV score: Rule 57, Paducah 51

Haskell 40, Hamlin 33  
Scoring for Haskell: Lara 16, Chavez 9, Rutkowski 7, Guzman 4, McCulloch 2, Adams 2.  
JV score: Haskell 43, Hamlin 9.

Rule 66, Guthrie 42  
Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 20, Pace 12, Brown 12, Simpson 8, Dudensing 8, Hall 4, Price 2.  
JV score: Rule 43, Merkel 40.

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