

Happy Thanksgiving

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Basketball

HASKELL

JVG-B, VG-B vs Eula
Tues., Nov. 30, 4 p.m.
at Eula

JHG-JHB vs Munday
Mon., Nov. 29, 5 p.m.

Boys at Munday
Girls at Rochester
PAINT CREEK

VG-VB vs Benjamin
Tues., Nov. 30, 6 p.m.

at Paint Creek

JH vs Aspermont
Mon., Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

at Aspermont

RULE

VG-VB vs Baird
Tues., Nov. 30, 6 p.m.

at Rule

JH vs Lueders-Avoca
Mon., Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

at Rule

Calendar

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual Haskell Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Civic organizations, churches, school organizations, businesses and individuals are invited to attend. The theme for this year's parade is "Hometown Christmas." Businesses are invited to participate in the second annual Christmas Window Decoration contest for an entry fee of \$5. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Poinsettias

The Noah Project-North is selling poinsettias this year for \$12.50 to be delivered the first week in December. Orders will be taken at the Young Homemakers Craft Show Nov. 20, by calling 940-864-2551, or by Advisory Committee member.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Haskell will be Sun., Dec. 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or 2 for \$15. The beautiful homes on the tour this year are Tina and David Adams, Sue and Cecil Bingham, Beth and Hew Carmichael, Rhonda and Joe Stephens, and Melinda Casey. Refreshments will be served at Beth and Hew Carmichael's home. The Carousal will also be open for your shopping pleasure.

Christmas dinner

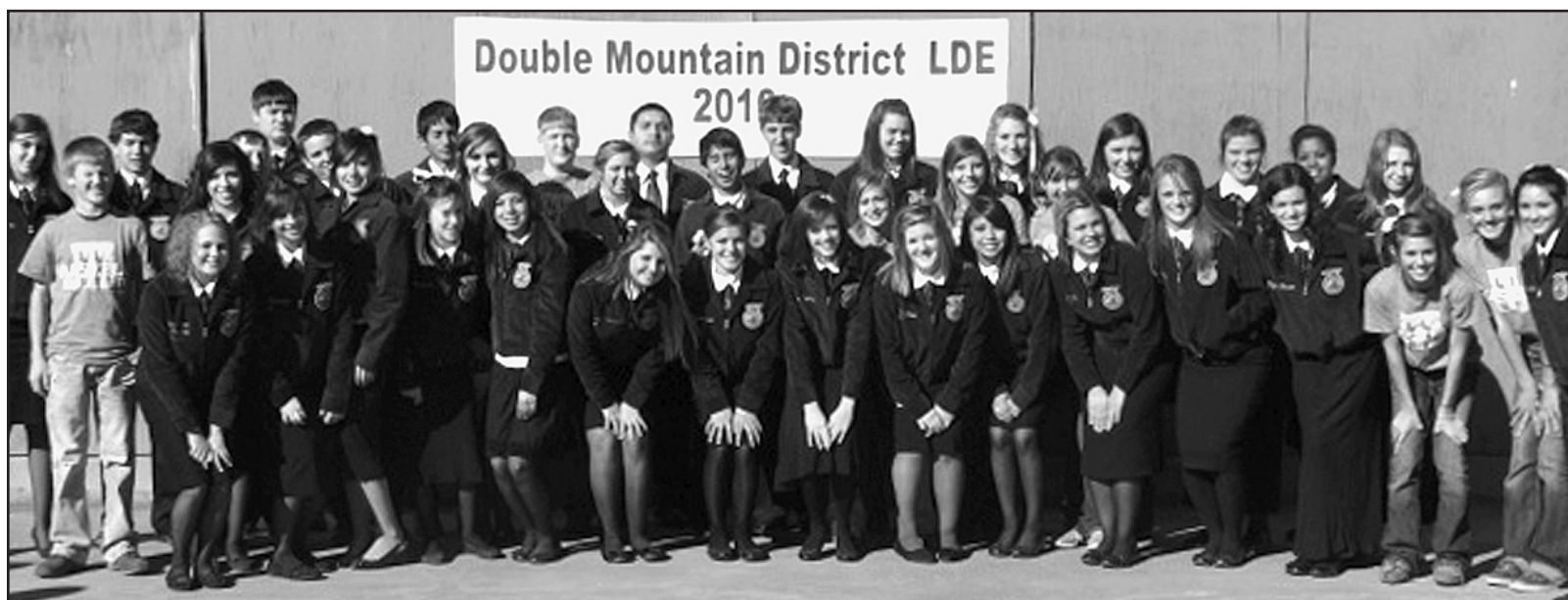
The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group will host their Christmas dinner and meeting Dec. 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Place your reservation by calling 940-864-5864 or 325-864-4466.

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfpnews@lycos.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. All letters received by that time will be printed on Dec. 23.

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HASKELL FFA DISTRICT CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Six Haskell FFA teams advance to Area

Haskell FFA members competed in the 2010 Double Mountain District contest in Stamford Tues., Nov. 16. Overall, six teams qualified to the area competition to be held in Big Spring on Sat.

Nov. 20. Leadership teams and their results include: Ag Issues, second place and advancing to Area: Pamela Walker, Ashlee Short, Kymbre Kupatt, Carson

Hadaway, Maci Colley, Sara Weise and Cailey Foster. Junior Chapter #2, fifth place: Daniel Contreas, Aaron Waggoner, J.T. Schmenger, Nick Ramos, Gus Estrada, Hunter Hollingsworth and

Braedan Alves. PR #2, fourth place: Jasmine Klose, Krista McLemore and Caitlan Johnson. Radio #2, third place: Claire Carmichael, Denise

Hibbitts and Lisa Hibbitts. Junior Skills #2, fourth place: Micah Thomas, Max Weise and Kyle Kimbrough.

Senior Quiz, fourth place: Krista McLemore, Caitlan Johnson, Kayln Wheatley and Taylor Burson.

Junior Creed: Zach Tatum, twelfth place and Emily Fouts, seventh place.

Junior Chapter #1, third place: Emily Fouts, Meghan Glover, Dana Rodriguez, Marlee Andrada, Morgan Garcia and Breanna Steadham.

PR #1, second place and advancing to Area: Dawn Skinner, Meagan Kimbrough, Morgan Frierson and Ashley Adams.

Radio #1, first place and advancing to Area: Kymbre Kupatt, Pamela Walker and Arabella Garcia.

Junior Skills #1, first place and advancing to Area: Kaley Mathis, Lucy Carmichael and Madison Homeyer.

Senior Skills, second place and advancing to Area: Madison Mayfield, Cheslee Hearn and Shelby Dunnam.

Junior Quiz #1, second place and advancing to Area: Daniel Contreas, Nick Ramos, J.T. Schmenger, Aaron Waggoner, Meghan Glover, Dana Rodriguez, Marlee Andrada, Breanna Steadham

Job Interview, seventh place: Kelsie Adams.

Count your blessings during Thanksgiving

by Caron Yates

To young children, Thanksgiving means pilgrims, Indians and turkeys. As we get older we come to realize it is a time to stop and count our blessings.

According to Wikipedia, the precise historical origin of the holiday is disputed. Americans commonly believe that the first Thanksgiving was in 1621, at Plymouth Plantation, in Massachusetts. However, there is evidence for earlier celebrations in Canada and by Spanish explorers in Florida as early as 1565.

The modern holiday we call Thanksgiving is generally considered to have occurred following a long and brutal winter, when the Pilgrims celebrated their first successful harvest in the New World with a Thanksgiving feast. They were joined by members of the Wampanoag tribe, who contributed deer and fowl to the celebration.

Thanksgiving was not considered a national holiday until President Lincoln in 1863, officially proclaimed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving.

Signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt, in an effort to extend the Christmas shopping season and improve the economy, it was moved in 1941 to the fourth Thursday in November.

As humans, we sometimes get weighed down with the negative happenings in our lives. Illness, loss of loved ones, financial difficulties, job loss, state and national concerns and general stress and worries in our lives, can tend to overshadow the blessings, if we are not careful. For most of us, if

we truly stop to consider the really important things in our lives, we would have to agree we have been blessed.

That's not to say everything is always as we want it, but even the hard times can provide opportunities for us to reach out and help others, or allow others to help us.

Thanksgiving 2010.net estimates that over 84% of adults in the United States will attend Thanksgiving dinners this year. Good food is always a part of those dinners, with over 45 million turkeys being prepared and eaten for Thanksgiving each year.

This year as you gather with family and friends to enjoy delicious food, stories and a time of relaxing, remember to count your blessings. Reach out to others in need or to those who can't spend the holiday with family.

While it may at times seem that our burdens outnumber our blessings, what a different world we might see, if the spirit of Thanksgiving was celebrated every day of the year, not just in November.

Elementary students hold coin drive to benefit St. Jude's

by Caron Yates

There are many aspects of educating children in our public schools. Certainly developing a child's knowledge and intellect is a major priority, but character development is also very high on the list.

Each month at Haskell Elementary, a different character theme is emphasized. The counselor's guide from the state suggests

various themes, but each school develops its own curriculum and activities. It is designed to help build self-esteem, decision making skills, and ways to deal with diversity. Topics already examined this year are Honesty in Sept. and Drug Prevention in Oct.

Appropriately so for the month of November, Care and Share has been the theme. Elementary

counselor Kristi Stewart, usually spends time each month in every classroom, teaching the character theme and initiating activities to go along with it. Classroom teachers then have the opportunity, in their daily teaching, to continue the emphasis for the month.

It's an effort to help all children understand that no matter who we are or what our circumstances, we all can care about others and can find a way to share. This month students took part in discussions about caring and sharing with others, made get well cards and are conducting a coin drive in an endeavor to help children being treated at St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

St. Jude's is a well known research hospital and is a leader in the treatment of children with various illnesses. Students have the opportunity to bring whatever coins they can, to be sent to help others. They invite the community to be a part of the "Care and Share" project by dropping off coins at the Haskell Elementary office through Dec. 15.

It's an opportunity for everyone to have a hand in teaching our children the importance of caring and sharing with others.

Goodfellows drive begins

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

On Sat., Dec. 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.

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Donnie Rieger, vice president; and Tommy Watson, secretary-treasurer.

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.



CAR WINNER—Dana West, right, of Haskell was the winner of the 2006 Ford Focus wagon given away by Allsup's during their grand opening celebration. The original winner, Sharon Bankhead of Burkburnett, decided not to accept the car since her husband works for an Allsup's vendor. A second drawing was held Thurs., Nov. 18 using the names of the five winners from the final drawing of Oct. 30. Those names included Mac McCarty of Rule, Lisa Traffenstedt, Reba Cheyne, Rocky Walker and Dana West, all of Haskell. Allsup's area supervisor, Sharon Reynolds, left, made the presentation.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.



Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

A Thankful Heart

Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16.

Be joyful always—Smile, even when we don't feel like it! Not like spiritual robots but because we know we have Jesus Christ in our hearts.

Pray continually—Keep a close relationship with the Lord. Share your heart.

Give thanks in all circumstances—Let God know you're happy with what He is doing in your life, and where He is taking you through your Christian journey.

For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus—Thank you God. Amen.

This Thanksgiving remember who made it all possible.

Start your Thanksgiving Day out with thanking Him for the many blessings He has given you.

Prayer and Thanksgiving go together like turkey and dressing.

God Bless You.



Wishing you a *Happy Thanksgiving!*

- Michelle Johnson, RN Branch Supervisor
- Emily Medford, Secretary
- Shelley Myers, RN
- Vicky Cochran, LVN
- Jeryl Anne Cooper, LVN
- Patricia Hemphill, HHA
- Charles Townsend, PT
- Laurie Urbanczyk, ST

the staff of

Haskell Home Health Agency

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DRIVES THE BALL—Haskell Maiden #55 Ashlee Short drives for the basket during a game against Big Country Home School. Short posted 20 points during the game won by the Maidens 47-40 in overtime.



DRIBBLES DOWN COURT—Haskell Indian #24 Christian Myers moves the ball down court in a game against Big Country High School.

Coin drive

Haskell Elementary is holding a coin drive to benefit St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. Anyone wishing to help, can drop off coins at the Haskell Elementary office by Dec. 15.

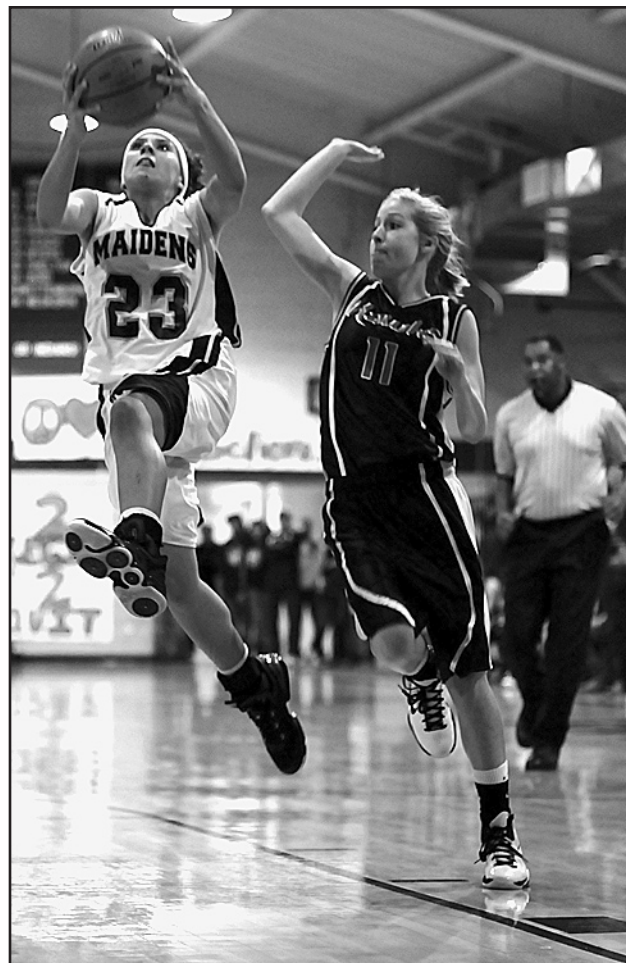
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Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Christmas cantata

Haskell Community-wide Christmas Cantata rehearsals will be held every Sunday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell.



GOES FOR A LAYUP—Haskell Maiden #23 Sidney Cassidy goes for a score during the game with Big Country High School. Cassidy had nine points scored helping the Maidens win the game 47-40.



DRIVES FOR A SCORE—Haskell Indian #14 Isaiah Llewellyn drives toward the basket in a game against Big Country High School.

Area basketball scores

Girls	Boys
Haskell 32, Colorado City 23	Haskell 57, Merkel 54
Scoring for Haskell: Caitlan Johnson 8, Cheslee Hearn 6, Ashlee Short 6, Maci Colley 5, Delecia Garcia 4, Sidney Cassidy 2, Taylor Burson 1.	Scoring for Haskell: Howard 18, Wittenborn 16, Neskoriak 8, Llewellyn 7, Shelton 7, Bird 1.
Haskell 47, Big Country Home School 40 OT	Abilene Hawks 54, Haskell 38
Scoring for Haskell: Ashlee Short 20, Sidney Cassidy 9, Caitlan Johnson 5, Myra Rodriguez 4, Maci Colley 4, Delecia Garcia 2, Marisa McGhee 2, Taylor Burson 1.	Scoring for Haskell: Bird 10, Myers 8, Neskoriak 5, Llewellyn 4, Howard 4, Shelton 4, Wittenborn 2, Agüero 1.
Lueders-Avoca Tournament	Lueders-Avoca 40, Paint Creek 37, for Third Place
Rotan 72, Paint Creek 35	Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 17, Hall 6.
Ira 45, Paint Creek 20	Lueders-Avoca 40, Paint Creek 37, for Third Place
Scoring for Paint Creek: Buerger 7, Walker 6.	Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 13, Bishop 8.

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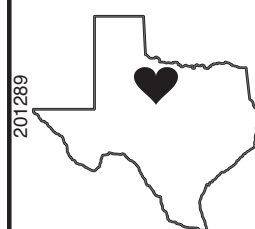


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PRESENT PILLOW CASES—Members of the Haskell Willow Creek Quilters Guild presented personalized pillow cases to all residents of Haskell Healthcare Center recently. Members presenting a pillow case to resident Jesusa Cuellar, front center, include, l-r, Dean Lowery, Geraldine Baker, Mrs. Cuellar's grandson, Trey Lira, and Dolores Medford.



ATTEND TRAINING—Local TEAA members attending the District III training session held in Henrietta. The new training manual, parliamentary procedure, and results of state convention were discussed. Attending included, l-r, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Mary Jennings, Jane Rowan, Pat Jenkins and Dolores Medford.

Retired teachers hear Noah Project program

The Haskell Chapter of Texas Retired Teachers Association met Nov. 17 with sixteen members and one visitor present. Members were reminded to turn in their volunteer hours by the end of December. Volunteering and involvement in the community are a very important part of TRTA.

President Tommye Jo Clark asked members to be thinking of suggestions for ways the organization can give back to the community. These ideas will be discussed at the March meeting.

The treasurer's report and "health minute" were given by Nancy Toliver. She presented information on the dangers of eating a high salt diet. It is recommended by health care professionals that we cut down on eating prepackaged and processed foods, and increase our intake of fruits and vegetables. The American Heart Association recommends no more than 2400 mg of sodium daily.

Dues will be collected in March and April. By paying dues in the spring, members will be on the list to receive all literature and updates associated with the TRTA.

The program for the meeting was presented by Janis Brzozowski from Noah Project-North. She has worked with the Noah Project for fifteen years and attested to the important work of this program. Noah Project-North, located on the third floor of the courthouse in Haskell, serves the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. They are a center for Victims of Family Violence, and are there to intervene and help keep victims safe. They

work closely with other organizations, including CPS and law enforcement, in an effort to help victims. She stated they are a nonprofit organization and depend heavily on their advisory committee to help with fundraising. Besides immediate intervention, they also provide help with required paperwork, assistance with court appearances and counseling services.

Shirley Sloan received

a plant donated by ABC Greenhouse and Leatha Newton received a scripture bag donated by The Drug Store.

The next meeting will be March 16, at the Red Rooster Restaurant beginning at 11:30 a.m. A program on "What and When to Plant" will be presented by Debbie Earles of ABC Greenhouse. All retired school personnel are encouraged to come be a part of the TRTA.



THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS—The Haskell First United Methodist Church held an auction with proceeds going to the church building and repair fund. Bidders were generous and John Sam Rike, auctioneer, left, and David Middleton, right, started the bids high and kept them going. They were assisted by Cathy Bartley, Mike Fouts and Rob McKnight.

'Taking action after a dementia diagnosis' program to be held

Most people feel completely overwhelmed when they hear that they or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia. To equip and support persons who are newly diagnosed and their

families, the Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter has created a new workshop, Taking Action After a Dementia Diagnosis. The program will be offered for the first time in Abilene Wed., Dec. 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

in the Women's Center at Abilene Regional Medical Center, located at 6250 Highway 83-84.

Through this new offering, participants will learn more about the disease and its progression, and have the opportunity to talk to others traveling the same road.

Participants will also receive information about programs and services available through the Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter, clinical trials, advocacy and the promotion of brain health for the person with dementia. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Rule ISD seeks G/T students

Rule ISD conducts a program for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go by the school counselor's office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

The nomination period for Rule ISD will be from Nov.

29 through Dec. 10. Contact Rule School Counselor, Leslie Kupatt, at 997-2783, if you would like to know more about the nomination process for the Rule Gifted and Talented Program.

OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Board sets state budget growth limit for next biennium

AUSTIN—Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, in a joint announcement on Nov. 15, said the Legislative Budget Board had adopted an 8.92 percent estimated growth rate for the 2012-13 fiscal biennium.

The 10-member Legislative Budget Board, on which Dewhurst and Straus both serve, is a permanent joint committee of the Texas Legislature that develops budget and policy recommendations for legislative appropriations for all state agencies and performs fiscal analyses of proposed legislation.

The growth limit is designated for state tax revenues not dedicated in the Texas Constitution. The constitutional spending limit is based on the spending limit of the previous biennium and the economic forecast from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said, "I believe Texans understand and appreciate that government agencies have to tighten their belts, just like small businesses and families are doing across our state, and do more with less."

Straus, R-San Antonio, said, "The cuts we are making are essential to address Texas' budget challenges to ensure we are fiscally responsible with taxpayer funds."

State agencies have been under a governor's directive to cut spending in light of the projected budget deficit, which has been estimated between \$8 billion and \$24 billion.

Certain agencies, however, have the authority to move funds to help with the budget crunch.

The State Board of Education on Nov. 19 voted to increase the amount of funding it will pour into the state budget to \$1.9 billion over the 2012-2013 biennium, thanks to a boost from the General Land Office.

In September, the SBOE agreed to a payout of about \$1.58 billion from the Permanent School Fund, a \$20 billion endowment fund that supports the state's public schools. On Nov. 18, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson told the SBOE that he will ask the School Land Board to transfer \$500 million from the Real Estate Special Fund Account to the Permanent School Fund. (The General Land Office manages the Permanent School Funds' land and mineral holdings.)

The transfer, about \$300 million larger than anticipated, allowed the SBOE to increase its payout from \$1.58 billion to

about \$1.9 billion for the next biennium.

Money from the Permanent School Fund, which flows through the "Available School Fund," is required to be spent on textbooks and educational programs.

Ethics code change is proposed

Teachers must refrain from inappropriately communicating with students through the use of social media under the requirements of an updated Educators' Code of Ethics endorsed by the State Board of Education on Nov. 19.

Rules proposed by State Board for Educator Certification must come to the State Board of Education for review before they become effective.

According to a Texas Education Agency news release dated Nov. 19, "Staff requested the change to the ethics code because they said they are receiving disciplinary case referrals in which teachers were found to have sent students thousands of text messages. Sometimes the content of the messages was not inappropriate on their face but the volume of messages and time of day the messages were sent indicated that the educator was 'grooming' the student for a future sexual relationship."

A school district employee commits a second-degree felony under Penal Code Section 21.12 if the employee engages in sexual contact with a student who is not their spouse, the Texas Education Agency stated.

Unemployment rate stays put

The Lone Star State's unemployment rate remained at 8.1 percent in October and continued to trend below the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.6 percent for October, according to the Texas Workforce Commission's monthly report released Nov. 19.

Texas' total non-farm employment was up by 47,900 jobs in October representing the addition of 172,800 jobs in the last year.

New appliance rebate is scheduled

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Nov. 19 announced a new rebate program for certain energy efficient appliances.

The program, which will begin Dec. 20, lets Texans who want to save money on appliances apply for mail-in rebates on those purchases.

About \$10 million in rebates is available for the purchase of certain "Energy Star" appliances such as air-source heat pumps, central air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, room air conditioners and water heaters.

Happy Thanksgiving

(VEGETARIAN-STYLE)



Nov. sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says state sales tax revenue in October was \$1.62 billion, up 6.6 percent compared to October 2009.

"Total sales tax collections have now exceeded year ago amounts for a seventh consecutive month," said Combs. "Once again growth was posted in major sectors like the oil and gas industry, retail trade and construction. We will need to keep monitoring revenue from these and other sectors to see if tax collections maintain an upward trend."

Combs distributed \$541.4 million in November sales tax rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are up 8.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Combs sent Texas cities \$367.2 million in sales tax allocations, up 7.2 percent compared to November 2009. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 0.2 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$32.2 million, up 14.2 percent compared to one year ago. For the calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are running 2.2 percent below 2009 revenues.

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 27.81 percent increase for November 2010 of \$54,727.12 in comparison to \$42,816.68 for November 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$400,387.71 reflect a 4.95 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$381,493.30.

The City of Haskell had a 29.47 percent increase for November 2010 of \$50,492.97 in comparison to \$38,996.93 for November 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$367,950.85 reflect a 5.22 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$349,674.31.

The City of O'Brien had a 52.30 percent increase for November 2010 of \$183.35 in comparison to \$120.38 for November 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$2,125.91 reflect a 63.43 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$1,300.79.

The City of Rochester had a 1.00 percent decrease for November 2010 of \$887.73 in comparison to \$896.73 for November 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$6,248.49 reflect a 2.65 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$6,418.61.

The City of Rule had a 12.35 percent increase for November 2010 of \$2,753.37 in comparison to \$2,450.52 for November 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$21,536.56 reflect a 2.60 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$20,990.58.

The City of Weinert had a 16.35 percent increase for November 2010 of \$409.70 in comparison to \$352.12 for November 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$2,525.90 reflect a 18.75 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$3,109.01.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 23, 2000

Newly elected officers for the FCCLA Chapter at Haskell High School are president Wendy Proctor, vice president Sydney Rueggeman, secretary Gina Rodriguez and treasurer Amanda Johnson.

As part of a week-long study, Haskell County Extension Agent Brandon Anderson, spoke to first graders at Haskell Elementary about insects and spiders common to Haskell County.

Haskell Maidens defeated Hawley 55 to 46 in overtime. Top scorers for the Maidens were Nikki Wallace with 25, Katie Thompson with 13, Tiffany Lindsey with 5 and Melissa Buerger with 4 points.

20 Years Ago November 22, 1980

Reatha Mullins was named Haskell County Extension Homemakers' "Club Woman of the Year."

Wolf Cubs of Scout Pack 144 in Rule, who earned their Bobcat badge were Justin Coker, Dylan Mueller, Josh Smith, Bobby Gene Flores, Jeffrey Murray and Jonathan Allison.

Lydia Stocks of Haskell was honored with a party on her 86th birthday.

30 Years Ago November 20, 1980

The E.H. Burnett family has been busy killing rattlesnakes on their land about four miles east of

Haskell. Over the past several days, they have killed 20 snakes.

Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company announced that W.D. Larned has attained membership in the prestigious Ford Society of Professional Sales Counselors for 1980.

Randy Darden of Haskell was inducted into the Texas Rho Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Hardin-Simmons University. He is a senior accounting major at HSU.

Chief Geronisnow, a giant Indian Chief sculpted by David Lane, was made from the ten inches of snow that fell in the area over the weekend.

40 Years Ago November 19, 1970

Coach Sonny Everett's Haskell Indians broke a 23 year hex, when they defeated the Stamford Bulldogs on their home field, earning them the 7-AA district championship.

County Judge B.O. Roberson presented the Home Demonstration Club Woman of the Year award to Mrs. J.P. Perrin.

Leading the student body and fans in backing the Haskell Indians are cheerleaders Paula Middleton, Nancy Middleton, Marilyn Fischer, Pam Colbert and Penny Darnell.

Allen Bell, one of the organizers of the Home State Bank of Rochester and one

of its original directors, has retired off the board after serving almost 38 years.

50 Years Ago November 24, 1960

Cynthia Peiser was crowned football sweetheart at the Mattson High School football banquet. Chosen football hero was Winford Seelig.

Victoria Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Medley of Haskell, was a member of the cast of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah Wilderness" presented by the Highlands University drama department.

A group of Haskell men returned from a four day hunting trip with nine deer and nine turkeys. Those along for the trip were Frank Reynolds, Nat Foster, Bill Lees, Ed Fouts, W.D. Rogers, Skeet Miller, Lynn Pace, Jr., Fred Brown, C.G. Burson and Clay Smith.

100 Years Ago November 19, 1910

Judge Irby has established an office on the north side and will engage in the active practice of law.

Judge Smith and the new Commissioners, R.C. Whitmire, W.J. Parris, J.R. Davis and G.W. Sollock were qualified Thursday and assumed duties of their offices.

Our popular former sheriff, M.E. Parks and Lula N. Thompson, surprised their many friends this week by getting married.

Holiday shopping safety tips

You know the holiday shopping season is upon us when the leftover Halloween candy is on sale and there's too much leftover turkey in the fridge. And just as much as the rest of us enjoy pumpkin pie and Black Friday sales, thieves enjoy our unlocked cars, unattended houses, and debit/credit numbers flying around the internet.

Thieves are looking for targets that are quick and easy to hit. Just follow a few common sense tips and you can make your car, home, and even yourself, look like a less appealing target and cause thieves to move on to an easier target.

When shopping in public places consider these basic shopping safety tips:

- Shop during daylight hours, or park in well-lit, high traffic areas.
- Leave personal valuables at home. If you must leave valuables in your car while shopping, hide them out of sight in the trunk or stowed under a seat.
- Don't forget to always lock your car, close the windows and shut the sunroof too.
- Dress casually and avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, and pay

for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.

•Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Con artists try various methods of distracting you while their partners find ways to part you from your valuables.

•Keep a record of all credit card numbers in a safe place at home to contact your credit card provider immediately when you realize that a card is lost or stolen.

Your home is another vulnerable spot. Whether making a three-hour trip to the mall or visiting Grandma and Grandpa in another state, don't let the rush and excitement of the holiday season make you careless in protecting your home. Your primary goal is to make your house feel occupied.

•Have a neighbor watch your house and pick up mail.

•Keep lights on automatic timers, and keep curtains closed.

•Leave a radio or television on so the house sounds occupied.

•Don't have holiday gifts or household valuables visible through windows.

•Don't brag to friends on Facebook or other social media websites that you are out of town.

Finally, if this is the year you have decided to avoid the mall shopping hassles, and do all of your shopping online, remember that you are not safe from thieves there either. You can make shopping online secure, as long as you apply common sense.

•Shop secure web sites only, those that have visible SSL certificates.

•Shop where other people you know shop.

•If you have a favorite place to shop in the real world, shopping at their online site makes sense, too.

•Read shopper reviews beforehand of specific websites that you are considering using.

•Use credit and not debit, especially if your credit card offers Buyer Protection. A debit card is a direct line into your bank accounts. If a scammer gets your credit card number, they can cause chaos but the loss won't be catastrophic. If a scammer gets your debit card number and password, they can empty your bank account(s) of cash.

Follow these common sense suggestions from your local community banker and you'll have a happy holiday season.

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OUTSIDERS STUDY—The Rochester Junior High eighth grade reading classes have been studying the book “The Outsiders” by S.E. Hinton. Class discussions and TAKS test preparation activities included how to identify a “good gang” or a “bad gang.” The positive gangs or groups safe to join and the negative ones to stay away from were named. The class along with their teacher, Darlene Hopkins, designed and all signed “Good Gang” class t-shirts as part of the project. Students pictured are, l-r, Aaron Silvas, Amiee Munoz, Taylor Flanary, Laurie Curiel, Shayla Hunt and Kyle Fraga.



STUDYING GANGS—Signing “Good Gang” class t-shirts as part of a Rochester Junior High eighth grade project are, l-r, Reagan Hadaway, Makenzie Shelton and Hunter Key.



4-H WATER BOTTLE WINNERS—Rochester Junior High School students winning 4-H water bottles were, l-r, Briana Rodriguez, Mark Guzman and Abby Alsbrook. The winners were recognized in celebration of National 4-H Week.

Use proven strategies to ease fear of shots

Fear of needles needn't stop anyone from getting necessary vaccinations.

“It’s very common to have a fear of needles,” says Dr. Deborah Wiebe, a health psychologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. “For most people, these are manageable fears that can be addressed through a variety of simple pain-management strategies.”

Tips to help ease needle anxiety:

- Some people prefer to

know what to expect. Ask the health care professional to explain each step. An accurate, gentle reply such as, “You’ll get a shot in the arm. It will sting briefly, then it will be over,” can be reassuring.

- Use your imagination. Imagine being on a relaxing beach, feeling the warm sun and hearing the waves come in and go out.

- Breathe. Take slow, deep breaths while concentrating on relaxing your muscles.

“Different strategies work for different people, so if one thing doesn’t work, try another,” Dr. Wiebe says.

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Rule, Texas

Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

USDA Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Rule in Haskell, County. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, and Agency regulations, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposal. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of abandoning the existing non-compliant wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) ponds and constructing two (2) new ponds that are in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules and regulations governing same. In addition, a wastewater effluent irrigation system will be installed on an adjacent property to land apply treated wastewater effluent. Three (3) alternatives were considered to the proposed project and include the following:

The option to renovate the existing ponds would involve dewatering one pond, while leaving the others in service. Once dewatered, the sludge from the first pond would be removed and the pond relined. The newly reconstructed pond would then be placed in service and the same process would take place for the other ponds. The second and third ponds would be combined to create one larger pond in the reconstruction process.

The second alternative, and proposed action, is to construct two new ponds such that construction will not interfere with the existing ponds. Once construction is complete, the existing ponds would then be abandoned and closed in-place.

The third option would be to build one new pond and rehabilitate one of the existing ponds. This will allow the new pond to be built without interfering with the operation of the existing pond. Once the new pond is constructed, the water can be diverted to the new pond while the existing pond is being rehabilitated. Once rehabilitation of the pond is complete, the other existing pond can be abandoned and closed in place.

To avoid and or minimize impacts to environmental resources, the following mitigation measures are proposed:

Biological Resources: The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) made the following recommendations regarding migratory birds, invasive plant species and rare and protected species.

If migratory bird species are found nesting on or adjacent to the project area, they must be dealt with in a manner consistent with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). TPWD recommends excluding clearing activities during the general bird nesting season, March through August, to avoid adverse impacts to this group.

Invasive species pose a significant threat to the existence of native plant communities in disturbed landscapes. TPWD recommends that the banks of the new storage ponds be vegetated with site-specific native vegetation. Planting native vegetation would provide habitat for wildlife, help prevent erosion, and ensure that native plant species are provided an opportunity to compete with undesirable, non-native, invasive plant species. TPWD recommends practices be implemented to prevent the establishment of invasive species like Johnson grass, particularly during the early stages of re-vegetation.

If during construction, the project area is found to contain rare species, natural plant communities, or special features, TPWD recommends that precautions be taken to avoid impact to them.

There may be suitable habitat at the proposed project location for the Texas horned lizard (THL). To avoid potential harm to the THL, the consulting engineer and applicant will be responsible for implementing the following measures: 1) All construction personnel will be instructed to avoid killing, injuring, or any type harmful disturbance to the THL during construction; 2) Pipeline trenches which remain open overnight, and or for more than two daylight hours will be inspected for the presence of the THL prior to backfilling; 3) Texas Horned Lizards discovered in any open trench will be carefully removed and relocated safely away from the construction area by a project inspector possessing a TPWD scientific collection permit; 4) Any THL relocation(s) will be reported to the Consulting Engineer, the USDA State Environmental Coordinator at (254) 742-9789 and the TPWD at (512) 389-4579.

Historic Properties: If cultural materials are encountered during construction, work will cease in the immediate area of the discovery. Work may continue in those project locations outside of the discovery area, with written approval from USDA Rural Development. In the event of discovery, the contractor must immediately notify the Owner, Project Engineer, the Texas Historical Commission (512) 463-5867 and the USDA Rural Development State Environmental Coordinator (254) 742-9789.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the USDA Rural Development Office located in Abilene, Texas. For further information, contact James Sconzo, Rural Development’s Area Assistant at:

USDA Rural Development
4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Ste. 4150
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Haskell Co. Commissioners attend educational conference

Three Haskell County Commissioners attended the Nov. 4, Rolling Plains County Commissioners Court Conference held at the Texas ArgiLIFE Research and Extension Center, said Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS. Texas AgriLife Extension Service District III includes Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King,

Knox, Montague, Motley, Palo Pinto, Parker, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young counties. Attending from Haskell County were Johnny Scoggins, Pct. 1; Tiffen Mayfield, Pct. 2; and Bobby Don Smith, Pct. 4. "This conference provided a wealth of information for county commissioners," Rowan said. The conference agenda included AgriLife

Updates, Dealing with the Unexpected (Natural Disasters), the Control of Feral Hogs, Tax Appraisal Caps, and Ad Valor Appraisal of Oil and Gas Mineral Interest. Legislative Updates from State Representatives Rick Hardcastle, and David Farabee along with a Legislative Updates Affecting Counties.

The conference also provided county commissioners an excellent opportunity for networking with their peers on the Rolling Plains and they received six commissioners' continuing educational units.

The Nov. 4, conference was co-sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Continuing Education Department at Vernon College.

For more information on statewide programs and services available through Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texans should call their local county Extension office.



ATTEND CONFERENCE—Three Haskell County Commissioners attended a Commissioners Court Conference held Nov. 4 in Vernon. Attending were, l-r, Tiffen Mayfield, Haskell County Commissioner Pct. 2; Johnny Scoggins, Haskell County Commissioner Pct. 1, and Haskell County Commissioner Pct. 4, Bobby Don Smith, not pictured.

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancakes

Tuesday: Oatmeal, toast

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, cake

Tuesday: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, jello

Wednesday: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, beans, hushpuppies, salad, cobbler

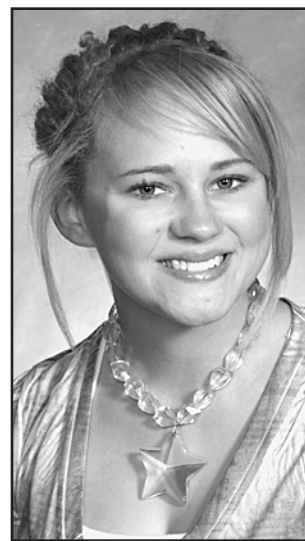
Thursday: Tacos, refried beans, salad, pudding

Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, salad, pickles, fries, Rice Krispies

ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 29

Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, cherry cobbler, tea or coffee



PAMELA WALKER



SARA WEISE

Students visit Rotary Club

Pamela Walker is the daughter of Rocky and Brenda Walker of Haskell.

She attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she is involved in FFA, Band, One Act Play, UIL, FCS and Spanish Club. She is the president of the Haskell FFA Chapter; vice president of the Area II FFA Association; project chairman of National Honor Society and activity director of the Student Council.

She enjoys showing pigs, camping and fishing, reading, writing, spending time with friends and family and going to FFA contests.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Agricultural Education to become an Ag teacher and hopefully come back to Haskell to teach some day.

Sara Weise is the daughter of Wilton and Terry Weise of Haskell.

She attends Trinity Lutheran Church.

At Haskell High School, she is active in softball for four years, band for four years, ag for four years, National Honor Society, FCS and Spanish Club.

She attended Girls State, was Newcomer of the Year in softball her freshman year; made the first team all-district both her sophomore and junior years; and was a state qualifier in CDE's and LDE's in Ag.

She enjoys spending time with friends and family and showing pigs.

She plans to attend Oral Roberts University or West Texas A&M University to study agribusiness or ag media or to be a physical therapist.

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel

Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit

Wednesday: Cereal, animal crackers

Thursday: Pig in a blanket

Friday: Banana nut muffin, Kicken Ranch goldfish

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with

cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, apple crisp

Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, apple wedges

Wednesday: Chicken quesadillas, queso, tortillas, garden salad, pinto beans, grapes

Thursday: Crunchy tacos, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, fruit salad

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked fries, ice cream

FSA committee elections underway

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Haskell County announced that the county committee elections are in progress. Ballots were mailed to eligible voters and completed ballots must be returned by mail or to local FSA offices by Dec. 6, 2010.

"I strongly recommend that producers vote because the county committee members play a huge role in the Agency, especially at the county level," said Brzozowski. "County committee members make decisions on how federal farm programs will be administered locally," he said.

County committee members are elected to office by their peers and serve as the representative voice for agriculture producers in the county, and they are responsible for communicating with USDA to ensure that national programs are adapted to fit local needs. County

committees are responsible for making decisions on issues including commodity loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster assistance programs and emergency programs.

Brzozowski encourages minority and female producers to serve as county committee members in the future. It is important that the county committee is comprised of members who reflect the demographics of the local agriculture community.

Farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs are eligible to vote. If eligible voters do not receive a ballot by mail, one will be provided by the local USDA Service Center. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 6, 2010. New county committee members will assume their role and related responsibilities on Jan. 1, 2011.

For more information on county committees, view the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or visit a local USDA Service Center.

This Week's Devotional Message:



We can all find good reasons to give our thanks

Though fortune seems to pass you by,
There's something that you can't deny:
At times we all have things go wrong,
But manage still to get along.
If you can somehow pay each bill,
And no one at your house is ill,
And if your children get good grades
And don't indulge in escapades,

And if you have just one good friend,
In case misfortune should descend,
Then you have blessings by the score,
Of things you should be thankful for.
Your house of worship will convey
This message for Thanksgiving Day,
So let us all, with one accord,
Extend our thanks unto the Lord.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Sun. 10:45 a.m.

107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wed. 7:00 p.m.

714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

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

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.

1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

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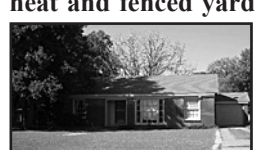
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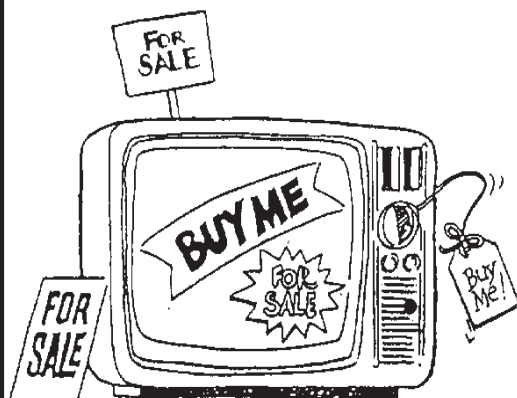
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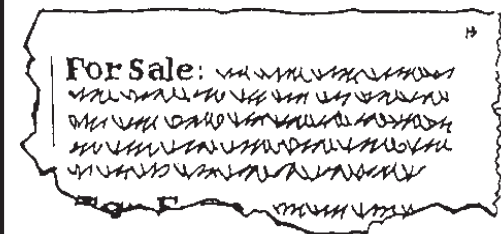
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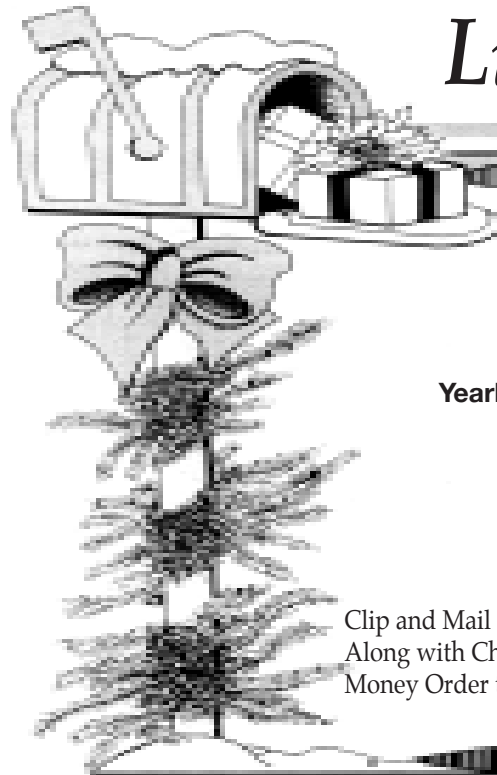
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FOOD SHOW COMPETITORS—Haskell County 4-H cooks competing in the District 4-H Food Show Nov. 13 in Vernon were, l-r, Bailey Hawkins, Sarah Campbell, Sarah Fouts, Sam Fouts, Riley Sloan, Payne Utley, Adaline Utley and Emily Fouts.

4-H students compete at District food show

by Jane Rowan
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Approximately 200 4-H youth representing the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the District 4-H Food Show in Vernon Sat., Nov. 13. The four first place senior winners will advance to the State competition in June 2011. Intermediate and Junior Division winners do not compete beyond the District level.

Eight Haskell County 4-H'ers represented Haskell County in the competition. Participating in the event were:

Juniors

Main Dish: Riley Sloan, Rochester, second place Beef Award.

Fruits & Vegetables: Bailey Hawkins, Haskell, third place.

Nutritious Snacks: Sarah Fouts, Sagerton, fifth place.

Desserts: Adaline Utley, Haskell, second place.

Intermediates

Fruits & Vegetables: Sam Fouts, Sagerton, fifth place.

Bread & Cereal: Sarah Campbell, Rule.

Seniors

Fruits & Vegetables: Emily Fouts, Sagerton, second place.

Nutritious Snacks & Desserts: Payne Utley, Haskell.

Each contestant had

earned first place honors in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District Show.

The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Serving as judges from Haskell County were Kris Fouts, Tammy Hawkins, Amy Sloan and Barbara Utley. Contestants were interviewed on nutritional value, preparation methods and cost of preparation of their respective recipes.

The 4-H Food Show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H. The project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition and food preparation, as well

as food buying, managing time, use of energy and food storage and safety.

If you would like more information about how to join 4-H and/or how to become involved in a 4-H foods and nutrition project contact the Texas AgriLife Extension—Haskell County Office located at 101 South Avenue D in Haskell or by calling 940-864-2546.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Join Parent Teacher Organization

The Haskell Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is seeking volunteers. To join contact Laramie Letz, Ember Medford, Michelle Moore or Amy Martin.

Tour of Homes to benefit Noah Project-North

by Caron Yates

It is once again time to mark you calendars for the 17th annual Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour of Homes.

This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 5 in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour, will be Tina and David Adams at 903 North 8th East/747 CR 206; Sue and Cecil Bingham at 1206 North Ave. L; Beth and Hew Carmichael at 864 Jim Strain Road; Rhonda and Joe Stephens at 1101 North Ave. F; and Melinda Casey at 901 South 1st East. The Carousel will also be open for your shopping pleasure.

Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15, and can be purchased at the door or from any advisory committee member. Homes may be toured in any order from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Carmichael's home.

The benefits of this event are twofold. Not only do you get to enjoy the beauty of these homes, but you are also helping raise funds for a very worthy cause.

The Noah Project-North's mission is to support people dealing with the crisis of family violence. Family violence is one of the

most common, as well as devastating, problems in our country. They provide victims a safe shelter, help with basic living essentials, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal and medical advocacy. Their services are available to all victims of family violence.

Services provided by Noah Project-North are supported through grants, donations and the various fund-raisers held throughout the year.

Donna Sue Anders is the Noah Project-North service area director, and she is assisted by Janis Brzozowski.

The Noah Project-North, which serves five counties, offers not only help to victims, but also provides educational programs for all ages, including training for any professional audience.

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

In order to continue to provide services, Noah Project-North needs our help. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a worthy cause.

Filling the lunch box with food for thought

With childhood obesity rates rising, what you put in your child's lunch box is more important than ever, say nutrition experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern, says to look for protein from lean lunch meats, low-fat cheese or peanut butter on whole-grain bread. Other good lunch box items include fresh fruits and vegetables,

fruit cups, yogurt in a tube, single serving containers of cottage cheese and pudding cups made from skim milk.

"A healthy lunch not only keeps the body going but also the brain," says Sandon. "Kids who eat regular healthy meals often do better in school."

If your kids insist on chips and candy, use baked chips and offer fun-sized candy bars instead of full-sized bars.



Dana West, right, receives the keys to her '06 Ford Focus from Sharon Reynolds, Allsup's Area Supervisor. Photo courtesy of Haskell Free Press.

Dana West of Haskell is the winner of the 2006 Ford Focus Wagon, filled with groceries, which was given away by Allsup's during their Grand Opening Celebration in Haskell.

The original Winner of the Car, Sharon Bankhead of Burkburnett, TX, decided not to accept the car since her husband works for an Allsup's Vendor. In a letter to Allsup's, Bankhead stated, "Despite being officially eligible [to win the car], it would be in the best interest of my husband and the company he represents to graciously decline the car."

Therefore, Allsup's Management held a second drawing on Thursday, November 18, using the names of the five winners from the Final Drawing of October 30, including: Mac McCarty of Rule; Lisa Traffenstedt, Reba Cheyne, Rocky Walker and Dana West, all of Haskell.

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