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VG-B: Albany Tournament

Dec. 9-11 at Albany

JHG-JHB vs Rotan

Mon., Dec. 13, 5 p.m.

Boys at Rochester

Girls at Rotan

PAINT CREEK

VG-VB vs Bryson

Fri., Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

at Bryson

JH vs Lueders-Avoca

Mon., Dec. 13, 6 p.m.

at Lueders-Avoca

VG-VB vs Benjamin

Tues., Dec. 14, 6 p.m.

at Paint Creek

RULE

VG-VB: Guthrie Tournament

Dec. 9-11 at Guthrie

JH vs Throckmorton

Mon., Dec. 13, 6 p.m.

at Rule

VG-VB vs Vernon Northside

Tues., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

at Vernon Northside

JH vs Aspermont

Tues., Dec. 14, 6 p.m.

at Aspermont

Calendar

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 is Thurs., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. All letters received by that time will be printed on Dec. 23.

Open house

The Haskell High School open house will be held Tues., Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The new renovations and new science labs will be shown during tours for those attending.

Christmas dance

A Children's Christmas dance will be held Fri., Dec. 10 from 8 to 11 p.m. for children in grades two through 8 at the Haskell Country Club. Cost is \$5 for non-members.

Open house

First National Bank of Haskell at 200 S. Ave. E will host a Christmas open house all day Tues., Dec. 14 in their bank lobby.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Club will meet Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, for its regular meeting and Christmas party. Those attending should bring a dish for the meal, a gift to exchange, (handmade or other), and a toy or gift for the Haskell County Child Welfare. Officers will serve as hostesses.

Garden Club

Members of Haskell Garden Club will meet Tues., Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Haskell National Bank Building for a Christmas potluck luncheon.

Study Club

The Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 9, at 5:30 at Pam Norton's home, 605 N. Ave. F. to go caroling. Members are reminded to bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl to be taken to Haskell Goodfellows for distribution and also, their favorite holiday goodies to share with others following the caroling.

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Christmas parade Saturday, 6 p.m.

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FFA teams take top honors at state



JR. FFA SKILLS TEAM—The Haskell Jr. FFA Skills team members include, l-r, Lucy Carmichael, Kaley Mathis and Madison Homeyer. The team finished second in the state in a competition of over 230 teams at the Texas FFA State Leadership contest held in Huntsville Dec. 3-4.

Thirteen members of the Haskell FFA chapter competed at the 2010 Texas FFA State Leadership contest in Huntsville Dec. 3-4.

These FFA members were amongst the top twenty teams in the state of Texas from six man schools to 5A schools. These students began preparing for these contests in September and October and have spent countless hours practicing for these events.

The Jr. Farm Skills team placed second in the state out of over 230 teams state wide. Team members include freshmen, Lucy Carmichael, Kaley Mathis and Madison Homeyer.

The Sr. Farm Skills team including senior, Cheslee Hearn and sophomores, Madison Mayfield and Shelby Dunnam, finished fourth in the state out of over 300 teams.

The Ag Issues team consisting of seniors, Ashlee Short, Pamela Walker and Sara Weise; junior, Kymbre Kupatt and sophomores, Cailey Foster, Carson Hadaway and Maci Colley finished in the top 20 of the state out of 150 teams, but fell short of making the finals this year.

Members of the Haskell FFA would like to thank Haskell CISD and the community of Haskell for their support of the Haskell FFA Leadership Teams this year.

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual Haskell Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. 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.



SR. FFA SKILLS TEAM—The Haskell FFA Sr. Farm Skills team members include, l-r, Madison Mayfield, Cheslee Hearn and Shelby Dunnam. They finished fourth in the state in a competition of over 300 teams at the Texas FFA State Leadership contest held in Huntsville Dec. 3-4.

Christmas Cantata set Sunday, Dec. 12

by Caron Yates

Christmas just has a way of bringing out the best in most of us. From the excitement of the children, to the shopping, decorating, visiting, giving and receiving, it's easy to get caught up in the spirit.

And while there will be various opportunities to celebrate this Christmas season, one sure way to help capture the essence of the season is to attend the presentation of the cantata "The Star Still Shines."

For several years, a county wide choir has come together to lend their talent in sharing the reason for the season.

About forty singers, from eleven different churches will be a part of this year's presentation. The group, led by Jason Daniels, includes members from the First Baptist Church of Haskell, East Side Baptist Church, Iglesia Bautista El Calvario,

First United Methodist Church, Haskell Church of Christ, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Saint George Catholic Church, First Assembly of God, Weinert Foursquare Church and Paint Creek Baptist Church.

This Christmas musical is a southern gospel-style arrangement that reminds us that Jesus is the one true light of the world. It includes toe-tappin' songs such as "Every Light That Shines," to the more soulful "Have You Seen That Child?"

The choir, which has been rehearsing since Oct., will incorporate solos, small group and whole choir songs. An added treat, will be the Community Children's Choir, which will also have a part in the service.

What better way to kick off the Christmas season, than by coming together as

a community in worship and praise.

Everyone is invited, so

mark your calendars to be at First Baptist Church of Haskell on Sunday, Dec. 12

at 7 p.m., as the community choir reminds us that the Star truly does still shine.



AG ISSUES TEAM—The Haskell FFA Ag Issues team members include, l-r, Pamela Walker, Sara Weise, Cailey Foster, Kymbre Kupatt, Maci Colley, Ashlee Short and Carson Hadaway. These ladies finished in the top 20 of the state at the Texas FFA State Leadership contest held in Huntsville Dec. 3-4.

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PRESENTS CHECK—Stripes presented a donation to the Committee to Help Haskell County during their grand opening Wed., Dec. 1. Making the presentation were, l-r, Sharon Yon-Johansson, Stripes Public Relations Manager; Sam L. Susser, President and CEO of Susser Holdings Corporation; Tammy Baez, Haskell Store Manager; Kathy Maberry, San Angelo Division Manager; Steve Thompson, Area Manager for Haskell and Abilene; and Steve DeSutter, president and CEO of Stripes.



RIBBON CUTTING— Tammy Baez, Haskell Store Manager, center, cuts the ribbon on the Stripes store during their grand opening held Wed., Dec. 1. Other Stripes store representatives were, l-r, Sam L. Susser, President and CEO of Susser Holdings Corporation; Kathy Maberry, San Angelo Division Manager; Steve Thompson, Area Manager for Haskell and Abilene; and Steve DeSutter, president and CEO of Stripes. The ribbon cutting was sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

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Salvation Army, 4-H join forces in Haskell

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The Salvation Army kettle has been set up during the Christmas holiday season for years at Modern Way's front entrance. Beginning this year the Salvation Army kettle will be in the newly remodeled foyer at Modern Way.

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance and Haskell Salvation Army branch officers have asked the Haskell County 4-H Club to help out again this year. There are four 4-H Clubs in Haskell County including the Haskell Sr. Club, Haskell Jr. Club, Rochester Club and Rule Club.

Each club will have some 4-H'ers man the bell through Dec. 24. The time that the 4-H'ers will be ringing the bell at Modern Way will mostly be from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. During the school Christmas break the hours will be from 2 to 6 p.m.

The money donated at the Salvation Army kettle is kept in Haskell, 100% of the cash, but the checks received are sent to Dallas, and then they return 25% of the checks back to Haskell County. The money is given to the Haskell Ministerial Alliance to help people that are in special need of help, here in our county.



TOY COLLECTION—Stripes is collecting toys for the children of the Noah Project this Christmas. A drop off location area is inside the store. Attending the presentation made during the grand opening of the local store were, l-r, Sharon Yon-Johansson, Stripes Public Relations Manager; Kathy Maberry, San Angelo Division Manager; Donna Sue Anders, Noah Project Service Area Director; Tammy Baez, Haskell Store Manager; Debbie Russell, Stripes store manager; and Janis Brzozowski, Noah Project Assistant Service Area Director.

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Obituaries

Stewart Manley Burson



STEWART BURSON

Funeral services for Stewart Manley Burson, 91, of Abilene were held Thurs., Dec. 2 at Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene with Rev. David Cason officiating. Graveside services were held at Willow Cemetery in Haskell, under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Burson passed away

Sun., Nov. 28.

Born Feb. 2, 1919 in DeQueen, Arkansas, he was the son of David Jacob and Othella Stewart Burson. He married Elouise Bagley Nov. 12, 1976. He was the owner of numerous businesses, including Abilene Pecan Company and Abilene Fence Company. Burson was happiest when he was working and he was an avid gardener. He invited the Lord into his life many years ago and was a member of Broadview Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Theo, Raymond, Denvil, Leon, Albert and E.C. "Botch" Burson; and two sisters, Roselea Burson and Lois Packwood.

Survivors include his wife,

Elouise Burson of Abilene; one daughter Linda and her husband Louis Donnell of Graham; one brother Ernest and wife Dot Burson of Clyde; one sister-in-law, Doris Burson of Haskell; two granddaughters Molly Donnell and Mary Davis and husband Jim; one great grandson, Colton Davis; one great granddaughter, Logan Davis; a stepdaughter, Gayle Gollihar of Hodges; a stepson, Douglas Bagley of Hodges; five step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Broadview Baptist Church Building Fund, 2500 South 27th Street, Abilene, Texas 79605, or to the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Mon., Nov. 29 in a regular meeting with all members present.

A motion to pay all bills presented before the court was approved.

The court set the amount of materials at 100,000 yards for fiscal year 2011 from the TxDOT County Assistance Program.

A motion to approve guidelines and criteria as listed in the governing tax abatement agreement for Haskell County passed. The

Resolution Adopting Tax Abatement Guidelines is a part of the guidelines.

Civic Center Memorials

Contributions to the Haskell Memorial Civic Center include:

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QUIZ BOWL TEAM—Competing at the 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl Dec. 1 was the team of, l-r, Adaline Utley of Haskell, Allie Andress of Haskell, Leann Manske of Sagerton and Kourtney Gibson of Haskell.



QUIZ BOWL TEAM—Competing at the 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl Dec. 1 and placing third was the team of, l-r, Jacie Klose of Haskell, Makenzie Gass of Haskell, Chase Gibson of Haskell and Sam Fouts of Sagerton.

4-H members take honors in District Nutrition Bowl

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Eight Haskell County 4-H members participated in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition Dec. 1. The contest was held at the Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Olney. Approximately 150 youth participating in teams,

took part in the competitive academic games testing their knowledge of nutrition, food safety and food economics. Competition was by teams of three or four members who answered 30 questions in each match. The questions were one of three types: direct/individual, toss-up and bonus. Once a team was defeated twice they were eliminated. Each time the teams won they advanced up in their bracket until a winner was determined. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl teaches youth life skills such as self-discipline, observation, listening and making and defending decisions.

Haskell County 4-H was represented by two junior teams. The team comprised of Sam Fouts, Chase Gibson, Makenzie Gass and Jacie Klose beat out 29 other teams to take third place honors in the competition. Also competing from Haskell County was a team of first year 4-H members made up of Allie Andress, Leann Manske, Adaline Utley and Kourtney Gibson.

These Haskell County 4-H youth competed against other members representing the 24 counties that make up the Rolling Plains District. Accompanying the youth to the district bowl competition were Terri Klose, Joni Manske and County Extension Agent Jane Rowan.

Christmas Eve service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held Fri., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Home, yard lighting

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Home and Yard Lighting contest. Prizes will be given for first, second and third places. No entry fee is required just have your lights on. Judging will be Fri., Dec. 17 after dark.

Deadlines

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

Haskell County 4-H was represented by two junior teams. The team comprised of Sam Fouts, Chase Gibson,

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.

Rochester women enjoy Christmas luncheon

The Rochester Woman's Club met Wed., Dec. 1 in the home of the Dolan Brinson for the Christmas luncheon. Everyone brought their favorite salad. The January meeting will be held in the club house Jan. 5.

After lunch, Jane Short gave a book review on the book "The Other Wise Man" written by Henry Van Dyke. Van Dyke wrote the book in 1896. By literary standards it is not on the best seller list nor a sweeping heroic saga, only a small peaceful story aimed at the reader's heart.

In the story, the man Artaban found out what it means to know God. He was trying to find out where that baby Jesus and his parents were staying so he could give them some presents, but along the way he kept running into people that needed them and gave all of them away. Isn't that what we are told to do to help people that need it and then God will reward us in the end?

Attending were Marguerite Gauntt, Elaine Glover, Mary Johnston, Sammie Loper, Sharon Mullino, Gerri Newberry, Jane Short, Verlene Stegemoeller, Betty Thompson and guests Teresa Stephens, Betty Ruth White and hosts Sharon and Dolan

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

High court rules against release of birth date information

AUSTIN—Reporters' long-held practice of using dates of birth for fact checking before publication comes courtesy of the Texas Public Information Act—the law that governs the release of data held by state agencies and other governmental bodies.

The law currently includes no prohibition on the release of most state employees' date of birth information. However, on Dec. 3, the Texas Supreme Court ruled birth dates may be kept confidential and need not be released to the public.

Grounds for the case, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts v. Attorney General of Texas and The Dallas Morning News Ltd., originated in 2005, when the newspaper requested payroll information on 145,000 state employees. Most of the request was granted, but the comptroller disallowed the release of date of birth information.

Although no evidence of identity theft resulting from the release of date of birth was presented in the case, the court's main argument for closing off the information was that the release of it would expose state employees to the risk of identity theft.

Sect leader brought to Texas

Warren Steed Jeffs on Nov. 30 was returned to Texas to stand trial for sexually assaulting a child, the Texas Attorney General's Office announced.

Law enforcement officers with the Texas Rangers and the attorney general's office escorted Jeffs to San Angelo after taking custody of him in Utah.

Jeffs is being held without bail and is to be tried in a Tom Green County state district court on two charges of sexual assault of a child and bigamy.

Jeffs is the former president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a group that split from the mainstream Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the 1890s. The FLDS group bought land near Eldorado in Schleicher County and created the YFZ "Yearning for Zion" Ranch and compound. The ranch was the site of a multi-government agency intervention in the spring of 2008, in which agents removed more than 400 children and placed them in safe housing after allegations of sexual abuse at the ranch were communicated to authorities.

To date, seven of 12 YFZ Ranch-related suspects have been convicted of sexually assaulting children, according to the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Recount favors incumbent rep

After a recount of mail-in ballots cast in the Nov. 2 election, state Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, last week was declared the winner in the House District 48 race, by 12 votes over Republican challenger Dan Neil.

There is a procedure to follow if Neil contests the recount. He would have to file papers with the secretary of state and the secretary of state would forward the matter to House Speaker Joe Straus, who in turn would assign a House member to lead an investigation and a special investigating committee.

If Neil had won, the GOP would have had 100 seats to the Democrats' 50 seats in the upcoming 82nd Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 11.

A 50-seat difference would have created a super-majority, allowing Republicans to more easily advance their bills to House floor votes.

Driving records available online

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 1 announced drivers may order their driving records online and print them out instead of waiting to have the record mailed to them.

Drivers can visit www.texas.gov, place an order using a credit card and print out their record.

Drivers must submit certain personal identification information to proceed. The printout will be certified and suitable for submitting to a court for permission to take defensive driving, the DPS said.

Student performance data online

All it takes is curiosity and a computer with internet access to find out how students are performing academically in any Texas school district.

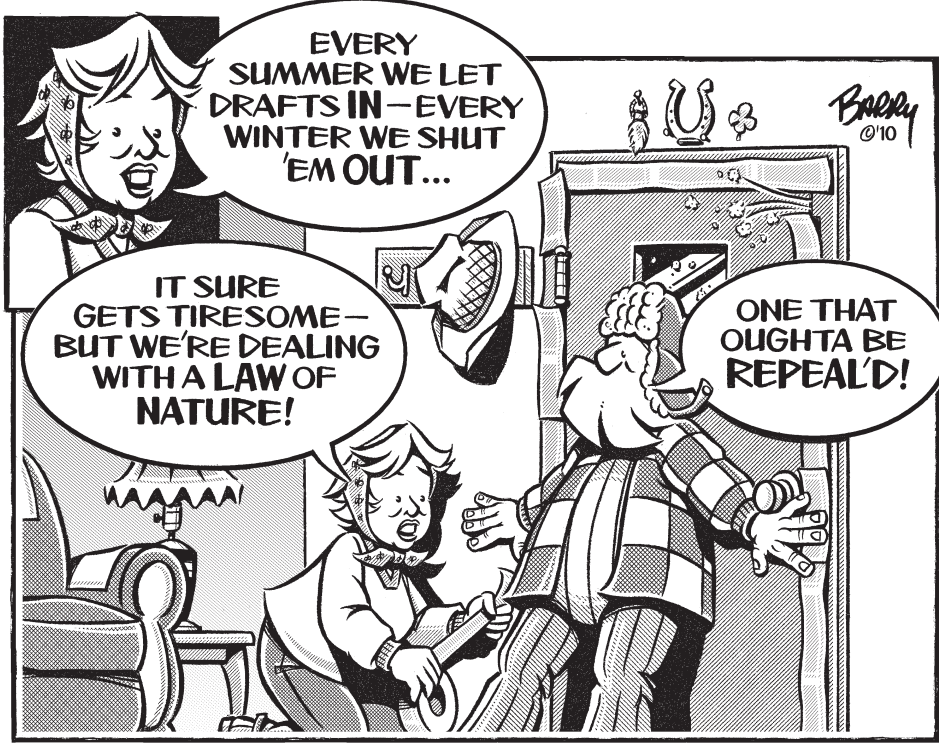
The Texas Education Agency has made the 2009-10 Academic Excellence Indicator System reports available online at www.tea.state.tx.us.

One can look up information on high-stakes test results, passing rates, attendance rates, dropout rates, college readiness scores, college entrance exam statistics, and much more.

Ag Dept. compiles gift guide

The state Department of Agriculture is helping Texas businesses merchandise their wares with its new 2010 Go Texan Holiday Gift Guide.

"Focused on bringing families a holiday season full of unique Texas gifts," the 32-page guide, posted online at www.tda.state.tx.us, "is your one-stop shop for locally made Texas products," the agency says.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

December 7, 2000

Longtime Haskell County Sheriff Johnny Mills, was presented a certificate in honor of his service, during his retirement party.

Winners in the Haskell County Senior 4-H Food Show are Abby Dudensing, first place; Tabitha Coker, second place; and Derrick Tribbey, third place. They will advance to the district competition.

Crowned Paint Creek High School Football Sweetheart and Beau were Cassie Lamb and Arron Duniven.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Thomas were honored with a card shower and luncheon by their children and grandchildren in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

20 Years Ago

December 6, 1990

Kids' Duds won first place in the float competition during the Haskell Christmas parade. Second place went to Haskell National Bank and the third place float was from Lane-Felker.

Dale Middlebrook exhibited the grand champion pecans in this year's Haskell County Pecan Show.

Winners of the Cub Scout cake bake were Travis Garrison, Most Original; Kevin Patton, Biggest; Kevin McSmith, Smallest; and Wesley LeFevre, Best

Tasting.

30 Years Ago

December 4, 1980

Ed Harris, a Haskell High School graduate, and a University of Texas Dental Branch fourth-year student, was elected first executive vice president of the American Student Dental Association.

Mary Lowe opened the doors to her new gift shop, The Calico Door, recently. The store will feature a wide variety of crafts.

Haskell County youth representing Haskell County 4-H at the District Food Show were junior exhibitors Stephanie Browning, Dalyn Gilly and Holli High, all of Haskell, and Tracie Fry of Rochester. Competing in the senior division were Janette Holmes, Kim Jones and Debbie Quade, all of Rochester.

40 Years Ago

December 3, 1970

The Haskell Indians brought home the first regional title in Indian history when they defeated the Ozona Lions in a 17-15 battle.

Dr. William J. Kemp of Haskell, has been elected a trustee of the Texas Tech Dad's Association.

Cecil Ray Davis of Weinert, is among 26 students from McMurry College named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. He is a senior, majoring in physical education and

minoring in business.

50 Years Ago

December 8, 1960

Population for Haskell in 1960 was officially listed at 4,016. For Haskell County, the population was shown to be 11,174.

The Rotary Club took first place float in the Christmas parade. The float carried the Rotary International theme, "Building Bridges of Friendship."

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Jack Ray returned from an extended trip to Miami Beach, Florida, where they attended the Lee Gotcher Square Dance Institute.

Major Theo L. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Moore of Haskell, recently received his official Retirement Certificate, signifying completion of more than 20 years of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

100 Years Ago

December 3, 1910

The entertainment given by Mrs. H.R. Jones and her class for the benefit of the Cemetery Association netted \$20.

The school at Whitt's Chapel began November 21 with Louise Farley as teacher.

C.M. Hunt and Company have moved their dry goods and military store from the east side to the Odd Fellows building on the north side, formerly occupied by Dellis Brothers.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Thanks to Mrs. Bellinghausen who kindly phoned and let me know the quote I sort of butchered last week—about the ungrateful child...is from Shakespeare's King Lear. You have to work hard to keep this ole Plant Breeder straight when it comes to the arts.

Have you noticed how nice and refurbished the mural on the Free Press wall looks? Thanks to Brazos West Art Club and to the Haskell National Bank for funding that project. We need more people and organizations to step forward for cosmetic fixes to our city. In that vein, I noticed John Fouts was repairing his awning over his office. Thanks, John. We need more citizens to rise to the occasion. I hope by the time this is in print that you will notice the paintings on the business windows.

We are well into our project of ridding the city of junked vehicles—did you realize there are over 189 such inside our city limits? After the first of the year, citizens who have not taken care of those responsibilities will receive notices...we are moving forward.

Our next project will be to "spruce up" our entry ways into the city. Highway 380 runs through Haskell north

and south; Highway 277 runs east and west. As the saying goes, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." We are working on getting handsome signs in stone or brick announcing Haskell. There are businesses and residents who need to help us out cleaning up these areas in order to produce that positive first impression of our city. Again, notify the City Hall office if you cannot effect this responsibility. That does not mean that the city itself will do it...we don't have funds for that, but perhaps we can funnel it to a civic group, church, or just citizens who would be willing to help. I get many calls saying, "I have this old house (property) will the city tear it down for me?" As much as the city would like to see the end result I think you can see why we cannot afford to take this on for such a large number. However, it might be possible for the city to provide a trailer for the dumping process. If you as an owner are physically able to help, you need to do your part.

I have received several positive comments on Haskell's EMT personnel—how quickly they respond, how well they perform their duties and how many lives they've saved. Thank you.

The wife and I enjoyed the tour of homes Sunday sponsored by the Noah Project. Joe and Rhonda Stephens family from Aledo purchased the old Frierson home on Brick Street. What a job they've done; how warm and inviting it is. This couple just picked out Haskell as a place they wanted for a second home. Rhonda said, "Haskell is so warm and friendly; it was like a magnet. Our kids thought we were crazy." What an asset! Wish we could bottle the 'warm and friendly' and get many more couples like the Stephens to settle here. And you're not alone, a lot of our kids think we're crazy. All the homes were decorated beautifully and really got us into the Christmas spirit (and made us realize how far behind we were).

Appreciate your comments—but often there are no questions...some complaints, etc. If you don't send your questions this way, this column will have to change its title to Mayor's Musings!

Please support your community by your participation in the Christmas parade and by your attendance, this Sat., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. See you at the square.

Merry Christmas, I don't do Happy Holidays!

Names listed on state's unclaimed property list

One in four Texans has missing money waiting to be claimed from the state's unclaimed property fund.

Folks in the Panhandle region have a chance to check the annual Unclaimed Property List in regional newspapers on Sun., Dec. 5. Every person and business on the list has at least \$250 they can claim, or abandoned stock certificates or safe deposit box contents of unknown value."

"This is an opportunity to get money back from the state government," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "It's yours—claim it."

Combs returned more than \$163 million to its owners in fiscal 2010, a \$16 million increase compared to 2009.

The Panhandle Unclaimed Property List appeared in the Sun., Dec. 5 editions of the Abilene Reporter-News and the Wichita Falls Times-Record-News. It included names of unclaimed property owners in 76 counties who have had at least \$250 in unclaimed property reported to the state within the past year.

"Even if you don't find your name on the newspaper list, the publication should serve as a reminder to check the Unclaimed Property website at www.ClaimItTexas.org," Combs said. "In our online database, you can find any amount of unclaimed property, large or small, from any year."

The state is holding about \$2.2 billion in unclaimed property, a total that will keep growing as long as Texans keep forgetting about old bank accounts and safe deposit boxes, utility deposits, insurance policies, uncashed checks, unclaimed wages and other money that is eventually turned over to the state.

In an effort to reunite people with their money, the Comptroller will publish six regional unclaimed property lists in more than 30 Texas newspapers from December 2010 through April 2011.

Haskell County names appearing on the list include:

Haskell: Clyne D. Campbell, Christine Collins, Susan Cox, Helen M. Fouts, Cory Green, Tra Hall, Manuel Ibarra, Don Perry, Ronnie A. Phillips, Cleto Rangel, Cliff Ray, Charles Riley, Lena Rueffer and Raymond Wheeler.

Rochester: Ronny Caldwell, Rochester Financial, Wynell Wadzeck and Lauren A. Wilson.

Rule: Stella M. Steed.

Sagerton: Kathleen Teichelman.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 18 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.

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The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #44 Tyrone Neskorik, #20 Clint Howard, #10 Kelson Aguero and #24 Christian Myers; back row, #14 Isayah Llewellyn, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Ross Wittenborn, #34 Sterling Bird, #12 Austin Nanny and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Indians
Varsity at Albany Tournament
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HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #23 Sidney Cassidy, #5 Marissa McGhee, #15 Cheslee Hearn, #21 Myra Rodriguez and #35 Delecia Garcia; back row, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #31 Maci Colley, #55 Ashlee Short, #41 Carson Hadaway and #11 Taylor Burson.

Haskell Maidens
Varsity at Albany Tournament
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Go Indians!
Go Maidens!





THREE POINT ATTEMPT—Haskell Indian #20 Clint Howard shoots a three-pointer during the game against Eula. Howard scored three points during the game.



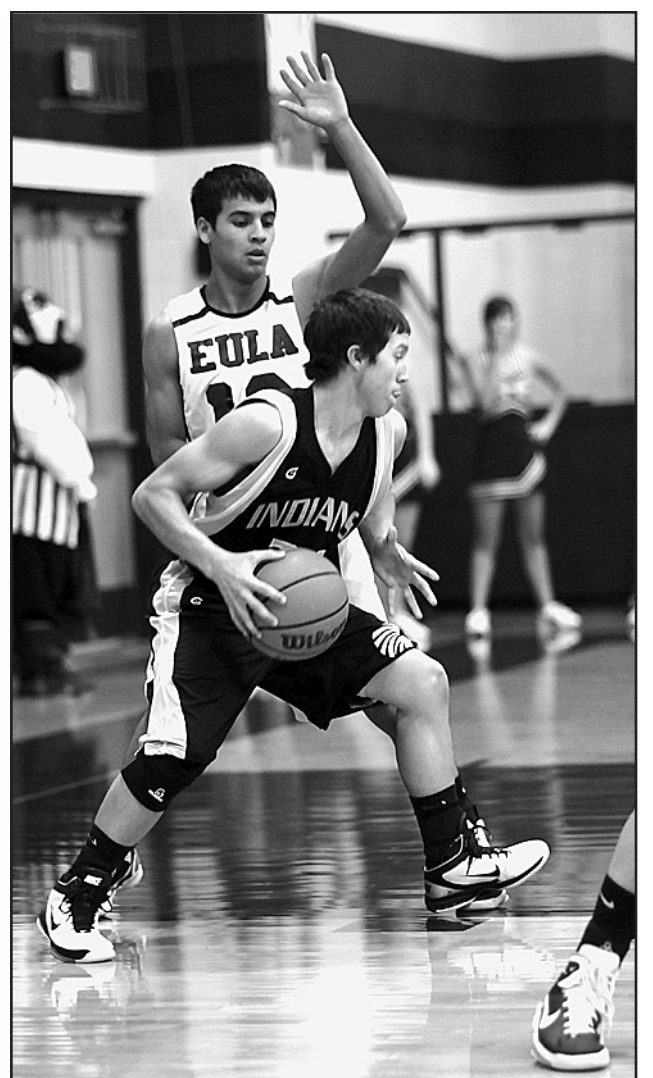
GETS THE REBOUND—Haskell Maiden #41 Carson Hadaway grabs a rebound during the Eula game. Hadaway scored six points during the game.



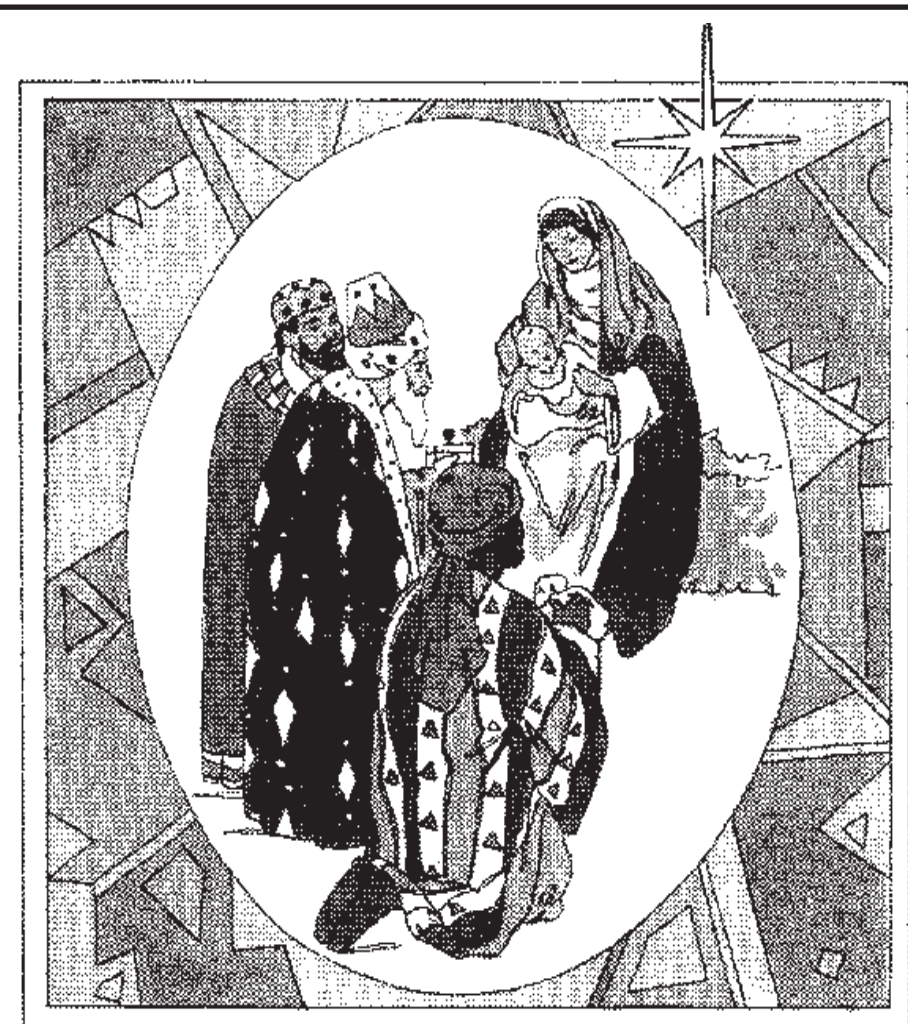
SCORING LAYUP—Haskell Maiden #31 Maci Colley goes up for a layup against Eula. Colley posted four points during the game. The Maidens lost to Eula 35-20.

Area basketball scores

<p>Girls Rule 44, Baird 42 Scoring for Rule: Polk 17, Dudensing 16, Petty 4, Burgess 4, Foreman 3. Haskell 35, Eula 20 Scoring for Haskell: Short 8, Hadaway 6, Cassidy 4, Colley 4, McGhee 9, Hearn 2, Rodriguez 1, Johnson 1. Rule 45, Knox City 43 Scoring for Rule: Polk 14, Dudensing 13, Foreman 7. Rotan Invitational Aspermont 61, Rule 37 for fifth place</p>	<p>Scoring for Rule: Polk 21, Foreman 6, Petty 4, Burgess 4. Merkel Tournament Merkel 62, Haskell 13 Scoring for Haskell: Johnson 7, Cassidy 3. Grape Creek 36, Haskell 19 Scoring for Haskell: Cassidy 9, Rodriguez 4, Johnson 4, Garcia 2. Ponder 69, Haskell 19 Scoring for Haskell: Johnson 6, McGhee 5, Rodriguez 4, Adams 4.</p>	<p>Breckenridge 50, Haskell 35 Scoring for Haskell: Rodriguez 11, McGhee 7, Cassidy 6, Johnson 6, Burson 3, Garcia 2. Woodson Invitational Paint Creek 39, Lueders-Avoca 27 Scoring for Paint Creek: Medford 17 Buerger 12, Bosnjak 4. Gold-Burg 50, Paint Creek 34 Scoring for Paint Creek: Buerger 17, Bosnjak 6,</p>	<p>Medford 6. Boys Eula 54, Haskell 27 Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 10, Myers 8, Shelton 2, Howard 3, Wittenborn 3, Agüero 1. Baird 48, Rule 27 Scoring for Rule: Brown 15, Turner 8, Reece 2, Grindstaff 2. Knox City 58, Rule 35 Scoring for Rule: Brown 21, Reece 10, Taylor 2. Rotan 35, Rule 31 (OT) Scoring for Rule: Turner 18, Brown 12, Grindstaff 1 Anson JV 38, Rule 28 Scoring for Rule: Grindstaff 8, Brown 7, Turner 6. Woodson Tournament Paint Creek 39, Harrold 35 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 18, Bishop 11, Pannell 4. Baird 34, Paint Creek 23 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 10, Bishop 9, Adkins 2, Abner 2. Paint Creek 35, Woodson 32 (2OT) for third place Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 10, Abner 9, Hall 9. All tournament team: Hunter Hall, Paint Creek.</p>
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BASKET BOUND—Haskell Indian #24 Christian Myers works under the basket against Eula. Myers scored eight points during the game. The Indians lost to Eula 54-27.



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.

The Christ Bell

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child. (John 1:12)
 I am Christ's friend. (John 15:15)
 I am united with the Lord. (1 Cor. 6:17)
 I am bought with a price. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
 I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
 I am the salt & light of the earth. (Matt. 5:13-14)
 I am a member of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27)
 I am free forever from condemnation. (Rom. 8:1-2)
 I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant. (Phil. 3:20)
 I am free from any charge against me. (Rom. 8:31-34)
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God. (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2:18)
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms. (Eph. 2:6)
 I cannot be separated from the love of God. (Rom. 8:35-39)
 I am established, anointed, sealed by God. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
 I am assured all things work together for good. (Rom. 8:28)
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. (John 15:16)
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)
 I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life. (John 15:1-5)
 I am God's temple. (1 Cor. 3:16) I am complete in Christ. (Col. 2:10)
 I am hidden with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3) I have been justified. (Romans 5:1)
 I am God's co-worker. (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1). I am God's workmanship. (Eph. 2:10)
 I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)
 I have been redeemed and forgiven. (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child. (Eph. 1:5)
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FREE THROW ATTEMPT—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Katrina Buerger prepares for a free throw during a Woodson tournament game.



TWO POINTS—Paint Creek Pirate Curtis Bishop goes for two points during the Woodson tournament.



DEFENDS AGAINST HARROLD—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Katie Bosnjak, left, defends against Harrold during the Woodson tournament.

Pirate basketball

The Paint Creek Pirates took on Harrold for their first game at the Woodson Tournament on Thursday and came away victorious with a score of 39-35.

Scoring for the Pirates were Hunter Hall 18, Curtis Bishop 11, Damien Pannell 4, Jimmy Abner 2, Jordan Adkins 2 and Nathan Edwards 2.

The Pirates were defeated their second game by Baird with a score of 23-34.

Scoring was Hall 10, Bishop 9, Abner 2 and Adkins 2.

The Pirates beat Woodson on Saturday to take third place. Points were made by Bishop 10, Abner 9, Hall 9 and Edwards 7. Hunter Hall was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Paint Creek Lady Pirates opened their tournament play at Woodson against Harrold and were defeated 53-35.

Scoring were Katrina Buerger 21, Samantha Barnett 4, Kadie McCord 4, Katie Bosnjak 3, Baleigh Lopez 2 and Tarah Trotter 1.

The Lady Pirates beat Lueders-Avoca in game two with a score of 39-27.

Points were made by Caitlin Medford 17, Buerger 12, Bosnjak 4, Barnett 2, Lopez 2 and McCord 2.

Gold-Burg beat Paint Creek in the third round with a score of 50-34.

Scoring were Buerger 18, Bosnjak 6, Medford 5, Shana Armstrong 2, Trotter 2 and Brittany Herring 1.



PIRATE LAYUP—Paint Creek Pirate Hunter Hall drives in for a layup against Baird during the Woodson tournament.



PIRATE DEFENDER—Paint Creek Pirate Nathan Edwards, left, defends against a Woodson Cowboy during the Woodson tournament.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—Harry Koehler, left, waits in anticipation as Haskell Lodge president Jerry Don Klose hands out gifts to all members at the organization's Christmas meeting.

Lodge holds Christmas meeting

With cold north wind blowing, the Haskell Lodge #241 met for their last meeting of 2010.

The attendance was down due to illness and unavailability of members.

Our Memoriam was held for Frances Vernon who expired on Dec. 3. Vernon was a longtime member, and a sister-in-law to Leona Seelig.

One of our fifty-year recipients, Betsy Langford, has recently welcomed her first grandchild, a granddaughter named Chloe. She is great granddaughter to M.E. Opitz.

We are proud recipient of one new member, Johnny Larned of New Braunfels.

Door prize recipients were Thula Perry, T.J. Brueggeman

and Ruth Ann Klose.

Santa's helpers shared gifts for all members present. Jerry Don Klose, president, did the presentations.

The Lodge will meet Feb. 6 to begin the year anew. Stew, cornbread and cobbler will be waiting for our arrival.

Have a blessed new year. We have much to be thankful for.

Community dinner held in Rule

Rule Chamber of Commerce and the churches of Rule sponsored their annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Rule High School Sun., Dec. 6, with a large crowd in attendance. A delicious meal of ham, green beans, corn, rolls, dessert and tea was served to all attending with the meal being cooked by several men in the community.

Following the program, entertainment was provided in the auditorium by the Sage Brush Band of Bob Bishop, Don and Dale Logan, with the singing of several Christmas songs. Shelby Starr sang a solo and a reading of Oh Holy Night was given by Oleta Cornelius.

Prizes of cookies, cakes, pies, gift certificates, hams and turkeys were given. A late arriving guest, Santa, was welcomed by all the children, who made their Christmas list known to Santa.



ASHLEY BULLARD



BAILEY FILLMON

Students visit Rotary Club

Ashley Bullard is the daughter of Kenny and Vickie Bullard of Haskell.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is active in Spanish Club. She is on the A-B Honor Roll and was awarded the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

She enjoys spending time with her family, attending church, and working at The Drug Store.

She plans to attend Vernon College at Century City Campus in Wichita Falls enrolled in the pharmacy technician program.

Bailey Fillmon is the daughter of Larry and Terri Fillmon of Haskell.

At Haskell High

School, she is active in cheerleading, UIL-poetry oral interpretation and one act play. She was named All-American Cheerleader in 2009 and 2010; received the Pin-It-Forward Leadership Award in 2010; was on the Academic A-team in 2008, 2009 and 2010; and serves as head cheerleader in 2010-11.

She enjoys gymnastics, hunting, hanging out with her friends and going to school events.

She plans to attend South Plains Junior College and study criminal psychology. She also plans to try out for the SPC Texans cheerleading squad. After South Plains, she plans to transfer to Texas Tech University to complete her masters.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 13-17 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Hormel breakfast bar

Wednesday: Cereal, hot and spicy goldfish

Thursday: Pig in a blanket

Friday: Sausage, biscuit, cheese

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: Lasagna, breadstick, Italian green beans, garden salad, apricots

Tuesday: Chili cheese hot dog, tater tots, pickle spears, fresh fruit

Wednesday: Bean and beef burrito, nacho chips, queso, chuckwagon mixed vegetables, sliced peaches

Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, fruit cup

Friday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket, baby carrots, ranch dressing, apple

Rule School Menu

Dec. 13-17 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal or yogurt, banana

Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, graham crackers

Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam or grape jelly

Thursday: Pancakes, waffle syrup

Friday: Egg patty, biscuit, jelly, jam

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: BBQ on a bun, potato salad, cole slaw, rosie applesauce

Tuesday: Taco in a bowl, lettuce and tomato salad, Mexicali corn, diced pears

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, diced carrots, fresh apple, hot roll, gravy

Thursday: Baked potato, cheddar and ham cups, steamed broccoli, cornbread

Friday: Pizza choice, tossed salad, corn cobbette, cookie

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 13-17 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancake on stick

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Breakfast burritos

Friday: Cinnamon rolls

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Nachos, refried beans, salad, pudding

Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, cheese, salad, fruit

Wednesday: Turkey, potatoes, peas, rolls, apple crisp

Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, cake

Friday: Stew, cornbread, salad, brownies

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 13

Lunch—Taco and trimmings, onion, pickles, pinto beans,

jello, brownie, lemon glazed cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Dec. 15

Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, pea salad, beets, cornbread, pumpkin buckle, tea or coffee

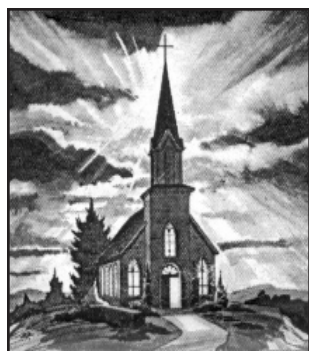
Fri., Dec. 17

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

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—HASKELL—

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Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
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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

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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.
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201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

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Wed. 7 p.m.

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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.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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SEQ CHAPTER 176 RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0268202 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE

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Austin, Texas
November 30, 2010
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF E.N. PATTON OIL COMPANY, INC. TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY FOR THE PROPOSED CRICKET (STRAWN) UNIT IN THE CRICKET (STRAWN) FIELD HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on JANUARY 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of E.N. Patton Oil Company, Inc. to consider unitization and secondary recovery, pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code for its proposed Cricket (Strawn) Unit in the Cricket (Strawn) Field, Haskell County, Texas. Applicant states that they have 100% Working Interest sign-up, and 100% Royalty Interest sign-up for the proposed Cricket (Strawn) Unit. The unit is comprised of 5 tracts totaling 407 acres in the George W. Lang Survey No. 37, A-306, Haskell County, Texas.

If you have questions regarding this application,

please contact the Applicant's representative, David Gross, at (512) 263-8046. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity

to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicants shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. 48-51c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Haskell will hold a public hearing on the 24th day of January, 2011, at City Hall, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 at 7:00 o'clock a.m. It is the intention of the City Council to call a special election to be held on May 14, 2011, to present to the voters propositions to determine whether the Development Corporation of Haskell should be authorized to undertake projects or categories of projects which are authorized by

Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and to provide information regarding the potential cost and impact of the following projects or categories of projects.

1. Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ballparks and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

2. Projects related to entertainment including, auditoriums convention, tourist, exhibition facilities, amphitheaters and concert halls and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

3. Projects for the construction of public parks, park facilities and events and open space improvements and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

4. Projects for the establishment of museums

and exhibition facilities and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

5. Projects related to the development and

expansion of affordable housing as described by 42 U.S.C. 12745 and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements.

(Publish at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. Should be published in each issue of the paper until the hearing.) 49-3c

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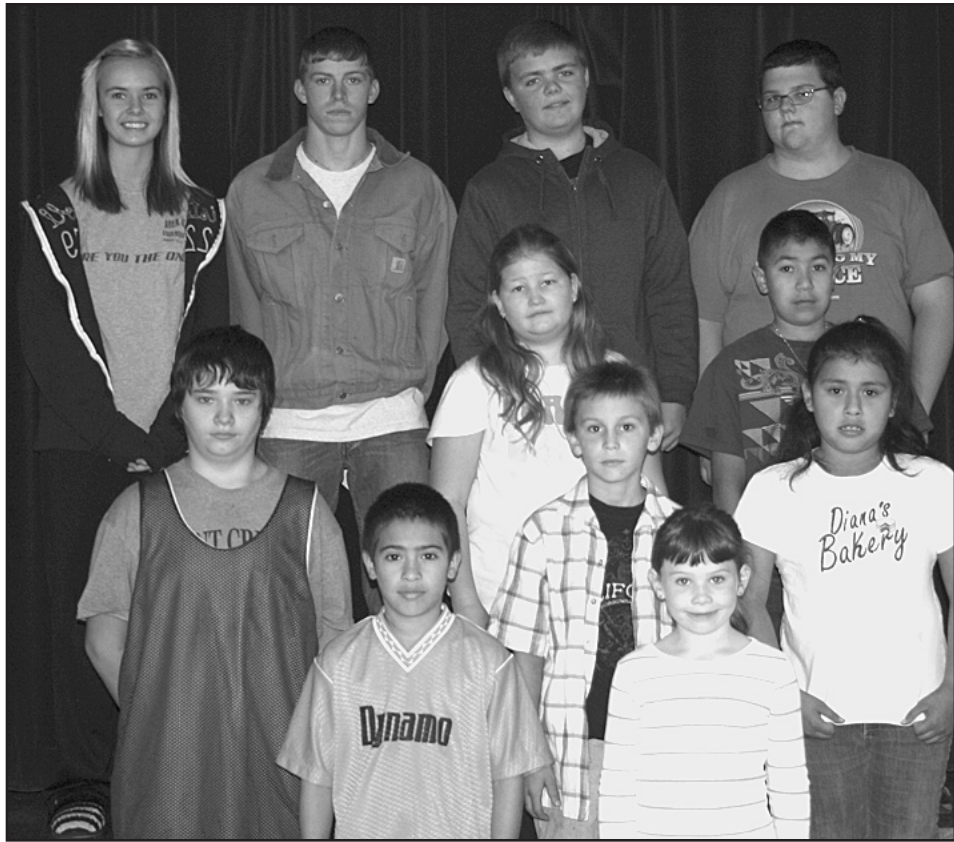
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PAINT CREEK CHARACTER EDUCATION—The character theme for November at Paint Creek School was “Gratitude.” These students were selected from each grade level as one who demonstrates gratitude most consistently, front row, l-r, Daniel Salinas fourth grade and Abby Baldwin Kindergarten; second row, Ryan Reid seventh grade, Gabriel Mitchell second grade, and Desiree Acosta third grade; third row, Catherine Lemond sixth grade and Cruz LanFranco fifth grade; back row, Katrina Buerger eleventh grade, Hunter Hall twelfth grade, Cody Mayfield ninth grade and Rhett Lampe eighth grade. Not pictured are Kylie Crossley tenth grade and Jordan Westerman first grade.



UNCONTROLLED BURN—Haskell volunteer firemen responded with the mini-pumper to a controlled burn that got out of hand at 1406 N. Ave. L in Haskell about 1 p.m. Fri., Dec. 3. The grass and fence behind the Whitt residence were burned and flames threatened a storage building near the alley. Haskell fireman A.J. Shaw douses the flames as Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw and fireman Steven Wright look on.

Donations to Goodfellows needed

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. 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 Co. Child Welfare Board and the Haskell 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.

To donate, contact any member of the Lions Club. 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, TX 79521.



ATTEND MUSICAL—Haskell Elementary second graders attended the musical version of Charles Dickens' holiday classic “A Christmas Carol” at Hardin-Simmons University Thurs., Dec. 2. Students and teachers LaKay Caparoon, Peggy Darden, Rhonda Hanson and Pam Gibson, music teacher, enjoyed the musical tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miser, who is haunted by ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. About 1,800 students from area schools attended the performance.

Christmas cantata

The Haskell Community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell by a choir of over 40 members from eleven churches.

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.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Sons of Hermann Lodge #241	\$50
In memory of Dee Larned, by Ruth Larned	\$50
Bobby and Kathryn Medford.....	\$30
Friendly Folks Sunday School Class	
First United Methodist Church.....	\$100
Jim and Diane Isbell.....	\$250
Anonymous.....	\$100
In loving memory of Truman Barbee	
by Louetta and J.W. Wallace.....	\$25
Total this week	\$605



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Fri., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.
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