

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, JVG-B vs Archer City
 Fri., Dec. 17, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
JVB-VB vs Holliday
 Mon., Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Bryson
 Fri., Dec. 17, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-VB vs Moran
 Mon., Dec. 20, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-VB vs Crowell
 Fri., Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

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.

Open house

A Haskell Elementary Holiday of Music and open house will be held Thurs., Dec. 16. Holiday of Music will be presented in the cafeteria at 5 p.m. by Head Start, PPCD, Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade and at 6:30 p.m. by second grade, third grade, fourth grade and fifth grade. Open house will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit our school. School will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 16 and Fri., Dec. 17. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

Candlelight service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at St. George Catholic Church Fri., Dec. 24 beginning at 8 p.m.

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.

Food distribution

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.

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.

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.

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Christmas parade, window contest winners named



**HASKELL GARDEN CLUB - FIRST PLACE WINNER
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 HASKELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE**



**ROLLING PLAINS DETENTION CENTER - THIRD PLACE WINNER
 HASKELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Sue's Flowers wins window contest

Sue's Flowers & Gifts took first place honors in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce's Christmas window decorating contest.

Second place went to the Personality-Slipper Shoppe followed in third place by The Carousel.

Other entries in the contest included:

Boggs & Johnson, Haskell Star, D&D Investments, KP's Mesquite Grill, Professional Pampering Day Spa, Video Mania, Haskell Hospital Auxiliary, Sport-About, Haskell County Farm Bureau and Haskell Tire Service.



**SUE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS
 First Place Winner in the
 Christmas Window Decorating Contest**



CLERK OF THE YEAR-Louetta Wallace, clerk for the City of Haskell, was named Bluebonnet Chapter Clerk of the Year during a meeting of the Texas Municipal Clerks. She is holding a plaque which she keeps and a larger one listing the names of past recipients. Nancy Turnbow of Baird presented the plaques to Wallace. The Bluebonnet Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association has member cities from Throckmorton to Brownwood, San Angelo to Stephenville and many cities in between.

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.

Bob and Debbie Earles.....	\$50
Anonymous.....	\$50
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevel by Faye Bledsoe.....	\$50
Anonymous.....	\$75
Jacob & Martin Ltd.....	\$250
In memory of Kay Henry by Carol Grand.....	\$100
Monday/Tuesday Bridge Club.....	\$165
Total this week.....	\$740
Previous total.....	\$605
Total to date.....	\$1345

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 13, 2010
 Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin.....	5,600
Haskell Co-op Gin....	8,688
O'Brien.....	
O'Brien Co-op.....	15,600
Rule.....	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	7,700
Weinert.....	
Griff's Gin.....	2,908
Weinert Gin.....	5,400
Total bales.....	45,896

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STEVE HARRISON

Harrison installed

Steve Harrison, a lawyer who was born in Haskell, was installed as 2011 President-Elect of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association at its Annual Board and Membership Meeting on Dec. 3 in Austin. Harrison is a Baylor Law School alumnus and founding member of the Waco law firm Harrison Davis Steakley Morrison, P.C.

"Steve has the heart and mind of a servant and has always been moved to serve the under-served and the marginalized," said Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben. "In the law center, Steve and the partners of his predecessor firm generously underwrote one of our courtrooms. At their initiative, the courtroom was to be one that is disabled-accessible. That sort of caring is quite special and it's the same sort of character trait that draws peers and colleagues in the bar to Steve as a leader."

Harrison was born in Haskell to Lucille Covey Harrison and Steve Harrison, Sr., who was raised in Munday. Lucille graduated from Haskell High School and was the daughter of Claude and Vivian Covey, longtime Haskell residents. Harrison attended Haskell schools during the third and sixth grade, while his father was stationed abroad as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force.

Harrison has been a trial lawyer for 35 years. He has successfully represented both individuals and businesses in a variety of sophisticated catastrophic injury, product liability, toxic tort and business litigation matters.

Obituaries

Faye Webb



FAYE WEBB

Funeral services for Faye Webb, 90, of Rule were held Mon., Dec. 13 at Rule Church of Christ in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of

Haskell. Mrs. Webb passed away Fri., Dec. 10 at Stamford Memorial Hospital in Stamford.

Born June 10, 1920 in Fort Worth, she was the daughter of James and Anna Dean.

She lived in East Texas until the age of 13 and moved to the Rule area, where she continued to live the rest of her life. She married Ennis Webb Dec. 4, 1937 in Stonewall County. She was a member of Rule Church of Christ. She was a devoted Mother, Grandmother and Great grandmother. Her passion was service to others. She put God and her family first. She was a homemaker and caregiver.

She was preceded in

death by her parents and her husband Ennis.

Survivors include her son Paul Webb and wife Lynn of Midland; daughter, Melinda Hisey and husband Danny of Rule; grandchildren, Todd Webb of Corpus Christi and Chris Webb and wife Anna of Dallas, Angela Conaway and husband Jeff of Katy, Amy Teichelman and husband Chad of Anson, Jonathan Hisey and wife Morgan of Lubbock; great grandchildren, Taylor and Kolby Conaway of Katy, Brooke and Hunter Teichelman of Anson, Hagen Hisey of Lubbock; sister, Dorothy Burk of Bonaham.

Memorials may be made to the Rule Church of Christ.

PD. NOTICE

William Ray 'Coach' Sefcik, Sr.



RAY SEFCIK

Funeral services for William Ray 'Coach' Sefcik, Sr., 71, of Iowa Park were held Wed., Dec. 15 at Faith Baptist Church in Iowa Park with Rev. Dennis Neal officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

Coach Sefcik died Sat., Dec. 11 in Wichita Falls.

Born April 4, 1939 in Denver City, he was the son of Robert Charlie and Jettie Leona Beasley Sefcik. He and Elizabeth Jane Hopkins were married June 30, 2001 in Iowa Park. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church of Iowa Park. He was a teacher and coach for the Wichita Falls ISD until his retirement in 1997. He was a 30 year resident of Iowa Park. Coach loved sports of any kind, shooting pool and coaching. He loved spending time with his family and playing with his dog, Arthur Fonzarelli Sefcik.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Charlotte Sefcik.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Jane Sefcik of Iowa

Park; children, Karen Richter and husband, Larry of Grand Prairie, Kelei Liggett and husband, Roger of Iowa Park, Ray Sefcik, Jr. and wife, Debbie of Weatherford, Gary Hopkins and wife, Tammy of Peaster and Glen Hopkins and wife, Crissa of Highland Village; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; siblings, Rose Mary Shook and husband, Philip of Hereford, Gordon Sefcik and wife, Donna of Denver City and Patriarch, Louis Sefcik and Betty of Iowa Park.

Memorials may be made to MDA/ALS Society, 2910 Kemp Blvd #209, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

Condolences may be offered at www.duttonfuneralhome.com.

PD. NOTICE

Charlie Clayton Hook

Graveside services for Charlie Clayton Hook, 97, of Haskell were held Thurs., Dec. 9 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Aven Hook officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Hook passed away Mon., Dec. 6.

Born Sept. 4, 1913, he was the son of Andrew Marion and Martie Victoria Hook. He was a retired farmer and he moved to Haskell about 36 years ago from Brownfield. He was married to Fannie May Tyler in 1936.

She preceded him in death Feb. 8, 2006. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by five brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Clayton Elvis and May Hook and Thomas Lloyd and Lois Hook, all of Brownfield; two daughters, Betty Sue Hook and Welda Victoria Pannell, both of Haskell; one brother, L.V. Hook of Haskell; nine grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

PAINT CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 486,826	\$ 10,753	\$ 497,579
State Program Revenues	1,006,800	11,079	1,017,879
Federal Program Revenues	-	261,046	261,046
Total Revenues	1,493,626	282,878	1,776,504
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	699,064	185,470	884,534
Instructional Resources and Media Services	26,856	-	26,856
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,081	-	1,081
Instructional Leadership	60,012	-	60,012
School Leadership	27,713	-	27,713
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	58,202	-	58,202
Health Services	14,101	-	14,101
Student (Pupil) Transportation	100,179	1,987	102,166
Food Services	-	93,076	93,076
Extracurricular Activities	61,164	-	61,164
General Administration	85,107	-	85,107
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	194,381	-	194,381
Data Processing Services	54,407	-	54,407
Debt Service:			
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	47,723	47,723
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	64,005	64,005
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	5,000	-	5,000
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	36,009	-	36,009
Other Intergovernmental Charges	13,872	-	13,872
Total Expenditures	1,437,148	392,261	1,829,409
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	56,478	(109,383)	(52,905)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	111,728	111,728
Transfers Out (Use)	(111,728)	-	(111,728)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(111,728)	111,728	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(55,250)	2,345	(52,905)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	530,027	3,930	533,957
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 474,777	\$ 6,275	\$ 481,052

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MR. AND MRS. KEATON BROWN

Smith, Brown wed in private ceremony

Jennifer Smith and Keaton Brown were united in marriage Fri., Dec. 3 in a private ceremony officiated by Rev. Tom Long at First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

The bride is the daughter of Darrell and Kay Smith of Haskell. Her grandparents are Jim and Gwen Williams of Red River, New Mexico

and Jane Smith of Haskell. The bridegroom is the son of Kent and Melanie Brown of Abilene and Sammy and Kim Bitner of Haskell. He is the grandson of James and Ann Brown and Daurice Sentell of Dyersburg, Tennessee, Sam and Gayle Bitner of Haskell and J.W. King of Abilene.

A family reception followed.

4-H Clubs to meet

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold their December meeting this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs will meet together and the meeting will be from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join. The two clubs will have a short business meeting to discuss upcoming events and contests, such as

animal projects for the Jr. County Livestock Show in January, photography and clothing projects for the month of March.

The program will consist of a \$5 Christmas ornament exchange and going Christmas caroling. The meeting will conclude with refreshments.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Wall of Honor donations are tax deductible

The Haskell Progressive Study Club reminds citizens that this is a good time to make a special tax deductible donation in honor of a Veteran to the Haskell County Wall of Honor.

Or remember a birthday or an anniversary with a tax deductible donation to the Veterans Wall of Honor.

Let this be your condolence to the family of a deceased friend or family member.

This is a tax deductible contribution that could be used for the 2010 tax year.

Send your contribution to

Progressive Study Club, 405 North Avenue H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or deposit to the Wall of Honor account at the Haskell National Bank.

Remember, the club is still recycling, save your cans or scrap metal and drop donations off at any of the locations.

Recent donations include:

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Robertson of Weinert; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinson of Haskell; Betty Sanders of Austin; Pauline Couch; Jeff and Lisa Teague; and Edward Moeller.



MR. AND MRS. HOLLIS CALLAWAY

Callaways to celebrate 40th anniversary

Hollis and Judy Solomon Callaway will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Sunday.

The sweethearts met at Elsie's Drive-In where Judy worked. They were married Dec. 19, 1970, in Haskell at the First Baptist Church by Dr. Troy Culpepper.

The Callaways are members of the East Side Baptist Church where Judy

is a member of the choir and Hollis is a deacon.

The couple has two children. Cole and his wife, Sheri, reside in Skedee, Oklahoma, and Andrea lives in Grand Prairie. They are the proud grandparents of one granddaughter, Emeri.

Cards of celebration can reach them at 8223 US Highway 277 North, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Births

Jason and Jennifer Briles of Graham announce the birth of their son, Brett Everett, born Nov. 20, weighing 7 lbs. He was 19 3/4 inches long.

Big sisters, Braylee, age 3, and Brenna, age 2, helped welcome him home.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Teresa Briles of Haskell. Paternal great

grandparents are Eugene and Shirley Rhoads of Rule and the late Dennis and Wanda Briles.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Amanda Chestnut of Graham. Maternal great grandparents are B. and Dorothy Chestnut and Lou Hodges, all of Graham.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Top 3 prompt state agencies to tighten belts again

AUSTIN—In order to address a projected state budget shortfall that could total more than \$20 billion, state agencies must hunt for ways to make even deeper cuts.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus on Dec. 7 signed and sent a letter directing each state agency to identify an additional 2.5 percent that can be cut from their original general revenue and general-revenue-dedicated appropriations for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

Nearly a year ago, on Jan. 15, Perry, Dewhurst and Straus asked agencies and institutions of higher education to identify a 5 percent reduction to their 2010-2011 appropriations.

According to the Dec. 7 letter, the 82nd Texas Legislature will adopt a supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011, which will apply the 2.5 percent in addition to the previously requested cuts.

"While sales tax receipts have improved since the beginning of the year, reduced spending in the current fiscal year will help prepare for budget reductions that will be necessary to balance the budget for the 2012-2013 biennium," according to the letter.

The 82nd Texas Legislature will convene Jan. 11.

Tax collections up for November

Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 8 said November state sales tax revenue totaled \$1.84 billion, up 8.7 percent compared to November 2009.

Sales tax revenue has grown for eight consecutive months compared to year-ago levels, with recent gains above the 5 percent mark, she added.

Combs uses sales tax collections as one of more than a dozen "Key Texas Economic Indicators," all of which can be viewed at www.texasahead.org.

Lawmaker to file 'tax honesty' bill

State Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, on Dec. 6 announced he will introduce a constitutional amendment that establishes honesty in taxation and classifies fees, surcharges and other revenue-generating measures as taxes.

Raymond, vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, said, "It is time we make it harder for politicians to hide the truth from the people, and the truth is, if you raise fees, you raise taxes. We need to make sure all taxes are out in the open, so Texans know when their taxes are

being raised."

Raymond said he fears "that a looming deficit of roughly \$25 billion will tempt some lawmakers to try and make up that deficit by raising fees and surcharges without calling them taxes. That would include items like driver's licenses, hunting and fishing licenses and even obtaining a copy of a birth certificate."

TRS fund notches best earnings

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas on Dec. 9 announced its Trust Fund earned 12.6 percent for the 2010 plan year, which ended Sept. 30.

The performance places TRS first among its public pension fund peers with asset values of \$10 billion or more.

As of Sept. 30, the value of the fund had reached \$100.3 billion—up by more than \$8.9 billion from the same date a year earlier.

The trust fund, established to finance member benefits, is the seventh largest public pension plan in the U.S. and among the 20 largest funds in the world. Nearly 1.3 million public education and higher education employees and retirees participate in the system, TRS said.

Anti-bullying legislation filed

State Sens. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and John Whitmire, D-Houston; and state Reps. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, Mark Strama, D-Austin; Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City, and Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, each have filed bills to curb bullying that occurs particularly among school children.

The bills would prohibit old-fashioned bullying, "cyber" bullying, harassment and intimidation, all of which can take many forms.

Some of the legislation calls for the creation of anti-bullying hotlines for victims and witnesses to call.

Unemployment tax rates are set

The standard minimum unemployment insurance tax rate paid by Texas employers in 2011 will be 0.78 percent, up from 0.72 percent in 2010, the Texas Workforce Commission announced Dec. 7.

The taxes replenish the Texas Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, which provides unemployment insurance for Texas workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

The tax rate increase was necessary to offset two years of higher Unemployment Insurance benefit payments, the Texas Workforce Commission said.

WHILE SHOPPING IN THE BIG CITY...



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 14, 2000

After many months of work, Haskell leaders Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Hernandez, Haskell Development Corporation Director Monty Montgomery, County Attorney Shane Hadaway, County Commissioners Kenny Thompson and Tiffen Mayfield and County Judge David Davis were among those turning dirt in the symbolic beginning of construction on the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center.

Viola Harrell Tidwell was honored with a 90th birthday party hosted by nephews Dan and Travis Burson.

County 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team placed first at the District III 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Team members are Chase Cockerell, Amy Turner, Jonathan Hisey and Abby Dudensing.

20 Years Ago December 13, 1990

Sam Beakey of Haskell, a sophomore at Austin College at Sherman, is a member of the basketball team. He is the son of Kay Cook of Haskell.

Michael Rodriguez of Haskell is among 37 students who have been accepted for membership into the Meadows Excellence in Teaching Program at the University of North Texas College of Education.

Listed on the District 9 six-man all district football

team for first team offense are quarterback Jesse Cedillo of Paint Creek; running backs Brad Bevel of Rochester and Shannon Taylor of Rule; blocking ends Kody Wilson and Tommy Casey of Rule; receivers Rodney Tsoodle of Paint Creek and Jeff Hollingsworth of Rochester; and center Paul Leonard of Rule.

30 Years Ago December 11, 1980

Members of First Baptist Church in Haskell, voted unanimously to call Ford Cole as full time Minister of Music. He served previously in this capacity at First Baptist Church in Anadarko, OK.

Mary Holden was presented with the Golden Award by fellow members of the Progressive Study Club, for "service above and beyond the call of duty" during her work on the restoration of the LaBriere home.

Haskell High girls continued their winning streak by chalking up another tournament win in Seymour, raising their record to 9-0. Maidens Cindy Everett and Kim Lane were named to the All-Tournament team.

40 Years Ago December 10, 1970

Over 200 Big Country students participated in the all-district band tryouts. Selected on the All-District Band are Mary Helen Cadenhead, flute and Gail Barnett, alto clarinet.

Royce L. Williams has

been employed as a vice president of the Haskell National Bank, according to an announcement made by President Abe Turner, Jr.

Marine Pvt. Roman C. Estrada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manual Estrada of Weinert, was graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

50 Years Ago December 15, 1960

Kathryn Ann Kretschmer and Jack Hammer were honored as Haskell County Gold Star 4-H winners.

Emmett Russell announced the purchase of Bell Service Station from Jimmy Bledsoe, former owner and operator.

Members of the Commissioners' Court and their wives were guests at a fish fry given at The Anchor with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ballard as host and hostess. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alvis, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kuenstler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ashley.

100 Years Ago December 10, 1910

McNeill and Smith Hardware Co. of this city established a large general hardware store at Weinert, under the management of O.S. Maggart.

In mass meetings held at Sayles and Howard, resolutions were adopted endorsing the appointment of Dr. Robertson as County Health Officer.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Last week's column contained a "test" to see how many readers the column had. Gayla Nanny is the only one who passed as she was the only one to call and ask me if I knew how to get to Lubbock. I could tell you that I'm directionally challenged or say that I don't know that Highway 380 runs east and west and Highway 277 runs north and south or tell you the truth—sloppy proofreading.

The decorating of the windows of the businesses in town is wonderful. Last week, I was thinking that this judging of windows was going to be a piece of cake for the wife and me. The changes that took place the last day or two before the judging on Friday night were almost unbelievable. There were thirteen businesses who entered the contest, which is wonderful, but some decorated beautifully and didn't even enter.

If you haven't made a special trip out just to look at all of the business windows, you need to do so. Congratulations to all who put forth the special effort to decorate their windows for Christmas—a job well done. Also, a big thank you to Melodee Kennedy for volunteering to paint the

windows of many of the vacant buildings as well as some that were occupied. She did an excellent job!

Our Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade exceeded all expectations. There were 26 entries (maybe more 'cause I lost count). I have received numerous positive comments such as, "the best in the eight years that I've been here," "the best that we have seen in our 20 years in this town," "the best Christmas parade this town has ever had." I don't know if it was the best ever, but it definitely was very, very good. All of the participants are to be given a pat on the back for all the hard work that went into preparing all of the floats. By the way, does anyone remember exactly what was reported by the press about our Christmas parade being either the only or one of the only nighttime lighted parades?

Hints for next year's parade have been received: #1 a better sound system with speakers around all sides of the Courthouse so the booming voice of Brandon Anderson can be better heard, #2 taped Christmas music played over the sound system beginning about 30 minutes prior to the start of the parade, #3 and perhaps

the God Loves You Ministries would allow the parade goers to go to their building after the parade to sing some Christmas carols.

Lastly, did anyone see Pastor Tom Long's float?... that Methodist float that was gonna win it all. I've tried to call him several times. I'm guessing sick children were involved in the decision not to have the float—or else he's got some 'splaining' to do.

The enthusiasm that was exhibited by all of the participants as well as the spectators who attended is something that we must keep going because our next big event is Wild Horse Prairie Days—this is a big event for Haskell as it is a rodeo for career or working cowboys and it puts Haskell on their national map. I'm sure Sammy Larned can use your help so keep the adrenalin flowing!

There was an old TV show in which the hero states, "I love it when a plan comes together." May I say, "I love it when a town comes together."

Loved the Christ Bell that was printed in one of the papers last week. What do you want for Christmas? If you are a Christian, you already have it all.

Merry Christmas to the best people in the world!

FSA introduces new online tool

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Department has established an online tool that can link retiring farmers who have expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts with beginning farmers or ranchers who are interested in bringing the land into production. The new online resource, TIP Net, is a website provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), producers with land for sale or lease are introduced to qualified beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who want to buy or rent land for their operations.

"The interest in TIP during the first six months of implementation has far exceeded our expectations," said Vilsack. "This tool should make TIP even more effective in facilitating the transition of land to our next generation of farmers."

TIP provides up to two additional Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments to a retired or retiring owner or operator with an expiring CRP contract. To qualify, the landowner must sell or lease the CRP land to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher so the new operator can convert some or all of the land to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

As of Nov. 30, TIP participation included 372 contracts on more than 52,000 acres, with nearly \$5 million obligated for TIP annual rental payments.

For beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers who cannot qualify for conventional credit, FSA offers financing as well. FSA makes direct loans and guaranteed loans made by conventional farm lenders to finance the purchase and operation of a farm. Each fiscal year, the agency targets a significant portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loan funds to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. In the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2010, FSA made or guaranteed 18,700 loans totaling \$1.975 billion to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. In addition to the funding reserves, FSA operates a special "down payment" loan program to assist socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers in purchasing a farm. Like TIP, this program can help retiring farmers transfer their land to future generations.

Additional information on FSA farm loan programs is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov or from any FSA office. TIP Net can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tipnet>.

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JV-V vs Holliday

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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

JV-V vs Archer City

Fri., Dec. 17 • 4 p.m.

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Go Indians!
Go Maidens!





PIRATES VS BRYSON—The Paint Creek Pirates fell to Bryson 29-27. On the left, Jordan Adkins looks for an open man. Curtis Bishop, right, goes for two points during the game.

Paint Creek basketball

The Pirates and Lady Pirates played Moran Tues., Dec. 7 with both teams capturing a win, Pirates 65-17 and Lady Pirates 35-28.

Scoring for the Pirates were Curtis Bishop 22, Hunter Hall 17, Andrew Matthies 17, Jordan Adkins 5, Nathan Edwards 4, Justin

Bailey 2, Dalton Barnett 2, Caleb McCord 2 and River McCasney 2.

Points for the Lady Pirates came from Katrina Buerger 15, Felysha Walker 10, Kadie McCord 6, Katie Bosnjak 2 and Caitlin Medford 2.

The Pirates fell to Bryson

Friday night, Dec. 10, 29-27 and the Lady Pirates won their game 34-23.

Scoring for the Pirates were Bishop 15, Adkins 6, Edwards 2 and Hall 2.

Scoring for the Lady Pirates were Bosnjak 10, Buerger 9, Walker 9, Medford 4 and Samantha Barnett 2.



TOP COLLECTORS—Haskell Elementary students who collected the most for the Jump Rope for Heart event were, l-r, Ariel Wolf, Braelyn Bevel, Lauren Buchanan and Laken Olson.

Students raise money for Jump Rope for Heart

The Haskell Elementary second, third, fourth and fifth graders participated in their annual Jump Rope for Heart event Fri., Nov. 19. Eighty kids collected donations out of the 171 participants involved. Altogether, students raised \$3,737.43, to help the fight against heart disease and stroke.

The students collecting donations will receive prizes from the American Heart Association (AHA)

for their efforts. The top collectors in each grade will enjoy the AHA prizes as well as incentives from local merchants.

The second grade top collector was Lauren Buchanan with \$145 followed by the third grade top collector, Braelyn Bevel who had \$136. Laken Olson collected \$213.46 and was the top fourth grade collector as well as the overall top collector. For the fifth

graders, Ariel Wolf was the top collector with \$142.15.

"I appreciate the kids and their hard work to make this year's event a big success. We had fun jumping rope and I am proud of everyone involved. I think this is a great cause to contribute to and it also gives the kids an opportunity to work in and with the public," Tiffany Thomas, P.E. teacher/Jump Rope for Heart coordinator said.

Season's Best

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RIBBON CUTTING—A ribbon cutting, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, was held Wed., Dec. 8 for The Handy Man. The construction and remodeling business is owned by John Van Bibber, center, who is cutting the ribbon. On hand for the ceremony were, l-r, Betty Sue McDermott, Sheila Hester, Lacy Van Bibber, Megan Cox, Sally Rueffer and John Gannaway.



GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS—Employees of Haskell Memorial Hospital presented gifts to residents of Haskell Healthcare Center on Fri., Dec. 10. On hand for the presentation were, residents, l-r, Betty Landreth, Bessie Green, Janet Cowperthwait and Hazel Dumas. Employees attending were Kim Hill, Charlotte Welch, Fran McCown, Farah Lucion, Debbie Curd, Charlotte Johnson, Lavon Hamilton, Teresa Rodriguez, Gena Pierce, Leisa Hutchinson, Lisa Meier and Deana Sanders.

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MOVES DOWN COURT—Haskell Indian #24 Christian Myers moves the ball down the court during an Albany tournament game.



HARLEY JAMES



JESSICA RODRIGUEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Harley James is the daughter of Carson and Tishia Horner of Rochester.

She attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she is active in National Honor Society, band, athletics and UIL academics.

She has been named to the Academic All-State Basketball team, showed a Grand Champion pen of rabbits, was a FFA state qualifier for two years, and was on the second team All-District Softball team for two years.

She enjoys showing rabbits and reading.

She plans to attend

Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls to become a pre-K teacher.

Jessica Rodriguez is the daughter of Andy and Rosemary Rodriguez.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School, she is active in band and FCS. She enjoys playing softball and spending time with her family and friends.

She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and study to become a Registered Nurse and eventually a pediatric nurse.



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Girls

Haskell 59, Hawley 20
Scoring for Haskell: Johnson 19, Short 10, Hadaway 8, McGhee 6, Cassidy 6, Colley 6, Hearn 4.

Albany Tournament Haskell 37, Wylie JV 26
Scoring for Haskell: McGhee 10, Hearn 6, Colley 6, Johnson 5, Short 5, Hadaway 2, Garcia 2, Burson 1.

Newcastle 54, Haskell 31
Scoring for Haskell: Short 9, Hearn 5, Johnson 4, Colley 3, McGhee 2, Burson 2, Garcia 2, Hadaway 2.

Roby 28, Haskell 21
Scoring for Haskell: Short 11, McGhee 8, Hearn 1, Johnson 1.
All-tournament team: Marissa McGhee.

Rule 38, Knox City 37
Scoring for Rule: Polk 23, Dudensing 7, Petty 4, Foreman 2, Burgess 2.

Holiday decorations may be something to sneeze at

As you begin pulling down the holiday decorations from the attic this season, doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center have some tips for cutting down allergy risks.

"Carrying items down from dusty attics or pulling them from garages and storage areas can stir up dust and molds," says Dr. Rebecca Gruchalla, chief of allergy and immunology at UT Southwestern.

When selecting decorations, try avoiding fabric, which trap more dust than plastic, metal and glass items. But if you have fabric decorations, try washing them before putting them up.

If decorations appear dusty, take them outside and wipe them down before putting them up in your home. That can be particularly helpful with artificial trees, which can accumulate dust and mold in the branches.

Also, about one in every 10 people is allergic to mountain cedar pollen, and these trees release their pollen just at the time you'd be bringing them indoors to decorate. Fortunately, this is only a risk for those who like to go out into the wild and cut their own trees. The Scotch pines and Douglas firs available at most Christmas tree lots or cut-it-yourself tree farms don't pollinate during the winter.

Other things that may exacerbate symptoms in people with asthma and allergies during the holiday season include scented candles, wood stored for fireplaces and even the smoke from fires. If traveling during the holidays, consider taking your own pillow with a dust-mite-proof encasement.

Boys

Albany Tournament Wylie JV 61, Haskell 29
Scoring for Haskell: Myers 8, Neskorik 7.

DeLeon 45, Haskell 41
Scoring for Haskell: Neskorik 14, Aguero 7.

Haskell 37, Roby 34 for seventh place
Scoring for Haskell: Wittenborn 13, Howard 7.

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HEADED DOWN COURT—Haskell Maiden #11 Taylor Burson is headed down court in a game against Newcastle during the Albany tournament.



GETS AIRBORNE—Haskell Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn gets off a shot against Roby during the Albany tournament.



SHOT ATTEMPT—Haskell Maiden #55 Ashlee Short gets a shot off against Newcastle during the Albany tournament.



3 POINTER—Haskell Maiden #5 Marissa McGhee shoots a three-pointer during the game against Roby during the Albany tournament. McGhee was named to the All-tournament team.

This Week's Devotional Message:

Don't just talk about faith; be an example of it



We are continually urged to attend our house of worship, with many reasons why we should do so and thereby improve the quality of our lives. At the same time, we are asked to go one step farther and in turn, try to persuade others to do likewise. However, words alone will seldom convince anyone of this. In order to be effective, you must live your own life in such a manner as to be a perfect

example of the joys of faith, which will help you either solve your problems or learn to cope with them; so that you can face the world with a genuine aura of serenity about you. This will be the most compelling argument you can give anyone about the blessings of regular attendance at religious services; proving that one radiant smile can be worth more than a thousand words.

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
- 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.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- 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**
Clovie 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 Omegs
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**
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- Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ball parks 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.
- Projects related to entertainment including auditoriums convention, tourist, exhibition facilities, amphitheatres 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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 applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

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Tuesday: Oatmeal, toast
Lunch

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Monday: Corn dogs, fries, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, fruit

Tuesday: Hamburgers, cheese, salad, chips, Rice Krispies

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 20

Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Dec. 22

Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, cornbread, cherry fluff, tea or coffee

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