

Basketball

HASKELL
VG-B at Eula Tournament
Dec. 27-29
at Eula
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Loraine
Tues., Dec. 28, 12 noon
at Loraine
RULE
VG-VB at Jayton
Tournament
Dec. 27-29
at Jayton

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.

Candlelight service

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

Candlelight service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell Fri., Dec. 24 beginning at 11 p.m.

Candlelight service

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

Guest pastor

Rev. Henry Flint of Wildfire Global Church in Abilene will be the guest speaker at Greater Independent Baptist Church in Haskell Sun., Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

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.

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.

Deadlines

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

Teamkid

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

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Merry Christmas

The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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Paint Creek School teams compete at UIL

Paint Creek School students participated in UIL events recently.

Team results include:
 Third Grade Spelling, second place;

Fifth Grade Art, second place; Fifth Grade Dictionary, second place; Fifth Grade Listening, second place; Fifth Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts, third place; Fifth Grade Social Studies, first

place;

Sixth Grade Calculator Apps, first place; Sixth Grade Listening, first place; Sixth Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts, second place; Sixth Grade Math, first place; Sixth Grade Spelling, third place;

Seventh Grade Spelling, third place; Eighth Grade Art, third place; Eighth Grade Dictionary, third place;

Eighth Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts, third place; Eighth Grade Number Sense, second place; Eighth Grade Social Studies, third place.

The Elementary placed third overall in the competition. The Junior High took fifth place.

Individual results include:
 Second grade: Creative Writing: Zachary Elkins, first place; Gracie Oliver second

place; Jasmine Boyd, third place. Oral Reading: Gabriel Mitchell, sixth place; Story Telling: Eric Perkins first place; Gracie Oliver, third place.

Third grade: Oral Reading, Adaline Utley, fourth place; Ready Writing, Desiree Acosta, third place; Spelling, Desiree Acosta, second place; Storytelling, K'Lee Lampe, fourth place.

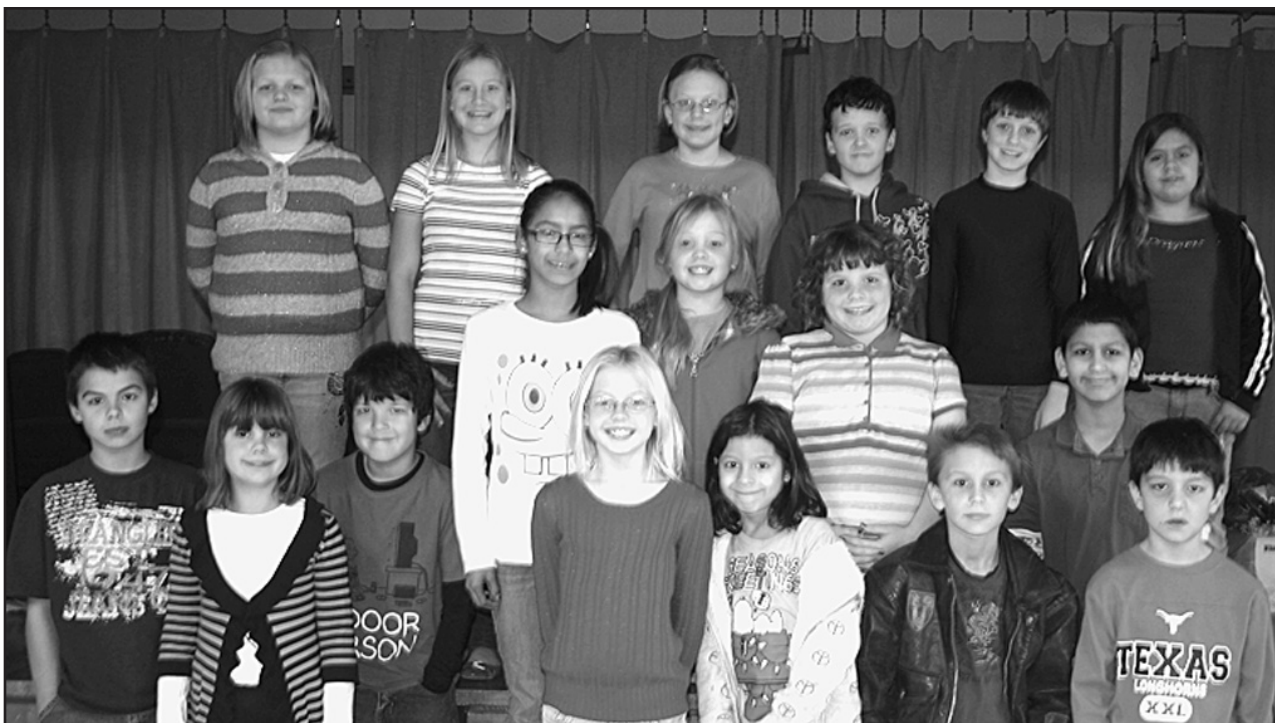
Fourth grade: Spelling, Gabriel Todd, second place.

Fifth grade: Art, Felicity Hannsz, third place and Abby Blair, sixth place; Dictionary Skills, Abby Blair, second place and Katelyn Jenkins, fifth place; Listening Skills, Cheyenne Elias, third place; Maps, Graphs, & Charts, Abby Blair, fourth place; Oral Reading, Felicity Hannsz, first place and Abby Blair, fourth place; Ready Writing, Katelyn Jenkins, sixth place; Social Studies, Bayden Graham, fifth place; Spelling, Abby Blair, third place.

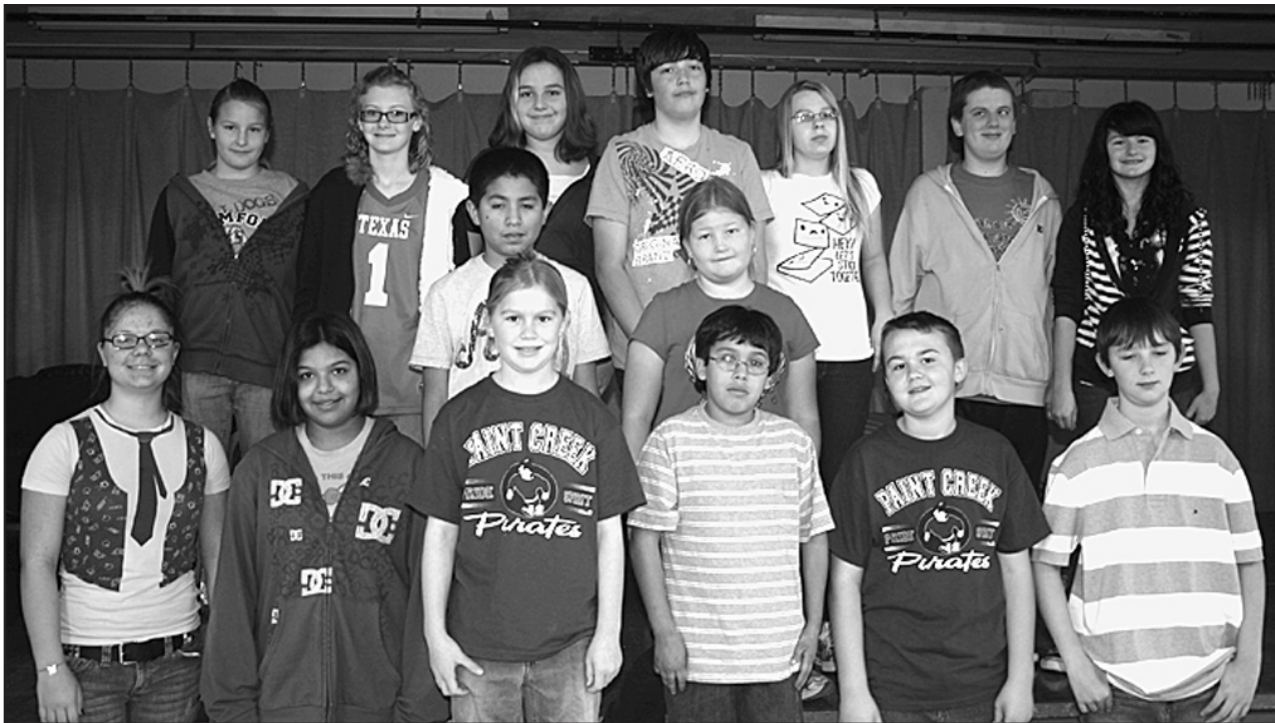
Sixth grade: Calculator Apps, Corey Mengwasser, fourth place; Listening, Buddy Trotter, third place and Corey Mengwasser, fourth place; Maps, Graphs & Charts, Melisa Rock, fourth place; Mathematics, Corey Mengwasser, fourth place and Melisa Rock, sixth place; Number Sense, Catherine Lemond, third place; Oral Reading, Catherine Lemond, first place and Buddy Trotter, sixth place; Social Studies, Caitlyn Douglas, fourth place and Buddy Trotter, sixth place; Spelling, Corey Mengwasser, third place.

Seventh grade: Calculator Apps, Jarrett Lopez, sixth place; Dictionary Skills, Jarrett Lopez, fifth place; Editorial Writing, Sebastian Acosta, second place; Listening, Paige Ramirez, sixth place; Ready Writing, Paige Ramirez, second place; Spelling, Paige Ramirez, fourth place.

Eighth grade: Calculator Apps, Bryant Booe, fifth place; Impromptu, Shady Blue Dunlap, fifth place; Listening, Joey Bosnjak, fourth place; Maps, Graphs & Charts, Bryant Booe, second place; Micah Waggoner, fourth place; Mathematics, Micah Waggoner, second place; Number Sense, Micah Waggoner, second place and Bryant Booe fifth place; Ready Writing, Micah Waggoner, second place and Brandon Luevano fifth place; Social Studies, Micah Waggoner, third place; Spelling, Micah Waggoner, fourth place.



UIL WINNERS—Paint Creek Elementary School UIL winners include, front row, l-r, Jaclyn Snelling, Gracie Oliver, Jasmine Boyd, Gabriel Mitchell and Zakary Elkins; middle row, Eric Perkins, Tanner Booe, Marina Salinas, Adaline Utley, K'Lee Lampe and Jr. Moreno; back row, Abby Blair, Katelyn Jenkins, Felicity Hannsz, Gabriel Todd, Bayden Graham and Cheyenne Elias. Not pictured is Desiree Acosta.



UIL WINNERS—Paint Creek Junior High School UIL winners include, front row, l-r, Stormy Darnell, Andrea Aguilar, Zhenia McTasney, Sebastian Acosta, Corey Mengwasser and Buddy Trotter; middle row, Jarrett Lopez and Catherine Lemond; back row, Caitlyn Douglas, Caitlyn Mengwasser, Melisa Rock, Micah Waggoner, Shady Blue Dunlap, Joey Bosnjak and Paige Ramirez. Not pictured are Bryant Booe and Brandon Luevano.

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.

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Walter Dee Larned and Alice Larned	\$100
And, in honor of our second mother,	
Ruth Larned	\$25
by the Sammy Larned families	
Total this week	\$792.76
Previous total	\$1345
Total to date	\$2137.76

Fire Dept. honors two

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas meeting and party Mon., Dec. 13.

Honored at the meeting were firemen Mathew Cunningham and Randall

Martin, who received ten year service pins.

Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw reported the department answered four vehicle fires, 27 wildfires, 16 structure fires and a fire involving 69 cotton modules. The department also

provided 40 landing zones for helicopters and made four rescues.

Attending were firemen and their spouses, retired firemen and their spouses, local law enforcement and emergency personnel and city personnel.



SERVICE AWARD—Haskell fireman Mathew Cunningham, left, receives a 10 year service pin from Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw during the department's annual Christmas meeting and party.

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Pair of Marine moms headed to run in Boston Marathon

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By MARK WALKER
mlwalker@nctimes.com

Marine moms are a strong, proud and brave bunch. But they can also be wracked with worry when their sons and daughters are at war in Afghanistan and they hear daily reports of battlefield carnage.

Two of those moms who live about 2,000 miles away from each other—and who didn't know one another until Wednesday—were on parallel life tracks during the just-completed combat deployment of Camp Pendleton's 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

Both are runners. One runs long distances regularly; the other had largely quit running until her son left on his first combat assignment.

The two, Katy Smargiassi of the Seattle suburb of Auburn, and Carmel Pace of the small town of Rule, Texas, met for the first time Wednesday shortly before welcoming their sons home at Camp Pendleton.

During the seven months their sons were at war in Afghanistan, each said they ran more often and farther to cope with the stress and worry.

After becoming acquainted, the two now plan to run together in the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon, the second appearance for each in the storied race.

"The worry was awful," said Pace of the deployment of her 21-year-old son, Cpl. Stephen Pace. "You're not able to control anything, you worry all the time. I prayed a lot, and I ran a lot."

The 47-year-old audiologist said she had largely quit her regimen of three to four runs a week. But in the last seven months, she was back on the road five days a week, logging 18 to 20 miles each outing.

Smargiassi, a middle school teacher, was dealing with her son's fourth overseas deployment. It didn't help he suffered a shrapnel injury from a roadside bomb. It was serious enough to result in him being awarded a Purple Heart, but he was treated in Afghanistan and returned to duty.

"I did an awful lot of running," she said. "It's a good way to deal with stress."

Her running helped her cope with her worries about her son and the recent death of her father, she said.

It was a marathon race in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, that saw her record a time of under four hours, sufficient to qualify for Boston.

For Pace, it was a qualifier in San Antonio where she also was under the four-hour mark.

After becoming acquainted and exchanging contact information, the two chatted until their sons emerged from a base armory.

Each shed tears as they wrapped their arms around their sons. And after a few moments of gripping their children tightly, the two women made sure to seek one another out again to introduce their respective sons.

Smargiassi and Pace say they will keep in touch and be among the more than 20,000 runners expected to compete in the 115th

Boston Marathon set for April 18.

Call staff writer Mark Walker at 760-740-3529.

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PACE RUNS—Carmel Pace, left, hugs newly found friend Katy Smargiassi during a homecoming at Camp Pendleton on Wednesday. The two women each ran during their sons' deployments to Afghanistan to deal with the stress. Each plans to compete in the Boston Marathon in April. Pace's son, Cpl. Stephen Pace, is on the left. (Photo by Jamie Scott Lytle—Staff photographer of The North County Times-California)

Obituaries

Cathey Jean Clark Denney



CATHEY DENNEY

Memorial services for Cathey Jean Clark Denney, 53, of Haskell were held Sun., Dec. 12 at First Baptist Church in Rochester with Rev. Joseph Barrett, pastor, officiating. Arrangements

were under the direction of Owens-Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Denney went home to be with the Lord Fri., Dec. 3.

Born Sept. 8, 1957 in Lawton, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Steve Warren and Frances Hamilton Clark. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Rochester and a member of the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma. She enjoyed spending her time as a volunteer for ARC of Wichita Falls and at battered women's shelter. She had a kind, loving heart and was always willing to help the underprivileged and

handicapped. She enjoyed bead work, writing poetry, journaling and reading.

She was preceded in death by her father, Steve Clark and her grandparents.

Survivors include her son, James Warren Pitts and wife Vanessa of Wichita Falls; her mother, Frances Clark of Haskell; grandchildren, Chloe Byrd, Saydee Pitts and Joshua Rowdy Pitts, all of Wichita Falls; her brother, Steve Clark and Maxine of Las Vegas, Nevada; two aunts, Bertha Hamilton of The Woodlands and Marie Clark Tuggle of Fresno, California; and numerous cousins.

PD. NOTICE

Billy James 'Bill' Matysiak

Graveside services for Billy James 'Bill' Matysiak, 84, of Rule were held Sat., Dec. 18 at Rule Cemetery in Rule under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mr. Matysiak died Thurs., Dec. 16 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Oct. 19, 1926 in Carlisle, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He served in the United States Navy. A 32nd degree Mason, he also was a Shriner,

and a member of the Rule Masonic Lodge #954. He retired from B.P. in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Matysiak of Rule; son, Alan Matysiak of Karnack; daughter, Lynda Crumpton and husband Jerry of McKinney; grandchildren, Bryan Matysiak, Stacie Weisberg and Shelly Wiggins and husband Zach; two great grandchildren, Jaxon and Lylah Wiggins.

PD. NOTICE

Granvel Gene Otts

Graveside services for Granvel Gene Otts, 80, of Throckmorton were held Mon., Dec. 20 at Woodson Cemetery in Woodson, under the direction of Merriman-Archer Funeral Home of Throckmorton.

Mr. Otts went to be with his Lord Sat., Dec. 18 at a Throckmorton hospital.

Otts was a heavy equipment operator in Throckmorton County for more than 25 years. He was an avid and full time coon hunter and a member of the Baptist Church in Throckmorton. He honorably served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

He will be greatly missed by those who

loved and knew him.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Lee Jones.

Survivors include two sons, Amon MacOtts of Throckmorton and Richard Gene Otts of Abilene; two daughters, Natrell Cain (Harold Cain) and Joy Denise Gibson (James Gibson) of Abilene; his wife, Theresa (Smallridge) Otts of Throckmorton; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; two brothers, Derral Otts and his wife Dessie of Throckmorton and Bobby Otts of Alvarado; and one sister-in-law, Beth Otts of Throckmorton.

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CLUB SINGS—Members of the Progressive Study Club sang Christmas carols to residents at Haskell Healthcare Center. Singers pictured with Santa include, front row, l-r, Susan Turner, Oleta Cornelius, Tinka Nelson; back row, Nancy Toliver, Tommy Jo Clark, Kay Croft, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Camin Pittman, Freida Ivy, Debbie Kennedy, Lynn Dodson and Dorothy Hartsfield.



GO CAROLING—The Elementary students from Paint Creek School enjoyed a morning of Christmas caroling in Haskell on Friday. Their first stop was Haskell Healthcare Center where they serenaded the residents, and then presented them with handmade cards and poinsettias. They then visited the Experienced Citizens Center to sing to those who were having lunch. They too received cards and poinsettias. The third and fifth graders caroled around Lake Stamford on Thursday.

Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group held their Christmas Dinner on Dec. 7. A meal fit for a king was provided. Thank you's to all whom helped this year with the meals and support of our group were spoken.

The group normally adopts a family this time of year, but we were blessed with two families this year, both cancer patients with children in the homes. Extra donations were sought to help the group furnish a Christmas for both families. This past Sat., Melissa Mitchell and The Hutto's delivered one family a Christmas they will for sure remember for time to come. It is a grandma raising her two grandsons and she is fighting for her life with cancer. It was a pleasure to help them and warmed our hearts this Christmas season.

Our second family's gift will be delivered this week, a Paint Creek family with

two children. But the group is asking for more help. Any monetary donations would be so helpful. You are more than welcome to call the Hutto's and Kim will be happy to pick up your donation or mail it to: Haskell Area Cancer Support Group, 506 S. 8th St., Haskell, Texas 79521.

Our group has fallen short of completing the second family's Christmas and that just can't happen. Cancer doesn't care that this is Christmas and the family has Mom in the hospital fighting for her life. Her children have to continue to live everyday wondering. Please help us help this family that so deserves it.

Also the group was notified that Kim Hutto is now on the donor list for bone marrow. Another Leukemia patient inspired her to do this, Colton Manley (22 of Abilene). He is currently at MD Anderson in the fight

of his life. He has good and bad days, just as all cancer patients and their family.

I have said this so many times, cancer has no heart. It doesn't care of your eye color, hair color, age or status in this life. Do you realize your youngest child or grandchild has a cancer cell? It just breaks my heart what cancer does to families.

The next meeting will be Jan. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A meal is always provided and information on cancer and support anyone needs to fight this battle. The support group is here for the patient, families and friends of any cancer patient. We stick together in this fight and my phone is answered 24/7. For more information, call Kim at 940-864-5964 or 325-864-4466.

Alzheimer's Support Group cancels December meeting

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

The December meeting of the Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group has been cancelled. The support group will resume their regular fourth Monday meetings on Mon., Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending these meetings that are open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area. The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges

associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/

FCS at 940-864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-County Extension Agent/ 272-3900.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Two state representatives move to Republican Party

AUSTIN—Two Democratic state representatives, Allan Ritter of Nederland and Aaron Pena of Edinburg, last week announced they had joined the Republican Party.

The addition of their seats gave the Republicans 100 seats—a two-thirds “supermajority” in the 150-seat Texas House. This creates for the GOP a procedural benefit in the upcoming legislative session that convenes Jan. 11. A Republican supermajority can overcome Democratic efforts to block bills from coming to the House floor for debate.

Ritter said his decision to go Republican reflects the values of his conservative East Texas district. Pena, whose 10-year voting record in the House shows conservative tendencies on many issues, said he switched because he believes his district, which includes part of Hidalgo County, will fare better if he serves as a Republican.

Perry, Abbott, laud judge's ruling

U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson's recent ruling in Virginia that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's individual mandate violates the U.S. Constitution appears to sit well with two of Texas' top state executives.

In separate statements issued Dec. 13, Gov. Rick Perry and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott praised Judge Hudson's ruling.

Perry and Abbott said they regard the act, signed into law by President Obama in August, as infringing on the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, because it requires citizens to purchase health insurance.

Perry criticized what he referred to as the act's “one-size-fits-all approach to dealing with health care,” and Abbott said, “No public policy goal—no matter how important or well-intentioned—can be allowed to trample the protections and rights guaranteed by our Constitution.”

Texas is part of a 20-state coalition against the federal health care law. The coalition includes Florida, South Carolina, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Utah, Alabama, South Dakota, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia and Alaska.

Rebate to reach more Texans

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 15 announced her office is adding more money to the upcoming “Energy Star” appliance mail-in rebate program to allow

more Texans to take advantage of rebates.

An additional \$8.5 million is being added to the initial \$10 million. The money comes through the federal stimulus program.

The purchase period for the now \$18.5 million Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program begins Dec. 20 and will remain open until the available funds are distributed.

Jobless rate increases slightly

On Dec. 17, the Texas Workforce Commission reported the state's total non-farm employment was up by 19,100 jobs in November, but the unemployment rate rose slightly to 8.2 percent for the month.

In contrast, the U.S. unemployment rate for November was at 9.8 percent.

The Texas unemployment rate has ranged between 8.1 and 8.3 percent during 2010, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

More Texas vets qualify for benefits

Texas General Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on Dec. 16 announced the 1.7 million veterans living in Texas, regardless of when they moved here, will qualify for benefits from the Texas Veterans Land Board as of Dec. 21.

Patterson said he is dropping the one-year residency requirement “because too many deserving Texas veterans were not able to access the benefits they've earned.”

The Veterans Land Board was created in 1946 after Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing \$25 million in bonds to help World War II veterans buy land.

Since then, the land and home loan programs have funded more than \$9 billion in loans and become popular options for veterans looking to buy the American Dream, Patterson said.

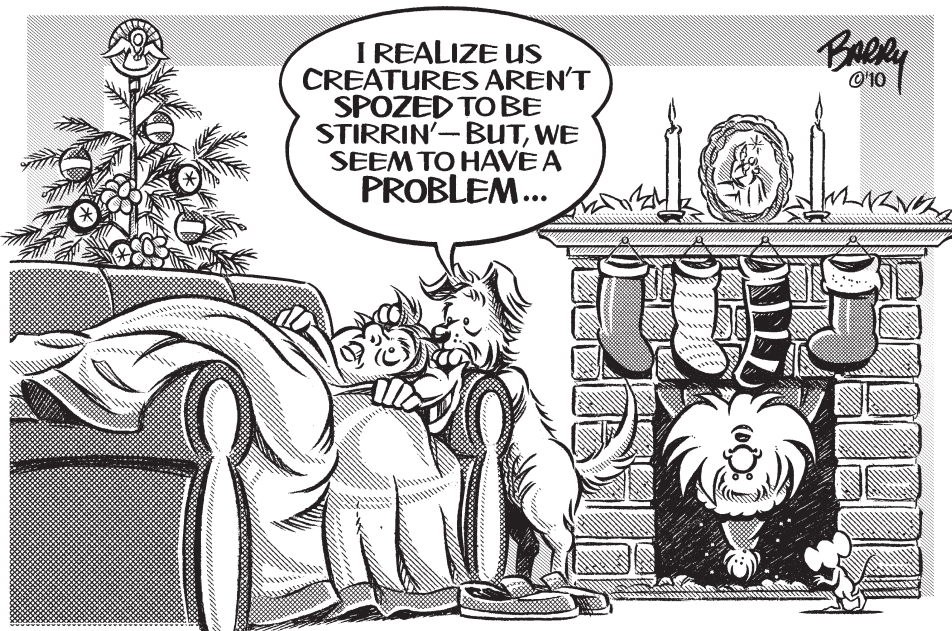
Texas is one of only five states to offer a veterans program.

Late lawmaker's son wins election

John Kuempel won a special election to fill the unexpired term of his father, long-time District 44 state Rep. Edmund Kuempel. District 44 includes Guadalupe, Gonzales and Wilson counties.

Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguín, died of a heart attack in Austin on Nov. 4 and was buried in the Texas State Cemetery on Nov. 9.

In a field of 10 candidates, John Kuempel received more than 7,000 of the 11,000 votes cast in the Dec. 14 special election.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 21, 2000

Haskell Chamber of Commerce first place winners in the Christmas lighting contest were: business category, Personality-Slipper Shoppe; residential category, Rob and Amy McKnight; and Overall Lighting Effects Award, Janet and Craig McCormick.

Shane Stout of Haskell was the grand prize winner at the open house held by Richardson's Truck and Tractor, as they celebrated 37 years of service to this area.

The Haskell Indians defeated Rotan by a score of 64 to 49. Leading the scoring for the Indians was Cliff McGuire with 21 points, Josh Webb with 10 points and Jimmy Huff with 8 points.

20 Years Ago December 20, 1990

Close to 500 people attended Haskell National Bank's 100th birthday open house celebration. It was announced that Buelah Toliver is the bank's oldest depositor, having opened an account in 1917.

The Haskell FFA Junior Skills team, consisting of Blake Henshaw, Brian Brzozowski and Matt Perry, placed third in the state competition.

County Clerk Woody Frazier was honored with a surprise retirement party as courthouse personnel paid tribute to the longtime

official.

Charles Swinson received the Golden Trowel Award from the Mason's Grand Lodge in recognition of his exceptional service in and around the community.

30 Years Ago December 18, 1980

Volunteer firemen receiving service badges were E.J. Stewart, 30 years; Wayne Wainscott, 20 years; Bill Comedy, 10 years; and Dugan Starr, 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie (Gene) Conder of Rule, were honored by their children with a reception on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Adam Sanchez, a 1975 Haskell High School graduate, and a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, is one of 14 students selected to attend the Southeast Theater Conference auditions in Orlando, Florida.

40 Years Ago December 17, 1970

The Haskell County Garden Club presented a Christmas Tour of Homes. The tour included the homes of Dr. and Mrs. T.W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lane, Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Colbert and Mrs. Ed Hester.

Lt. Colonel Albert Holcomb, a Haskell County native, has been awarded the Silver Star for the combat rescue of a downed Marine pilot in Vietnam. The award is one of the nation's highest for bravery.

Sue Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lewis of Rule, was recently inducted into Sigma Tau Delta, a national honor fraternity for English students. She is a senior elementary education major at McMurry College.

50 Years Ago December 22, 1960

Three Haskell businessmen represented this city at a regional meeting of the Texas Industrial Commission. They are W.R. Johnson, vice president of Haskell National Bank; Tom Barfield, president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Carl Wheatley, state representative-elect.

Leading cheers for the Haskell Indians are cheerleaders Joe Nored Boone, Joanie Watson, LaVern Jones, Christy Royall, Beverly Helweg and Carol Jircik.

Sheriff-elect Garth Garrett has selected Covell Adkins of this city, as office deputy in the sheriff's department.

100 Years Ago December 17, 1910

Ten carloads of immigrants' effects have arrived in Haskell. These things belong to people who are moving in to occupy Haskell County farms. Most of the newcomers are from Bell County.

Chester McFatter has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Rule.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Weather in West Texas is, to say the least, a challenge. It is cold one day then in the 80's the next. No wonder so many people are whooping, hacking and coughing. The wife and I have named this condition the “Haskell Grunge.” We've been suffering with it about ten weeks. It is persistent! Maybe all the overeating during the holidays will cure it—sure hope so.

If you have been thinking about doing some Christmas shopping, you better quit thinkin' and start doin'. It is almost upon us. One thing that my Christmas list includes is a good rain. We need it for the wheat crop, for the underground moisture for next year and our attitude and health—a good rain always makes me feel better.

There have been lots of activities this past week and I have thoroughly enjoyed each of them. The Christmas Cantata was wonderful. We are so blessed to have so many talented people in this town who can sing. I just have one problem with this program—it takes every bit of self-control that I have to keep from singing along. Next year maybe they will ask those of us in the audience to sing a song or two with them.

I know we have to have some of the world's best cooks right here. Jan and I have

attended several Christmas feeds put on by various organizations, county groups, city groups and others and I have not found one food item that I did not like—I didn't just like them, I really liked them.

We attended the band concert and the junior high and high school band have some really good musicians. Congratulations to them not only for their marching skills but for their musical abilities. I can remember my days in the band—if you just wanted it to be loud, I could handle that. If it required some special musical skill, then I was good at faking it.

The CISD Open House was well attended. What a face-lift for those halls of our youth and the Administration and School Board did a heck of a job funding the venture. The ‘Gerald McCoy Science Complex’ is a fitting tribute to a very special man. I could write on and on about this man and his wonderful family who mean so much to me, but I'll save that for a different time. Congratulations Mr. McCoy; you deserve it.

This is a family season, when we reflect on those past ones when the family was intact. We had a grandmother/grandfather, mom/dad and siblings all around us. Every year when we put up the tree,

there is a feeling of joy on one hand, but on the other there is a deep sadness for those who will not be here this year and those who have been gone for some time. For some of us, including my family, we are having our first Christmas without the Matriarch. The brothers are involved with their own families as I am, and the reason we all gathered is now gone. For the first time in my 69 years, it is my responsibility to “fill the stockings.” (And I always thought it was Santa.) I think of this as a shift or a transition that we will be experiencing. If we live long enough, we experience many of these such shiftings—I don't like change, but that's the only constant in this life. I hope you will have a smile on your face when you think of those not here and realize it is simply a change of address.... and you will be there soon.

In your spare time, you need to start thinking about the direction you would like to see our fine city go. There will be two city-wide forums, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31. Jot down some ideas and be prepared to come to these meetings. They will be about our future and you need to be a part of it.

To you and yours...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vets to fly to Washington D.C. to see memorial

“Time is of the essence,” says Jeff Ballenger, a 1987 Hardin-Simmons University graduate who has been volunteering for a program that honors World War II veterans.

Ballenger says approximately 1,200 World War II vets die each day. That is why he has tapped HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall to co-chair an Honor Flight program for veterans living in West Texas.

The West Texas Honor Flight goal is to take those who fought for our country in WWII to Washington D.C. to see their memorial, says Ballenger, who has already aided in taking about 2,000 Iowa vets to D.C.

Ballenger, a small business executive and entrepreneur in Council Bluffs, Iowa, told HSU faculty and staff during a news conference today that he spent a lot of his childhood at his grandparents' home in Rule. “My grandfather was a World War II veteran, that's why I want to bring this program here, to honor those who served with him.”

Ballenger says he often sees his grandfather again and again in the characteristics of “The Greatest Generation.”

The West Texas Honor Flight, he anticipates, will be this coming spring. Ballenger and Hall will work to raise \$250,000 to carry 300 veterans to Washington. Those who wish to go may pick up applications at Hardin-Simmons University at the Dyess Welcome Center near the Cedar Street entrance or the Taylor County Veterans Service Office in the Taylor County Courthouse Annex, Suite 170.

Donations may be made to the Taylor County Veterans Service Office, 400 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602; Hardin-Simmons University, P.O. Box 16100, Abilene, Texas 79698; or donations may be sent to West Texas Honor Flight at P.O. Box 125, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51502. Be sure to designate the check to the West Texas Honor Flight.

A website will be available in the coming weeks, but if you would like to see what the program has already done, you may go to www.CentralIowaHonorFlight.org.

Ballenger says he knows West Texans will step up to support this project.

Students in the News

Lacey B. Peiser, and Samantha A. Steele, both of Haskell were listed on Midwestern State University's Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2010 semester. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours in one semester with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than C will be included on the Dean's Honor Roll. The student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC.

Shannon L. Sanford of Weinert was listed on the President's Honor Roll at MSU. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 hours in one semester with no grade lower than A (4.0) will be included on the President's Honor Roll. The student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC.

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*Go Indians!
Go Maidens!*



Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a...

Dear Santa,
My name is Brayden Brzozowski, and I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I have tried really hard this year to be good. I have even helped my mom and dad when they have asked...well sometimes. This year for Christmas I would like to have some Legos, a flat screen TV and a xbox 360. Could you please bring my little brother some legos, so he wouldn't always go

in my room and get mine. My brother and I will leave you cookies and milk again this year and also leave your reindeer some food too.
Love, Brayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Gaige Strickland and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year, even though I am still learning on how to listen to my mom and dad. This year for Christmas I would

like a big bike with training wheels and some legos. Could you please bring my brother some legos too, he is always real nice and lets me play with his. My brother told me that we would leave you cookies and milk and put out reindeer food. I will try real hard not to eat the cookies.
Love, Gaige

Dear Santa,
I would like a train, Toy Story 3 movie, a Woody doll, and a Dinosaur Train movie. I have been very good.
Love, Audie
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon Stephens, and I am 1 year old. I think I have been a pretty good boy this year. I think for Christmas I want some spiderman toys, new cars, maybe some baseball or football stuff and I would love a bike or a car that is my size that I can ride! And mom said maybe some new movies because she said I am wearing my spiderman and scooby doo dvds out. And please bring my dog Kacie a new chew toy so she will quit chewing on my toys and a new bed so she will quit sneaking into my bed at night. Thanks Santa and I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylin Siegfried and I am 2 years old. I have been very good this year! Of course my little brother has been the bad one! Please bring me a baby doll, high heels, and some makeup. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you.
Thanks, Kaylin Siegfried

Dear Santa,
My name is Quinten Siegfried and I am 18 months. I have been as good as a little boy can be. Please bring me a football, trucks, and anything that makes lots of noise. I will try and save you a cookie or two and a glass of milk.
Thanks,
Quinten Siegfried

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron Quintero, I am 3 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like some Mighty Beans, Optimus Prime, Spiderman and Ironman. And fill my stocking with lots of candy and prizes! I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Aaron Quintero

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan Steele, and I am 9 years old. I know what I want is a lot, but I am a very good kid. I help my Mom with chores and

everything. Could you please bring me an IPAD, Black Opt game, Go Cart, Xbox Motion, and Paper Jams. Thank you so much, I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Logan Steele

Dear Santa,
My name is Paige Scheets. I am almost 3 years old and I have tried very hard to be a good girl. I would like you to bring me a pink Barbie jeep, a pink scooter, a little dog and a big dog. I will leave you some snickers and coke by the Christmas tree and some apples and carrots for your reindeer.
P.S. Please don't forget to go by Zach, Garret, Taylor and Krislyn's house. They have been good this year also.
Love, Paige

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty meow and some toys.
Dorothy, Age 20 months
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, new hair bows and princess slippers.
Addison, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a new Dora and boots and my own big TV for just me.
Paige, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus! I want boots and chuggers.
Colin, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy!
Alyssa, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want Dora, doggy and hair bows.
Layla, Age 2
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Dear Santa,
I want a truck, a big ball and something for my brother Johnathon.
Nate, Age 22 months
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Dear Santa,
I want a sucker, basketball and a soccer ball and some snacks!
Travis, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a camera and watch. Also a pair of Coach boots.
Mrs. Candyce
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want it all... that asking too much! Really, a purse, watch, boots and lipstick.
Miss Michelle
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor, football and t.v.
Spencer, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a doggy, baby doll and blanket.
Lillian, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want new shoes, puppy dog, kitty kitty.
Lahna, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy dog, lip gloss, new shoes and kitty cat.
Rebekah, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want new cookware!
Mrs. Johna
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like orbeez, a glo doodle, when pigs fly, don't tip the waiter, headbands, and a crayola crayon maker.
Your Friend,
Jaclyn Snelling
P.S. mars mud, and a new starfliers game.

Dear Santa,
I would like a vacation somewhere warm!
Miss Sandra
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, choo choo train and an awesome plane that can really fly. Oh and a doggie.
Allen, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a super super fast motorcycle that can go super fast like Lightening McQueen, and a little brown puppy dog.
Carter, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a dirt bike and a new bicycle. I want a church house with little people.
Michael, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a 4-wheeler!
Evan, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want nerf guns...alot of them.
Johnathon, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a blizzard maker and an apple tree and a baby that eats food and the little go-fish with the boys on it.
Harley, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a spider web blaster and a police head robot.
Brody, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want an American doll with a rope and a house and a school.
Kelbi, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a kindle and a dirt bike.
Logan, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want babies!
Krislyn, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a lot for Christmas. I want marker things, race car Barbie, a princess bike, a church with little people, ball house.
Veda, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby gone gone, roller skates, a kitchen, and a new bike.
Lillea, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like Ed clothes, a helmet and a sword.
Jameson, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like Johny Tractor.
Aiden, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, spiderman toy and a football.
Brayden, Age 3
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy.
Miley, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, a scooter, a bike and a skateboard.
Avery, Age 4
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a new purse and shoes...they must match.
Miss Irma
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of roller blades! I probably need the helmet and pads, too!
Miss Tiffany
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want to borrow your sleigh for the weekend, and a magical wand that can Poof all my chores away.
Mrs. Sheena
Haskell CISD ELC



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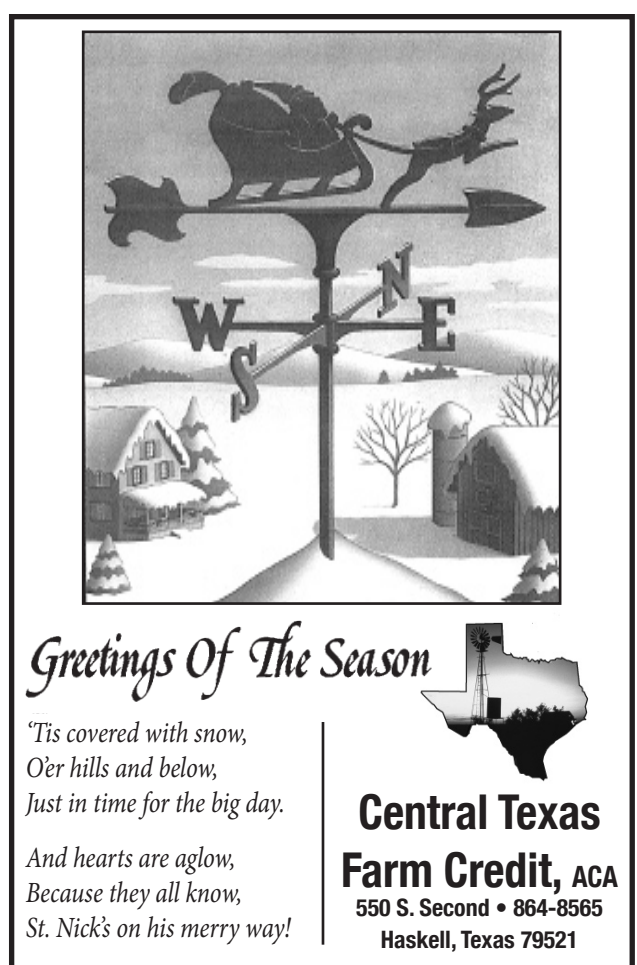


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Letters to Santa Claus...

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor, tires and a truck. Oh and a puppy dog!
Hagyn, Age 2
Haskell CISD ELC

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a teddy bear, a pink car, an ABC book, a princess and the frog book and a reindeer!
Thank you, Miley

Dear Santa,
I want a big bull rider! I also want a big bear and a big tornado. Please send a duck car too!
Thank you, Peyton

Dear Santa,
I want a belt and reindeer bells! I want presents for me, my bubba, my sissy and my big bubba! I also want a bear and a bunch of drinks!
Thank you, Kiley

Dear Santa,
I want polly wally animals. I want a slide, a bear, and a puppy taste that eats food.
Thank you, Cloie

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora movie and Dora stuff!
Thank you, Zy'Quon

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar, a tea set and some purple vitamins. If you could please come have a tea party with me!
Thank you, Kierra

Dear Santa,
I want presents! I also want presents for my mom, and presents for my dad, and presents for Scott!
Thank you, Trenton

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car and wagon and truck! Fill up the stocking with my name on it! Please put white lights for outside. And I need some glue.
Thank you, Montrel

Dear Santa,
I want I car and I scooter!
That's all!
Thank you, Ian

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy dog! I also want a Barbie house with a Barbie, a Barbie car and that boy.
Thank you, Mahala

Dear Santa,
I want a boys ring, a water bottle, a toy and a belt.
Thank you, Adrian

Dear Santa,
I want presents!
Thank you, Ryan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I love Santa at the North Pole. I want for Christmas a Thomas the Train Shake Shake Bridge, a toy guitar, and a Scooby Doo game. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Ethan Rosenbaum

Dear Santa,
How's the reindeer? My brother, Jonah, is helping me write this year—isn't he sweet? I've been a very good girl this year! I've been very sweet! I want a pink DSI with a Pokémon Soul Silver game, and a pink unicorn with a heart and a rainbow on it. I love you Santa! (tell Mrs. Clause I said "hi!")
Love,
Abbie Bulls
Age 4

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been waiting for Christmas. I am only wanting a red DSI XL. I will leave cookies and Dr. Pepper. I have been a good boy this year. I think?
Your Friend,
Ethan Bulls
Age 8

Dear Santa,
Hi! I'm Jonah! I am only asking for 3 small things so I don't wear you out too much. Thing #1, An Action Replay (A.K.A. the ultimat cheat for the DSI). Thing #2, Warioware D.I.Y. for DSI (I always wanted to create my own games!). Thing #3, an Aquos Juggernaut. My very own Bakugan partner! Since no one could find it, I figured, who else better than you? I will leave some cookies and cola on the table as a token of my appreciation. I look forward to seeing you (not literally) this Christmas!
Best Regards,
Jonah Bulls, Age 11

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I want a skateboard, Barbie jet, Ipod, stuffed animal, and some clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Thanks,
Mia Long, 6 years old

Dear Santa,
How are your elves and reindeer? I would like a piggy teacup, book of jokes, skateboard, another stuffed animal, Ipod and some clothes. I will leave some tasty cookies and fresh white milk.
Thanks,
Hannah Long
7 years old

Dear Santa,
Santa, I want to thank you for my tricycle and my kitchen and my car last year. I have been really, really good. I want a Zhu-Zhu pet. Daddy needs a new hunting knife and Mommy wants an iPhone. I will be at Grana and Pop's at the farm. I am so excited to see you this time and thank you.
Kendall Thompson
Age almost 3
Arlington

Dear Santa,
My name is Crow Parham. I'm kinda hoping to get some hunting and fishing stuff this year.
Along with some Longhorn golf clubs and golf balls. A miniature Putt-Putt Roll-up Golf Course would be really cool also. Don't forget my dog Cricket and my 2 sisters, brother-in-law, my mom and my dad. I will leave some goodies out for you and the reindeer.
Love, Crow
p.s. Oh yeah, and I would like a GOOD CHRISTMAS!

Dear Santa,
I turned 2 this year, so I am not very sure about sitting by you, but I think you are pretty cool to look at! I have been good this year and am excited that you are coming to see me. I am hoping for a new play kitchen, because I love to cook! I would also like a basketball goal, some books, Minnie Mouse and some new Twinkle Toes. Please bring something to Nathan and Spencer too! I will leave out some cookies.
Love,
Spencer Martin
2 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. What I want for Christmas is a Kung Zhu game for my DSI and a Kinect for my dad's Xbox 360. I also want a new sled for me. I love Legos and would like Lego Sonic Boom, Airport, Shuttle Adventure and any others on my wish list you think I need. I also really like the Mega Bloks Halo Dropship, Drop Pod and Halo Banshee. A Lego Design Book would be good too.
Please remember to bring my brother Spency and cousin Rebekah some new toys. My mom and dad say the Free Press will send my letter to the North Pole by airplane so I guess it will be ok to send my letter to them first. My mom and I will make you some Christmas cookies and leave them out for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Nathan Martin
6 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
My mom and dad say I have been a good boy this year. It sure is hard for a two year old to always do what everyone else thinks they should do. I would like for you to bring a tricycle of my very own to ride. I would like a "Hot Dog" (Mickey Mouse) toy and my brother says I need a Goofy. He also says I need some more Duplo Legos so I can share them with him. He REALLY likes Legos. I also really like airplanes, tractors and anything that has buttons to push.
Please remember to bring my big brother Nathan some more Legos. He thinks you can never have too many of those. Don't forget to bring my cousin Bekah some new toys that we can play with when I visit her house. We will leave you some cookies and milk by the fireplace.
Love,
Spencer Martin
2 years old

Happy Holidays!

Hopefully my dog Jack won't eat them first.

Love,
Rebekah Cunningham

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave cookies and milk out for you this year. I have been very good. Please bring me a little computer to play games on and a desk and chair for my room. Also please bring me some blue jeans and earrings. Thank you for giving me presents!
Love,
Kenley Grace Cox
age 5

Dear Santa,
I want stickers and Buzz Lightyear! I also want a big rope and a desk like my sister. I have been very good this year. I even sat with you at the Craft Show! Thank you Santa!
Love,
Ryan Jeffery Cox
age 3

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been trying to be good. What I want for Christmas is a Kung Zhu game for my DSI and a Kinect for my dad's Xbox 360. I also want a new sled for me. I love Legos and would like Lego Sonic Boom, Airport, Shuttle Adventure and any others on my wish list you think I need. I also really like the Mega Bloks Halo Dropship, Drop Pod and Halo Banshee. A Lego Design Book would be good too.
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Love,
Nathan Martin
6 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a DSI for Christmas and I want DSI game. How is Rudolph?
Love, Jordan Westerman

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a golf cart. I want a dirt bike. I want a remote control Helicopter. I want a PS3 and I want a Wii and I made all A's.
Love, Kolby Tidrow

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a cowboy hat and I want a dirt bike.
Love,
Donavan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like an IPOD touch and a puppy.
Love, Emily Turner

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I would like a puppy pillow pet, trucks and Toy Story 3.
Love, Brandt Turner

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Caden and I am 4 years old. I am in Mrs. Burson's class at school and I have only gotten one sad face! I want a Batman, and a Batman, and a BATMAN! I also want one digger and a BIG HONK HONK. I want a little car with two wheels, like a dually. Bring my brother Colby a robot and my friend Jaden two robots. Bring my daddy a BIG tv and my mommy a necklace.
Love, Caden West

Dear Santa,
My name is Colby. I am ready for Christmas and I want you to come soon! I am 6 years old. I want a toy. It is called a monster truck. I want a remote control truck. I want a race track with monster trucks on it. I want a Superman toy that is 6 stories high! I want a digger. I wanna leave you some cookies and I hope they are good. Santa, I like all of your reindeers. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas!
Colby West

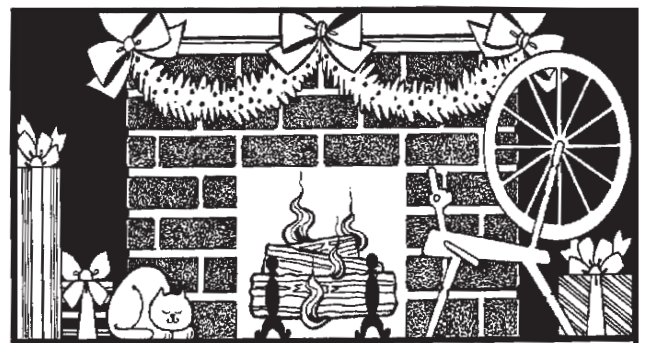
Dear Santa,
Please give me a Buzz Light Year toy that flies. I have been good this year.
Love, Kaiden Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want an Ironman for Christmas and race car that is really fast. I also want a DS. I have been good. I will put cookies and milk on the table.
Love, Ethan Jenkins

Dear Santa,
I want a DSI for Christmas and I want DSI game. How is Rudolph?
Love, Jordan Westerman

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a golf cart. I want a dirt bike. I want a remote control Helicopter. I want a PS3 and I want a Wii and I made all A's.
Love, Kolby Tidrow

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a cowboy hat and I want a dirt bike.
Love,
Donavan Rodriguez



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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Dec. 13 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Chan Guess and Dan Hoover in attendance. Absent were Councilmen Sue Medford and Jason Hall. Guess offered the

invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gannaway. A budget amendment for the purchase of land was approved. Action concerning the bids for digging pits at the landfill was tabled. Farm bids were

discussed. The land lease by Claude Payne was extended at the airport until Sept. 2013. The proposed holiday schedule for 2011 was approved. Dan Kaszuba was appointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steven Grand.

An ordinance for the regulation of weed, filth, carrion and other unwholesome matter was approved.

Chief Grand gave the police activity report for Sept., Oct. and Nov.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•The Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade was a great success with over twenty floats this year. Thanks to the Chamber Float Committee and all involved in making this a success. Anderson reminded citizens to shop locally this Christmas season and also inquire at the Chamber about "Haskell Dollars."

•A reminder that Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 will be the Community Forum, sponsored by the Development Corporation of Haskell and the City of Haskell. These forums will be open to all Haskell citizens. More details will be available in the next month.

•The City has hired two new employees in the Public Works Department, Wade Mitchell and Lisa Frame.

•The City Christmas luncheon for employees and Council members will be Dec. 22 at noon at the Civic Center.

•The Betterment Committee has been working hard to secure funds to put welcome monuments at all four entrances to Haskell, however, a snag with TxDOT has surfaced and the monuments will not be allowed at this time.

Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike and a learning laptop. I have been good.

Love,
Christopher Pannell

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a X-Box. I have been good. I will fix you cookies.

Love,
Dawson Conn

Dear Santa,
Can I please have boxing set, pogo stick and a helicopter. Last year I gave my sister a knife.

Love,
Aaron Lynskey

Dear Santa,

Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want to have a doll that can talk and moves. CD so I can play games with it and show my friends include my family and my teachers that all teach me all of new subjects. I would like to have book about new animals, states and plants, too. When I get older the only thing that I will wish for is to go to my home in Mexico to see my friends, uncles, aunts, cousins, too. That is what I will want when I will be older. Another thing is to have a happy family. Something else I want is to have a desk with a lots of books. I wish to be a teacher so I can teach students of all ages. I wish to have all kinds of boots, skirts, shirts and shoes. A lot of clothes too. I wish to be a star, singer, painter and doctor, too. I want all those things. If it's not a lot of things to ask for, just take some off.

Your friend,
Maria Natividad
Ipiña Aleman

Dear Santa,
I'm going to tell you a little bit I want for Christmas.

I want a snuggie so I can keep warm while I play on my computer. I also want a game cube. I play games and have a lot of fun. I want a new game for Wii most. I want a Wii fit board too.

Your nice boy,
Chase Thompson
P.S. What I really want for Christmas is my newborn sister and my family.

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want DS for Christmas and a ring for my wrestlers to fight in.

Love,
Jaron Langford

Dear Santa,
I want a toy killer whale, Shamm's Deep Sea Adventures for DS and a new bike. P.S. I love you Santa. I can't wait for Christmas. Plus you're the best.

Your friend,
George Jr. Bogle

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like an Ipod, zebra snuggie, real drum set, Call of Duty: Black Ops, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 1 and 2, and a MI Garand. I know you can't bring all these presents, but if you can bring some I'll be happy. If you do bring all the presents I'll be nice all next year. Have a merry Christmas. I may not have been good some days, but I was good most of the year.

Sincerely,
Gabe Todd

Dear Santa,

I hope I'm on your nice list because I have a long list of stuff I want. So here I begin I want some ZuZu pets, fur boots, art supplies, Lepter games, Barbie Groom and Glam Pups for my DS, and Wii Mario Carts the video game for my Wii. I hope you don't think I'm through because I want the board game called Mouse Trap, and a Glow Station. Wait I'm not done I also want a big white board with markers and an eraser with it.

Your friend,
Bailey Hawkins
P.S. I just almost forgot to wish you a Merry Christmas! Oh and Santa, tell the reindeer I said hello.

Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation 3 with the games Little Big Planet, Borderland and Call of Duty: Black Ops. I also want a soldier action figure. One more think I want is the book "Zombie Survival Guide" by Max Brooks.

Your friend,
Garrett Arendall
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I wanted to know it I am on your nice list. If I'm not and I get coal, I'm going to make sure that I light my fireplace. I'm kidding.

Santa this is what I want for Christmas. I want a video camera, that's all I really want. If you can get me that then I can get you those milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Zoe Webb

Season's
Greetings!

Dear Santa,
I want a toy remote control car and a Wii racing game and six little planes. and how are the reindeer and you? Also a new toy gun because all of my other ones broke.

Love, Corbin Waggoner

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and how are the elves today? Are they fine? How is Mrs. Santa? Is she doing fine? How is Jack Frost? Is he doing good? Ok I want a Playstation 3 game, toys, clothes and games.

Love, Eric Perkins

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the toys. How are the reindeer? I don't mean to be rude but can I have a X-box 360 and a new skateboard.

Love, William Bogle

Dear Santa,
You have been a good person to me. When you come to my house I would have you some cookies and milk. I want a Xbox 360 and an Ipod. How are your reindeer and Rudolf? Is Rudolf being good?

Love, Isidro Salinas

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a laptop and a Xbox 360 the black one with Kinnect Sports. How are the reindeer and the elfs to?

Love, Dakota Davis

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new video game please and how are you? I hope you are well. Can I have a God toy, a Zone, and a new song please?

Love, Gabriel Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I want Guitar Hero things and games, football things, toys and a bike. How are your elfs doing? How are the reindeer?

Love, Steven Crain

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Barney game and presents for Christmas. Don't forget all of my cousins. They have been good too!

Love, Jaxon White
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a lot of things for Christmas like new clothes, a bike, new shoes, a jet pack, a watch, a phone, and three blocks of gold. Those are some of the things I want for Christmas. I want more, but it would take me five pieces of paper to name all of the things I want.

I have some questions. Why do people give you milk and cookies and how do you go down the chimney without waking up bats? Last but not least when are you coming to Haskell to give people presents.

P.S. put me on the nice list please.
Sincerely, Daniel Salinas

Merry Christmas
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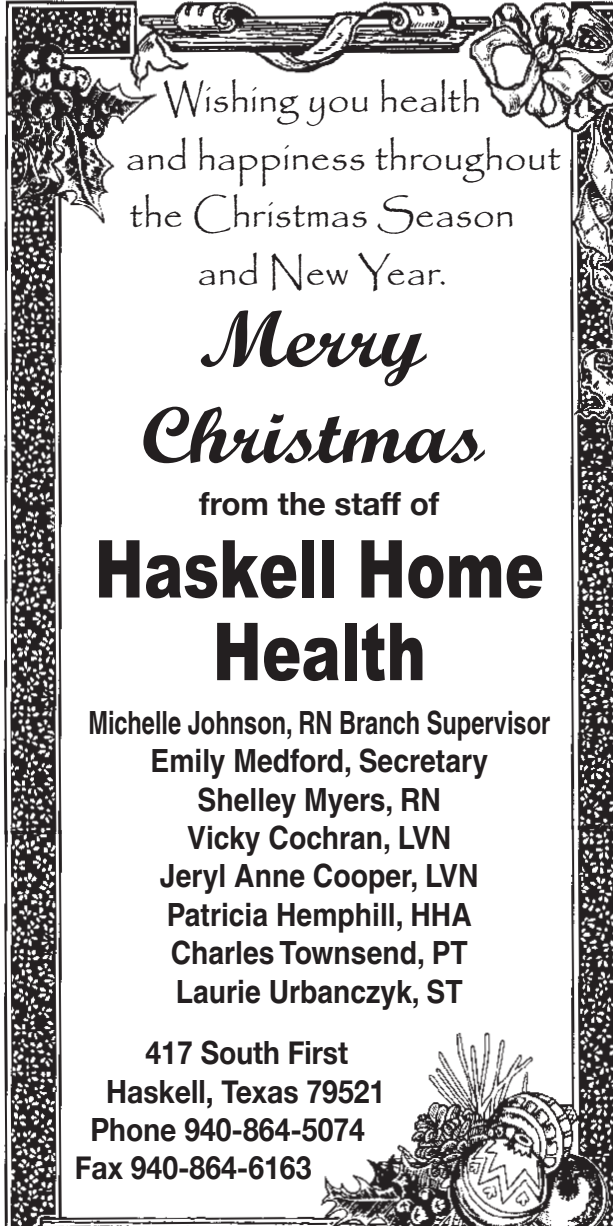
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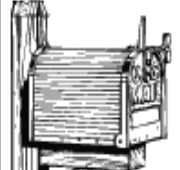
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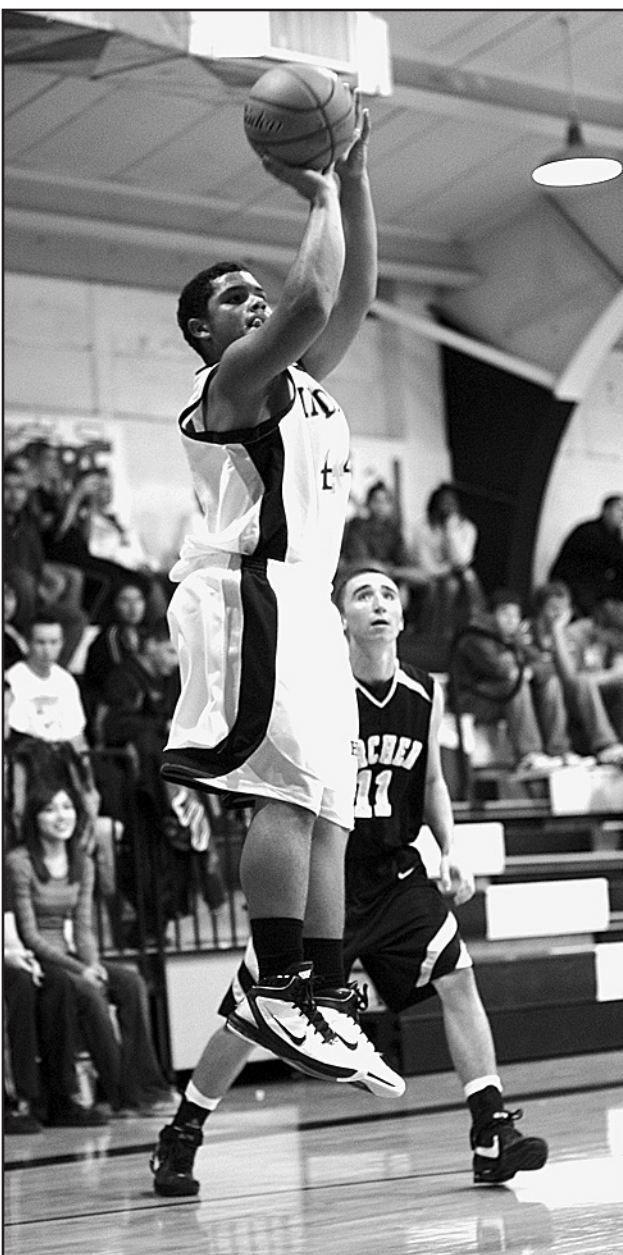
PIVOT MOVE—Haskell Maiden #55 Ashlee Short makes a pivot move to score points in the Archer City game last Friday night. The Maidens took the victory 34-24. Short posted seven points during the game.



SHOT ATTEMPT—Haskell Indian #30 Brett Shelton gets a shot off against Archer City last Friday night. The boys lost 60-52 in double overtime play.



MOVES THE BALL—Haskell Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn brings the ball down court against Archer City last Friday night.



JUMP SHOT—Haskell Indian #44 Tyrone Neskoric makes a jump shot against Archer City last Friday.



LOOKS FOR PASS—Haskell Maiden #5 Marissa McGhee looks to make a pass from under the basket against Archer City. McGhee scored twelve points during the Maidens 34-24 win.

Area Basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 34, Archer City 24
 Scoring for Haskell: McGhee 12, Colley 8, Short 7, Hearn 3, Rodriguez 2, Garcia 2.
JV: Archer City 40, Haskell 19
Boys
Archer City 60, Haskell 52 (2 OT)
 Scoring for Haskell: Myers 15, Llewellyn 11, Wittenborn 11.
Rule 49, Crowell JV 29
 Scoring for Rule: Brown 15, Turner 14, Reece 7, Quintero 6, Taylor 6, Cooper 1.

Six-man All-District teams named

Named to the All-District Six-Man Division I District 9 team included on offense Spreadback Hunter Hall of Paint Creek.
 Named to the Division II District 9 All-District team from Rule were: on offense running back Jacob Perez, wide receiver Mason Grindstaff and tight end Cody Reece; on defense, lineman Josh Quintero, cornerback Jacob Perez and safety Cade Brown.
 Cade Brown of Rule was named offensive MVP.

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LAY UP ATTEMPT—Haskell Indian #10 Kelson Aguero goes in for a lay up against Archer City.

Haskell hosts FFA banquet

Haskell FFA hosted the Double Mountain District banquet Dec. 15 in Haskell.

Over 200 members and parents were in attendance. Haskell FFA had two district officers that helped conduct the meeting. Those officers were Kymbre Kupatt and Krista McLemore. Both retired from their respective positions during the banquet.

Pamela Walker, Area II first vice president also handed over her office to Felicia Walker of Paint Creek, after serving Area II for the past year. Her term will officially end in May at the Area II FFA Convention in Sweetwater.

Haskell Sophomores, Carson Hadaway and Shelby Dunnam, were elected as new district officers for the 2011 year. Hadaway was elected vice president, while Dunnam received the office of sentinel. Their positions began immediately. They will be in charge of several events throughout the coming year.



DISTRICT FFA BANQUET—Haskell FFA chapter members attending the Double Mountain District banquet held in Haskell Dec. 15 were, l-r, Kalyne Wheatley, Caitlan Johnson, Maci Colley, Ashley Adams, Marissa McGhee, Ashlee Short, Madison Mayfield, Shelby Dunnam, Max Weise, Kymbre Kupatt, Kyle Kimbrough, Morgan Frierson, Kaley Mathis, Carson Hadaway, Sara Weise, Meagan Kimbrough and Lucy Carmichael.

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 27

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

Wed., Dec. 29

Chili, pinto beans, mac salad, cornbread, onions, pickles, Coke Cake, tea or coffee

Fri., Dec. 31 (or closed)

Ham and beans, onions, pickles, Long John slaw, cornbread, strawberry cake, tea or coffee



DISTRICT FFA OFFICERS—Serving as Double Mountain District FFA officers from the Haskell chapter are Shelby Dunnam, sentinel, left, and Carson Hadaway, vice president.

SURE sign-up to begin

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the sign-up period for the 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program begins on Jan. 10, 2011. SURE is one of five disaster programs included in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have suffered losses due to natural disasters.

“This program provides a tremendous amount of assistance to producers who have suffered from natural disasters, and is part of the ‘safety net’ designed to assist farmers and ranchers who feed America and the world,” Vilsack said. “USDA encourages producers who suffered losses during the 2009 crop year to visit their local FSA office to learn more about the SURE program.”

To be eligible for SURE a farm must have:

At least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance;

A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically significant crops;

Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

For more information on the 2009 SURE program, visit any FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

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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.

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.

1. 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.

2. Projects related to entertainment including, auditoriums, convention, tourist, exhibition facilities, amphitheaters and concert halls

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



Let us pray for true peace on earth at Christmas

The time has come for us to deck the hall,
And greet our friends and relatives who call.
The holly and the pine cones in our home,
Along with angels made of styrofoam
And colored bulbs that light the entryway,
Proclaim that it will soon be Christmas day.
The presents, gaily wrapped, beneath the tree
Are further symbols of festivity,

But at this time, when loved ones reunite,
The world conditions should be kept in sight.
While many lands their freedom did obtain,
Yet others under tyranny remain.
So let's enjoy this gala holiday,
But also let us not forget to pray,
That when the Yuletide comes around again,
We'll celebrate true peace, good will to men.

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

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephania 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**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
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SEQ CHAPTER 17 RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0268202 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

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 Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT Benson & Schoen Oil Co., Inc., 1213 ES 11th St., Abilene, TX 79602 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn formation, Sagerton Unit, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 0.5 miles SW of Sagerton in the LaNeil (Strawn) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4970 to 5075 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 51c

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307 N. AVE. B. English Tudor Style remodeled brick home on a corner lot. Property has some original wood floors and some that are new wood, walls and ceilings have new sheetrock, ceiling fans, two new bay windows, new kitchen cabinets, C/HA, two baths, new sewer lines, new plumbing under the house, two car attached garage with storage and much more. The house adjacent to the property is to be sold with the brick home. It was built in approximately 1900.

706 N. 8TH. ORIGINAL WOOD FLOORS in this three bedroom, two bath brick home. The kitchen has built-in ovens, and cook top with ample cabinet space. Other amenities include a large living room, spacious bedrooms and a separate utility room, a carport with storage, central heating and cooling and a large corner lot. Priced to sell.

UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES. 1506 N. Ave. E. Property has a large open living and dining with access to a large kitchen with smaller dining. There are two bedrooms and a large bath downstairs and a large open room upstairs with a bath and C/HA. This property sits on approximately 3 acres with a detached carport on the north and a detached garage on the south.

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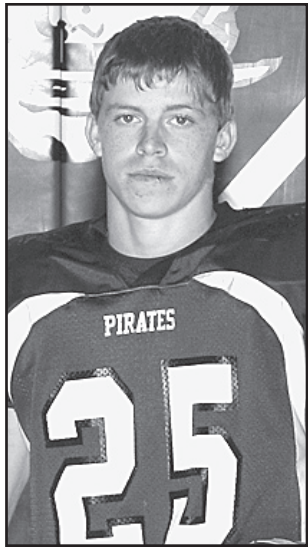
Basic Peace Officer Course-Breckenridge. This 750-hour course begins **January 24, 2011** and continues for approximately 30 weeks. Classes are held from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. M-F and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on most Saturdays. Tuition for this course is \$1500, plus a uniform fee. Location: **Stephens County Law Enforcement Center. Application deadline is December 30, 2010.**

Basic Peace Officer Course-Abilene. This 750-hour course begins **March 7, 2011** and continues for approximately 30 weeks. Classes are held from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. M-F and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on most Saturdays. Tuition for this course is \$1200, plus a uniform fee. Location: **Abilene, WCTLEA. Application deadline is February 4, 2011.**

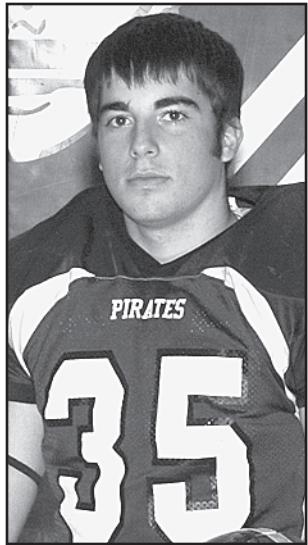
Entry requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Sponsored by a law enforcement agency;
- Attained 20th birthday before the first day of class;
- High School Diploma or G.E.D.;
- No felony convictions;
- No convictions of any class involving family violence;
- Must not be prohibited from possessing ammunition or firearm by state or federal law;
- No convictions above the grade of Class C misdemeanor within the past 10 years;
- No military discharge under other than honorable conditions;
- Pass physical examination;
- Pass reading comprehension examination.

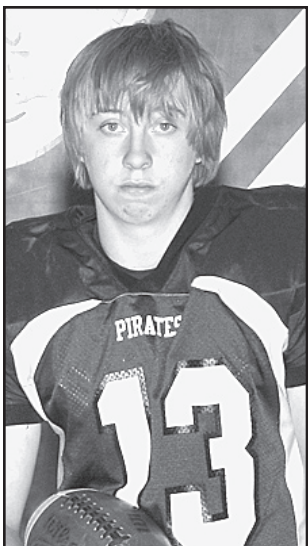
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Pirates named to All-District six-man teams

Paint Creek Pirates selected for All-District football honors for District 9 Division 2 were Jordan Adkins, first team defensive linebacker; Dalton Barnett, second team offensive wide receiver; Blake Edwards, second team defensive lineman; and Hunter Hall, first team offensive spread back and second team defensive cornerback.

The list was released Sun., Dec. 12.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 20, 2010	
Haskell	
Haskell Co. Gin.....	7,000
Haskell Co-op Gin...	10,986
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	17,147
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	8,961
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	4,081
Weinert Gin.....	6,430
Total bales.....	54,605

Fireworks to pop Dec. 31

The twelfth annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Fri., Dec. 31 beginning at 9 p.m.

Jim Hollingsworth, chairman of the Commission, and his family will set off another large load of fireworks on their farm between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 617 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of County Road 146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 617 for a mile east of County Road 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

About this time in 1999, a local article was published about Jim and his grandfather William Edward Hollingsworth's discussion in 1944 about the change of the century to the 2000's.

A five year old boy was heartbroken to learn his beloved granddad would not be with him to witness the new century on New Year's Eve. Jim vowed to celebrate in honor of his grandfather nevertheless.

News wires picked up the story for Abilene, Wichita Falls, Amarillo and Lubbock newspapers. That article

triggered an overwhelming response among area grandparents. The older generation brought their grandchildren to witness the fireworks party that Jim gave in honor of his grandfather's memory a half century after their talk.

The roads were lined triple deep for miles around. Jim says he feels the presence of his granddad every

Haskell Jr. Livestock Show is Jan. 13-15

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

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 13-15 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 13 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 13 by 6:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 14 at 8 a.m. for lambs; followed by swine. The steer show will begin at 2 p.m. followed by heifers.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Glen Blount of Bells FFA.

Judge for rabbits and

New Year's Eve during the fireworks display.

It is estimated that the small but close-knit Jud Community, population about 25, swells to hundreds of people on New Year's Eve. The event has become a ritual for many area residents.

The Haskell County Historical Commission invites everyone out to view the display.

chickens will be Chris Beard of Albany FFA.

Auctioneer and announcer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 15 will be announced at a later date.

A meal will be prepared by the County Judge and County Commissioners' both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand offering drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 108 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$90,320.

Kenny Buerger of Avoca is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

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