

Basketball

HASKELL
VG-B in Eula Tournament
Dec. 27-29
at Eula
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Loraine
Tues., Dec. 27, noon
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Dec. 29 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Jan. 5 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas eve service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at First Baptist Church Sat., Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Candlelight service

A candlelight service will be held Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church on the Throckmorton Highway in Haskell. Everyone is invited to share the worship service and beautiful music of Christmas.

Candlelight service

First United Methodist Church at 201 N. Ave. F in Haskell will hold their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the sharing of the birth of Christ our Lord in word, song and Holy Communion.

Christmas Eve mass

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will celebrate Christmas Eve mass at 8 p.m.

HHS T-shirts

The 2011-12 Haskell High School basketball T-shirts are available now in adult sizes only. Cost is \$16 each or 2 for \$30. Contact Amanda Hadaway at the High School, 940-864-8535 ext. 245 or ahadaway@haskell.esc14.net and shirts will be delivered.

Movie showing

A free showing of "Courageous," the movie will be held Sat., Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Teamkid

Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for students ages 4 years through the sixth grade. Parents may call the church office at 864-2581, if their child needs a ride.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

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Merry Christmas

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Haskell UIL teams compete at Tech contest

Four Haskell High and three Rochester Junior High students travelled to Lubbock Dec. 10 for the

"Christmas at Tech" UIL Meet. They competed against 15 other schools in 1A-3A classification in

Calculator Applications & Mathematics.

The Math Team, consisting of Garrett Brueggeman,

Madison Mayfield, Kalyn Wheatley, and Madison Homeyer won first place Overall.

The Calculator Team of Brueggeman, Madison Homeyer, Ashlyn Bevel and Abby Homeyer won second Overall.

Individual awards in Mathematics include, first place twelfth grade, Brueggeman, first place; eleventh grade, Mayfield, and second place eleventh grade, Wheatley.

Individual awards in Calculator Applications include, first place, twelfth grade, Brueggeman; sixth place, tenth grade, Madison Homeyer; third place, ninth grade, Bevel; fourth place, ninth grade, Abby Homeyer.

The high school teams were very thankful that the three seventh graders could compete with them as Freshmen to allow Haskell to compete as a team in the absence of their regular team members who had other school activities.

Brueggeman received the Whitacre College of Engineering Scholarship for winning first in Calculator Applications and the TTU Mathematics & Statistics Department Scholarship for winning first in Mathematics.



CHRISTMAS AT TECH—Four Haskell High and three Rochester Junior High students who travelled to Lubbock Dec. 10 for the "Christmas at Tech" UIL meet were, front row, l-r, Kylie Adams, Ashlyn Bevel and Abby Homeyer; back row, Madison Mayfield, Garrett Brueggeman, Kalyn Wheatley and Madison Homeyer. They competed against 15 other schools in Calculator Applications & Mathematics.

Bill Glass receives seven years probation

Bill Glass, a former police officer for the City of Haskell, entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to the criminal offense of fabricating physical evidence, in the 39th District Court, of Haskell County Texas on Thurs., Dec. 15. Glass was indicted for the offense by a Haskell County grand jury on Aug. 27, 2010.

Haskell County District Attorney, Mike Fouts, sought to have a special prosecutor appointed because he felt he might be a witness in the prosecution of the case. Joe Ed Boaz, an attorney from Anson was appointed by the court to serve as special prosecutor.

The case was scheduled for pretrial hearing on Dec. 15, and for jury trial on Jan. 17, 2012. After a hearing on defense motion, Glass through

his attorney, Sam Moore of Abilene, entered into a plea bargain agreement where he would be sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with the sentence being probated

Election process hits a snag

by Caron Yates

Due to circumstances beyond our control, or at least beyond the common citizen's control, the election process has hit a snag.

At this point the redistricting dilemma, is still waiting to be decided. The U.S. Supreme Court has set Jan. 9 as the hearing date of arguments on merits for parties to the pending redistricting lawsuits. Until

for a period of seven years. Additionally, a fine of \$2,000 was assessed.

Officer Glass was accused of committing the offense of fabricating physical evidence in the following

the outcome has been decided, state races remain uncertain.

On the local level however, the filing deadline was Dec. 19. County wide positions up for election include County Clerk, Precinct 1 Commissioner, Constable, County Tax Assessor/Collector, Haskell County Attorney, Haskell County Sheriff, Precinct 3 Commissioner and Haskell County Democratic and Republican Chair.

The only contested race in Haskell County is for Commissioner of Precinct 1. Filing on the Democratic ballot is incumbent Johnny Scoggins and challenger Don Adkins. Also seeking the position is Republican Billy Wayne Hester.

Filing in the uncontested races are Belia Perez Abila, County Clerk; Kim Guess Basset, Constable; Connie Benton, Tax Assessor/Collector; Kristen Fouts, Haskell County Attorney; Winston Stephens, Sheriff; Kenny Thompson, Commissioner of Precinct 3; Sharon Mullino, County Democratic Chair; and Brian Burgess, County Republican Chair.

The election is set for April 3, 2012, and you must be registered at least thirty

manner: during a search of a motor vehicle, planting and purporting to have found methamphetamine with knowledge that the methamphetamine had previously been seized

days before that date in order to vote.

Early voting will be at the Haskell County Courthouse for both parties.

The Republican voting location for all boxes will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse kitchen on the third floor. Democratic voting locations are: Box 1, St. George's Catholic Church; Box 2 Assembly of God Church; Box 3, Extension building; Box 4, Experienced Citizens

DCOH announces arrival of Jackie Lackey, Inc. to Haskell

Mayor John Gannaway, City Manager Brandon Anderson and Randy Hise, president of the Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc. (DCOH) together with Wallace Emerson, executive director, and CEO of the DCOH, have announced the arrival of Jackie Lackey, Inc. and related interests, in Haskell.

The company is composed of various organizations principally engaged in website design and maintenance, a magazine publication "Drive"

as evidence in another criminal investigation. An investigation led by the Texas Rangers was commenced and at the conclusion of the investigation, the case was presented to the grand jury.

Center; Box 5, Rule High School Library; Box 6, Rochester Fire Department; Box 7, O'Brien City Hall; Box 8, Weinert School; Box 9, Paint Creek School Library; and Box 10, Sagerton Community Center.

All candidates appreciate your interest and effort in casting your vote for the person of your choice. It is part of the system that has not only made, but keeps the United States of America a great nation.

and various other computer based services offered to the public.

The company presently employs twelve individuals, and they are temporarily housed at the former Boll Weevil quarters, owned by Pak Harris Enterprises on U.S. 380 West in Haskell. In the very near future the company will remodel and later move into the former Haskell National Bank building on the northwest corner of the Haskell square at North 1st St. and Ave. E.

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Wild hog eradication meeting set Dec. 21

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The Haskell County Hog Control board will host a public meeting on the progress of the wild hog eradication program Wed., Dec. 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Haskell City Hall meeting room.

In this meeting, the success of the aerial eradication program as well as future plans to continue the program will be discussed.

For more information, call Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658.



DONATIONS DELIVERED—Margarie Thomas, Joyce Olson and Letitia Smith deliver items from the American Legion Auxiliary in Lueders, Lueders Elementary and Senior High, Lueders Food Bank, and Lueders District 17 Auxiliary to Donna Sue Anders, far right, representing the Noah Project-North.

Obituaries

Thurman Stout



THURMAN STOUT

Clarksville, he was the son of William Elliot (Ellis) Stout and Hattie Beulah Long. He married Feba Jo Turnbow Oct. 30, 1943 in Clarksville. They have been members of the Weinert Foursquare Church since 1953 and were charter members of the Haskell Foursquare Church. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who served his country during World War II, was a lifetime farmer, and faithfully served the Lord throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Feba Jo Turnbow Stout; nine brothers, Clyde, Clarence, Marvin, William, George, Thurbert, Floyd, Wesley and Herschel; five sisters, Rosie, Effie, Essie, Myrtle and Mary.

Survivors include his children, Thurman Wayne

Stout and wife Jeanie of Haskell, and Grenetta Sue Bledsoe and husband Philip of Weatherford; grandchildren, Miehell Dawn Fourton and husband Edward Patrick, Waylon Shane Stout and wife Keri, and Tammy Renee Addison and husband Rusty; great grandchildren, Megan Jennings and husband Jacob, Ryan Baker, Hannah Stout, Kara Stout, Sara Stout and Joy-Anna Stout.

Pallbearers were Shane Stout, Ryan Baker, Jacob Jennings, Todd Herricks, Larry Lytle, Mondy Mayfield, Riley Pace and Barry Walker. Honorary pallbearers are Dale Carroll, W.R. Hager, Tiffen Mayfield, Melvin Vojkufka and Jerry Walker.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Stout's name to Weinert Cemetery. PD NOTICE

Calendar

Volleyball night

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

Join Booster Club

To become a member of the Haskell Athletic Booster Club call Barbara Utley 940-256-0972 or Billie Lindsey at 864-2602. The club dues benefit all athletes in all sports. Dues are \$15.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Dec. 12 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, and Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow in attendance.

The legislative prayer was offered by Bowers.

Director of Public Works and Safety Matthew Duran and LaKay Caparoon pinned Officer Jeff Caparoon with

his sergeant stripes.

The council approved putting the city's primary deposits out for bid to interested local banking institutions for five years as written.

Richard Candelaira was appointed Chief of Police for the City.

\$29,602.70 was moved from reserves to the community development account for local contribution funds match

needed as approved in original grant agreement for CDBG grant.

In the Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

- In the packet a first draft of a citizens comment form to be used for future meetings was placed. Citizens wanting to address the council will fill out this form prior to the meeting and have an opportunity to address the council during Citizens Comments on future agendas.

- The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas party was well attended with about 65 in attendance. Donald Cunningham and Randy Shaw were honored for 30 years service with pins. Casey Moeller received his five year service pin.

- The Mayor and Anderson attended the North Texas Roundtable discussion last week to discuss water issues common to North Texas. After this meeting, it was realized that Haskell is fortunate to be able to buy treated water from Miller

Creek. Other communities told of their struggles with water treatment and high nitrate water from wells.


- The annual audit will be presented Jan. 9 by Jeff Gregg with Davis and Kinard.

- In the packet was a sample farm lease from Colorado City that is used for their land that is semi-irrigated by their wastewater effluent. Councilmen were asked to review the form and be prepared to decide what the plan needs to be concerning the property south of town.

- City Hall will be closed Dec. 23 and Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. The regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 26 is cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Jan. 9.

- The Chamber's lighted Christmas parade was a big success with 16 floats and a few other entries that were not judged. The sound system was a great addition and lots of comments of praise on the addition of the sound system has been received.

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	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 481,347	\$ 12,685	\$ 494,032
State Program Revenues	1,085,026	6,513	1,091,539
Federal Program Revenues	-	263,689	263,689
Total Revenues	1,566,373	282,887	1,849,260
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	674,582	182,463	857,045
Instructional Resources and Media Services	21,641	-	21,641
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	379	-	379
Instructional Leadership	54,674	-	54,674
School Leadership	28,273	-	28,273
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	55,250	-	55,250
Health Services	14,226	-	14,226
Student (Pupil) Transportation	118,940	4,047	122,987
Food Services	2,478	90,585	93,063
Extracurricular Activities	58,890	-	58,890
General Administration	98,078	-	98,078
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	189,323	-	189,323
Data Processing Services	58,031	-	58,031
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	53,607	53,607
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	55,040	55,040
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	21,231	21,231
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	36,913	-	36,913
Other Intergovernmental Charges	18,704	-	18,704
Total Expenditures	1,430,382	406,973	1,837,355
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	135,991	(124,086)	11,905
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	1,286,306	1,286,306
Transfers In	-	109,397	109,397
Transfers Out (Use)	(109,397)	-	(109,397)
Other (Uses)	-	(1,265,825)	(1,265,825)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(109,397)	129,878	20,481
Net Change in Fund Balances	26,594	5,792	32,386
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	474,777	6,275	481,052
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 501,371	\$ 12,067	\$ 513,438



RECEIVE RECOGNITION—Haskell Memorial Hospital announced their employee of the year, Karen Wolf, left. Hospital employee Betty Martin received a 35 year service award. Both were recognized at the annual Christmas party held last week.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./ Sr. 4-H Clubs held their December meeting Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs met together.

Eighteen 4-H'ers, leaders and guests attended the meeting. The program was started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. A short business meeting was conducted by Payne Utley. Then the 4-H'ers and leaders traveled to the local care homes. The 4-H'ers delivered homemade cookies and sang Christmas carols at Haskell Healthcare and Memory Lane of Haskell.

The 4-H'ers returned to the Haskell County Extension office and enjoyed refreshments served by Tammi Hawkins. A door prize was won by Cody

Dutton. The next meeting, "Project Show Expo," for the 4-H clubs is set for Jan. 12, at the Haskell County Livestock Barns.

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

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 26
Closed

Wed., Dec. 28

Lunch—Beef steak fingers, cream gravy, blackeye peas, seasoned greens, tea or coffee

Fri., Dec. 30

Tacos with all the trimmings, jello, brownie, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



RIEGER GRADUATES—Jessica M. Rieger of Albany received the Master of Education degree, with a specialization in mathematics, from Sul Ross State University in Alpine Sat., Dec. 17. A total of 262 students were candidates for degrees during the fall commencement exercises. Brian McCall, chancellor of the Texas State University System, delivered the address in the Pete P. Gallego Center. Doctor Ricardo Maestas, President of Sul Ross State University, left, presented Rieger with her diploma.

Dec. Alzheimer's Support Group meeting cancelled

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
The Dec. 26 meeting of the Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group has been canceled. The support group will resume their regular fourth Monday meetings Mon., Jan. 23 at 3:00 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 contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Parties settle on April 3 date for primaries

AUSTIN—Battles over redistricting may have put Texas' 2012 election cycle in an apparent state of suspended animation, but movement on a related subject occurred last week.

The Texas Democratic Party and the Republican Party of Texas on Dec. 16 issued a statement announcing that the two parties submitted a joint agreed proposal on the 2012 General Primary Election to the U.S. District Court three-judge panel in San Antonio. And, later the same day, U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia signed into effect the proposed agreement.

The agreement provides for an April 3 unified primary date, along with adjusted dates, deadlines and requirements in respect to its administration. One of those dates was 6:00 p.m. Dec. 19, the deadline for candidates to submit an application for a party primary ballot.

In an official statement, Steve Munisteri, state chair of the Republican Party of Texas, said, "We are hopeful that with both a timely ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court and subsequent finalized maps, that this agreement not only preserves the original structure of a unified primary, but provides us enough time to accomplish it in a fair and orderly fashion."

In his official statement, Boyd Richie, state chair of the Texas Democratic Party said, "We're glad to have worked out an agreement which we feel works best for Texans. Given the less than ideal circumstances, we think that this election schedule is a workable solution that will create the least confusion for the voters. We're pleased that the agreement maintains a unified primary which will save taxpayers money."

Meanwhile, the U.S. Supreme Court has set Jan. 9 as the hearing date of arguments on merits for parties to the pending redistricting lawsuits.

Order expanded, extended

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 14 announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency expanded its disaster declaration for wildfire assistance to include 119 Texas counties and extended the incident period from April 6, 2011, through Aug. 29, 2011.

The term "incident period" is defined by FEMA as "the time span during which the disaster-causing incident occurs." The original federal disaster declaration issued by FEMA on July 1, 2011, covered wildfires between April 6, 2011, and May 3, 2011, and only included 45 counties.

The governor's initial statewide disaster proclamation

was issued on Dec. 21, 2010.

Since then, the governor's office stated, responders have fought more than 26,000 fires that have burned more than 3.9 million acres, and state and local response costs are estimated at more than \$330 million.

Texas cities score high

On Dec. 16, the governor's office touted Texas as dominating a newly released index of "best-performing cities" in the nation.

Santa Monica, Calif.-based Milken Institute's annual index put Texas cities in four of the top five spots and nine of the top 25 "thanks to the state's healthy economy and robust job creation climate," the governor's office said.

The Milken Institute said it measured job, wage and technology performance over a five-year period to determine the best-performing cities, and the study found that Texas employers were responsible for one of every five jobs created in the nation from June 2010 to June 2011.

San Antonio was the top performer among the nation's 200 best-performing large metros and Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown ranked number one among the 10 largest metros.

According to Milken Institute, "the study attributes Texas' success to having a favorable business climate, low business costs, renewed trade with Mexico and South America, and ongoing energy exploration and alternative fuels research."

After San Antonio's first-place finish, the following Texas cities placed in the top 25 metropolitan areas in the study: El Paso, 2; Austin-Round Rock, 3; Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, 5; Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, 16; McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, 18; Dallas-Plano-Irving, 20; Fort Worth-Arlington, 24; and Lubbock, 25.

'Frac' ingredients to be posted

Texas Railroad Commission members on Dec. 13 adopted a rule requiring Texas oil and gas operators to disclose on a national public website (www.fracfocus.org) the chemical ingredients and water volumes used to hydraulically fracture wells in Texas.

The agency's hydraulic fracturing chemical disclosure rule will be required for wells that the Railroad Commission has issued an initial drilling permit on or after Feb. 1, 2012.

Before the rule passed, Texas operators conducting hydraulic fracturing were voluntarily entering chemical data into the fracfocus.org website for about half of all wells in Texas undergoing hydraulic fracturing, the agency reported.

10 Years Ago December 20, 2001

Dale Bullinger was sworn in to fill the vacant city council seat. Ruby Turner was selected to replace Fred Hernandez as mayor pro tem.

Top money collectors for the Jump Rope for Heart event at Haskell Elementary were Felysha Walker, second grade; Nathan Meredith, third grade; Kristina Bitner, fourth grade; and Kimie Hutchinson, fifth grade.

Andrea Anderson and Shambrie Rodriquez both won first place in the 4th grade "How to Wrap a Package" instructional exercise in their English class.

20 Years Ago December 19, 1991

Crowned Football Sweetheart and Hero for Rule High School were Jana Saffel, sophomore daughter of Vance and Donna Saffel, and Carlos Muniz, senior son of Mr. and Mrs. Seferino

Muniz. James Rike of Haskell is among Clarendon College students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rike.

Mrs. James Sinclair presented her piano students in recital at Paint Creek Baptist Church. On the program were Halee Walton, Amanda Crawford, Ashley Medford and Hattie Walton.

30 Years Ago December 17, 1981

Receiving special awards at the annual banquet were Haskell firemen Don Comedy, 5 years; Roy Trussell, 5 years; Joe Cortez, 5 years; B. J. Ray, 15 years; and Tommy Watson, 20 years.

Ted and Fay Jetton of Weinert, were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Haskell National Bank Community

Room, hosted by their children.

The Paint Creek girls' basketball team defeated Guthrie 54-52. Scoring honors went to Julie Coleman, 18 points; Linda Fisher, 14 points; DeeAnn Pendergraft, 8 points; Becky Medford, 8 points; and Luann Cockerell, 4 points.

40 Years Ago December 23, 1971

Haskell Free Press publisher Bill Comedy is proud to announce that his son, Don Comedy, has assumed the duties as editor and photographer of this newspaper.

Overall winners in the Haskell Garden Club's Christmas Home Lighting Contest were Charles McCauley, first; F.A. Karr, second; and Abe Turner, third. In the window division Vance Abeldt won first and Mrs. E.M. Frierson won the door division.

Mrs. Eva Hardman, graduate of Weinert High School, has been nominated for the Teacher of the Year award in the Irving Public School system. She is the daughter of Sallie Sanders and the late Jack Sanders of Weinert.

50 Years Ago December 21, 1961

County Clerk Horace O'Neal, veteran county official whose service in the court house goes back to 1943, has announced that he is resigning as County Clerk to engage in private business.

R.S. Sanders of Weinert has been appointed registrar for the Jones-Haskell-Shackelford county draft board in the Weinert area.

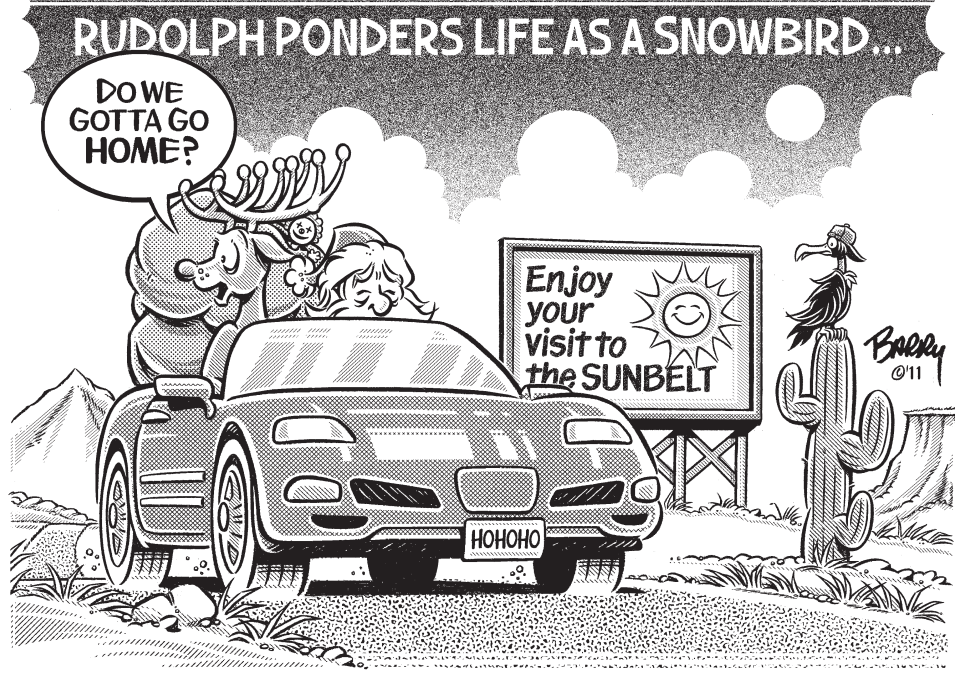
Entry of Ira Coleman, well-known farmer, into the race for County Commissioner in Precinct 4, brings the field to three. Others seeking the position are incumbent Francis Blake and Bob Melton.

100 Years Ago December 23, 1911

Patrick Henry of Wichita Falls spent Thursday in the city arranging for the Henry Business College opening here the first of the year.

William and W.F. Druesedow left Monday night for Corpus Christi. They are on a land deal, and may invest in lands in that section.

Mr. Latham, the agricultural demonstration agent recently hired by the county, reports that he has 50 farmers who have agreed to use demonstration practices during the coming year.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

A week from today, most of us will have had or will be celebrating Christmas. This is always the time of year that is filled with mixed emotions. We are always excited to see family and friends that we have not seen in awhile. We always eat way too much food and stay up way past our normal bedtime. We have worked our heads off making sure that the gifts are bought, the food is all prepared properly and just the way everyone likes it, the house is clean and decorated, everything is just so-so and... then in just a matter of a day or two it is all over. Was it worth it—ABSOLUTELY. Will we do it again next year—ABSOLUTELY. This has all been so much fun, why in the world would anyone express an emotion other than joy and thanksgiving and happiness? Maybe it's because there is an empty chair at the table that was occupied last year or someone was sick and couldn't come home or maybe someone of our family or friends is deployed in the Armed Forces somewhere away from home or maybe someone didn't care enough to even come home. If each of us will stop for just a minute and think—we can all be so very thankful for one thing and that is the very reason that we celebrate Christmas. That gift we received so many years ago in Bethlehem is so much greater than any gift that we will ever find under a Christmas tree. I don't know about you, but that gift is the

most comforting gift that I will ever get.

Our new Chief of Police, Richard Candelaria, will have his first day on the job in Haskell Jan. 16, 2012. I hope that you are as excited about his coming as those of us who have spent many hours in the interview process. Matthew Duran and Brandon Anderson looked over many applications and made their recommendations to the review committee who then made their recommendation to the City Council. The members of the Council feel very strongly that Candelaria is the right person to be the Chief of Police for our town. I have no doubt that you will feel the same way once you get to know him.

I noticed a few weeks back while reading the Abilene Reporter-News that Haskell County had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the Big Country. I chose to believe that our rate is among the lowest because our people choose to work rather than do nothing and be given a handout. I know that we have a few citizens who prefer the 'handout' option, but they are certainly not in the majority.

Brandon and I attended a meeting of City Managers and Mayors a couple of weeks ago in Iowa Park concerning drinking water. I was so surprised at the problems most of the other cities in our area are having when it comes to drinking water—things like high nitrates, selenium and

numerous other issues. These problems are all associated with underground sources of water and not lake water like we have. I well remember the issues that arose over whether or not we should build the Miller Creek Reservoir. It caused many family feuds and many good friends were lost over this issue. However, as we look back, we can only be very appreciative of the cities and individuals who persevered and found a means to build Miller Creek Reservoir. By the way, there is also a plan in place to expand the size of the reservoir. This increase in size will be very significant and will allow the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority to sell water to even more cities. This will be a boon for us. Hind sight is 20/20, but foresight is even better.

Among the Christmas parties attended this week was the one for the Hospital, as the wife is a board member. Do you have any idea what the Hospital Auxiliary or 'Pink Ladies' give to the hospital via their store on the square? While you are pondering that amount... I've thought for some time what a service they provide. We've had occasion to empty two houses after deaths and they have willingly taken things that removed my responsibility of finding new homes for many items. They help you in that regard, then they help others by making these items available for others to purchase and thirdly they use the proceeds from those sales to fund the hospital. These 'Pink Ladies', and I wish I could list all their names, this year have volunteered 800, 900 even up to 1200 hours in their store.

They each and everyone deserve a big hug and a huge "Thank You" from us. Now, are you ready for that sum? A whopping \$48,000!

Attended the Haskell National Bank Christmas party with both locations celebrating in Abilene this year. Just wanted you to know that Carolyn Everett received recognition for 55 years of service to the bank. CEO Robert Howard remarked, "I didn't know HNB hired 5 year olds." You won't see many of Carolyn's ilk in this generation.

Untouted people doing good works: Many of you may not be aware that health problems landed V.A. Brown and his wife, Betty, in the hospital a while back. They are our neighbors. The other morning I noticed a white SUV parked in their driveway and the man was getting the mail. Knowing that they were in the hospital, I was paying close attention to who was getting the mail. It was Charles Swinson. Some of you may not know that he goes about his daily life doing good things for people like providing a clean shave to men in the hospital and doing other things such as above. There are no trumpets signifying these deeds, he just quietly does his Christian duties. Thanks Charles and bless you for showing us Christian actions. By the way, the Browns are now both home and improving daily.

A friend sent me an email this week and it's stayed on my mind—it is very sobering: "If you waked up this morning with only the things you thanked God for yesterday, what would you have?"

From our family to you and yours—Merry Christmas!

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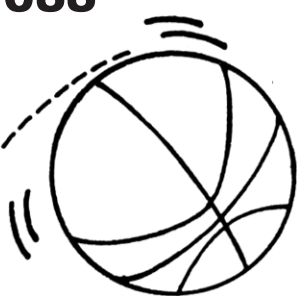


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Letters to Santa Claus...

Dear Santa,
Hi! Hi! I want VANS, a zipper jacket, a baby dog for Austin, a shirt with a tie and pants that go with it, that tool set and I want a baby sister! Are you going to put my baby sister in a present? I want her in a baby basket. This is the last one, I want a robot. One more thing, a motorcycle to ride on. I'm going to leave some carrots for your reindeers and cookies and milk for you.

For your elves, I am going to leave some fruit snacks and you can share some of your cookies and milk.

I love you Santa,
Caden West
5 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Renea. I want a iPod, MP3 player, Texas longhorn things, Justin Beiber CD's and posters.
Thanks Santa,
Renea

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chasmitas is a steel guitar and square toe boots.

Taylor Byce Murray

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. Are you bringing Rudolph this year? For Christmas I would really like a Spiderman car, Cars 2 movie, Optimus Prime Transformer and some pet fish. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you!

Love,
Audie Shaw

Dear Santa,
My name is Richie DeLaCruz, Jr. I like learning toys, cars and I wear size 2 T pants and 2 T shirts. I also like trucks, cartoons and I would like blocks, socks size 24-36 months. I have been a good boy this year. I like big bouncy balls, basketballs, tool sets.

Thanks Santa,
Richie DeLaCruz
P.S. My shoe size is 7 1/2 kids. I would like lots of toys.

Dear Santa,
My name is Benniman. I like Transformer Toys, Power Ranger Toys, and I wear size 3T pants and 3T shirts. I have been a good boy this year.

Thanks Santa,
Benniman
P.S. airplanes also

Dear Santa,
I like you, Santa Claus. I want a present. I want a princess tower doll house. Daddy wants a gun if he is nice. The magic of Christmas is to be nice or you will get on the naughty list. Santa will write your name. Please bring Mommy a special present like a sandwich. Rudolf is a good deer. Maybe I will leave you a cookie. Thank you, Santa. I will be on the farm.

Kendall Thompson,
age 3

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I would like a Nutcracker, roller skates, a night mask, a puppy hat, puppy clothes, Hannah Montana stuff, and an iPod touch.

Love,
Madilyn Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you ready for Christmas? This year I would like a TV, a new Playstation 3, a DS game and an iPad.

Thanks,
Colt Moore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Pogo stick.

Lani Richards
Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Brycen Reyna. I am 3 years old. I tried very hard to be good all year. Please bring me the Smurfs movie so I can watch it with my Mimi and Popo and also I would like the Puss N Boots movie so I can watch it with Ma and Papaw. I would also like some new shirts and jackets with monkeys on them to go with my monkey tobogan. Also please bring my big brother a iPod. He really wants one.

Love, Brycen Reyna

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Paige Scheets and I'm almost 4 years old. I have tried really hard to be good all year. I would like you to bring me a new baby bed for my dolls, a new baby doll, the movie tangled and a tv like dad and moms for my room. And please don't forget all my cousins. I will leave you a Dr. Pepper and gummi bears and real food by the Christmas tree.

Love,
Paige

Dear Santa,
My name is Zakary Jones and I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy this year (most of the time) LoL. I would like a big motorcycle with two wheels, a few more hot wheels and a police car. My little brother Lukas also likes hot wheels too. We left you some milk and cookies. I hope you like cake cookies. They are my favorite! Thank you Santa!

Love,
Zakary Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Quinten. I am 2 years old and I have been a good little boy this year! For Christmas I would REALLY like a 4-wheeler like my daddy's! I would also like some football or baseball stuff and some games to keep me busy! I will leave you some milk and cookies to snack on and some carrots for the reindeer!

Thanks so much Santa,
Quinten Siegfried

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old this year! I have been pretty good this year. I would love to have a doll house. I like the Barbie Dream Townhouse. I also want some dolls and new DVD's. Please bring Spencer a dump truck and some Legos for Nathan. Thank you for my presents from last year.

Rebekah Cunningham

Dear Santa,
My name is Xander Reyna. I am 4 years old. I have tried really hard to be good all year. I really want a iPod like my uncle Angelo. Also I would like a Wii and

some games to go with it and the Cars and Monster Jam so I can play them with my daddy and little brother. Also please bring my brother a monkey. He really loves them. I will have milk and cookies waiting for that. I am gonna try not to eat them.

Love,
Xander

Dear Santa,
My name is Lukas Jones and I am 21 months old. I really like my brother's cars, so can you please bring me some hot wheels. And I love to build as well, can you bring me some legos too. I have been a really good boy this year! And Santa can you please bring my brother Zakary a cop car. He really likes cars too. Thank you Santa! Oh, there are milk and cookies on the counter for you. I had to hide them before they were gone!

Love you Santa,
Lukas Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year and have made my Mama and Daddy's hearts very happy. I make Jesus's heart happy too. Please bring me a big dump truck and three loader trucks to play with outside. I would also like three airplanes. Please remember to bring some toys for my big brother, Nathan. Don't forget to visit my cousin Bekah Cunningham's house and leave her a present too. A loader and dump truck would be good. My friends from daycare want you to come to their houses too. Santa, bring all my friends loaders and dump trucks. I will leave you some cookies and milk by the fireplace so you can have a snack while you are at my house. I love you, Santa. Ho Ho Ho. Merry Christmas!

Spencer Martin
3 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Nathan. I am 7 years old now. What I want for Christmas is an iPad and an iPod Touch. My mom and dad say I can't have both. They also say I don't need an iPhone4 even though I want one. If you bring my parents an iPad, you could just bring me an iPod Touch. I would also like some new Legos like the Master Builder Academy Kit 1, Ninjago Fire Dragon, Ninjago Fire Temple, Toy Story 3 Dump Truck and any others that you think I might like. A Nintendo 3DS with Mario Kart 7 would be great too. I would also like some new Pokemon trading cards if you have some at the North Pole that you have made. If you don't, I will try not to cry.

My brother has been good most of the time. He should get a Lego Duplo set with at least 100 blocks. My cousin Rebekah would probably like a big pink Mega Blok set. Don't forget to give

some presents to my friends Wayland, Anthony, Garrett, Emily, Kyle Smith, Andrew, Tess and all the kids who have been good this year.

We will have our stockings ready for you to put toys, candy or a Hershey's Chocolate Almond candy bar inside them. We will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you, Santa.

Nathan Martin
7 years old

Dear Santa,
I love you! Please bring me a bike, another Wii, a Wii Resort game, a Rudolph movie, a puzzle, a DS, a new coat and colors. I have been very good! Please don't forget my cousins. They have been good too!

Jaxon White
age 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Pogo Stik.

Shelby Saffel
Age 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylin. I am 3 years old and my Mommy and Daddy says I have been a very good girl this year! For Christmas I would also like a 4-wheeler like my Daddy's, except pink! I would also like a baby doll and high heels, and lots of candy for me and my little brother! I will try to leave you some milk and cookies and of course some carrots for the reindeer. Thanks so much!

I love you Santa,
Kaylin Siegfried

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon and I am 2 years old. I've been pretty good this year I think. For Christmas I would like to get some cowboy boots, new cars and a new game. I LOVE candy so please fill my stocking up! And please don't forget my dog Kacie, she said she wants a new chew toy or some yummy treats!

Merry Christmas!
Landon Stephens

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy gun.

Harley Sears, Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike.

J.R. Green, Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike.

Michael Erwin, Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me make up.

Astrid Guzman, Age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun.

Timothy Moore
Age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike.

Donna Green, Age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie.

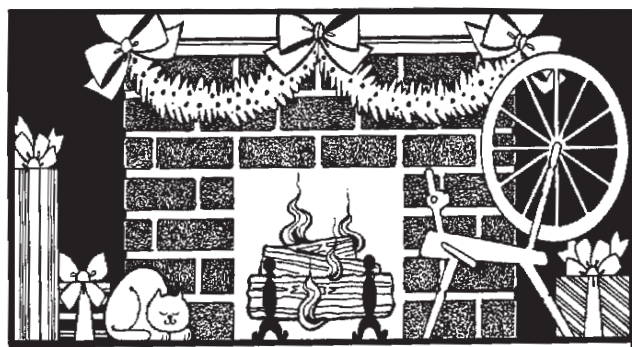
Sirena Baiza, Age 5

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a new blanket with Angels on it. I also want a radio and roller skates that are pink and purple. I also want a surprise. I love you Santa.

Love,
Kelbi

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a tool set that has lots of real tools in it like my daddy's. I also want a remote control monster truck, skating shoes that are black, Monster Truck Wii game, a shirt with a tie, and a shark with a boat. I am going to give you 5 cookies and a glass of milk. For the elves, I will give them fruit snacks and a glass of milk. I love you Santa so so much! Thank you Santa!

Love,
Colby West
7 years old



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Paint Creek students compete at UIL

Paint Creek junior high and elementary students participated in the UIL District Academic Meet Wed., Dec. 7, in Throckmorton. Out of seven teams, the junior high placed third and the elementary placed fourth. Points were combined with Paint Creek taking third place overall behind Throckmorton and Newcastle.

Results included:

Second grade: Oral Reading, Ethan Jenkins, fifth place; Storytelling, Chris Acosta, third place and Aaron Lynskey, fourth place.

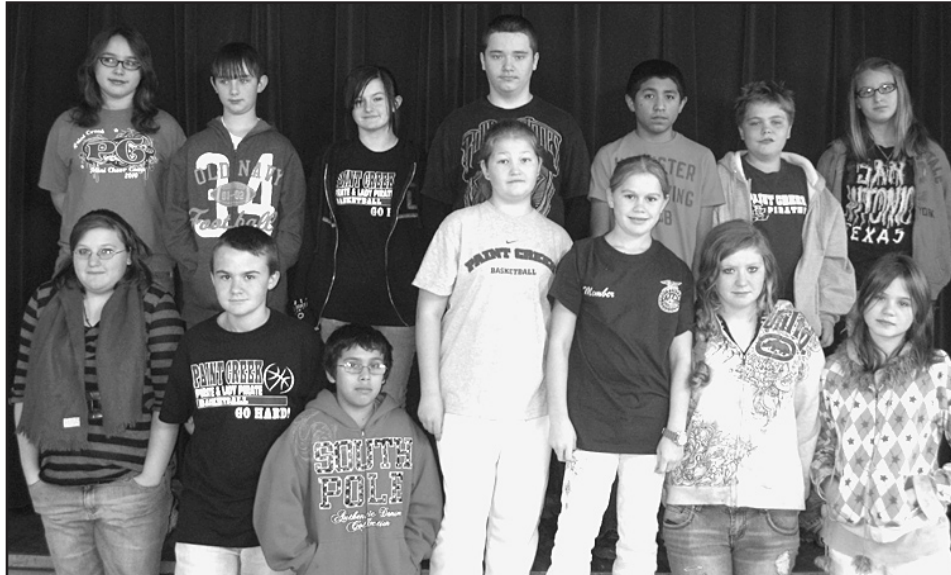
Third grade: Oral Reading, Dakota Davis, fifth place; Ready Writing, Zakary Elkins, first place and Eric Perkins, third place; Spelling, Zachary Elkins, first place, Dakota Davis, second place and William Bogle, third place. Team-Elkins, Davis and Bogle, first place; Storytelling: Eric Perkins, fifth place.

Fourth grade: Number Sense, Desiree Acosta, third place; Team-Acosta, Kayla Bosnjak and Larissa Villarreal, third place.

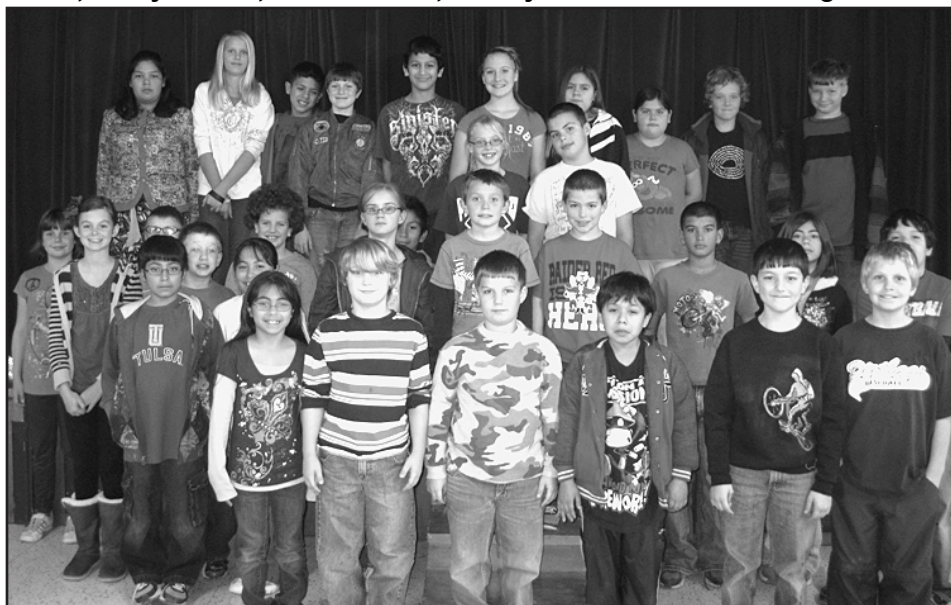
Fifth grade: Dictionary Skills, Garrett Arendall, first place; Maps, Charts & Graphs, Gabriel Todd, third place; Oral Reading, Bailey Hawkins, third place and Zoe Webb, fourth place; Social Studies, Garrett Arendall, sixth place; Spelling, Gabriel Todd, second place; Junior Bogle, fifth place; Team-Todd, Bogle, Brittany Melton, third place.

Sixth grade: Art, Felicity Hannsz, second place and Cheyenne Elias, fourth place; Team-Elias, Bayden Graham, Hannsz and Katelyn Jenkins, third place; Calculator, Bayden Graham, fifth place and Felicity Hannsz, sixth place; Team-Graham, Hannsz and Katelyn Jenkins, second place; Dictionary Skills, Katelyn Jenkins, sixth place; Listening, Felicity Hannsz, sixth place; Maps, Graphs & Charts, Felicity Hannsz, fifth place; Mathematics: Katelyn Jenkins, first place, Bayden Graham, fourth place and Jr. Moreno, fifth place; Team-Graham, Jenkins and Moreno, first place; Number Sense, Cheyenne Elias, third place; Oral Reading, Felicity Hannsz, first place; Ready Writing, Katelyn Jenkins, third place and Felicity Hannsz, sixth place.

Seventh grade: Art, Devon Benitez, third place; Team-Caitlin Douglass, Zhenia McTasney and Corey Mengwasser, second place; Calculator, Melisa Rock, fourth place and Corey Mengwasser, fifth place; Team-Zhenia McTasney, Mengwasser and Rock, second place; Dictionary Skills, Corey Mengwasser, fifth place; Team-Catherine Lemond, Mengwasser and Melisa Rock, third place; Editorial Writing, Catherine



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Lemond, second place, Buddy Rock and Trotter, first place; Trotter, third place and Corey Number Sense, Melisa Rock, fifth place; Ready Writing, Catherine Lemond, sixth place; Social Studies, Buddy Trotter, fifth place, Corey Mengwasser, sixth place; Team-Catherine Lemond, Mengwasser and Trotter, third place; Spelling, Corey Mengwasser, fourth place; Team-Caitlin Douglass, Catherine Lemond and Corey Mengwasser, third place.

Gift for all seasons

As hearts swell with the season, our charitable donations rise. In this time of personal philanthropy, resolve to make a regular donation at the bank as well—the blood bank.

Because of the perishable nature of blood and its components, the supply must be replenished regularly.

“So now is the time for a New Year’s resolution to donate blood at routine intervals, preferably twice a year,” says Dr. Ravindra Sarode, a pathologist who heads the Transfusion Medicine and Coagulation Laboratory at UT

Southwestern Medical Center.

“To jog your memory,” he says, “you might schedule your blood donations to coincide with your birthday and wedding anniversary or some other personal and perennial event to time your visits to the blood bank at five- or six-month intervals.”

“The shelf life for platelets is only five days and, therefore, there is often a shortage of this critical blood component, especially during a long holiday season,” Dr. Sarode says. “When you donate whole blood, you

help three or four patients because whole blood is then divided into three or four of its major components, such as red cells, platelets and plasma. You can choose to donate either whole blood or only platelets or red cells.”

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TxDOT targets holiday revelers

With the holiday season upon us, the Texas Department of Transportation is pulling out all of the stops to remind motorists not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking and to find a sober ride home or call a cab.

Throughout the month of December, convenience stores, bars and restaurants, gas stations—even movie theaters—in major Texas markets will carry TxDOT's campaign messages, urging Texans to celebrate responsibly.

Santa's reindeer will adorn bar coasters, pint glasses, bathroom mirror decals, digital signs over bathroom urinals, street posters, and gas pump nozzles. The reindeer's message will read, "Don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed or Blitzen. Call a cab or get a sober ride home."

Santa himself is getting in on the action this year, with a brand new interactive "31 Days of Holiday Cheer" calendar. Each day unlocks games, recipes, tips, and videos to make the season merry and

bright, all with the reminder to keep the holidays happy and plan a sober ride. Facebook users can engage with the new content at www.facebook.com/SantaInTexas.

"The holidays can mean many things to Texans, including family dinners, office Christmas parties and New Year's Eve festivities. As we celebrate the season, we're encouraging motorists to keep the holidays merry and to plan a sober ride home," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic

Operations Director. "That's why, throughout the month of December, 'don't drink and drive' reminders will be popping up online as well as at locations where alcohol is served or purchased."

This year's campaign is supported by new Driver Awareness and Attitudes survey results, which indicate that fewer Texas motorists are drinking and driving. Indeed, according to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) survey conducted this summer, motorists are now more likely to designate a sober driver, call a friend or family member, stay put, or to take a taxi or public transportation than to drive while impaired.

Approximately 75 percent of the survey respondents reported they had been exposed to an impaired driving message within the past 30 days.

TxDOT, which commissioned the TTI survey in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, has good reason to celebrate these findings.

"After years of working to educate the public on the importance of planning ahead instead of driving while impaired, these survey results highlight that our public advocacy campaigns are working," added Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. "We're thrilled that Texas motorists are retaining the message that alcohol and driving don't mix and that drunk driving will not be tolerated on our roads."

Far from resting on its laurels, however, TxDOT will be working with police departments and sheriff's offices across the Lone Star State to reduce impaired driving throughout the holiday season. Law enforcement statewide will be working overtime to find and arrest impaired drivers from now through New Year's Day.

The Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Package Store Association, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Texas Municipal Police Association are all working with TxDOT to help distribute holiday impaired driving prevention messages.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders face a fine of up to \$2,000, loss of their driver's license for up to a year, and up to 180 days in jail. Safety officials say other costs associated with an impaired driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases, and other expenses.

In 2010 there were 3,024 fatalities on Texas roads, 1,102 were the result of alcohol-related crashes. This makes alcohol a factor in 36.4 percent of the traffic fatalities in Texas.

More Wall of Honor donations listed

The Progressive Study Club is listing more names of donors to the Wall of Honor project.

Memorial donations and other donations may be made to Dorothy Hartsfield at 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, TX 79521. Checks should be made payable to the Progressive Study Club. The club is a tax deductible organization. The goal for the project is \$60,000.

Mary Lou Gilleland, in memory of Burnell Gilleland.

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Protect yourself from identity theft

More than 10 million Americans become victims of identity theft each year, as crooks steal names, Social Security or credit card numbers and use them to commit fraud or other crimes. That personal information is as good as gold to criminals and they will go to any means to get it.

It is amazing to many Americans to learn how easy it is to obtain the needed information without even breaking into a house. Thieves may use something as simple as "Dumpster Diving," rummaging through trash looking for bills or other paper with personal information on it. Or, they may try "Phishing," pretending to be financial institutions or companies while sending spam or pop-up messages to get the unsuspecting victim to reveal personal information.

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that many ID theft cases originate with "shoulder surfing," watching from a nearby location while the victim punches in a telephone calling card or credit card number or eavesdropping on a conversation as you give your credit card number over the telephone to a hotel or car rental agency.

The Internet is an appealing place for criminals to obtain identifying data,

such as passwords or even banking information. Many people respond to spam, unsolicited E-mail promising some benefit but asking for identifying data.

"With enough identifying information about an individual, a criminal can take over that person's identity to conduct a wide range of crimes," The Justice Department warned. This information can be used for false applications for loans and credit cards, fraudulent withdrawals from bank accounts, or obtaining other goods or privileges which the criminal might be denied if he were to use his real name.

To avoid becoming a victim, the Justice Department asks consumers to be stingy with personal information.

"Start by adopting a 'need to know' approach to your personal data. A person who calls you and says he's from your bank, doesn't need to know information that's already on file at the bank. Also, the more information you have printed on your personal bank checks—such as Social Security number or home telephone number, the more personal data you are handing out routinely to people who may not need that information.

"If someone you don't know calls you on the

telephone offering a "major" credit card or "prize" but asks for personal data, ask them to send a written application form. If they won't do it, hang up. If they do, review it carefully.

"If travelling, have your mail held at your local post office, or ask someone you know and trust to collect and hold it until you return. Ask a neighbor to remove and hold circulars, newspapers or other tell-tale items that would indicate no one is home.

"Check your financial information regularly and look for what should be there and what shouldn't. If someone has gotten your financial data and made unauthorized debits or charges, checking your monthly statements carefully may be the quickest way to find out.

"If someone has managed to get access to your mail or other personal data and opened any credit cards in your name or taken any funds from your bank account, contact your financial institution or credit card company immediately to report these transactions and to request further action."

By taking these precautions, you can save yourself hours of sleepless nights trying to remedy the harm not only to your credit report, but to your good name and reputation.



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Stock show times listed

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Listed below are also the tentative arrival times, show schedules and the sale date for the Haskell County Livestock Show. Please mark your calendar for these important dates.

Arrival and weigh in for steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 4:00 p.m.

Arrival for poultry and rabbits is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 5:30 p.m. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Show begins Fri., Jan. 13 at 8:00 a.m. with the lambs followed by swine.

At 2:00 p.m. the steer show will be followed by the heifer show.

The sale will be held Sat., Jan. 14 at 11:00 a.m.



ATTEND BANQUET—Seventeen members of the Haskell FFA Chapter attended the Double Mountain FFA District Banquet Mon., Dec. 12 in Hawley. Current District officers Carson Hadaway and Shelby Dunnam of Haskell participated in the meeting. FFA members from twelve different area schools were in attendance with approximately 185 members and guests present. Results of all of the past year's contests were announced as well as the sweepstakes award for 2011. Haskell had three members run for various offices for 2012. Hadaway was Haskell's candidate for Area officer. Meghan Glover was elected to the position of District Secretary while Kaley Mathis was elected to District Treasurer. FFA members also had the opportunity to vote for one of seven Talent teams to represent the Double Mountain District at the Area Convention in May. Those attending from Haskell were front row, l-r, Meghan Glover, Emily Fouts, Lucy Carmichael, Madison Homeyer and Makenzie Gass; back row, Tyler Holley, Kaley Mathis, Morgan Frierson, Shelby Dunnam, Cailey Foster, Madison Mayfield, Maci Colley, Reagan Hadaway, Crissy Bassett, Reed Lee and Galin Petty.



DISTRICT OFFICERS—Haskell FFA students Kaley Mathis, left, was named District Treasurer and Meghan Glover was named District Secretary at the Double Mountain FFA District Banquet held Mon., Dec. 12.



DISTRICT OFFICERS—The FFA District Banquet was held Mon., Dec. 12. District officers were elected as well as Area and State representatives. Katie Jones of Paint Creek was elected as District Reporter. Candidates for Area and State representatives were required to complete an interview, take a quiz, and give a brief speech. Felysha Walker of Paint was elected to represent the Double Mountain District at the Area 2 Convention to be held in May. At this time, she will run for state officer.

Even slight holiday gain can set stage for obesity, health risks

Although some Americans gain five to seven pounds with a diet of big meals and sweets between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, most people only gain a pound or two during the holidays, according to a UT Southwestern Medical Center registered dietitian.

But even a slight weight gain, if left intact, can accumulate yearly and endanger health.

"The problem is in gaining a pound or two and not working it off, even with good intentions and New Year's resolutions. The gain stays on and adds up each year; in a decade it's 10 or 20 pounds," said Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition. "That can lead to obesity and related health problems such as hypertension, stroke, diabetes and other maladies."

So how can people avoid adding holiday weight?

Healthy food choices, eating habits, food preparation and exercise, Sandon said.

"First, focus on choosing healthy foods instead of concentrating on what you shouldn't have," she said. "For instance, seek out cranberries, which have a high level of antioxidants, which protect cells and help the body block urinary-tract infections and prevent plaque formation on teeth."

Sandon listed several other healthy or calorie-saving food choices:

- Fresh game, such as venison or wild turkey, is usually leaner than store-

bought meat.

- Salad with leafy greens and colorful vegetables is a high-fiber, low-calorie choice.

- Nuts are regarded as "heart-healthy." Research suggests walnuts have cardiovascular benefits; pecans, peanuts and other nuts have "good" fats.

- Sweet potatoes contain Vitamin A—essential to a strong immune system.

- A glass of red wine, which has been found to have a positive effect on cholesterol levels and blood pressure, is less caloric than a glass of eggnog.

The key is moderation, Sandon said. Eating large portions of even healthy foods can prompt weight gain. Even an extra 150 calories per day—the amount in a 12-ounce soda or a chocolate chip cookie—can add up to a pound of extra weight in about three weeks.

Sandon offers further tips to help keep pounds from piling up:

- Avoid fast food, and set consistent meal times.

- Don't starve all day before a big feast, and you'll be less likely to overeat.

- Eat slowly, and wait a few minutes after one serving to see if you are full.

- Socialize away from the buffet table, removing a temptation to overeat.

- Bring a low-calorie dish to family feasts.

Food preparation can go a long way toward keeping holiday weight off, not to mention preventing food poisoning, Sandon said.

Here are some calorie-cutting cooking tips:

- Use broth to sauté instead of butter—104 calories saved per tablespoon.

- Use nonfat milk instead of whole milk—60 calories saved per cup.

- Use plain, nonfat yogurt instead of cream—720 calories saved per cup.

Once food is ready, don't leave it out on the buffet tables for more than two hours. Doing so allows bacteria to build and spurs food-borne illnesses, leading to nausea or worse, Sandon said.

Also, keep your hands,

work surfaces and cooking utensils clean.

Exercising regularly is also important for good health, Sandon said. At least 30 minutes of vigorous physical activity each day is a good rule of thumb, but here are some other tips:

- Organize a touch football game during halftime of televised football games.

- Arrange holiday-related activities, such as ice-skating or skiing.

- Take a walk to see holiday displays.

- Walk an extra lap around the mall, even if you've finished shopping.

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PRESENT GIFTS—The Haskell Memorial Hospital Customer Service team organized hospital employees and collected money to purchase gifts for nursing home residents at Haskell Healthcare Center. Those on hand to present the presents Mon., Dec. 12 were, l-r, Emily Moore, Michelle Joiner, Debbie Curd, Betty Martin, Teresa Rodriguez, Leisa Meier, Fran McCown, Gina Pierce and Leisa Hutchinson. Residents and other helpers pictured include, l-r, Bob McKinney, Patsy Wilson, Loudell Barbee, Faye Gray, Susie Anchondo, Janet Cowperthwait, Mary Stone, Elaine Lewis, Norene Murphy and Lorie McKinney.



VISIT MEMORY LANE—Eleven students from Paint Creek High School visit the residents of Memory Lane every other Wednesday. During their most recent visit, the students threw a birthday party for Jesus and sang Christmas carols. Students who make regular visits are, l-r, Danielle Oliver, Felysha Walker, Katie Bosnjak, Matt Booe, Katrina Buerger, Katie Jones, Caitlin Medford, Charitie Winterstein, Kelsey Smith, Layne Petty and Haley Myers.

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
Frank Slayton, minister
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. Dustin Wilhite, 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

First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
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.
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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.
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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.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
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

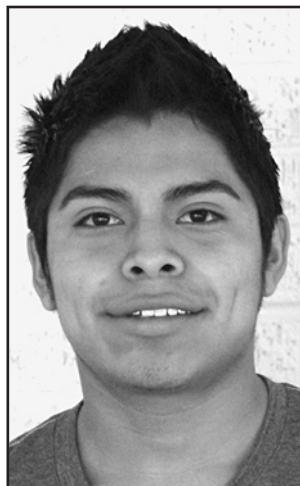
—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Students visit Rotary Club



OMAR MEXICANO

Omar Mexicano is the son of Raul Mexicano and Catalina Ramirez of Weinert.

He is Catholic.

At Haskell High School, he participated in football. He was named best player in soccer and took first place in the relays.

He enjoys playing soccer and searching the Internet.

He is undecided about college at this time but would like to play soccer in Europe.

Garden checklist for December

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

- Don't forget to give your landscape a steady amount of water, through irrigation or by hand, if there is not adequate rain.
- As soon as the December weather appears to be settled, it is time to select and plant such annuals as pansies, violas and ornamental cabbages and kale.
- Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.
- Place orders for seed this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want. In addition to ordering seeds that you are already familiar with, try a few new kinds each year to broaden your garden contents.
- November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until February or early March.
- Bring in late-blooming plants such as decorative kalanchoes or Christmas cactus so they may finish flowering in the warmth of the house.
- Reduce fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid-March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well lighted window.
- Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.
- Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.
- Continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons, and dianthus.
- Prepare beds and individual

- holes for rose-planting in January and February use composted manure, pine bark, and similar materials mixed with existing soil.
- Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.
- Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over-water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.
- Take advantage of good weather to prepare garden beds for spring planting. Work in any needed organic matter, and have beds ready to plant when needed.
- Don't forget tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator. They can be planted any time in December if they have received 60 or more days of chilling.
- Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 or 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 3 to 4 weeks.
- Don't spare the pruning shears when transplanting bare-rooted woody plants. Cut the tops back at least one-third to one-half, to compensate for the roots lost when digging the plant.
- Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogs as well as good gardening books.
- Berrying plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.

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To all our Grandchildren, Memaw and Grandpa love each of you so dearly. Grandpa is now watching over us each day and will protect us all the days of our lives.

Bless you all,
Kim Hutto and Family

Merry Christmas

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1408 NORTH AVENUE K. PENDING
305 SOUTH 11th, MUNDAY. SOLD

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. \$38,000.

1001 NORTH AVENUE G-LOCATION LOCATION! This three bedroom three bath home's open two story floor plan would work for any family. The home boasts two upstairs bedrooms with two attached baths, an office and a laundry room. Downstairs is another bedroom with attached bath, large living and dining room and an updated kitchen. With storage throughout this home, a two car garage and fenced back yard this house will not be on the market for long.

NORTH CENTRAL HASKELL COUNTY. 175.8 +/- Ac. with 119.8 +/- Ac. of cultivation and 56 +/- Ac. of pasture. There is one recently cleaned out stock tank located in the pasture portion of the property plus the Weinert Co-op Water Supply has a meter on the property ready for hook-up for livestock and /or personal use. The Farm Service Agency established outstanding dryland cotton, wheat and grain sorghum yields. Deer, dove and hogs will be available in the pasture portion of the farm. Farm is located on U. S. Hwy 277 North, north of Weinert just past the roadside park. \$800/Ac.

BRAZOS BOTTOM FARM. 162.9 +/- Ac. all in cultivation. Property is accessed from O'Brien taking FM 2229 west for 4.9 mi. and then go north on CR 188 for one-half mile. The farm has crop bases for cotton, wheat and a peanut yield of 1.33 tons/ac. The gross USDA annual direct payment is \$2,377. There is irrigation on the adjacent farm and possibly on this property. The State of Texas has land bordering this farm and has had a test tower for wind measurement. Income possibilities are delay rental oil leases and/or exploration, crop income and wind energy. \$850/Ac.

CLAIREMONT-KENT COUNTY 161.79 +/- acres. You can view historic Double Mountain at sunrise from the front porch of this secluded hilltop cabin located in John Wesley Hardin country. This property has WATER and Pending (some Mule deer), turkey, nogs and many other critters in this picturesque setting right out of the old west in Kent County. There is co-op electricity for the cabin and water well. New boundary line fences make the ranch conducive to running horses, cattle and other livestock on the premises. \$950/Ac.

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Athletes named to All-District teams

by **Caron Yates**
 Before the book can officially be closed on the 2011 football season, awards must be handed out to those individuals across the district who have excelled. Our area schools

garnered their share of recognition. The Haskell Indians placed two players on the All-District team for Class 1A-Division 1-District 4. Named to the first team offense was senior guard Garrett Brueggeman. Brett

Shelton, a junior defensive end, was selected for the first team defense. Chosen for the second team from Haskell High School were sophomore Matthew Martinez, running back; junior Doug King,

defensive tackle; senior Stewart Urich, outside linebacker; and senior Omar Mexicano, kicker. Receiving honorable mention commendation were senior Payne Utley, receiver/cornerback; senior Brady Leach, tight end/linebacker; and senior Sterling Bird, center.

The Rule Bobcats, who competed in Six Man Division II-District 7, had two players named to both the first team offense and defense. Senior Mason Grindstaff was chosen first team quarterback, linebacker and punter, while senior Jacob Perez was named first team running back and utility player. Sophomore Jeremy Hardamon made the first team offense as a wide receiver.

In Six Man Division 1-District 9, Paint Creek had three Pirates on the second team all-district. Dalton Barnett was selected as a utility back on the offense, Dامتric Masias was chosen as a defensive linebacker, and Andrew Mathias was named second team punter.

The competition was stiff, with several area teams from these same districts going deep into the playoffs.

All these young men deserve congratulations on their personal successes, as well as for their contributions to their teams.

Fireworks show set New Year's Eve in Jud

The thirteenth annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Sat., Dec. 31 beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Jim Hollingsworth, chairman of the Commission, his children and grandchildren 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 CR146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 617 for a mile east of CR146 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 2000s. 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 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.

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

by **Wes Utley**
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 12-14 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival and weigh in time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 4:00 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 12 by 5:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 13 at 8:00 a.m. for lambs followed by swine. Then, beginning at 2:00 p.m. for steers followed by heifers.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Bill Binder of Abilene.

Judge for rabbits and chickens will be Chris Beard, AST of Albany.

Auctioneer and announcer for the sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Sat., Jan. 14 will be announced at a later date.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand set up serving food and drinks on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday they will serve only drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 91 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$83,000.

Kenny Buerger of Avoca

is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

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Haskell County Gin.....	67
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	5,798
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	1,635
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	305
Weinert Gin.....	219
Total bales.....	8,024

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