

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Archer City
 Fri., Dec. 14, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
JH-B Anson Tournament
 Sat., Dec. 15, TBA
 at Anson
PAINT CREEK
JH Pirates vs Newcastle
 Mon., Dec. 17, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 15 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa, featuring pancakes and toppings, will be held Mon., Dec. 17 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. If you would like a picture with Santa, please bring your camera. Tickets will be sold in advance by contacting Deon Turner at 325-338-1378 or available at the door. Adults, 10 and up are \$6; ages 4-9 are \$4; and ages 3 and under eat free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds benefit the Haskell Elementary PTO.

Board meeting

The Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association will hold a meeting Tues., Dec. 18 at the Haskell County Extension Office beginning at 6:00 p.m. Several items need to be discussed and addressed at this board meeting.

Christmas ornaments

The Haskell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team is selling laminated "in memory of" or "in honor of" Christmas ornaments to be displayed on the Christmas tree in the hospital's lobby until Fri., Dec. 21. A \$5 donation will purchase a laminated ornament with the name of your loved one. Ornaments may be purchased from any hospital relay member. The ornament will be available for pickup after Dec. 21. The event is a fund-raiser for the hospital's Relay for Life team.

Fire relief fund

An account has been established at Citibank for the family of Raymond and Lorenza Castorena of Haskell who lost everything in a house fire just before Thanksgiving.

Christmas Eve Mass

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will hold Christmas Eve Mass Mon., Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

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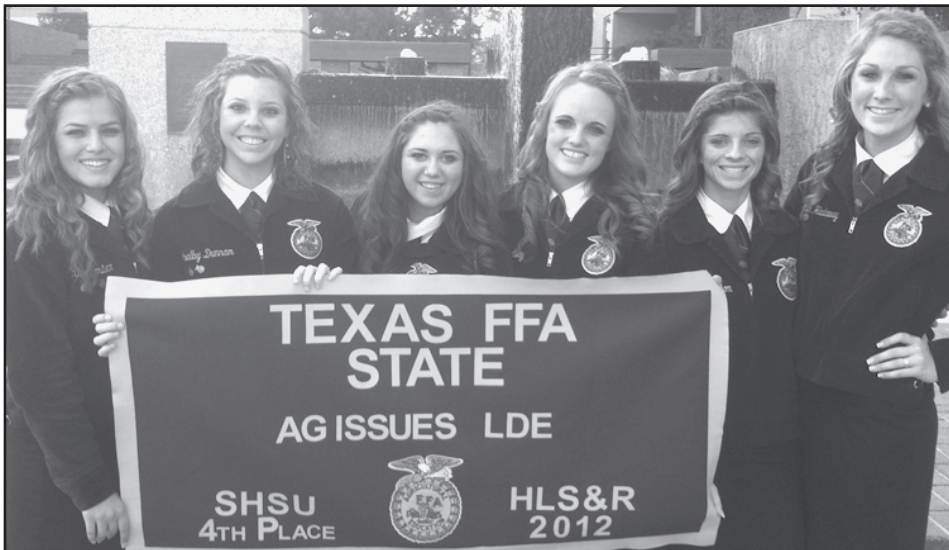
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CHRISTMAS PARADE—One of the many decorated entries in the Haskell Christmas parade held Sat., Dec. 8 was this entry by Trinity Lutheran Church, reminding us all of the reason for the season. The annual night time parade featured over twenty entries. This float took first place honors.

Ag Issues team places 4th at state

Six members of the Issues team competed at the Haskell FFA Agricultural Texas State FFA Leadership Contest Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.



PLACE FOURTH AT STATE—The Haskell Ag Issues team placed fourth in the finals of the State Leadership Development Contest. Team members are, l-r, Cailey Foster, Shelby Dunnam, Emily Fouts, Maci Colley, Morgan Frierson and Carson Hadaway.

Funds needed to help local Goodfellows drive

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

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort

between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery. Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Lela Bevel, vice

president; and Donnie Rieger, secretary-treasurer.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information or call 864-3957. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The Haskell Ag Issues team began their trip to state on Wednesday night traveling to Austin. On Thursday, the team spent time visiting and presenting to various groups in Austin preparing for competition. The Ag Issues Team had the privilege of speaking with members of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Public Utilities Commission, Farm Credit Bank, and a private law office in Austin.

The team then traveled to Huntsville where they competed in the semi-final round of competition on Friday afternoon. The team advanced to the finals on Saturday where they competed once again.

The Haskell Ag Issues team finished off their year by placing fourth in the finals of the State Leadership Development Contest. There were 176 Ag Issues team that started off the year across the state with the top 20 advancing to the state competition.

Team members are senior Cailey Foster, senior Shelby Dunnam, junior Emily Fouts, senior Maci Colley, senior Morgan Frierson and senior Carson Hadaway.

Vince Vance Christmas show set Dec. 21

Vince Vance and the Valiants will be presented in a family Christmas Show Fri., Dec. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

The band has the number one Christmas hit in America, "All I Want for Christmas is You."

The doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets are limited and are available in advance by calling 940-864-3424. Adult tickets are \$15 each, children's tickets are \$5 for ages 12 and under.

Tables are available for sponsorship for \$350.

The program includes Christmas classics and musical hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Haskell Neighborhood Community Watch Program.

No alcohol will be served or permitted at the event. Concessions will be available.

Parade winners announced

Winners of the annual Haskell lighted Christmas parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, were Trinity Lutheran Church, "Joy to the World," first place; First United Methodist Church, "Away in the Manger," second place; and St. George Catholic Church, "O Holy Night," third place.

The parade's theme was 'Music of Christmas.'

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 3-10:

Shannon Michele Harlan, driving while license suspended.

Twenty-six calls were made to 911.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA—The annual Christmas cantata, 'A Baby Changes Everything,' was held Sun., Dec. 9 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The event was presented by the Community Christmas Choir.

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

Big Country Electric announces scholarship opportunities

Several scholarship and educational opportunities are available for the children whose parents or guardians are members of Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC). This is a brief listing—go to BCEC's website, www.bigcountry.coop, and click on the Scholarships link for full details and applications.

•Big Country Electric Cooperative Academic Scholarship: Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

to current year graduating seniors or GED recipients. Applicant's parent/guardian must be a member of BCEC. Deadline is Jan. 18, 2013.

•Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship: \$2,000 scholarship awarded to entering college freshmen. Disbursed \$500 per semester, first four semester of college. Must be child of a member of an electric co-op, such as BCEC, who is a member of Golden

Spread Electric Cooperative (GSEC). Deadline: March 15, 2013.

•TREWA (Texas Rural Electric Women's Association) Scholarship: Fifteen \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to current year high school graduates or GED recipients. Parent/guardian of applicant must be a co-op member or employee and a member of TREWA (TREWA Membership Application included with scholarship application). Deadline: March 29, 2013.

•Government In Action Youth Tour: A 9 day, all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. on the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June 13-21, 2013, for three eligible winners Plus \$1,500 scholarships to each winner and the runner-up. In addition and for this year only, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, our power supplier, will sponsor a winner. This means that this year, we can have up to four winners. Contestants will give a six to eight minute speech on the subject, "Electric Co-ops: the Next 75 Years." The contest will be held Mon., Feb. 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Roby High School Auditorium.

The contest is open to any student currently enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior in the Big Country Electric Cooperative service area except BCEC employees or directors and immediate family.

Entry deadline is Fri., Feb. 8, 2013. All entries must be returned to a Big Country Electric Cooperative office before 5:00 p.m.

•Opportunity Plan: Scholarships and low-interest student loans. Scholarship preference given to applications received before April 1, 2013. Go to www.opportunityplan.com for more information.

BCEC is proud to be able to offer opportunities for our local students to assist them in their educational endeavors, and to be affiliated with other organizations who do the same. For questions or more information about any of these scholarship opportunities, contact Sarah McLen at 325-776-3803 or by email to smclen@bigcountry.coop.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS—85 Sonic gift cards were distributed to all Paint Creek School students with perfect attendance for the second six weeks grading period. The big winners of an iPod Shuffle or Nano are front row, l-r, Dylan Souther and Zakarey Jones; back row, Garrett Arendall, Jarrett Lopez, Dustin Wyrick and Crystal Aich.

McClain is named new general manager at BCEC

The Big Country Board of Directors has named David "Mark" McClain, as the next general manager. He begins work Jan. 22.

McClain will replace Fredda Buckner, the current general manager, when she retires in December after serving the cooperative for many dedicated years. "On behalf of the entire board, I want to thank Mrs. Buckner for her dedicated service to the Big Country membership and wish her well in her retirement," Roger Blackwelder, board president, stated.

"McClain was selected by the board following a nationwide search conducted over many months. The board takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously and interviewed numerous highly qualified candidates—and ultimately selected McClain after several days of intensive interviews. His strong leadership skills, excellent interpersonal skills, strong educational background and extensive cooperative industry experience, along with his personal traits and values that reflect Big Country's strong culture and work ethic, make him an outstanding choice to lead Big Country into the challenging times ahead." Blackwelder added.

"I am truly humbled and grateful for the trust the board of directors has placed in me and honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the next general manager at Big

Country. I look forward to joining the hard working team of directors and employees that serve the cooperative's member-owners. I understand that the most important thing in life is not what position you hold. I manage from a servant leadership platform because to serve is to show the greatest leadership. I will be relocating to Texas in January and am excited about getting to know the employees, board, members, and getting involved in the community," said McClain.

McClain serves as the District Director of Office Services for Jackson EMC in Gainesville, Georgia. Jackson EMC has 205,000 members and McClain's district serves 42,000 members, which is larger than BCEC. He has more than 19 years of experience in the electric cooperative industry. He is well-rounded with a broad level of experience in the primary areas of management within a cooperative, and he has strong experience in budgeting, management of personnel, and establishing long term work plans.

McClain has a BBA in Management from North Georgia College and State University, an MBA in Management from Brenau University in Georgia, and is a graduate of NRECA's Management Intern Program (MIP). He has also completed 76 hours of his Master of Divinity Degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and will soon complete that degree as well.

McClain was born in Rome, Georgia and grew up in Gainesville, where his parents and sister still reside. He and




MARK McCLAIN

his wife, Rachael, have six children. Rachael is pursuing her Doctorate Degree from the University of Georgia. She will complete her degree in 2013 and plans to teach at the college level. The family will join McClain after she completes her doctorate in mid-2013.

McClain and his wife spend their time enjoying family activities with their six children and being involved in their local church, where he has served as bi-vocational pastor. They also enjoy numerous outdoor activities as a family.

Headquartered in Roby, Big Country is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative, serving rural communities in 12 west Texas counties. BCEC was formed in 1999 with the consolidation of Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative. The cooperative serves 12,340 meters and 5,358 members with residential, commercial and agricultural consumers. Behind BCEC is 74 combined years of history of both cooperatives. BCEC has district area offices in Snyder and Stamford.





THANK YOU!

I wish to thank the voters in Haskell County Precinct #1 for your support and encouragement over the last 12 years.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Commissioner.

Thanks again,

Johnny Scoggins
Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd for by Johnny Scoggins

Med Care Medical Supply Information

by Kim Hutto, Regional Sales

This time of year, we are all excited about family and friends coming to visit and the smells of baked goodies are just amazing. But during this time, it's so very important we remember our Diabetics. They would sure like some of those baked goodies but this could be life threatening.

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MR. AND MRS. ROB MICKLER

Mickler, Driesbach wed in Montgomery

Corrie Lyn Driesbach, daughter of Dennis and Linda Driesbach of Montgomery, and Robert Roy Mickler, son of Robert (Bob) and the late Rosemary Mickler of Rule, were married Sat., Dec. 1 in Montgomery.

The couple was honored to have Corrie's sister, Amber Van Bruaene of Montgomery, as her matron of honor, and James Wittenborn of Haskell, brother-in-law of the groom, as best man.

Pastor Brian Domingues of Lone Star Cowboy Church in Montgomery presided over the ceremony.

Also in attendance were

the bride's parents, Dennis and Linda Driesbach, Gladys Driesbach, grandmother of the bride of Placencia, California and the groom's father, Bob Mickler of Rule.

Many other relatives and guests shared this wonderful afternoon filled with love, laughter and special times. A shower in Corrie's honor was held at the home of Jared and Amber Van Bruaene of Montgomery Fri., Nov. 30.

The bride is employed by Ariat, International, and the groom is self-employed as a Farmers Insurance agent and cutting horse trainer.

The couple resides in Huntsville.

Coleman presents program for TRTA

The Haskell County Chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association met Wed., Nov. 28 at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, with fifteen members and three visitors present.

The business meeting was called to order by President Tommye Jo Clark. Minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given.

A discussion concerning memorials given for present and past members was held. A motion was made and approved to remember present members, as well as past members of ten years or more, with a \$25 memorial contribution to the Haskell County Library. Memorials will be sent in remembrance of Vivian Robertson and Betty Davis.

TRTA members were reminded to turn in volunteer and exercise hours to Cathy Bartley as soon as possible. A discussion of the changes coming to TRS-Care through the Advantage Plan was held and everyone was encouraged to research and get informed, and make their decision, as the deadline is

fast approaching.

The program was presented by Phyllis Coleman, owner of Professional Pampering. A massage therapist, she opened the business in 2008. Since that time, she has expanded her services. In addition to massages, she offers facials, tanning, dry sauna which can help those with breathing problems, and a party room for themed parties. This includes, but is not limited to birthday party for all ages, bridesmaids' luncheon, slumber party, Bridge party and even an Easter party. She also has a "dress up shop" for little girl parties. Professional Pampering carries a line of products to help with sore or aching muscles. She offers gift certificates and invites everyone to come by and visit.

Bobby and Linda Rexrode received the two baskets filled with products Coleman gave away. Vida White received the door prize.

The next meeting of the TRTA will be the third week in March. All retired school personnel are encouraged to join.



CHRISTOPHER BAILEY ROBERTS - HILEE MEREDITH MULLIGAN

Mulligan, Roberts plan Feb. wedding

David and Lynn Dodson of Haskell and Edward David Mulligan of Houston are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilee Meredith Mulligan to Christopher Bailey Roberts, son of Dr. Richard and Jan Roberts of San Angelo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University. She received her BBA specializing in marketing and accounting and is employed in Commercial Real Estate Leasing for Boxer Properties

of Dallas.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Central High School in San Angelo and a 2004 graduate of Angelo State University. He received his BBA in Management Information Systems and is employed as a Project Director with Interstate Restoration & Construction in Fort Worth.

The couple is planning a wedding for Sat., Feb. 23 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field in Dallas.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold a December meeting this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

This month the clubs

are going to go Christmas caroling at the care homes in Haskell. The group will also discuss upcoming events and district contests coming up over the next month and have refreshments.

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

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

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Happy 95th Birthday

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Lawmaker asks to use rainy day fund for drought needs
AUSTIN—Texas should spend some of its “rainy day fund” on water issues, state Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, suggested in a letter to Gov. Rick Perry last week.
Deuell pointed to U.S. Drought Monitor data that says 94 percent of Texas is classified as abnormally dry, adding that the state climatologist called the months of October and November the driest in Texas history.
In his Dec. 6 letter, Deuell asked for the State Water Plan to be funded. He did not mention a dollar amount, but noted the existence of a “growing consensus that action needs to be taken now to ensure the future water needs of our state.”
The state’s economic stimulus fund—widely referred to as the rainy day fund—totals somewhere between \$8 billion and \$10 billion. The governor has called the rainy day fund “critical to our ability to respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies, whether they’re natural or man-made.”
The State Water Plan, written by the Texas Water Development Board, is supposed to be a blueprint to secure Texas’ water needs 50 years into the future. But to finance projects that conserve, capture, channel and move water supplies, it takes money that the Legislature has been reluctant to appropriate and spend and last session was averse to selling general obligation bonds as a way to fund the water plan.
Texas’ water planning process is based on a bottom-up, consensus-driven approach that integrates the efforts of 16 Regional Water Planning Groups made up of members representing agriculture, industry, environment, public, municipalities, business, water districts, river authorities, water utilities, counties and power generation.
As referenced above, exceptional drought continues to grip Texas.
Gov. Perry on Nov. 30 renewed the July 5, 2011, drought disaster proclamation for another 30 days for 180 of Texas’ 254 counties.
The proclamation directs that all necessary measures, as expressed in state law, both public and private, be implemented to meet the threat prolonged drought poses to public health, property and the economy.
Regents say yes to med school
State Rep. Eddie Lucio III, D-San Benito, on Dec. 6 announced the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System passed a measure that paves a path to create a medical school in the Rio Grande Valley.
While the board of regents passed the measure, the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan.

8, must give approval for the progress to continue.
The idea is to merge UT Brownsville and UT Pan American in Edinburg into one new UT system that will house the new medical school. Regents also approved the \$100 million over the next 10 years needed to accelerate the transitioning of the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen to a free-standing school of medicine.
“This is a very important issue, which is very dear to my community...The Rio Grande Valley, as well as the rest of the State, will greatly benefit from the creation of a new medical school in South Texas,” Lucio commented. “Moving forward on this will be one of our top priorities this session.”
Railroad commissioner resigns
Buddy Garcia, one of three members of the Texas Railroad Commission, resigned effective Dec. 7.
A former member of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Garcia was appointed to the commission—the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industries—by Gov. Perry on April 12, 2012.
Stepping into the spot vacated by Garcia is newly elected Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick.
DPS: Program is effective
Interdiction for the Protection of Children, a program administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety is working, the agency reported on Dec. 6.
The program trains state troopers and officers to “identify, recognize, intervene and remove endangered children without obvious signs of abuse being present.”
As a result of this training, DPS said, officers have made 20 criminal arrests and recovered 62 missing or exploited children since 2010. Some 2,600 officers in Texas and approximately 1,900 officers nationally and internationally outside of Texas have received the training.
Unemployment rate is down
Total nonfarm payroll employment nationwide increased by 146,000 jobs in November, the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics reported on Dec. 7. The increase in jobs nationally reduced the unemployment rate to 7.7 percent, the lowest in four years.
Texas Workforce Commission November employment statistics are expected to be released soon.
Fort Hood has big impact
Fort Hood, the U.S. Army post in the central Texas counties of Bell and Coryell, had an economic impact of \$25.3 billion in the state during fiscal 2011, according to a new analysis released last week by state Comptroller Susan Combs.

From Out of the Past

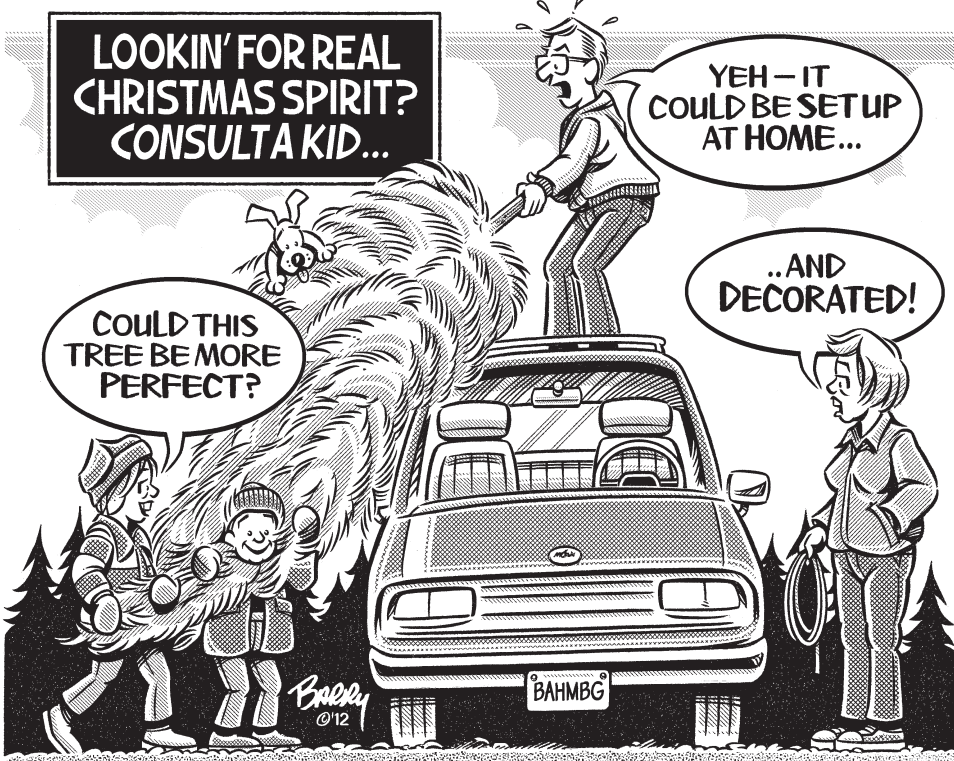
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**10 Years Ago
December 12, 2002**
The Haskell Church of God, which has been in the community over fifty years, has changed its name to the New Vision Family Worship Center of God. Pastor James Rincker said, “We thank God for our forefathers and the vision they had, but this is a new time and a new era.”
Allen Morrow of Haskell was the big winner in the Bass Fishing Honey Hole Team Tournament trail competition at Lake Fork. He competed against 115 teams.
Lorene Adams celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at Haskell Healthcare, hosted by her children.
**20 Years Ago
December 10, 1992**
Ruby and Abe Turner have announced the opening of The Bevers House on Brick St. The bed and breakfast was named as a tribute to Spence

Bevers, who built the house in 1904.
Winners in Haskell’s lighted night parade were Rolling Plains Farm Supply, first place; First National Bank, second place; and Haskell Nat’l Bank, third place.
Participating in the seventh annual Honors Symposium at Midwestern State University were Haskell High School students William Bagot, Brooke Baker, Robert Huff and Janeen Jordan made up Team I and Cynthia Halliburton, Cindy Henry, Blake Henshaw and Kelly Nanny were on Team II. Baker was cited as one of the All-Stars.
**30 Years Ago
December 16, 1982**
Betty Alvarez was recognized as Employee of the Year during the annual Christmas banquet of the Haskell Memorial Hospital.
Molly Grimes, a senior

student at Haskell High School, has been chosen to perform on the Wrangler Belle squad at Cisco Junior College. She is the daughter of Joan Laine.
For the first time in the history of A.L. Williams, a national marketing firm, the company president named two brothers as regional vice-presidents on the same day. Fred Brown and James Brown are the sons of Fred and Dorothy Brown of Haskell.
**40 Years Ago
December 14, 1972**
At the annual Christmas party for the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Kenneth Marr and Desmond Dulaney were recognized as having missed only one fire or drill each during the year. Missing only two calls during the year was Tom Watson.
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ash celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception

at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leon Jones. They moved to the Mattson community where they farmed, in 1933.
U.S. Air Force Captain David Smith, son of Mrs. Henry Smith of Weinert, has been named Outstanding Junior Officer of the Quarter in his unit at McCoy AFB, Florida. He is a 1965 graduate of Mattson High School.
**50 Years Ago
December 13, 1962**
Eleven HHS band members were selected for the Northwest section of Region II All-District Band. Those named to the select band were Jean King, Martin Rueffer, Ken Barnet, Randy Wiseman, Jim Bynum, Dennis Rueffer, David Follstaedt, Dollis Norton, Margaret Wall, Sue Long and Robert Speer.
At the Haskell High School football banquet, Bobby Herren was presented by cheerleader Bobbye Zalokar as Football Hero, while Jo Helen Elliott was crowned Sweetheart by team captain Lesley Wooten.
Douglas B. Finch, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was elected president of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.
**100 Years Ago
December 14, 1912**
Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Kinney left Tuesday morning for their coal mine at Newcastle.
For the past three years, the Haskell Library has been maintained through the efforts of the ladies of the Magazine Club. Last year a Library Association was formed which was very successful, not only in a financial way, but also in stimulating a wide interest in good reading.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

We maybe going to get a little taste of winter-temperature is supposed to drop into the 20’s which should be enough to put the finishing touches on plants that are susceptible to freezing temps. Should also kill a few mosquitoes that have been brave enough to hang around plus those unbelievably sticky house flies. I really hate to see the plants get zapped by the freeze but good riddance to the mosquitoes and flies. Monday a.m. “the frost was on the pumpkin.”
If you see public works employees, police officers and other volunteers scouting the town for stray dogs, it is in response to complaints received. So if your dog has not been vaccinated and doesn’t have a collar with tags, don’t be surprised if he is picked up and taken to the pound in Stamford. If you love your dogs, please take care of them and for the sake of the rest of us, please have them neutered.
We watched the Christmas parade from the parking lot of the Civic Center where it started. I thanked the gentlemen in the Color Guard from Graham for coming and participating in our parade. I also saw the Rule Volunteer Fire Department was a participant. The folks from Richardson’s were handing out boxes of popcorn which was a real treat. I remember when I was just a young buck how Santa used to toss candy from his sleigh to all of the bystanders. I suppose the reason we don’t do that anymore is because it is

not considered safe. Would be nice to do that again but—times change. Anyway, thanks to each business and individual who took time out to prepare a float and participate in our parade. Even ole Santa took time out of his extremely busy schedule to be in it.
A couple of weeks ago the wife and I made a day trip to Dallas to be with a loved one who was in the hospital. If I never go back to Dallas again it will be too soon. The traffic was bumper to bumper for miles, as we were caught in 6:00 Friday traffic. Our traveling speed ranged from 0 (yes, completely stopped) to 75 mph with only about one half of a car length between vehicles. I feel certain my blood pressure was at least 300 over 200 (unbelievably stressful). What a sigh of relief when we hit Denton and took a left turn onto U.S. 380. I’ll take my chances with the deer and hogs any day over those maniacs commuting in Dallas.
Speaking of traffic, Bud Walker was telling of a law passed in California that allows lane sharing. My understanding of this law is that you in your car may be sharing the same lane with a motorcycle—not like you think. The motorcyclist may be by your side I know that the lawmakers in California sometimes pass laws that are considered questionable at best by most other folks but sharing a lane with a motorcycle—that is absolutely ridiculous.
I have had a few calls recently concerning

the availability of vacant buildings and this is exciting news because it likely means a business wants to come to town. I try to help as best I can and then suggest they contact one of our very capable real estate agents. We have a new business located in the old Ben Franklin building...L’Opera Nails and Spa. I was told their grand opening was this past Sunday. Slipped by my radar and I’ll have to greet and welcome them to Haskell.
Our Community Chorus has once again brought us an exceptional Christmas program accompanied by a drama this year. Nothing in the world is as sweet and precious as the children’s choir—such pure, innocent voices. I complimented Dr. Gober on his twins’ participation and he said, “At least they didn’t start fighting.” How well all of us who have brothers remember this scenario. Jason Daniels, youth minister for First Baptist Church, has directed the four Cantatas we’ve enjoyed since moving to Haskell. Daniels is to be commended as this is a constant Sunday afternoon commitment for about three months. Thanks also to the First Baptist Church for having it in their sanctuary every year. It is a fitting way to begin the holiday/Holy Day season worshipping our Lord in song. A word about the Community Chorus...good friendships transcending all different churches have developed at least the last three years the wife has participated.

On a more personal note, we’ve finally finished with our Christmas decorating. I think we set a record this year with the number of Christmas trees we have in and on our little corner of the world. It’s always fun to get the ornaments out because so many of them bring back wonderful memories. It also brings back many memories of loads and loads of very tasty food. I remember how my late mother-in-law would almost work herself into a tizzy trying to make certain that she had fixed the favorite dishes of everyone who was going to be there for lunch. And most of the time she was successful. However, it never failed, she always left something that she had worked very hard preparing in the refrigerator. But that was okay because it just surfaced at the next meal. Anyway, all of this to say I hope your Christmas celebration brings back many wonderful memories to you.
We always like to decorate the “family” tree, sit down and reflect about the years past when we had our parents, grandparents with us and the children were young awaiting Santa’s gifts. It seems like only yesterday...

Correction

In the story about the presentation of Vince Vance and the Valiants, the Development Corporation of Haskell is sponsoring a table at the event, not the event as stated in the story appearing in the Haskell Free Press Dec. 6.

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Reid, Tribbey wed at Possum Kingdom Lake resort



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BLAKE REID

Robbyn Dyamond Tribbey and Robert Blake Reid were united in marriage Sat., Oct. 6, at The Cliffs Resort on Possum Kingdom Lake.

The ceremony was officiated by L.J. McCulloch, lifelong friend of the bride. Chaney McBee, cousin of the groom, provided music for the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tribbey of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Meier and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tribbey.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reid of Blanket. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nabers and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Reid, all of Blanket.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an ivory, lace v-neckline gown. Beaded lace adorned the entire fitted silhouette. A dramatic v-shaped back and covered buttons completed the vintage style. A handmade birdcage veil with a feather hair fascinator and a vintage, white Fox stole complemented her gown.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of orange roses, tulips, mini calas, hypericum berry, and succulent with braided ivory and turquoise ribbon accented with a vintage orange and turquoise brooch.

Meagan Murrey of Dallas, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included

Crystal Lackey of Haskell, Chelsie Gist of Lubbock, Kerri Newton of Austin, and Miranda Robertson, cousin of the bride, of Quanah.

The bride's attendants wore unique styled and colored cocktail-length gowns of satin with vintage fur stoles. Each carried a hand-tied bouquet of orange roses, mini calas, hypericum berry, succulent with ivory ribbon accented with unique, vintage brooches to compliment their dresses.

The house-party included Brittany Brazell of Abilene, Kayla Stepp of Cleburne, and Lyssa Townsend of Weatherford. The house-party carried a single orange rose with ivory ribbon and also wore vintage fur stoles.

Derrick Tribbey, brother of the bride of Dallas, served as best man and photographer. Groomsmen included Trevor McBee, cousin of the groom of San Angelo, Jacob Bunn of Fort Worth, David Garcia of College Station and Giles Setzler of Sante Fe, New Mexico. A boutonniere was draped across a beautiful wooden cross in memory of William Ross "Wills" Setzler IV, best friend and guardian angel of the groom.

Maddix Raffel, cousin of the groom of Early, served as the ring bearer. Chase Rome of Decatur, and Brayden Raffel, cousin of the groom of Early, served as ushers.

The groom wore a grey, vintage styled suit with a handmade, orange and turquoise bow tie.

The groomsmen wore grey slacks and vests with unique, handmade ties complementing the bridesmaid's dresses. The ring bearer wore a handmade, vintage newsboy suit with nickers, vest and hat. His bow tie matched the groom's bow tie. The ushers wore grey slacks and handmade, orange plaid suspenders.

The ceremony was held on the cliff overlooking Possum Kingdom Lake. The vintage wooden arch was draped with burlap and covered in flowers that complemented the bride's bouquet.

The bridesmaids and groomsmen entered the ceremony as couples to "In My Life" by the Beatles. The ring bearer walked down the aisle just before the bride carrying a Here Comes The Bride wood, heart shaped sign and a ring pillow made by the bride's great aunt, Beaunice Vahlenkamp. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to Elvis Presley's "I Can't Help Falling in Love" played by Chaney McBee. During the ceremony the bride and groom and their mothers participated in a unity ceremony by mixing the bride and groom's favorite wines to symbolize the blending of the two families. The bride and groom exchanged rings to symbolize their commitment to one another.

The bride's parents hosted a buffet dinner and reception at The Cliffs Resort event center immediately following the ceremony. The event center was decorated from floor to ceiling in Victorian-style vintage decorations. Old screen doors, antique suitcases, vintage clothing, an old-fashioned bicycle, and mid-century furniture pieces adorned the room. Black and white photos of the bride and groom's parents and grandparents were displayed throughout the center. The guest's tables featured burlap tablecloths with lace table squares and vintage birdcage centerpieces with fresh wax flowers of yellow, white, orange and turquoise. The guests each had a lace and burlap decorated Mason jar tea glass. Burnt orange polyester napkins and loose pearls in white, gold and turquoise accented the tables. Homemade peach, apricot and plum jelly made by Katherine Medford of Haskell served as wedding

favours and finished the table settings for the guests.

The bride's cake table theme was "Love Birds" and included a robin's egg blue vintage door backdrop. The cake was a cream-colored fondant cake with a tree design in brown and gold. The cake knife used was on the table was the cake knife used at the bride's parents wedding in 1976 and had both the bride and groom and her parent's names and wedding date engraved.

The groom's table was decorated with vintage car replicas and included a German chocolate cake, several flavors of cookies and cupcakes, homemade fudge, and hand dripped pearl pretzels. The bride and groom, bride and her father, groom and his mother, the parents of the bride, and the parents of the groom performed first dances at the beginning of the reception. The best man, Derrick, maid of honor, Meagan, groomsmen, Trevor, and bridesmaid, Crystal, toasted the bride and groom during the reception.

The couple's get-a-way car was a vintage yellow 1927 Model-A owned and driven by Ben McGee.

Special guests included the bride's great aunt and uncle, Beaunice and Gus Vahlenkamp of Old Glory, who won the dance off for the longest marriage during the reception. Ben and Sue McGee, of Haskell, who graciously provided the perfect get-a-way car for the couple. Britt Ambrose, of Fort Worth, friend of the bride and groom, who served as the wedding coordinator. Mrs. Alberto Kelso, great aunt of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Kelso

and family, cousins of the groom, and Freddy Kelso, cousin of the groom, all of Panama City, Panama, were in attendance.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at The Chaparral Grill at the Cliffs Resort where everyone dressed in 1940's attire.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School. She graduated summa cum laude from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance as well as her Master of Business Administration

degree and works as an Oil and Gas Accountant for Finley Resources in Fort Worth.

The groom is a graduate of Early High School. He graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics and works as a Corporate Sales Tax Consultant for RadioShack Corporation in Fort Worth.

Following a honeymoon in Los Cabos, Mexico, the couple resides in Fort Worth.

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SECOND PLACE WINNER—The Haskell First United Methodist Church's float Away in the Manger took second place honors in the Haskell lighted Christmas parade.



PARADE BAND—The Haskell Indian band played Christmas music during their trip around the parade route in Saturday's annual Haskell lighted Christmas parade.



CLASS OFFICERS—The Haskell High School Class of 2013 met in August and elected officers for the 2012-2013 school year. From left, Ashley Adams is project chairman, president is Maci Colley, vice president is Brett Shelton, and reporter is Carson Hadaway.



ATTEND PERFORMANCE—Shannon Sanford's sixth grade fine arts class of Paint Creek School attended a play performance of the Nutcracker at the Wichita Falls Municipal Auditorium Sat., Dec. 1. Those making the trip were, l-r, Manuel Acosta, Clayton Cumby, Antonio Yanez, Daniel Salinas, Makannah Pruitt, Whitney Masias, Zoe Webb, Angelique Steele, Gabriel Todd, Crystal Aich, Bailey Hawkins, Garrett Arendall, Natividad Ipin and Brittany Melton.



SENIOR SUPPER—Sun., Dec. 2, the 2013 Haskell High School seniors were honored with a senior supper at the First Baptist Church of Haskell. The meal included spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a variety of scrumptious desserts. Following the meal, the seniors enjoyed a Chinese Christmas exchange.



RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS—Haskell volunteer firemen who received service awards at the annual Christmas party were, l-r, Steven Wright, Charlotte Johnson and Bobby Scheets, all received five year pins; Felix Rodriguez, received a 10 year pin; and Eddie Klose received a pin for 25 years of service.

Firemen receive service awards

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held the annual fire department Christmas party Mon., Dec. 10 at the Civic Center.

Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham presented

service pins to Charlotte Johnson, Bobby Scheets and Steven Wright for five years of service; Felix Rodriguez for ten years of service and Eddie Klose for 25 years of service.

Cunningham recognized the department members,

law enforcement and retired members in attendance.

The department answered calls to 17 house fires, 9 motor vehicle fires, 37 brush fires, 16 motor vehicle accidents, 12 landing zones and one dumpster fire this year.

Haskell Lodge #241

Hermann Sons Lodge #241 met in regular session at Camacho and Charlie's Restaurant with president Jerry Don Klose in charge.

Following the regular opening, a moment of silence and memorial was held for Grace Hannsz, a member who passed away Fri., Nov. 30. Hannsz had served as hostess in the past and contributed to the lodge.

The group was encouraged that T.J. Brueggeman and wife Doris could be in attendance.

Milbert Opitz has a December birthday and this will be number 92 for him. He entertained questions about days gone by and experiences he had and it seems he ran a station-store in a little farming community where the farmers had mail boxes lined up across the highway from his station, and as they came to check their mail, they would shop with him. He had 27 regular customers. He fixed flats and he bought their eggs as well

as sold eggs and a variety of staples to tide them over until they could make a trip into a town nearby. He remembered using the arm/hand pump to bring up the gasoline and how tiresome it would be especially to fill a truck. The happy ending to that story was that electricity came to the community and he was able to have new pumps that were automatic. The group gave best wishes to Milbert for a happy birthday.

The lodge delegate elected to attend convention is Phyllis Klose. The alternate is Harry Koehler.

The lodge's youth has been busy gathering coats with their 4-H group for the Noah project, and will be bell ringers once again for the Salvation Army in Haskell. They are busy with basketball games and preparation for next month's junior stock show.

The float for the Christmas parade is coming along well, but it seems there is need for more volunteer man



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hours. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Santa surprised every one with a gift, for the women, they received Christmas deco items and the men received jars of homemade plum or apricot jelly made by secretary, Doris Brueggeman.

The group shall be meeting again next month, Jan. 6, at Camacho and Charlies.' Notice the change of time, as the meeting shall begin at 5:00 p.m.

Applications for conservation programs being accepted

Applications for funding opportunities with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at all NRCS offices across Texas.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2013 and will begin ranking and obligating EQIP contracts after Feb. 15. All agriculture producers interested in submitting an EQIP contract application for 2013 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP is a voluntary, continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2013 funding is Feb. 15,

2013. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

NRCS encourages any person interested in participating in their programs to contact their local field office, usually located at the county seat.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas

funded over 4,000 EQIP contracts with \$76 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 2.1 million acres across the entire state. In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office serving the county where your land is located. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov



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Maidens weekly basketball report

The Maidens jumped out to a 9-0 run to start the game at home in a 44-41 win over Hawley. After only being up by 1 point at halftime, Haskell came out strong and outscored the Lady Bearcats 12-5 to help secure their second win over Hawley this season.

Sophomore Reagan Hadaway recorded her second double-double of the season by scoring 18 points and coming down with 15 rebounds. The Maiden's offense was also lead by seniors Maci Colley with 10 points and Carson Hadaway with 7.

Other leading rebounders were C. Hadaway with 9, Bassett 4 and Shelton 6. Klose had a team high 5 assists while C. Hadaway had 3 and Burson 2. Leading the team in steals was Klose with 3, C. Hadaway 2 and R. Hadaway 2.

"Overall, I did not think we played very well on the offensive end; however, it was good to finally win a close game. We have really struggled with that this season," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens competed in the Albany basketball tournament last weekend. On Thursday, the Maidens lost a close game to Breckenridge 54-50. The Haskell offense was lead by seniors Carson Hadaway with 18 points, Maci Colley 14, and Caitlan Johnson 7. Jacie Klose had a team high 4 assists.

Leading rebounders were C. Hadaway with 9, Johnson 7, Shelton 6 and Colley 5. Kenzie Shelton and Colley lead the team in steals with 2 each.

On Friday, the Maidens were down 44-42 to Roby with about a minute left in the game and ended up losing 50-44. Johnson had 15 points and 3 steals. Colley

had 10 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 assist. C. Hadaway had 8 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Klose had 8 points, 3 steals and 1 assist.

On Saturday, the Maidens finished up the tournament by defeating Stamford 44-23. The Maiden's offense was lead by Johnson with 15 points and C. Hadaway with 12. Johnson also lead the team in rebounds with 7. Other leading rebounders were Bassett with 6, C. Hadaway 5 and Shelton 4.

Leading the team in assists were Klose with 5, Johnson 2, and C. Hadaway 2. Klose also had a team high 7 steals while Burson had 3 and Johnson 2.

"Overall, the girls did a pretty good job during the tournament and I was proud of them for fighting through some adversity due to injuries throughout the course of the week and weekend," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell	10	11	14	15	50
Breckenridge	11	11	19	13	54
Scoring: C. Hadaway 18, Colley 14, Johnson 7, Bassett 5, Klose 2, Burson 2, Shelton 2.					

Haskell	8	8	8	20	44
Roby	14	14	8	14	50
Scoring: Johnson 15, Colley 10, C. Hadaway 8, Klose 7, Bassett 2.					

Haskell	7	11	12	14	44
Stamford	3	5	8	7	23
Scoring: Johnson 15, C. Hadaway 12, Colley 5, Shelton 4, Bassett 3, Burson 3, Klose 2.					

Haskell JV Maidens
The Haskell JV girls defeated Hawley on Dec. 4 with a score of 30-15.
Lead scorer for the Maidens was Cheyanne Hill with 13 points, followed by Dana Rodriguez banking in 8. Destiny Pierce added 3 points, and Maegen Hearn, Brittany Amos and Tillie McGuire all made 2 points for the team.

BCEC announces youth video contest

Big Country Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, announces the launch of the 2013 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest. For the fourth consecutive year, Big Country Electric Cooperative and Texas Co-op Power will award up to \$4,000 in cash prizes for winners of the competition.

Students in grades 6 through 12 whose parents or legal guardians are current members of an electric cooperative in Texas can participate. This year, students are asked to create a five to 10 minute video interviewing someone who remembers the era when the lights came on, when electricity first came to their home. The video will serve as an oral history of the time before the interviewee received electricity and how life was changed afterwards. All videos have the potential to be included in a full-length documentary to be produced by Texas Co-op Power at a later date.

The grand prize winner will receive \$1,500 and be profiled in Texas Co-op

Power magazine. If a school is involved as a sponsor of the first-place winner it will receive \$1,000. The second-place winner, determined by the most YouTube views, will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for best performance in one of four judging categories: creativity, educational value, video editing and technical quality.

The contest opened Nov. 1 and ends April 1. Winners will be announced April 23.

For full contest rules and entry forms, go to www.TexasCoopPower.com, scroll down and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas button on the right side of the page.

See last year's winning videos at www.youtube.com/TXCOOPPOWER. For contest updates and tips, "Like" Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook or follow on Twitter @TexasCoopPower.

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Texans urged to give the gift of a sober ride this holiday season

It's the most wonderful time of the year, but one poor decision to drink and drive could bring a devastating end to holiday celebrations.

As Texans are planning to celebrate the holidays, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching a holiday campaign with a renewed focus on the importance of planning for a sober ride home. TxDOT's Holiday P.A.S.S. (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) campaign encourages Texans to give the gift of a sober ride and make it easier for sober drivers to enjoy the festivities without drinking alcohol.

"Texans can help make the holidays joyful all season long by giving the gift of a sober ride home or by offering a non-alcoholic drink option at their holiday parties," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "Safety is a top priority for us at TxDOT and we're asking Texans to make a commitment to safe, sober driving this holiday season."

Holiday drinking and driving poses a serious threat for all holiday travelers on the road. During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2011, through Jan. 1, 2012) there were 2,462 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 842 serious

injuries and 78 fatalities. During the upcoming holiday season, law enforcement officers throughout the state will work thousands of additional hours to crack down on drunk driving, including implementing no-refusal programs in many jurisdictions.

To assist TxDOT in spreading the Holiday P.A.S.S. life-saving message, the Texas Hospitality Association is distributing customizable sober driver "gift certificates" and other materials in stores across the state where alcohol is sold. Additionally, award-winning mixologist, Rob Pate, owner of restaurants Peche' and Cherry Street in Austin, is creating three signature non-alcoholic drinks for the holidays that will be promoted for holiday parties.

For tips on planning ahead for sober drivers and safe rides after holiday festivities, visit the Holiday P.A.S.S. Facebook page at www.facebook.com/txdot or the Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/holidaypass. You will also find recipes for our original non-alcoholic drinks there.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or 512-463-8700.



CELEBRATES READING—Haskell CISD Librarian Betsy McManamon and senior Tillie McGuire set up the cappuccino bar. The library celebrates Teen Read Week every year by hosting the event.



HOT CHOCOLATE BAR—Haskell High School senior Ryan Markey hands junior Daniel Contreras a cup of hot chocolate. The library hosted a cappuccino and hot chocolate bar during Teen Read Week.



ENJOY CAPPUCCINO—Haskell High School senior Cannon Edwards and junior Kiefer McNelly skim magazines while enjoying a hot cup of cappuccino in the library during Teen Read Week.



TEEN READ WEEK—Haskell High School seniors Delecia Garcia and Allison Rodriguez read magazines and drink cappuccino in the library during Teen Read Week.

Rule ISD lists honor rolls

Rule ISD has announced the names of students appearing on the A and A-B honor rolls and perfect attendance rolls for the second six weeks of school.

First grade: A honor roll, Sirena Baiza, Astrid Guzman and Shelby Saffel; A-B honor roll, Timothy Moore and Wayland Isbell.

Second grade: A-B honor roll, Karleigh Hertel, Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis, Austen Sanford and Tavon Scrogum.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Abigail Ortiz.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Christian Speck.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel; A-B honor roll, McKenzie Gray and Del Fritzier.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Kaysen Barnett and Mason Helms.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Seattle Jackson.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Sierra Faulkner; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baiza and Kade Lowack.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Jonah Caddell and Christina Herrera.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero and Darryl Williams; A-B honor roll, Jennifer Starr.

Perfect attendance rolls include:

PK: Madisyn Hollabaugh, Skylor Kreger and Skylar Leek.

Kindergarten: Allie Boone, Max Hollabaugh, Kaylee Silvas and Savanna Smith.

First grade: Shelby Saffel and Astrid Guzman.

Second grade: Karleigh Hertel, Kelly Lowack and Cory Mathis.

Third grade: Hannah Ervin, Patrick Lightfoot, Lenzi Manski, Abigail Ortiz, Bryson Silvas and Kendale Smith.

Fourth grade: Dean Kreger, Michael Medford, Yesenia Moreno, Taylor Silvas and Christian Speck.

Fifth grade: Lauryn Crane, Danny Kreger, Madalyn Navarrette and Jessica Ramos.

Sixth grade: Joseph Chavez, Del Fritzier and Chase Thompson.

Seventh grade: Amando Chavez, Adolfo Gonzalez and Pablo Sandoval.

Eighth grade: Alysia Hollabaugh, Ron Mitchell, Jessica Perez and Abel Sandoval Cruz.

Ninth grade: Gabriel Baiza.

Tenth grade: Alejandro Cassal.

Eleventh grade: Gloria Gonzalez.

Twelfth grade: Jennifer Starr.

Area basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 44, Hawley 41

Scoring for Haskell: R. Hadaway 18, Colley 10, C. Hadaway 7, Klose 4, Shelton 4.

JV: Haskell 30, Hawley 15.

Breckenridge 54

Haskell 50
Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 18, Colley 14, Johnson 7, Bassett 5.

Roby 50, Haskell 44

Boys
Hawley 58, Haskell 44

Scoring for Haskell: Silvas 14, Bell 12, Martinez 9, Colley 4,

Newton 2, Hanson 2, Shelton 2, Smith 1.

Hawley 57, Haskell 51

Scoring for Haskell: Bell 16, Martinez 9, Shelton 9, Hanson 6, Silvas 5, Colley 4, Newton 2.

Haskell 45, Newcastle 16

Scoring for Haskell: Bell 15, Shelton 8, Martinez 6, Silvas 4, Newton 4, Hanson 4, Smith 2.

Abilene Christian 63

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BAKE SALE—The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group held a bake sale and hot dog sale Sat. on the square during the Holidays in Haskell event. Among the helpers were, l-r. Marina Wagner, Cynthia Culpepper and Haley Thorson.



MATTHEW BOOE



DANIELLE OLIVER



JAMIE TODD

Students visit Rotary Club

Matthew Booe is a senior at Paint Creek and the son of Monty and Erlinda Booe.

He has been a member of FCCLA for four years serving as president during his junior and senior year. He has been involved in One-Act Play each year as well as Fellowship of Christian Pirates. Booe has served as president of his class, has been a member of Student Council, FFA, National Honor Society, yearbook staff and serves as the school photographer.

After graduation, Booe plans to attend Midwestern State University and earn

a Bachelors degree in Dental Hygiene then attend dental school to be an orthodontist.

Danielle Oliver is a senior at Paint Creek and the daughter of Buddy and Deborah Oliver.

She has played basketball throughout her high school career and ran cross country the past two years. Oliver is a Pirate cheerleader, a member of FCCLA in which she has served in officer positions of reporter and photographer, and a member of the yearbook staff. She has volunteered for the Youth Basketball program for three years and also volunteered at Memory Lane Assisted

Living Center during her junior year.

After graduation, Oliver plans to attend Cisco College and enroll in the cosmetology program.

Jamie Todd is a senior at Paint Creek and the son of Rodney and Aaronlynn Todd.

He is an active member of the Paint Creek FFA chapter and shows pigs at stock shows. He has cheered on the Pirates as the mascot the past two years. Todd has participated in UIL Academic events while in high school.

His plans after graduation are to attend TSTC in Waco and study game design.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Consider the wonderful things God does

It's easy to take for granted all the wonderful things God does for us. He gives us sunny days. He waters our vegetation. He gives us the knowledge to care for ourselves and for others. He gives us the

ability to improve our world. He teaches us to love one another. The list is endless. Take some time to consider all that God does and be thankful for being able to share His wondrous deeds.

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. 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**
Phillip 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.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Bishop Helsley, interim 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
- 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

Haskell School Menu

- Dec. 17-21 Breakfast**
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza, orange juice
Wednesday: French toast, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick, apple juice
Friday: Funnel cake, orange juice
- Lunch**
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
- Monday:** Country friend steak, whipped potatoes, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup
Tuesday: Mexican alfredo spaghetti, garden salad, baby carrots, breadstick, apple slices
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, orange quarters
Thursday: Beef and cheese chalupas, garden salad, salsa, refried beans, applesauce
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, baked chips, fruit cup, lettuce, tomatoes, fresh fruit

Rule School Menu

- Dec. 17-21 Breakfast**
Juice, milk and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, jelly
Wednesday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: No school
- Lunch**
A variety of milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken on a bun, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices
Tuesday: Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl
Wednesday: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite
Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, Western beans, baby carrots, orange smiles salsa
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

- Dec. 17-21 Breakfast**
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Waffles
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Donuts
- Lunch**
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Turkey wrap, tater tots, cucumbers, pears
Tuesday: Tacos, refried beans, salad, applesauce
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, gravy, rolls, strawberries and bananas
Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, peaches
Friday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwiches, salad, chips, Rice Crispy treat

ECC Menu

- Mon., Dec. 17**
Taco and all trimmings, onion, pickles, peach cobbler, misc. dessert, tea or coffee
Wed., Dec. 19
Crispy chicken, gravy, Italian green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, chocolate cake, tea or coffee
Vet office open
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- Fri., Dec. 21**
Bar-B-Q sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, carrots, peaches, sugar cookie, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
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You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Shane Hadaway, 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, at the District Courtroom in Haskell, Texas, at or before 10:00 O'Clock A.M., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from November 16, 2012, the date of issuance of this Citation by filing a written answer to Plaintiffs' Original Petition that was filed in said court on the 16th day of November, 2012, numbered 11,951 on the docket of said court, and styled Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd.,

(dba) PETEX v. Frances H. Dooley, Frederick M. Dooley, Harry H. Dooley, Edward Dooley, Claude Dooley, Lillian M. Dooley Coull, and Jessie Lois Beach, said answer being due December 31, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

The nature of this suit, briefly stated, is one in which Plaintiffs requests the Court to appoint a resident of Haskell County, Texas, as Receiver of certain undivided mineral interests, as described below; and that no bond be required, as permitted by Section 64.091(d)(3) of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code of the State of Texas; and that said Receiver by authorized to execute and deliver a lease upon the oil, gas and mineral interests, whether more or less than the undivided interests hereinafter stated, of said defendants and/or their respective heirs, devisees, personal representatives, stockholders, heirs or devisees of stockholders, successors or assigns, and if any be deceased, then their unknown heirs and legal representatives, in and to the following described land situated in Haskell County, Texas, viz:

The land which is the subject of this suit is 460.32 acres, more or less, being a part of the John Jamison Survey, Abstract No. 66, Patent No. 922, Volume 17, Haskell County, Texas, and being the same land

described in that certain Warranty Deed dated June 17, 1965, from David F. Coull to G.C. Carothers, Jr., et al, said deed recorded in Volume 312, Page 421, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, (the Subject Property).

Frances H. Dooley, Frederick M. Dooley, Harry H. Dooley, Edward Dooley, Claude Dooley, Lillian M. Dooley Coull, and Jessie Lois Beach, Defendants, their respective heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns, and if any or all be deceased, then their unknown heirs and legal representatives, own of record, small undivided mineral interests in the Subject Property.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Dec. 10 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Stacy Bridges and Dan Hoover, Councilwomen Jill Druesedow and Sue Medford present.

A workshop meeting for review of current and possible future ordinances needed to address public issues was discussed.

The council approved support for the Zoning Board's decision on a request by Patrick Booker to change Frisco Addition, Block 43, Lots 2 & 3, 1500 block of N. Ave. A from general residential to commercial for future business opportunities.

The council approved moving the construction debris from the old building across from city hall to the vicinity of the proposed monofill pit at the old landfill, pending TCEQ review and approval.

The 2013 holiday schedule was approved.

An ordinance approving proposed changes to the Civic Center board was approved.

Terrisa Candelaria was approved to be an unpaid Volunteer Reserve Police Officer, at the request of Police Chief Richard Candelaria.

The Nepotism Policy was waived in the matter.

Chief Candelaria gave the police report and spoke of the additional police coverage to be scheduled for the upcoming holiday season. He reminded everyone of the tickets available for the 2012 Family Christmas Show with Vince Vance.

Director Matthew Duran gave the public works and safety report.

City Administrator Brandon gave the Administrator's report stating:

•The City received a nice call from a resident who has moved back to Haskell thanking the City and letting Anderson know how much she appreciated the City of Haskell's employees. Anderson thanked the resident for the kind words and compliment.

•The Fire Department's Christmas Party is scheduled for Mon., Dec. 10 at the Civic Center. The City of Haskell Christmas luncheon will be held Fri., Dec. 21 at noon at the Civic Center.

•The City was waiting for a good time to burn the piles south of town on the city property when the humidity and wind were right and when no burn ban was in effect. The day the burn was started the wind was out of the North, however, the next

couple of days it blew out of the South and the smoke from the smoldering piles covered the town. The City is sorry for the inconvenience.

•The next City Council meeting will be Jan. 14. The regularly scheduled meeting for Dec. 24 has been cancelled.

The Council was called into an executive meeting to discuss contract labor at the Haskell Golf Course as allowed by GC 551.074.

The meeting was adjourned after being called back into regular session.

In the Service

Air Force Airman Matthew D. Simpson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Simpson is the son of Priscilla Simpson of Rule, and grandson of Jerry Courtney

Springer to hold forum in Haskell

Rep-elect Drew Springer has announced a townhall forum in Haskell Dec. 19.

The forum in Haskell will be one of 22 stops on the Rep-elect's two day district-wide tour. At the forum, Springer will discuss the upcoming legislative session and introduce his staff to the citizens of HD-68.

The Texas Legislature meets for only 140 days every two years. The next session, convenes Jan. 8 and will last until the end of May. These town hall forums will be an excellent

opportunity for citizens to learn about the legislative process and how they can be involved to ensure their voice is heard.

"I think it is important for elected officials to interact with their constituents on a regular basis," said Springer. "Getting feedback from the citizens of HD-68 will help me legislate in a way that better represents the diverse needs of our

district." Springer will host his townhall discussion between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 19 at the Haskell City Hall.

Burn ban lifted

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Otherwise, in January I will take the jacket to the War Museum in Abilene.

Thank you,
Barbara B. Billington

Dear editor:
The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group would like to thank everyone that baked, served, cooked and bought from our sale Sat, Dec. 8. We raised a lot of money to help cancer families this Christmas season.

On Dec 22, we again will have a bake sale along with grilled hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate for sale. Our goal is to raise enough money to ensure the 13 children our group has adopted will have an amazing Christmas.

Please help us help cancer families. For more information, to donate baked goods or make monetary donations, contact Kim Hutto at 325-864-4466 cell or 863-4600 or Mae Lou Yeldell at 864-2981.


Kim Hutto

Haskell Co. Gin Report


Dec. 17, 2012	
Haskell	
Haskell County Gin.....	425
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	0
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	6,845
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	5,209
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	0
Weinert Gin.....	706
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Christmas Open House

Tuesday, December 18th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We will close the bank lobby at noon on December 24th and the drive-through will remain open till 1:00 p.m.

Regular business hours will resume on Wed., December 26th.


We will be closed Tues., Jan. 1st, including the drive-through.

Regular business hours will resume on Wed., Jan. 2nd.

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