Basketball

HASKELL VG-B Fantasy of Lights Tournament Nov. 29-30 at Wichita Falls JVG-JVB, VG-VB vs Hawley Tues., Dec. 3, 4 p.m. at Hawley B game-7th-8th vs Anson Mon., Dec. 2, 5 p.m. at Anson **PAINT CREEK** JH vs Bryson Mon., Dec. 2 at Bryson VG-VB vs Moran Tues., Dec. 3, 6 p.m. at Paint Creek **RULE** JH vs Northside Mon., Dec. 2, 6 p.m. at Rule

<u>Calendar</u>

Thanksgiving meal

Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, 500 N. 8th St., in Haskell will serve its annual Thanksgiving meal for the community Thurs., Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert. Dine in

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held Sun., Dec. 1. The beautiful tour will include the home of Sheena and Chris Crosson, 1600 N. Ave. F; Encore Visions/ Drive, 101 N. Ave. E (upstairs at the Sherman building); the home of Christye and Andy Gannaway, 137 CR 104; the home of Meg Cass, 304 1/2 N. 2nd; (upstairs), the home of Brenda and Darryl Goetz, 201 N. Ave. G; and Goetz/ Guess remodeling, 606 N. 2nd, (the former home and office of Dr. Vaughter). Tickets are on sale now.

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfpnews@lycos. com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Dec. 19.

Christmas music

Haskell Kindergarten students will sing Christmas selections Fri., Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. at Majestic Living Center, 1301 N. 1st St. The public is invited to come enjoy the music presented by the children.

Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals for Community Christmas Cantata in Haskell are held Sundays at 4 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Everyone Church. invited to come take part in preparing for the Cantata to be presented on Sun., Dec. 15.

Help needed

The Noah Project-North is very low on canned goods, soups, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper and food of that type. Also, there is a need for toothpaste, shampoo and conditioners. For anyone wishing to help with a donation, a box is located on the first floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. All donations are appreciated.

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off in Haskell with the annual Haskell Young at the Haskell Civic Center.

CRAFT SHOW-The Christmas season was kicked Homemaker's Arts & Craft show held Sat., Nov. 23

Take time to pause and give thanks

By Caron Yates

Have you noticed that Christmas comes earlier and earlier each year? Although that is not literally Halloween.

While the importance of Christmas is not up for shame to almost pass over the time of year specifically intended for us to pause and give thanks. Young children know Thanksgiving as pilgrims, Indians and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$ turkeys. As we get older we come to realize it is a time to stop and count our blessings.

According to Wikipedia, the precise historical origin of the holiday is disputed. Americans commonly believe that the first Thanksgiving was in 1621, at Plymouth Plantation, in Massachusetts. However, there is evidence for earlier celebrations in Canada and by Spanish explorers in Florida as early as 1565.

The modern holiday we call Thanksgiving is generally considered to have occurred following a long and brutal winter, when the Pilgrims celebrated their first successful harvest in the New World with a Thanksgiving feast. They were joined by members of the Wampanoag tribe who contributed deer and fowl to the celebration.

Thanksgiving was not considered a national holiday until President Lincoln in 1863, officially proclaimed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving. Signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt, in an effort to extend the Christmas shopping season and improve the economy, it was moved in 1941 to the fourth Thursday in November.

As humans, we sometimes get weighed down with the negative happenings in our lives. Illness, drought, loss of loved ones, financial difficulties, job loss, state and national concerns and general stress and worries in our lives, can tend to overshadow the blessings, if we are not careful. For most of

us, if we truly stop to consider will attend Thanksgiving down to the smallest of them, the really important things in dinners this year. Good food our lives, we would have to is always a part of those out to others in need or to agree we have been blessed. That's not to say everything is turkeys being prepared and holiday with family. true, it is still December always as we want it, but even eaten for Thanksgiving each 25, the promotion of it this the hard times can provide year. year began even before opportunities for us to reach others to help us.

out and help others, or allow with family and friends to what a different world we enjoy delicious food, fond Thanksgiving.net memories, stories and a time Thanksgiving was evident argument, it just seems a estimates that over 84% of of relaxation, remember to every day of the year, not just adults in the United States count each of your blessings, in November.

and then give thanks. Reach dinners, with over 45 million those who can't spend the

While it may at times seem that our burdens This year as you gather outnumber our blessings, might see, if the spirit of

Goodfellows needs donat

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

On Sat., Dec. 7 and Sat., Dec. 14, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the

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 Texas 79521.

The Haskell Goodfellows Haskell City Hall between 1 officers are John Hicks. president; Lela Bevel, vicepresident 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.

> 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,

USDA reminds producers NAP deadline is Mon., Dec. 2 Haskell County USDA and forage/hay on native approved yield and reported

Glenn R. Brzozowski urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of Dec. 2, 2013. The sales closing date is actually Dec. 1, 2013, but producers have until Mon., Dec. 2, to purchase coverage this year because Dec. 1 falls on a Sunday.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

a NAP application closing date of Dec. 2, 2013: grazing production based on the ext. 2.

Farm Service Agency and improved grass, honey, acreage. (FSA) Executive Director, potatoes, radishes, grapes

and caneberries. "NAP allows producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops," said Brzozowski. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers recover not to exceed a total of when they experience a loss," he said.

In order to meet eligibility counties. requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the is filed. Producers must catastrophic risk protection recertify their limited level of crop insurance is not resource status for each year

In the event of a natural The following crops have amount of loss greater than

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage." Producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the Dec. 2 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple

Limited resource farmers may request a waiver of the service fee at the time the application for coverage that a waiver is requested.

For more information on disaster, NAP covers the sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Haskell County 50 percent of the expected FSA office at 940-864-2617

Tour of **Homes set** Sun., Dec. 1

by Caron Yates

The Christmas season brings excitement, beauty and compassion for others. It also signals an event to which many in Haskell County look forward, the Christmas Tour of Homes.

In its 20th year, the Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour will be Sun., Dec. 1 in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour, will be Sheena and Chris Crosson at 1600 North Ave. F; Encore Visions/Drive at 101 North Ave. E (upstairs at Sherman Bldg.); Christye and Andy Gannaway, 137 CR 104; Meg Cass, 304 1/2 North 2nd (upstairs); Brenda and Darryl Goetz, 201 North Ave. G; Goetz/Guess Remodeling 606 North 2nd (former home and office of Dr. Vaughter).

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any advisory committee member, at the Noah Project-North office, or at the door on the day of the tour. Homes may be toured in any order from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Crosson home.

The benefits of this event are twofold. Not only do you get to enjoy the beauty of these homes, but you are also helping raise funds for a very worthy cause.

The Noah Project-North's mission is to support people dealing with the crisis of family violence. Family violence is one of the most common, as well as devastating, problems in our country. They provide victims a safe shelter, help with basic living essentials, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal and medical advocacy. Their services are available to all victims of family violence.

Services provided by Noah Project-North are supported through grants, donations and the various fund-raisers held throughout the year.

Donna Sue Anders is the Noah Project-North service area director, and she is assisted by Janis Brzozowski.

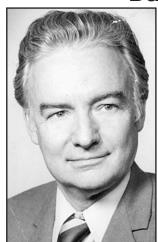
The Noah Project-North, which serves five counties, offers not only help to victims, but also provides educational programs for all ages, including training for any professional audience.

The Noah Project-North is also selling poinsettias for \$12.50 or \$25 dressed. Contact the Noah office or any advisory member for more information or to place your order. In addition, tickets for the tour, available poinsettias and a bake sale will be held during the Haskell Young Homemakers Arts & Crafts Sale on Nov. 23.

In order to continue to provide services, Noah Project-North needs our help. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a worthy

Obituaries

Dale George Hugley



DALE HUGLEY

Graveside services for Dale George Hugley, 89, of Haskell were held Sat., Nov. 23 at Willow Cemetery officiating. Arrangements of Smith Family Funeral

Mr. Hugley passed away including Pulsation

Born in Phillips County,

Kansas May 15, 1924, he was the son of George Harvey Hugley and Maude Fourtner Hugley. He graduated from Adair High School, Oklahoma, in 1942 and from Oklahoma A&M College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

Hugley served as a Navy lieutenant on the USS Holder in the Pacific during World War II. He was an Intercept Officer in the destroyer's Communications and Information Center. with Rev. Dustin Wilhite Following his military service and college, he had were under the direction a long career in chemical engineering and design. He founded several companies,

at his home Tuesday evening, Engineering, Inc. and Square H Industries, and at one time held over 100 patents for his designs. He authored many significant articles on pumps, pulsation and pipelines. He loved his engineering, cooking and excellent foods. He traveled in the Northwest and Canada with his beautiful wife, Kay.

> Survivors include his wife, Kay Strickland Hugley; sister, Melva Hampton; brother, Gerald Reed Hugley; motherin-law, Doris Strickland; sister-in-law, Jeanie Ditto; brother-in-law, David Jim Strickland and wife Debbie; his six children, Patricia, Karen, Kathleen, Twila, Alan, David; and 12 grandchildren.

> Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Opal Inez McDaniel Merchant



INEZ MERCHANT

Funeral services for Opal Inez McDaniel Merchant, 88, of Lubbock were held Wed., in Cooper Creek Cemetery under the direction of Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton.

away Nov. 17 in Lubbock.

Merchant was born July 31, 1925, the daughter of Carl and Mary Scoggin in Cooke County. She married John Merchant March 3, 2006 in Haskell. She was married to James J. McDaniel from 1946 until his death in 2005. She worked for over

Nov. 20 at Cooper Creek 30 years for the Internal Baptist Church. Burial was Revenue Service, Small Business Administration, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

She was preceded in death Mrs. Merchant passed by her parents; and brother, Kenneth Scoggin.

> Survivors include her husband John Merchant; sons, James David McDaniel and Donald Jackson McDaniel of Cedar Park; sister, Jaunita Holster of Borger; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 2-6 **Breakfast**

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every

Monday: French toast sticks or cereal variety and Texas Toast

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, gravy or animal crackers and string cheese Wednesday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and Texas

waffles or animal crackers and string cheese

Friday: Breakfast burrito Baptist Church. or cereal variety and Texas toast

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Cheese pizza, garden salad, savory green beans, fresh apple slices Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack with whole grain corn chips, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, Spanish rice, hot cinnamon apples

Thursday: Stuffed baked potato with BBQ, Texas toast, baby carrots, fresh fruit bowl

hamburger garnish, potato rounds, western beans, PD. NOTICE diced pears

DANIEL CONTRERAS



Students visit Rotary Club

Daniel Contreras is the Contreras of Haskell.

He attends East Side

At Haskell High School, he participates in football, baseball, one act play and is a 3 year staff member of the

Presidential Award, is on the A-B honor roll, and was All-District Honorable Mention in baseball.

and hanging out with his friends.

Max Weise is the son of Thursday: Chicken-n- son of Jose and Ovilda Wilton and Terry Weise of Haskell.

He attend Trinity Lutheran Church.

At Haskell High School, he participated in football, baseball, track and field and

He served as the captain He is a member of Quill of the football team, is soon and Scroll, received the to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, is on the A-B honor roll, and was named All-District in football.

He enjoys hunting and He enjoys playing baseball hanging out with his friends.

He plans to attend West Texas A&M studying to become a game warden.

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 2-6 **Breakfast**

Friday: Cheeseburger, Milk and juice are served

daily. Monday: Pancakes, bacon

Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy, Thursday: Oatmeal, toast

Friday: Breakfast burritos Lunch Milk is served daily.

Tuesday: Pizza, broccoli salad, corn, fruit

veggie cup, jello

Wednesday: Beef queso, chips, refried beans, salad, oranges

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, salad, baby carrots, breadsticks, grapes

Friday: Corn dogs, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup applepineapple d'lite

Monday: Burrito, fries, Applicator training set

by Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

A CEU training session will be held in Wichita Falls Thurs., Dec. 5.

The registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Nortex Regional Building, located at 4309 Old Jacksboro Highway.

This will be for recertification of Private, Commercial, and Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator Licenses. You must attend all sessions to receive the 5 CEU's that will be given that day.

Please RSVP by Dec. 2 to 940-716-8610.

The meeting will include at 4:00 p.m.

topics such as: Insect Defense Systems & Major Pests; Applicator Safety; Laws & Regs-Record Keeping, RTL; Drift Management & Outdoor Calibration Demonstration; Weed & Pest ID for Right-Of-Ways Planning Commission & Turf; and a wrap-up and evaluation.

Speakers will include Ross Cantrell with Winfield, Gary Brooks with Bayer and Henry Krusekof with TDA.

For more information contact the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658 or the Wichita Falls Extension Office at 940-716-

The meeting will adjourn

Fleet program to save money

Transportation was joined by members of the Texas Transportation Commission in Tyler to showcase Fleet Forward, a program designed to streamline the number of TxDOT vehicles and heavy equipment in order to increase productivity while reducing maintenance and storage costs. The fleet reduction will save the agency approximately \$50 million annually and make it possible to address other TxDOT projects benefiting Texas drivers over the next decade.

"In 2012, I challenged the department to come up with \$2 billion in savings over the next few years," said Commissioner Jeff Austin, Texas Transportation Commission. "Fleet Forward is our most comprehensive cost-savings initiative so far, impacting every area of TxDOT and ultimately saving Texans money, while making our workplace better and safer."

Fleet Forward was first piloted earlier this year in the TxDOT Tyler District where 114 pieces of heavy equipment and vehicles have

The Texas Department of this cost savings program. To date, 11 districts have implemented the fleetreduction program resulting in 2,250 assets removed. Once completed, Fleet Forward is expected to successfully reduce TxDOT's current 16,000 vehicle fleet to 10,000 by ensuring team members have the right vehicle, at the right time for the right cost.

> "Through our department-wide cost savings program, we have become better stewards of the money taxpayers entrust to us," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Fleet Forward makes good business sense, and as we roll this program out statewide, we're confident our stakeholders across the state will agree."

Fleet Forward began with an extensive review of TxDOT's equipment, including evaluations of how often equipment was used and how often it was projected to be needed. If equipment is not needed, it is eligible to be sold. During the program, TxDOT will also improve its equipment maintenance program and been removed as part of reduce procurement costs.

This Week's Devotional Message:



We can all find good reasons to give our thanks

Though fortune seems to pass you by, There's something that you can't deny: At times we all have things go wrong, But manage still to get along. If you can somehow pay each bill, And no one at your house is ill, And if your children get good grades And don't indulge in escapades,

And if you have just one good friend, In case misfortune should descend, Then you have blessings by the score, Of things you should be thankful for. Your house of worship will convey This message for Thanksgiving Day, So let us all, with one accord, Extend our thanks unto the Lord.

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

Cory Graham, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Anna Robbins, pastor

Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Sagerton

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, 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, pastor

Sunday 10 a.m.

Gladstone Ave., Rule, 940-997-2296

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 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.

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-PAINT CREEK-

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ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

-HASKELL-**East Side Baptist Church**

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**

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

Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor

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** Rev. Earnest Flanders., Jr., pastor

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell, 940-863-4405 **New Covenant Foursquare**

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wed. 7 n. 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, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 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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Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.

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Woman's Club of

Paint Creek ISD lists honor rolls

and A-B honor rolls for the and Dylan Souther. second six weeks of the 2013-14 school year.

First grade: A honor roll, Harry Boyd, Andrew Castorena, Adrian Cisneros, Evan Cisneros, Melanie Clary, Tucker Greenwood, Gavin Guess, Cayden Rogers and Audie Shaw; A-B honor roll, Abigail Castorena.

Second grade: A honor roll, Cowan Rogers; A-B honor roll, Krissie Booe, Roland Cisneros, Lane Garcia, Justin Maynard and Phaiden Spikes.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Shayna Greenwood, Brennan Jordan, Levi Rhoads, Austen Sanford and Cheyenne Wright.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Chris Acosta, Joshua Blake, Ivy Cumby, Mark Garcia and Jordan Mlenak. Fifth grade: A honor roll,

Paint Creek ISD has Zak Elkins; A-B honor roll, released the names of William Bogle, Steven Crain, students listed on the A Haylee Garcia, Ashton Grand

> Sixth grade: A honor roll, Desiree Acosta; A-B honor roll, Jaclyn Snelling.

> Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Clayton Cumby, Bailey Hawkins, Natividad Ipina, Antonio Yanez and Brittany

> Eighth grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz and Ariel Wolf.

> Ninth grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond and Corey Mengwasser; A-B honor roll, Buddy Trotter.

Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Bryant Booe, Joey Bosnjak, Brandon Luevano and Caitlyn Mengwasser.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford, and Shawn Myers; A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Hunter Hollingsworth and Tarah



TENURE AWARD-Jennifer Burgess, left, was presented a 15 year member Lions Club Chevron by District-E1 Governor Jerry Bentley Nov. 19 at the Haskell Lions Club meeting.

End-of-year financial planning tips offered

As the end of the year you to deduct the interest approaches, most people's focus tends to shift toward the excitement of the holidays and away from the responsibilities of financial planning. Yet the end of the calendar year provides important opportunities to make adjustments for tax and retirement planning. The following tips can help you take advantage of those opportunities and plan responsibly for the year, and years, ahead.

Plan Your Charitable Donations

Whether it's the box of stuff in your garage or the old car in your driveway, making charitable donations before the end of the year can help reduce your tax liability. Make sure to document the items being donated and ask the charity of your choice for a receipt.

Talk to Your

Financial Advisor If you own stocks or other investment instruments outside of your 401(k), now is the time to talk to your financial advisor to review your investment portfolio. By taking losses on certain investments now, you could affect your overall tax bill. Don't have a financial advisor? Your local community bank can likely help point you in the right

Dust Off Your Family Budget

to budgeting to your family checklist for the end of the year. Whether it's reining in your family expenses or setting up an automatic deduction from your paycheck to pad your savings account, making a plan and sticking to it is the surest path to financial success.

Make an Early **Mortgage Payment**

If you can make your January mortgage payment before Dec. 31, it will allow

(888) 886-2217

paid on your tax-year 2013 taxes, lowering your total taxable income.

Max Out Your IRA Contributions

For 2013, the maximum you can contribute to your traditional and Roth IRAs is the smaller of \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or older) or your taxable income for the year. While you technically have until April 15, 2014 to max out your contributions for the 2013 tax year, now is a good time to make sure you have a plan to do so.

Take Full Advantage of Higher Education **Tax Credits**

If you are currently enrolled in college or are paying for a dependent's education, you may be eligible for the American opportunity or lifetime learning tax credit. The American opportunity credit provides up to \$2,500, but is limited to use in a total of four tax years. The lifetime learning tax credit provides up to \$2,000 in tax credits for qualified education expenses, including tuition, books, supplies and equipment. Both credits provide incentives to bundle your education expenses before the end of the year to take full advantage of tax

By knowing-and taking advantage of-a few tips that will provide various Add a re-commitment tax saving and retirement planning opportunities, you can rest assured your finances are in the best possible condition moving into 2014.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

(877) 889-1125

Rochester visits local Personality-Slipper Shoppe The Woman's Club of and her employees. The ladies modeled clothes and Rochester met Wed., Nov.

6 for a regular meeting. Club members met at the bank building. Attending were Jane Short, Betty Ruth White, Mary Johnston, Verlene Stegemoeller, Linda Parsons, Elaine Glover, Teresa Scoggins, Regina O'Neal, Shirley Sloan and Mary Jenkins.

bank building, the members traveled to Haskell for lunch at KP's Mesquite Grill. After lunch, they proceeded to Dec. 4 when the club will the Personality-Slipper Shoppe where they were entertained by owner

displayed beautiful tops, jackets, vests, shoes, bags and accessories to adorn the garments.

The Personality-Slipper Shoppe has many beautiful items with colors of reds, browns, blues and added sparkles to enjoy. The club is grateful to the ladies at After meeting at the the shop for taking time to show members all their

The next meeting will be meet at the bank building and travel to the home of Dolan and Sharon Brinson Glenda Gayle Rutkowski for the Christmas meeting.

meets

A meeting of the Extension Education to be held in April was Association, held November 14 in the County Extension office was called to order by Kathryn Schonerstedt.

Opening exercise was "Words of Wisdom" with ten members present.

Reports of the 4-H, Documents." stock show concession and Christmas party were discussed.

The spring meeting discussed with emphasis on the location. Hostesses will be Knox, Baylor and Haskell counties.

Schonerstedt gave programs on "True Colors" and "Necessary

The next meeting will be Dec. 12, the club's annual Christmas Party.

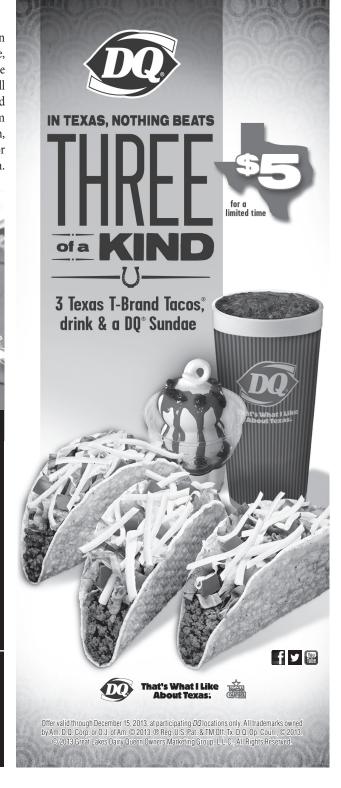
Alzheimer's Association presents free workshop in Abilene Dec. 3

The Alzheimer's holidays can also be filled Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Tips for Managing Holiday Stress" Tues., Dec. 3, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105.

For most families, holidays are filled with opportunities for togetherness, sharing, laughter and memories. But for caregivers of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias,

with stress, disappointment and sadness. If you would like tips on how to make the holiday season a happy, memorable occasion while providing the care your loved one needs, this free workshop will be beneficial. The session will also include a time of guided stretching and relaxation lead by yoga instructor Karen Rampy. Seating is limited; for more information, or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Maidens basketball

Maidens take down **Lady Panthers** in a close one 39-37

It was a much anticipated non-district game between the Haskell Maidens and the Seymour Lady Panthers. The Maidens were playing to remain undefeated on the season and the Lady Panthers were looking to protect their

Haskell got off to an impressive 7-0 lead to start the game but Seymour came storming back to end the first quarter up 17-15. The Maidens found themselves in foul trouble early in the second quarter and went into halftime down 26-20. However, the Maidens showed a lot of heart and battled their way back to get a tough and exciting road win 39-37 to remain undefeated on the season.

"I thought we showed a lot of fight and toughness against Seymour. We found ourselves in a pretty tough situation on the road at half against a traditionally strong girls basketball program. The girls played with tremendous heart and just persevered to get the win and I was extremely proud of them," Haskell head coach Blake

Eddleman said.

Leading the Maiden offense was Jacie Klose with 14 points and Kenzie Shelton with 13. "I thought Jacie and Kenzie came up big for us offensively and defensively. They are the type of players that can impact a game on both ends of the floor," Eddleman said.

Leading the team in assists was Reagan Hadaway with 3 and Klose with 2. Shelton and Destiny Pierce lead the team in rebounds with 5 each. Klose and Hadaway lead the team in steals with 2 each and Pierce came up with 1 critical steal late in

"Overall, I thought it was a great win against a well-coached team. Coach Woodward does a great job over at Seymour and I have so much respect for her and her basketball program. I think both schools bring out the best in each other and it is a game we all look forward to," Eddleman said.

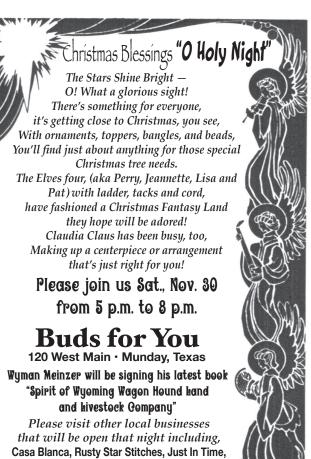
15 5 8 11 = 39 Haskell 17 9 4 7 = 37 Scoring: Klose 14, Shelton 13, Hadaway 8, Bassett 2,

JV score: Haskell 27, Seymour 24.

Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Association to hold board meeting Dec. 4

The Haskell County Office. The meeting will Junior Livestock Show begin at 5:30 p.m. Association will hold a Haskell County Extension this board meeting.

Several items need to be meeting Wed., Dec. 4 at the discussed and addressed at



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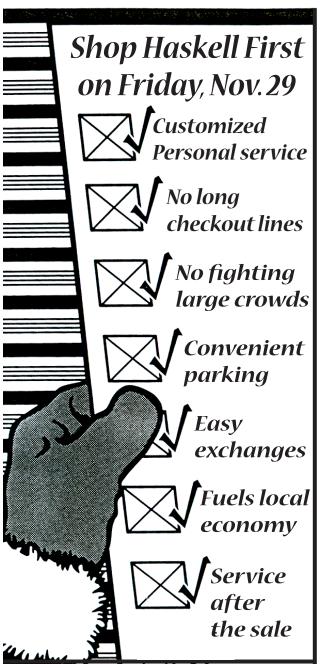
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

50th year since JFK assassination is marked

AUSTIN-Texans, Americans and citizens of the world in the past week remembered the shock and aftermath of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy 50 years ago in Dallas, on Nov. 22, 1963.

Many newspapers and other media reflected on coverage of those days, some expanding on fact that Texarkana was how the assassination changed views on public safety and kindled the public's desire for a faster-moving stream of news.

A ceremony was held in Dallas on Nov. 22 at Dealey Plaza, adjacent to the street where assassin's bullets struck President Kennedy and then-Texas Gov. John Connally, who survived wounds to his chest and wrist from a bullet that first passed through the president's body.

Eyewitnesses at the scene of the shooting and related events in 1963, in news accounts published in recent days, and at the heavily reported memorial ceremony in Dallas last week, expressed their persistent impressions of what they saw and heard.

Court will not intervene

New abortion regulations passed by the Texas Legislature last summer will stand, pursuant to an order issued by the U.S. Supreme Court on

Supreme Court Justice month. Antonin Scalia, writing for the 5-4 majority, rejected Planned Parenthood's motion for the high court to intervene in its case challenging the constitutionality of certain provisions in the new law.

On Oct. 30, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overruled a lower court's stay preventing parts of the new law from taking effect. The short-lived stay was granted on Oct. 28 by Austin U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel, who ruled unconstitutional the law's requirement that an abortion provider have admitting privileges at a nearby, state-approved "ambulatory surgical center" and the law's prohibition against a physician using their own medical judgment in prescribing an abortion-inducing medication.

So, the case remains under the purview of the Fifth Circuit and arguments in the appeal are scheduled for early January. The lawsuit is Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Surgical Services et al. v. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Commissioner David Lakey of the Texas Department of State Health Services and Mari Robinson, executive director of the Texas Medical Board.

Not taken up in the court

prohibition on abortions after the 20th week of gestation.

AG praises agreement

Attorney General Abbott on Nov. 12 lauded an agreement reached by American Airlines and U.S. Airways expanding the requirement that American maintain daily flight services to Texas communities from three years to five years.

Abbott also praised the added to the daily service commitment list. Abbott negotiated an agreement with American on Oct. 1, to ensure that 22 airports across the state would continue to offer daily departures and arrivals. The original agreement also guaranteed that Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport would remain a hub and the headquarters of the merged entities would remain in the DFW metropolitan area, according to a statement by Abbott's office.

Job numbers increase

Texas added 43,800 jobs over the last two months, reflecting an improvement in overall job figures.

In a Nov. 22 statement by the Texas Workforce Commission, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas fell to 6.2 percent in October, down from 6.3 percent in September, a point below the national unemployment rate of 7.3 percent for the same

"The private sector in Texas recorded a strong annual growth rate of 2.9 percent in October, adding nearly 265,000 jobs over the year," said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar. "We encourage job seekers, in particular our returning veterans, to visit their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance in finding work."

"The Texas economy continues to move forward, with every major industry in the state showing positive growth over the last year," said TWC Commissioner Hope

Group shuts down 'hunt'

The Young Conservatives of Texas, a student group at the University of Texas at Austin, called off "Catch an Illegal Immigrant" game that it had planned to conduct on the UT campus last week.

University President Bill Powers denounced the activity and called on the group to cancel it. The group's chairman, Lorenzo Garcia, complied.

Reportedly, the gubernatorial campaign of Attorney General Abbott, who is running for governor, distanced itself from Garcia, a former field director for the

motions was the new law's campaign.

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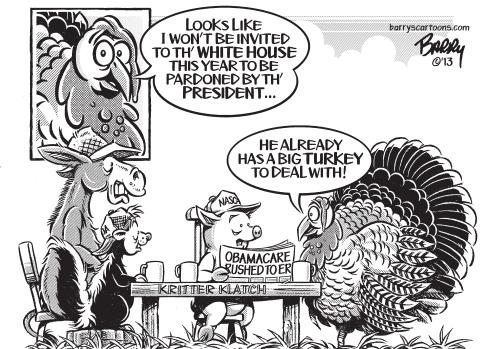
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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 27, 2003

Bobby Myers and Shannon Myers of Haskell, has been selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program." The program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities.

Winners in the primary division of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest are Tillie McGuire, first; Ashley Adams, second; and Cole Hutchinson, third. In the intermediate division are Aubrey Bassett, first; Angelica Gonzales, second; and Jordan Burson, third.

Kindergartners led in the Pledge of Allegiance as school children, teachers, Boy Scouts, veterans and members of the community gathered for a flag raising ceremony at Haskell Elementary on Veterans'

20 Years Ago December 2, 1993

Haskell Indians named to the District 7-2A All-District All-District kicker. teams were: 1st team offense and defense, Casey Larned; 1st team offense, Brandon McFadden; 2nd team offense, Martin Limones and Justin Lisle; 2nd team defense, Matt Perry, Deon Walker, Bucky Harvey and Ryan Olson.

Haskell native Sam Watson was chosen as the new administrator for the

Scott Wall.

First place winners in the Haley Myers, daughter of senior division at the Haskell County 4-H Food Show include Kaki Stapleton, main dish; Paige Lammert, fruits & vegetables; Nisha Patel, breads & cereals; and Tonya Burson, snacks & desserts.

30 Years Ago December 1, 1983

defeated Albany 45-43, in a hard fought battle. Top scorers for the Maidens were Julie Roewe, 9 pts.; Kathy Kemp, 8 pts.; Jennifer Davis, 8 pts.; Denice Young, 6 pts.; and Holli High, 6 pts.

The Fields Museum in Haskell presented an \$1800 check to the Haskell school library in honor of retired teachers Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Katherine Diggs and Dr. Hazel Weaver.

Haskell Indians placed several players on the All-District First Team. Fred Barnett, Kendell Solomon and Robert Ivey were named to the offense, while Barnett, Keith Reed, Patrick McCoy, Sam Toliver and defense. Todd Harris was County.

40 Years Ago November 29, 1973

Rule was honored on her 80th birthday at the Rule Wednesday. Recreation Club. Hosting and Mrs. Bill Chambers of J.F. Collier Rochester.

defeated Rising Star building formerly occupied

ten passes for 142 yards and scored four of the winning touchdowns. Also scoring were Rob Kittley, Mike Lisle, Alvin Spencer and Terry Lynn Gray, son of Mr.

Championship, Quarterback

Art Briles completed nine of

and Mrs. George Gray of Weinert, has joined the The Haskell Maidens Haskell Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service. A graduate of Weinert High School, he earned a degree in conservation from Stephen F. Austin State University.

50 Years Ago November 28, 1963

Grief-stricken Haskell, at 10 a.m. Saturday closed down its businesses and shops for an hour to hold a community wide memorial service, led by the Ministerial Alliance. It was held to pay tribute and pause in respectful memory of our 35th president, John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated on Friday.

Marsha Shaver of Rochester and David Smith of Mattson, have been chosen as 1963 4-H Gold Doug Lanier were listed on Star Girl and Boy for Haskell

100 Years Ago November 29, 1913

Mrs. Jessie Parmelly of one time constable of this precinct, was in this city

I have moved my school the occasion were Mr. and books and tax collectors' Mrs. Norris Anders of Rule office to the Countz Building.

J.M. Malone has opened The Rule Bobcats up a racket store in the

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combining the elements

of agriculture, school and

community pride. The tagline

achieves messaging related to

the rich history, while also

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a very distinctive, graphic-

based look that leaves the

viewer open to personal

logo and motto for our

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Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

A Scholastic Book Fair was hosted by Haskell Elementary School the week of Nov. 11-15. The book fair was held in the Haskell Elementary library and was for students in prekindergarten through eighth grade.

This year's theme was "Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!" During the week Elementary students came to the library with their classes at scheduled times, and Haskell Junior High classes were brought over on their scheduled days to view the many middle school and young adult books that were available.

On Thursday night a special family event was held for students and their families and friends from 4:30 until 6:00. Kids and adults enjoyed shopping for books and having refreshments. Seven lucky students won door prizes for book fair merchandise.

Clifford "the big red dog" of the famous "Clifford" books was another highlight of the book fair. Clifford greeted elementary students on Tuesday morning of the fair, and made an appearance on family night where he was a big hit with the kids. The book fair ended Friday at noon.

We want to thank the many volunteers who helped set up and run the book fair, and all those who came to support it. We thank the elementary and junior high staffs for their support and the sixth grade helpers who worked with us on family night. We will not list names for fear of leaving someone out, but some people went over and above in helping, especially in the hard work of decorating and setting up the fair and packing it up.

We really appreciate T.J. Suggs, who was at community members who came up to help, sometimes more than once, and several members of the Haskell Elementary PTO used their time and talents at the fair. We could not have this fun event that is so beneficial to our students without school and community support. Thanks for another great book fair! Betsy McManamon

Librarian

Mac classes held in Abilene

The December schedule for free Mac Computer classes will include two daytime classes, Thurs., Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 at 1 p.m., and the first night class, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. All classes, led by Tom Miller, Mac Consultant and Trainer, are held in the activity room at the North Mockingbird Branch of Abilene Public Library, 1214 N. Mockingbird Lane. All Mac users are encouraged to attend. There are no fees or dues. Advance registration is not required. The classes, not sponsored by the library, are organized by volunteers Miller, Bill Emery, Barbara Kelly and Bob Kolquist, using the library facilities. Contact Tom Miller at 325-518-6662 or abilenemacuser2@gmail. com for more information.

Al-Anon

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

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of 864-2477 or Mary Drury at the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

City of Haskell. He replaces 45-6 for the Bi-District by Paul Solomon. Residents urged to vote on favorite logo concept The City of Haskell, opportunity.

Development Corporation of Haskell and Haskell Chamber of Commerce are encouraging Haskell residents to participate in selecting a new logo and motto for Haskell.

Over the last several months, Encore Visions marketing firm of Haskell has collaborated with city leadership to create two marketing concepts for Haskell residents to review. Each campaign is anchored in the three themes of small town values, agriculture and

The first marketing campaign "All Good Things Grown Right Here" features Bright Horizons" features a a bold concept portraying Haskell's strong tradition of family, agriculture and work ethic. The colors are representative of Haskell's school pride with a hint of green. The sun depicts a bright future for our community, while the crop rows signify the importance of those you would find of agriculture in our area. Overall, this image-rich branding option is traditional yet illustrates genuine value

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 18-25:

Christopher Duane Payton, forgery.

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William David Buyllock,

possession controlled substance within 1000 feet of school.

motion to revoke theft \$1,500 to \$20,000.

Eleven calls were made

driving while license invalid with no insurance. Weldon Wayne Gillispie,

Entries must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. Fri., Dec. Hollie Aaron Miller, 6, 2013.

For further information, contact Mynea Short at 940-940-864-3424.

National Partnership to help communities prepare for drought

Obama's Climate Action Plan, the Obama Administration has announced an interagency National Drought Resilience Partnership to help for future droughts and reduce the impact of drought events on livelihoods and the economy. Responding to requests from communities, businesses, and farmers Partnership will make it easier to access Federal drought resources, and will help link information such as monitoring, forecasts, outlooks, and early warnings with longer-term drought resilience strategies in critical sectors such as agriculture, municipal water systems, energy, recreation, tourism and manufacturing.

In its first year, the Partnership will focus on creating a new, web-based portal to ease access to recovery resources, hosting communities and economies water infrastructure and more frequent regional drought outlook forums that provide access to experts and locally relevant information, supporting the coordination of a national soil moisture monitoring network to help improve monitoring and forecasting drought conditions, and identifying a single point of contact for the public. In collaboration with local, state and regional governments, the Partnership intelligence they need for better communication," said

project in a western area hard other areas.

"Last year, the worst related events." communities better prepare drought in generations devastated farms and ranches water and food supplies, program actions that help Government policies, across the nation, and the parches our ecosystems, and Obama Administration enables deadly and costly took every possible measure wildfires," said Secretary Secretary Tom Vilsack. "But "No community can take and ranchers, the National our work isn't done and we on drought alone, and this Drought Resilience can always better prepare partnership will help ensure for the future. Today's that the federal family is a partnership will help rural strong partner in providing residents, farmers, ranchers accessible information and and business owners prepare helpful tools to communities for drought events like the to prepare for and mitigate one we experienced in the impacts." 2012." Vilsack also noted agriculture.

onset of fall and winter," said Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, supporting the agricultural Acting Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provide the coordination (NOAA). "This partnership necessary within the builds upon NOAA's climate Administration to prepare our many stakeholders with and states, and we heard the critical environmental them when they asked for

preparedness activities. This Secretary of the Army of Agriculture (USDA) and hit by drought to create a is another step in our efforts for Civil Works. "We are the National Oceanic and local-scale drought resilience to help build communities proud to be a part of this Atmospheric Administration plan that could be applied in that are resilient to a variety response and partnership. (NOAA), members of the

economy."

of weather and climate As climate change increases, National Drought Resilience agencies need to be ready Partnership will coordinate "Drought threatens our with corresponding the delivery of Federal communities respond to programs, information drought."

to help," said Agriculture of the Interior Sally Jewell. influences the frequency respond to drought. Other and intensity of events such partners in this effort as droughts, storms, floods, include the Department of and wildfires, impacting the Interior, the Assistant communities nationwide. Secretary of the Army for The National Drought Civil Works, the Federal Resilience Partnership Emergency Management follows President Obama's Agency, the Environmental November 1st Executive Protection Agency and the Order on "Preparing the U.S. Department of Energy. "A devastating impact United States for the Impacts the importance of increased of a changing climate is of Climate Change," a key continental United States was partnership to increase severe drought that hurts step under his Climate affected by drought in 2012, drought resilience at a time our families, farmers Action Plan that created a impacting water supply, when climate change is and ranchers," said EPA Task Force of state, local tourism, transportation, and projected to increase the Administrator Gina and tribal leaders to advise near shore fisheries, with an intensity and the number of McCarthy. "The partnership the Administration on steps estimated \$30 billion in losses drought events that impact announced today will help the Federal Government can to the agriculture sector communities strengthen take to help communities alone, and an additional "The impacts of drought climate resilience efforts, increase preparedness, \$1 billion in losses from Federal agency drought can be devastating to local including modernizing our and committed Federal wildfires. agencies to examining their and don't end with the efficiently using our precious programs and policies to Rural Council efforts, USDA water resources, while also make it easier for states chaired a National Disaster and communities to build Recovery Framework effort to "This Partnership will droughts and other weather the 2012 drought, including extremes. The Partnership hosting four regional also builds on existing federal listening forums to hear efforts and the White House from communities directly. programs and products, and for drought. We have Rural Council's work to The National Integrated recent improvement to our valuable information to help communities, farmers, Drought Information System drought forecasts to provide share with communities ranchers and producers (NOAA/NIDIS), relying on stay resilient in the face of its network of government

Spearheaded by the conducted frequent national

and tools designed to help Climate change communities plan for and

About two-thirds of the

As part of White House resilience against storms, help communities respond to agencies and organizations,

As part of President will also undertake a pilot drought planning and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant United States Department and regional drought outlooks around the country, and convened a National Drought Forum in partnership with Governors in Washington, D.C. in December 2012 to help provide new information and coordination to enhance the nation's drought readiness. The partnership announced today is one important outcome of these drought forums and continues the Obama Administration's commitment to helping communities get the drought assistance they need.

> For more information on drought and the National Drought Resilience Partnership, visit www.drought.gov.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% 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. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

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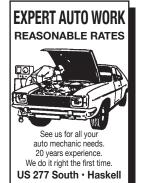
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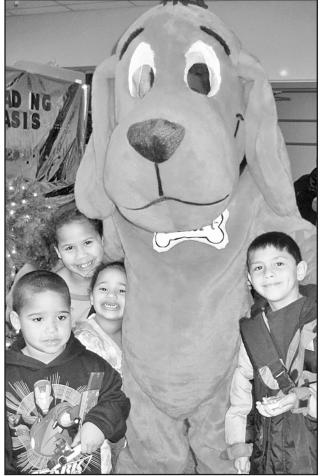
BOOK FAIR VISIT-Clifford the Big Red Dog shares a hug with, I-r, Tre' Thompson, Jameson Daniels and Brandt Turner during the Haskell Elementary **Book Fair.**



SHARES A HUG-Janie Rodriquez takes time out from the Haskell Elementary Book Fair to share a hug with Clifford the Big Red Dog.



BOOK FAIR-Clifford the Big Red Dog visits with, I-r, C.J. Alexander, Colby West and Caden West during the Haskell Elementary School's Book Fair.



LITTLE READERS-Little readers, I-r, Tre' Thompson, Arionna Thompson, Ryhana Thompson and Zachary Ingram visit with Clifford the Big Red Dog during family night held during the Book Fair sponsored by Haskell Elementary School.

4-H bell ringers to help Salvation Army

by Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The Salvation Army kettle has been set up during the Christmas holiday season for years at Modern Way Food Store's front entrance. The Haskell Ministerial Alliance and Haskell Salvation Army branch officers have asked the Haskell County 4-H Club to help out again this year.

The Haskell Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will man the bell for Dec. 1 after Thanksgiving need of help.

through Sun., Dec. 15. The time that the 4-H'ers will be ringing the bell in front of Modern Way will mostly be from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All funds collected in the Salvation Army kettle are kept in Haskell, 100% of the cash or checks. The money is given to the Haskell Ministerial Alliance to help two weeks beginning Sun., people that are in special

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Nov. 12 at the regular meeting with all members

The County Attorney's reconciliation report, the County Treasurer's monthly report and the Experienced Citizens Center report were all accepted.

No burn ban is in effect.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson was elected to the Appraisal District's Board of Attorney. Directors.

A discussion concerning the contribution to Air Evac was held with no action being taken. A contract will be considered if the City of Haskell and Haskell Memorial Hospital agrees to take part in contributing.

The Code Red Contract will

remain the same with no price increase.

A contribution of \$4,000 was made for a new brush truck for the Rochester Fire Department.

A \$10,000 contribution was made for the EMS living quarters.

The base pay for all secretaries, clerks and deputies will be increased to \$1,760.92 including the pay of the new employee for the District

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BOOK FAIR-Jadyn Masias, left, visits with Clifford the Big Red Dog during family night held during the Haskell Elementary School's Book Fair.





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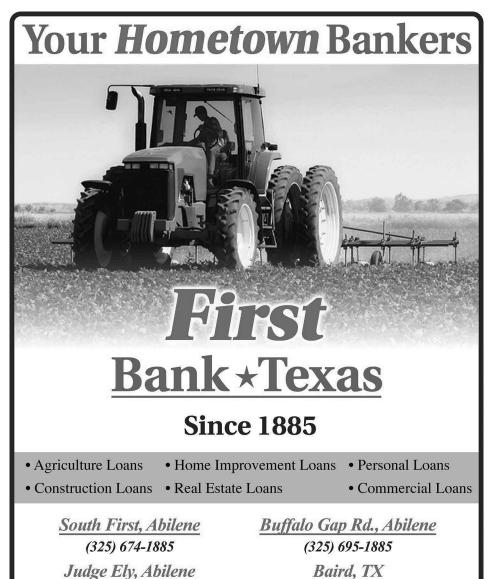
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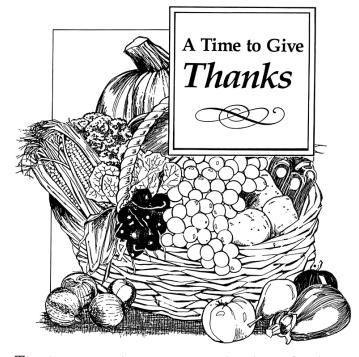
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We hope that you and your family have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holidays to its fullest.

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours.

