#### Basketball

HASKELL

**JVG Knox City JV Tourney** Dec. 12-14 at Knox City JVG-JVB, VG-VB vs Archer City Fri., Dec. 13, 4 p.m. at Archer City PAINT CREEK **VG-VB** vs Rule Fri., Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m. at Rule JH vs Newcastle Mon., Dec. 16 at Newcastle **RULE VG-VB vs Paint Creek** Fri., Dec. 13, 6 p.m. at Rule JH-B, VG vs Benjamin Tues., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.

#### <u>Calendar</u>

at Benjamin

#### Early deadlines

Deadline for news and advertising for the New Year's edition, Thurs., Dec. 26, of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Jan. 2 issue, of the Haskell Free Press will be Tues., Dec. 24 at noon.

#### Christmas Cantata

The Community Christmas Cantata will be held Sun., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

#### Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Dec. 17 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene. A light meal will be served. For more information, contact Venita Teal at 325-669-0886 or Kathy Hocke at 325-721-3131.

#### Decorating contest

The Woman's Club of Rochester will sponsor the Rochester Light Decorating Contest this year. Judging will be held Wed., Dec. 18. For more information or to enter a rural residence, call 940-742-3384 or 742-3486.

#### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 21 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. 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

#### Candlelight service

A candlelight service will be held Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

#### Christmas Eve service

A Christmas Eve service will be held Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. at the St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

#### Expense account

An expense account to help Wendy West of Haskell, daughter of Dana West, with funeral expenses for her infant twins has been established at Haskell National Bank.

#### Al-Anon

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

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### All Star Christmas Sat., Dec. 14 • Parade 4 p.m.

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### Haskell FFA team competes at State FFA LDE

University in Huntsville was the State FFA Leadership the approximately 1,200 high FFA organizations only 20 competition.

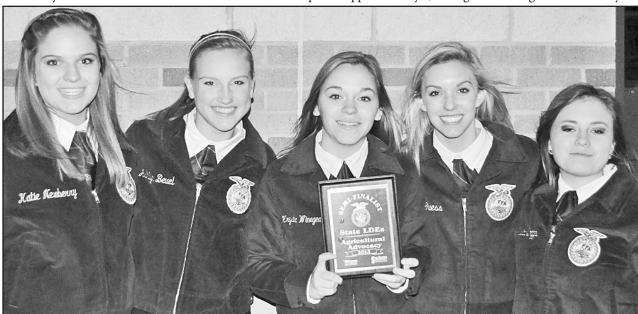
Sam Houston State host this past weekend for Development Events. Out of schools in Texas with active teams make it to the state

After advancing through the Double Mountain District and the Area II contests, five Haskell FFA students were awarded the

the highest level. The Haskell FFA Agricultural Advocacy team consisted of Ashlyn Bevel, Jacee Guess, Daphni Leonard, Katie Newberry and Krysta Winegeart. Their presentation covered the safety of America's meat industry and the HACCP system. While the team did not advance to the finals round,

opportunity to compete at

they successfully placed in the top 20 teams out the 216 across the state of Texas. The level of success for these ladies is of the highest honor and prestige.



COMPETE AT STATE-The Haskell FFA Agricultural team placed in the top 20 teams, just missing out Advocacy team competed at the State FFA on the finals round. Team members are, I-r, Katie Leadership Development Events held last weekend Newberry, Ashlyn Bevel, Krysta Winegeart, Jacee

at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. The Guess and Daphni Leonard. Christmas parade, activities to be held

in Haskell Saturday

**by Caron Yates** 

the 1951 song by Meredith items, as well as Haskell Willson, "It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas," decorations are going up, shopping has begun and an events for all ages have All Star Christmas has been been planned. The Haskell scheduled.

The Haskell Christmas parade, sponsored by the east side of the square the Haskell Chamber of are joining forces. As a Commerce, is set to take fund-raiser, they will be place Sat., December offering Breakfast with 14, beginning at 4 p.m. Santa, which includes Instead of the traditional night parade, Mynea Short \$6/adults and \$4/children chamber manager, said that 3-12. Photos with Santa the results of a community will be available for \$5 and planning session indicated Christmas in Who-Ville, that the majority wanted which includes crafts and to try something new this games, will be \$1 per ticket. year. With that in mind, an All of these activities will afternoon and evening of take place at the Early fun and entertainment has Learning Center, with been planned.

Businesses, families, at the door. organizations and individuals are encouraged enjoy Christmas carolers to have an entry in the parade. Entry forms and information can be found at www.haskelltexasonline. com or at the Chamber of Commerce office. Although they would like to know ahead of time how many will participate, you can also sign up at the gate. Please be at the Haskell Civic Center to begin lining up by 3:30

approximately 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a number of musical performances at the courthouse gazebo. The program will include area performers and a preview performance of songs from the upcoming community Christmas cantata.

You will want to be present for the Christmas ticket with your name on it, the All Star Christmas.

to be placed in the drawing. True to the words of Drawings will be for various Dollars, however you must be present to win.

> From 5:30 until 8 p.m., Elementary PTO and the Early Learning Center on pancakes and toppings for package pricing available

> At the same time you can around the square. Short thirty minute Christmas films will also be shown on the west side of the square in the God Loves You Ministries building. You are welcome to stop in and view one or all.

High school and college students are invited to a "Redneck Christmas Dance," held at the American Legion Hall from 8:30 until After the parade, 11:30. Admission is \$5 per person at the door, which will go toward the HHS student New York trip now being planned. Students are encouraged to wear their tackiest Christmas sweater to compete in the "Ugliest Christmas Sweater Contest." A cash prize will be awarded.

Success of this area wide ticket drawing at 5 p.m. event, depends upon our Shop local, shop Haskell, participation. Mark your as many Haskell merchants calendars for Dec. 14 and get are participating. For every in the Christmas spirit, then \$10 spent, you will receive a be on the Haskell square for



WORLD CHAMPION RANCH RODEO TEAM-The 2013 World Champion Ranch Rodeo team is Sandhill Cattle Co. They also won the WHPD ranch rodeo last June, Pictured are Bob Morehouse, WRCA representative: Randy Knight, Sandhill Cattle Co., and Sammy Larned, WHPD representative.

### Sandhill Cattle Co. wins 2013 **World Champion Ranch Team title**

by Caron Yates

There may have been a time when ranch cowboys spent their days and perhaps established in 1998, is owned nights, only tending to cattle by Townsend and Smith.

their cowboy skills. Cowboys Association, which preconditioning lot. is committed to preserving Champion Ranch Rodeo.

The Sandhill Cattle Co., and other tasks on the ranch. Sandhill leases 15,000 acres Today's ranch cowboys, of grass in Lamb County, especially if they are good which runs about 2000 head at their work, also have an of yearlings in the summer. of yearlings are cared for For the past eighteen on wheat pasture. Sandhill years the Working Ranch also owns a 4000 head

After the work on the the heritage and lifestyle of ranch is "laid by", cowboys the Working Ranch Cowboy, from many ranches across has sponsored the World the U.S. compete in various 7th to 11th in Amarillo one rodeo to qualify for this year. The 2013 World the World Championship

Smith, Randy Knight, Tyler Driver Land & Cattle Co., Rice and Autumn Townsend. Garden City; Pitchfork Land & Cattle, Guthrie; and Swenson Land & Cattle, Stamford. Several of these ranches and the cowboys that represent them are from our area.

Winners in the individual opportunity to showcase During the winter, 3000 head ranch events, as well as the overall winners received up to \$35,000 in money and prizes. The Haskell WHPD, which has been a sanctioned rodeo for eighteen years, awarded \$12,000 to winners in cash and prizes this year.

The ranch rodeo ranch rodeos. A ranch competition is a great It was held November must win first in at least opportunity for these cowboys to exhibit their expertise, win prizes Champion Ranch Team is competition. Twenty-three and provide engaging the Sandhill Cattle Co. from teams met in Amarillo to entertainment for the rest of Earth. It just so happens compete this year, and of us. You won't want to miss they were also the winners those, six participated in the the 2014 WHPD event to be in this year's Wild Horse 2013 WHPD rodeo. Besides held in Haskell the first full Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo, Sandhill, also competing weekend in June. You may held in Haskell this past were Circle Bar Ranch, even get to watch another June. Sandhill team members Truscott; Crutch Ranch, winning team on their way were Tripp Townsend, Riley Borger, 2012 WHPD winner; to the world championship.

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### Mineral supplements for stockers grazing small grains pasture

by Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Gazing out across a field of green wheat or rye or triticale forage, one might assume the nutritional needs of stocker cattle are being adequately supplied by the forage. However, concentrations of macroand trace minerals can range from deficient to adequate in these forages.

Relative to calf requirements, the calcium concentration in small grains forages ranges from adequate to marginal to very deficient in some instances, while phosphorus can be slightly deficient

#### Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 2-8:

Joshua Issac Frame, burglary of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest and arson

Tony Mayhaw, driving while intoxicated, 2nd.

Cody Wyrick, picked up at Middleton Unit on bench warrant.

3rd or more.

Roberto Guerrero, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Thirty-four calls were made to 911.

Research

#### Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met at the regular meeting place Tues., Nov. 26 with all commissioners present. The County Judge was absent.

No burn ban is in effect.

A motion to renew the Ricky Clay Truelson, membership with the State driving while intoxicated, of Texas Co-op Purchasing O'Brien Co-op........... 5,951 Program passed.

Commissioner Billy Rule Co-op Gin......... 6,812 Wayne Hester is to check the wiring at the courthouse for the installation of metal detectors.

concentrations can be low macro-minerals and trace head. If the value of added relative to requirements minerals in appropriate of a lactating cow but concentrations. On wheat lb., in the worst case scenario marginal to adequate for pasture in northwestern of 29 lb. added gain and 55 stocker calves. Copper and Oklahoma, providing lb. mineral consumption, compared to mineral only zinc, two trace minerals of a complete mineral concern, also range from supplement to stocker cattle mineral supplement would very deficient to adequate. increased daily gain 0.50-Mineral deficiencies can 0.57 lb. compared to no retard growth and impair supplement (no salt or other necessary mineral elements immune function. Calcium feeds). In another 4 year to stockers, mineral of the ionophore+mineral analyses has shown that is involved in smooth muscle trial in Oklahoma, daily contraction and a calcium gain was 0.24 lb. higher deficiency may play a role in when stockers on wheat that can further enhance the incidence and severity of consumed a complete mineral supplement versus h a s grazing with no supplements. demonstrated that stocker The responses in these cattle grazing small grains two studies occurred with pastures will respond average mineral supplement efficiently to a complete intakes ranging from 0.16 mineral supplement. to 0.46 lb./day. Based on "Complete" meaning a these responses, providing a mineral supplement would have improved 120 day gains by 29 to 60 lb./head with mineral consumption

#### Haskell Co. **Gin Report**

Dec. 9, 2013 Haskell

Haskell County Gin... 2,106 Haskell Co-op Gin..... 4,446 O'Brien

Rule

Weinert Griff's Gin.....0

Weinert Gin..... 2,095 Total bales ..... 21,410 gain on a stocker calf is \$1.00/ be about \$1050/ton.

In addition to supplying to no supplement.

ionophore in the minerals supplement increased daily gains another 0.23 lb./day the breakeven cost for the while the ionophore+mineral combination increased daily gain 0.46 lb./day compared

Average consumption supplements are a means supplement was 0.15 lb./ of delivering ionophores day. So, across a 120 day grazing period, including weight gain. The 4 year the ionophore in the mineral Oklahoma study mentioned would have added another previously also compared 28 lb. compared to mineral a mineral+ionophore alone and 55 lb. compared (Rumensin @ 1600 gm/ton to no supplement. Assuming mineral) to no supplement or a daily intake of 0.20 lb./day supplements.

to adequate. Magnesium supplement containing salt, ranging from 19 to 55 lb./ mineral supplement without of the ionophore+mineral, ionophore. Including an the 120 day consumption would be 24 lbs./head. Compared to no supplement, the breakeven cost of the ionophore+mineral supplement would be over \$4000/ton if value of added weight on the stocker calf is \$1.00/lb.

> Bottomline, forage mineral concentrations in small grains pasture can be marginal to deficient and research has demonstrated that stocker cattle grazing small grains forages will respond efficiently and economically to mineral

### New rules to fight zebra mussels

In the state's ongoing effort to combat the spread of invasive zebra mussels, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, new rules took effect Dec. Fannin, Grayson, Hood, 10 requiring that all boats Jack, Kaufman, Montague, operating on public water in Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, 17 Northeast Texas counties Stephens, Tarrant, Wise and be drained after use.

Under the new regulations, persons leaving where boats can be launched, or approaching public water the regulation requires the in the affected counties are draining of live wells, bilges, required to drain all water motors, and any other from their vessels and onboard receptacles. This systems coming into contact applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not, personal watercraft, sailboats, or any other vessel used to travel on public waters.

Young counties.

Applicable in all areas with public waters.

Under these rules, live fish cannot be transported in water that comes from the water body where they were caught, personally caught

The rules apply on all live bait can be used only public waters in Collin, in the water body where it was caught, and no off-site tournament weigh-ins would be allowed if live fish are being transported in water from a water body in one of the affected counties. (Anyone planning a tournament should check with Texas Parks and Wildlife's Inland Fisheries Division.)

Anglers are allowed receptacles or water-intake to transport and use commercially purchased live bait in water provided they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is transported in water from that water body could only be used as bait on that same water body.

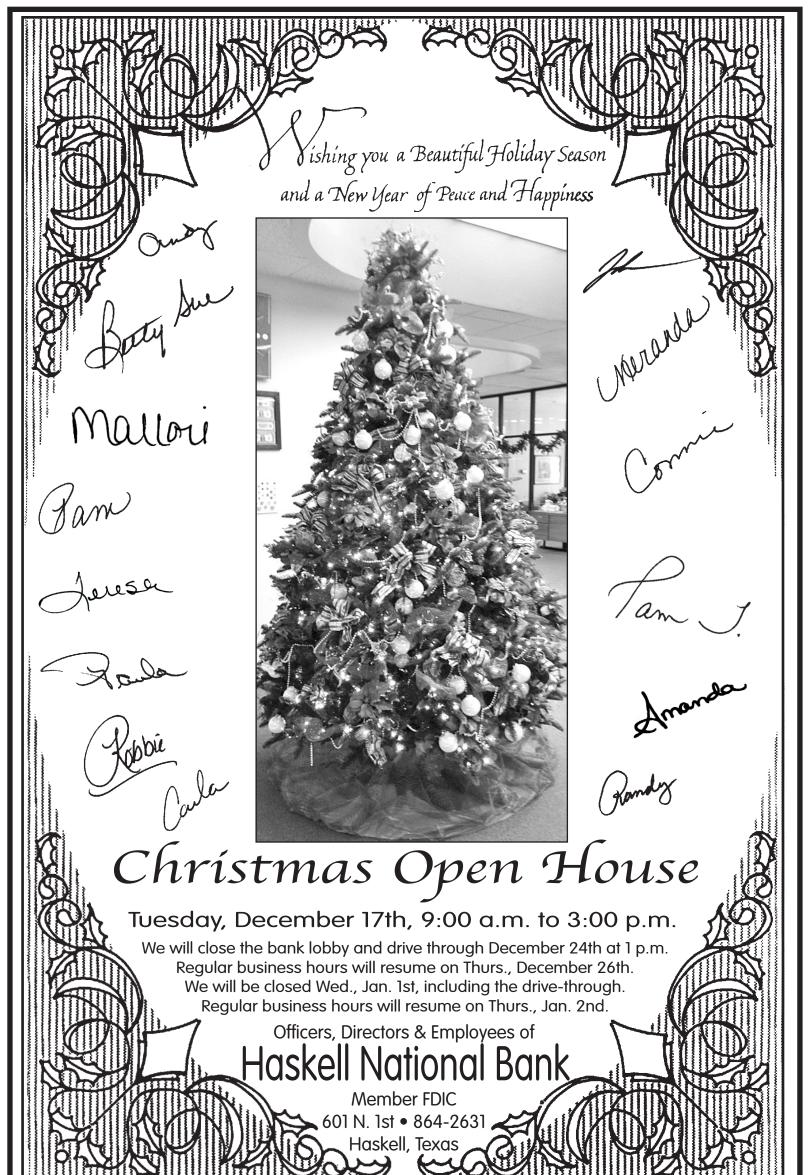
Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require drainage and there is an exception for governmental activities and emergencies. Marine sanitary systems are not covered by the new regulations.

Lakes Belton and Stillhouse Hollow are covered by an emergency rule extending these same water draining requirements to all public water in Bell and Coryell counties. The department is considering expansion of the recently implemented rules to include Bell, Coryell, and 28 additional counties in North and Central Texas. The department will provide notice and opportunities for public comment on any changes.

Zebra mussels became established in Texas in Lake Texoma in 2009. Last year, they were found in Lake Ray Roberts and the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. More recently, zebra mussels have spread to Lakes Bridgeport, Lewisville, and Belton. They can expand their range even farther by hitching a ride on trailered boats that have been immersed or moored in waters where they have established populations.

The rapidly reproducing mussels, originally from Eurasia, can have serious economic and recreational impact to Texas reservoirs. They can clog public-water intake pipes, harm boats and motors left in infested waters by covering boat hulls, clog water-cooling systems, annoy boat-dock owners by completely covering anything left under water, and make water recreation hazardous because of their sharp edges.

From an environmental perspective, zebra mussels are filter feeders, which means they compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators-game fish such as bass, striped bass and catfish. Zebra mussels also threaten native mussel populations because they will colonize on their shells and essentially suffocate them.



### Think fire safety this holiday season

treasured time of year, and we work hard to make it special for the people we care about most. We decorate our homes with great thought and detail, and entertain friends and family by hosting parties and cooking elaborate meals and treats. But as we do these things, fire safety is rarely a thought. It may seem that the holidays and home fires are two completely different topics, but they're not; national statistics show that the holiday season turns sorrowful, and sometimes even fatal for so many households each year as the result of home fires. Cooking, Christmas trees, candles and holiday lightsall key parts of the holiday season-are significant causes of fires that occur this time of year.

While it's quite a somber perspective on the holiday season, the good news is that it doesn't have to be this way. With just one or two minor changes, often taking a few minutes, or even seconds, of time, the holidays can stay festive and safe for everybody. It's important for people to take basic but vital fire safety precautions as they plan and prepare for the upcoming holiday season. These simple steps can greatly reduce the risk of fire and its potentially devastating impact on homes and families:

·Cooking: NFPA statistics show that unattended cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries. Stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep anything that can catch fire away from it, and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time. If you're simmering, boiling, decorate the tree. baking or roasting food, a timer to remind you that you're cooking. Create a three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

•Candles: Candles are widely used throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. More than because the candle was too close to things that could catch fire. Consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. However, if you do use traditional candles,

For most of us, the keep them at least 12 inches holidays represent a away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where two of five U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

•Christmas trees: U.S. fire departments annually respond to 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Nearly half of them problems, and one in four resulted from a heat source that's too close to the tree. Here are some guidelines for picking, placing and lighting

If you have an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fireretardant.

If you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don't fall off when touched; before placing it in the stand, cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand, and be sure to water it daily.

Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, candles and heat vents or lights.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory, and make sure you know whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

Never use lit candles to

Always turn off Christmas check it regularly and use tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.

After Christmas, get rid "kid-free zone" of at least of the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside the home.

> Think green. Check to see if your community has a Christmas tree recycling

Bring outdoor electrical half of all candle fires start lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

> The holidays are a truly special time of year. Following these fire safety precautions and measures will ensure it remains one.

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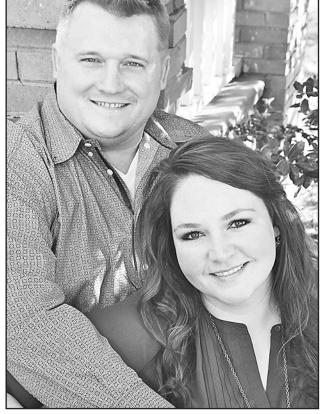
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### Turner, Pennington to marry in May

of Rochester announce Houston. the engagement of their daughter, Amy Suzanne, to Karl Thomas Pennington.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Rochester High School and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Hardin Simmons University in 2010. She is currently employed at St. Luke's **Emergency Department** in The Woodlands, having Luke's Hospital in Texas Woodlands.

Cole and Susan Turner Medical Center, downtown

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Alief High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Energy Commerce from Texas Tech University. He is employed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in The Woodlands. His parents are Gwen Sue and Jim Hoffmaster.

The couple plans a May recently transitioned from 2014 wedding and will Transplant IMU at St. make their home in The

### Clubs to meet Sunday

The Haskell County 4-H participate in the exchange 4-H club meeting Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to 2658 or 864-2546. come and join.

The group will meet and have a "Chinese ornament gift exchange party." So any 4-H'ers attending need to bring a \$5 gift to be able to

Clubs will hold the December of gifts. Also, the upcoming 4-H events and contests will be discussed, followed by refreshments.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-

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## All Star Christ

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

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5:00 - 5:15: CHRISTMAS TICKET DRAWINGS

5:30 - 8:00: EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

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8:30 - 11:30: DANCE



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## OPINION

#### **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**



#### **HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling

#### Governor, Texas lawmakers honor Mandela

AUSTIN-Following the death of Nelson Mandela on Dec. 5, Gov. Rick Perry and other elected officials released statements in honor of the former president of South Africa whose message of racial reconciliation and leading role in breaking down apartheid in that country are acknowledged globally.

Perry said: "Through his valiant struggle against the injustices of apartheid, Nelson Mandela became a symbol of what one person can do to change the world. His life and legacy will remain an inspiration to people everywhere who believe in the power of freedom to create stronger nations and forge a better world for future generations. Today, the prayers of Texans are with Mandela's family, his friends, and the people of South Africa."

State Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston said: "Texas joins the rest of the world in mourning the loss of Nelson Mandela, one of history's bravest leaders. His sacrifice and courage in the face of unspeakable hardship demonstrated the extent to which some must fight for their freedom. We must all honor his legacy as we continue the struggle to improve all peoples' lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the Mandela family."

State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio said: "Today, a great man left us. Nelson Mandela was not just a hero of South Africa, but for all of humanity– an inspirational soul who possessed the courage to stand up to injustice, regardless of what it might cost him personally. On the 20th anniversary of his release from prison, I stood inside his former cell on Robben Island, the place where he spent 18 of his 27 years of incarceration. I was overcome with emotion realizing what he sacrificed to end apartheid and free a people."

Van de Putte said two gun rights. Mandela quotes "daily inspire me in my work as an elected official":

•"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.

• "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Interim studies are assigned

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, committees, to be conducted before the Texas Legislature meets in January 2015.

On Dec. 4, Dewhurst charged the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security with studying the state's recent and ongoing efforts to secure the border.

Dewhurst asked the committee to study the effectiveness of the recent Department of Public Safety "surge operation" who earlier this fall put more personnel on duty in the Mexico border region. He also asked the committee to evaluate the most effective methods to deal with evolving threats, deter illegal immigration, and deter transnational and drug-related

violence and crime. In addition, Dewhurst called on the committee to study "whether current crime statistics reporting accurately measures all crime and crimes related to illegal border activities" and for recommendations on "how to best take advantage of the available crime data and identify potential barriers to adopting a 8-2A All-District First more comprehensive statewide

On Dec. 6, Dewhurst charged another committee, the Senate Committee on State Affairs, with studying "the growing concern of privacy protection and ways to make Texas government even more transparent."

That study assignment, Dewhurst said, will be broken down into four areas: surveillance, data collection and aggregation, transparency and consent and use of technology to increase government transparency.

The area of transparency and consent, in particular, directs the committee "to identify potential reforms that would increase the ability of citizens to understand the data being collected about them and with whom that data is being shared."

#### Abbott files gun rights brief

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 4 joined a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general from 26 states and one U.S. territory in filing a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief in the case Abramski v. The United States, regarding in defense of

Abbott's office said the brief, authored by West Virginia, urges the high court to reverse a lower court ruling that criminalizes intrastate private firearm sales from one authorized individual to another. Chief among the states' arguments is that "no federal law regulates private, intrastate firearms transfers between lawabiding individuals who may

#### lawfully possess firearms."

Pauken ends campaign Tom Pauken, former chair last week assigned work to two of the Texas Republican Party and former chair of the Texas Workforce Commission, last week announced he would not continue his campaign for governor in the GOP primary. Listed as the Republican candidates for governor are Greg Abbott, Miriam Martinez, Lisa Fritsch and Larry S.

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### From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago December 11, 2003

The Haskell Indians basketball team won the championship trophy in the Haskell Invitational Tournament. Osiel Garcia, Ross Hairgrove and Kendall Mitchell were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Advancing to state competition were the Haskell FFA Ag Issues and Jr. Skills teams. The Ag Issues team, made up of Lindy Layman, Alexis Reed, Lindsay Pannell, Jaclyn Drinnon, Stephanie Grand, Brittany Campbell and Callie Thomasson, placed 1st at state. The Jr. Skills team placed third and included team members Maggie Teague, Ashley Foster and Stephanie Grand.

Named to the District sophomore Josh Barbee and junior Ray Cuellar.

#### 20 Years Ago December 16, 1993

Haskell Chamber of Commerce welcomed three new businesses with a ribbon cutting. They are Kountry married years. He is a retired Crafts, owned by Vickie farmer and was Haskell Bullard and Donna Thomas; McDonald Appliance, owned Peddler's Village, owned by Pat Grand.

their Christmas party. the devotional and Randy McLelland and Ford Cole provided Christmas music.

Home recognized Beatrice She received an engraved silver tray at a special awards presentation.

#### 30 Years Ago December 15, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Team were Haskell Indians Pennington were honored with a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosting the celebration were their children and grandchildren. They have lived in Haskell all of their

County sheriff for six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip by Earl McDonald; and Josselet of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Diane, born at The Fidelis Sunday Hendrick Medical Center School class at First Baptist in Abilene. Grandparents Church in Haskell held are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tidwell of Haskell and Mary Billy Jo Roberson brought Louise Josselet of Anchorage,

Airman Martha Garcia, daughter of Jacoribia and Rice Springs Care Don Smith of Rochester, has been assigned to Keesler Air Messenger, who has worked Force Base in Mississippi, the past twenty-five years after completing basic in the dietary department. training. She will receive specialized instruction in the communications operations

#### 40 Years Ago December 13, 1973

Mrs. Jerry Larned of Monahans has been named to Outstanding Young Women of America, and is eligible for statewide and national honors. She is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larned of Haskell.

Band director Wendell

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ATREE OURSELVES, BUT

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Gideon announced that two band members, competing against almost four hundred others, have been chosen for the All-District Band. Melissa Roberson, flute

section and Pat Everett,

clarinet received the honor.

The Rule girls defeated Aspermont, Stamford and Haskell to win first place in the Stamford Invitational Basketball tournament. Fran Wilson and Carol Dudensing were named to the All-Tournament team.

#### 50 Years Ago December 12, 1963

A parade is not made without children and pets. The team of "Elf" Greg Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson, and his four-legged "feller" won first place in the pet segment of the Christmas parade.

The Weinert Chapter of FHA held a meeting on National Program of Work. Guest speakers were Douglas Myers and Sue Yeary. A questionnaire on the subjects discussed was given to all high school students by program coordinator Sandra Dutton.

Mrs. Opal Rose has announced the purchase of the income tax service formerly belonging to Courtney Hunt. She has been employed by Mr. Hunt for the past 21 years.

#### 100 Years Ago December 13, 1913

Mr. Grindstaff went out to his interurban home near Josselet and spent the week on the farm.

C.T. Jones and Summer Boone of the Miller Creek community were in the city Monday.

Miss Franke Terrell is in the city and will give an entertainment at Dick's theatre Saturday night.

### Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Winter, that is. We Texans hate ice that slows our travel at break-neck speed, causes us to slip, fall and break bones...hey, that's why we live in Texas! We can take the sandstorms and occasional warnings from tornadoes, but cold and ice? Not! Jan and I have observed in the past elderly couples were thinking, "Isn't that sweet, still in love after all those years." Now we know especially after our therapy days of bad hips and sore shoulders: We do it for balance. We lean just take all the romance allowed. out of the situation?

has caused churches, schools and the city and county offices to close. City Hall received some

Had enough of it yet? have no equipment, staff tree, then maybe the rest still feel... maybe 52? for that service. You need in a gift card. to thank the Highway care of the highways, it decorated their windows usually.

The weather situation you can't believe how many (especially grandparents) have commented on the cards to the grandchildren. calls wondering why Everyone has a story about the city hadn't salted or why. I still think one must sanded the streets. The have at least one prettily

doesn't include residential for the Christmas streets. I guess if you lived season. I especially was in the northern or eastern proud to include in states that would be a that number the Public priority for equipment... Works Department (the we need sand fighters, former Medford GMC building)...way to go This coming week is Matthew Duran and city holding hands and we filled with all sorts of workers; can't overlook Christmas parties, the your City Hall as well. The parade on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m., County Courthouse is all the Cantata at First Baptist lighted and the grounds Church at 7:00 Sun., Dec. as usual (remember a 15. Jason Daniels, the large number of those director, has been issuing decorations came from warnings about keeping the Clay and Allie Bell upon each other instead of the voices...no colds, Smith collection and a cane. Now doesn't that sore throats, or coughs donated by your former mayor, Bob Smith). On a Since the last column, personal note, we finally got our house inside and outside decorated. Every year it takes longer and suggestion of giving gift longer and every year I proclaim I'm not going to hang the outside lights myself-then before you know it, Christmas is here city does not do that; we wrapped gift under the again and I find myself precariously perched once again on that ladder.

The wife exclaims: "If it

takes a week to decorate

for Christmas, you have

too much junk!" And

she lobbies yearly that

we should reduce our

number of trees, wreaths

and arrangements...

maybe that would work if

Yes, tis the season for High fives to the giving. Unfortunately in Department for taking businesses who have our case as it is in many of yours: taxes, house insurance, car insurance all due at the end of the year. One barely gets over the cheer from Christmas when Uncle Sam greets us with his bill. A question from a citizen concerned a property tax bill on inventory for businesses. I am way out in left field on this one, but after the frivolity of the season wears off I promise to find that answer. It appears this citizen overheard business owners discussing this at the Post Office one morning and since the original purpose of this article was to answer your questions I shall endeavor to do so.

> Closing thought: Are you thinking about your family members: Mom and Dad, Grands all those loved ones who have already passed (as my dad used to say: "Crossed the great divide")? I especially remember them at Christmas time in front of a lighted tree in a moment of solitude. I remember my dad always saying: "If I were alone on a desert island, I'd still have a Christmas tree." I hope you have your Christmas tree and all your loved she didn't put the "age" tag ones gathered by your side on it. I know I'm 72 but I this Christmas.

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### At holiday time, take stock of loved ones' health, safety needs

Going to see the folks at vision decline. holiday time conjures very feasts, football overkill, reconnecting with relatives, umpteenth re-tellings of ancient family yarns. It wouldn't be Thanksgiving or Christmas without these rituals.

If your parents are in their mid-60s or older, it also may be time to add one more item to your holiday to-do list: Taking stock shut off. of mom and dad's health needs and ability to care for potential fire hazards and be aging. Call 800-252-9240 to themselves.

concedes age's slow erosion of independence, it may not be easy for you and your loved ones. However, with mutual recognition that it's grounded in love and concern, it can be seen as a way to support and extend self-sufficient living.

inventory as thorough and effective as possible.

•Give your parents the option of making the process as open or discreet as they like. If they opt for privacy, involve only the family members of their choice. If they prefer openness, the "checkup"

•Scour the house and grounds for accident risks. Consider not only current hazards (slick shower floors, poorly grounded electrical outlets, loose porch railings, dead branches on trees) but also ones that could become more dangerous as mobility, coordination and

patios with uneven surfaces, electrical or phone cords that could get underfoot, poorly lit attics or storage areas, shelves that can't be reached without a step- seniors who no longer can

sure fire safety equipment is ask about this service. Because this step fully operational. Working smoke alarms should be and accessibility in every major room and batteries should be checked for freshness. Better still are wired-in alarms that don't require batteries. If you can and professional carpentry afford a sprinkler system, get one.

Here are some ways an attached safety screen? to make your holiday Is there an easy-to-access give their consent. fire extinguisher on every

Electrical fires are common. Has the home's health are creating unsafe wiring been checked situations. A friendly can be a full-family project. recently for damaged heads-up call could be a insulation and short life saver. circuits? Are any outlets or extension plugs loaded started often takes beyond the manufacturer's sensitivity and a bit of recommendations? Are advance planning. But once electrical cords run under it's in place, most families rugs where they could be find it both unobtrusive and abraded by foot traffic or another way to reinforce the

•It's typical for people of caring and togetherness.

to become more forgetful These future hazards with age. One common specific expectations: Epic could include sidewalks or result is seniors leaving range burners on after use. rugs without slip-resistant If this happens repeatedly, backing, hard-to-navigate consider arranging for furniture arrangements, meals to be delivered and asking your parents to heat foods with a microwave or toaster oven only.

In most areas of Texas, stool, and gas heaters or prepare their own meals appliances that are hard to can get low-cost homedelivered meals through •Look closely for their local area agency on

• Some safety improvements-such as wider doorways, bathroom grab bars and wheelchair or walker ramps-require time skill to properly install. Get started on these products Does the fireplace have as early as your budget permits and your parents

•If possible, involve floor? Are windows easy to neighbors and family open in case exit doors are friends in a safety support inaccessible? Are windows network. Give them your blocked by shrubs that contact information and could prevent their use as ask that they be alert for any signs that your parents' physical or mental

Getting this process punctured by carpet tacks? traditional holiday feelings



JUDGING TEAM-The District 3 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held in Vernon Nov.19. Haskell County 4-H participants were, front row, I-r, Garret Dutton, Ethan Drager, Hadley Sloan and Cade Anderson; back row, Lori Beth Rodgers and Cody Dutton. Not pictured was the 4-H Livestock Judging Coach, Brandon Anderson.

### Parties can bring joy, and sometimes unplanned discomfort

Holiday partygoers rule," she says. "Foods should may choose to mingle first and eat later, but they may return home with an unexpected guest-an upset stomach-if those foods have eggs, meats and milk are been sitting at improper temperatures for too long, says Dr. Vickie Vaclavik, a clinical nutritionist at UT Southwestern Medical

'To deter bacteria growth, holiday party hosts should remember the two-hour eat. The host may use smaller,

not sit unprotected at room temperature for more than about two hours."

Cream-based products, examples of foods in party fare that naturally promote bacteria growth that cause food-borne illness.

"If these categories of foods are to be left out-either unrefrigerated or not held hot -they may become unsafe to

easily replaced batches, which should be discarded after a couple of hours, or the foods should be held at the right temperatures."

Other tips include: Replacing platters for fresh food instead of adding fresh food to a dirtied dish; keeping hot foods at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer, and cold foods at 40 degrees F or colder; keeping your hands, work surfaces and utensils



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#### Calendar

#### **Christmas Cantata** set Sun., Dec. 15

The Community Christmas Cantata will be held Sun., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

#### Deadlines

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

#### 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

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noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.

#### 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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#### AWANA to meet

The AWANA Club (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) will meet at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st St., Haskell on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children must be age 5 by Sept. 1 through sixth grade. For more information call 940-864-5557.

The December schedule for free Mac Computer classes include a daytime class, Thurs., 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 or abilenemacuser2@gmail. com for more information.

#### iPhone class

Tom Miller, Mac consultant, trainer and leader for the free classes for new iPhone Users, stresses that the class is for persons who don't know anything about the iPhone. The next class will be Thurs., Dec. 12, at the North Mockingbird Branch of the Abilene Public Library at 1 p.m. in the activity room, 1214 N. Mockingbird Lane. Contact Tom Miller, 325-518-6662 or Barbara Kelly, 325-692-1087, abilenemacuser2@

#### Mac classes

Tom Miller at 325-518-6662

gmail.com for details.

### Goodfellows seek donations, to take applications Saturday

The Haskell Goodfellows handle delivery. 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.

On Sat., Dec. 14, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

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

#### **Players** of the week

Haskell Maiden Reagan Hadaway was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top Six Tues., Dec.

Hadaway, a junior forward, scored a combined 41 points, 12 boards, 10 assists and 10 steals in games Ranger (52-20).

Haskell Maiden Jacie Klose was named to the Country Top Six Tues., Dec. will be diagnosed in the 10.

Klose, a junior guard, scored 19 points in the Hawley game. In the Ranger game, she had a doubledouble of 10 assists, 10 steals stages, results in significant and seven points.

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Lela Bevel, vice-president and Donnie Rieger, secretary-treasurer.

If you would like to help food, toys, money or clothes, Texas 79521.

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 with this project by donating at P.O. Box 555, Haskell,

### Haskell Fire Dept. holds annual **Christmas party**

The Haskell Volunteer and 5 other calls. Fire Department held their annual Christmas party Mon., Dec. 9 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham gave the answer a grass fire near annual run report for the 2013 year listing 18 structure fires, 4 vehicle fires and 15 brush fires. The department also answered calls to 15 automobile wrecks, 1 aircraft emergency, 38 EMS assists for decades.

Firemen Chance Strickland and Al Merchant were to be awarded five year service pins when the department was called to

The party was concluded with the singing of Silent Night led by Stephen Wright, Chaplain. The tradition has been carried on by members

## Routine check-ups crucial in fighting

The numbers for oral daily lifestyle problems with Hawley (54-20) and cancer-cancers of the mouth and pharynx- aren't good. The American Cancer Society reports about 30,990 Abilene Reporter-News Big new cases of oral cancer United States this year, with approximately 7,430 deaths (one every 71 minutes).

> Treatment of oral cancer, particularly in its later facial disfiguration and

in speaking, eating and swallowing. Because oral cancer is usually not diagnosed early, less than half of all patients are cured.

"If you get oral cancer, it's devastating and causes a very severe change in your quality of life," said Lance Read, D.D.S., assistant professor of surgery with the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine. "As we get older, things change, and we can neglect our teeth. But, young people need to be aware oral cancer isn't just a disease for the old. Anyone can have habits that may be deleterious to his or her health."

Presently, the best way to screen for oral cancer is a routine check of the neck, head, cheeks and oral cavity by a dentist. Individuals also should do a monthly selfexam of their lips, gums, tongue (including the side) and mouth (including the floor) and report any unusual lesions, said Dr. Read, chief of the Department of Dentistry and the Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

A recent survey by the Baylor College of Dentistry-HSC found Texas adults knew little about the risk factors for and the signs and symptoms of oral cancer but had plenty of misinformation, said Kay Rankin, D.D.S., professor and associate chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at HSC-BCD.

Though 79 percent of respondents reported hearing about oral or mouth cancer, only 28 percent actually had undergone an oral cancer exam. And, only 22 percent of those examined had that exam in the past year.

"Oral cancer examinations are particularly important for high-risk individuals, such as tobacco and alcohol users," Dr. Rankin said. "Oral cancer spreads quickly. This is why early diagnosis and treatment is so important. Early diagnosis improves the outcome."

Doctors Read and Rankin agree lifestyle plays a big role in preventing oral cancer. Avoid smoking and tobacco use, minimize or avoid alcohol consumption, keep good oral hygiene habits and see a dentist regularly.

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Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for

Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families

this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24

to those who have been selected to receive them. Those

with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member,

toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.;

and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press,

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by Faye Bledsoe....\$50

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### From the AG

Give wisely this holiday season

During this season of joy and thanksgiving, Texans across the state will generously donate their time and money to support a wide array of charitable endeavors. From offering change to Salvation Army volunteers to collecting gifts for needy families, well-meaning Texans will have ample opportunities to support those who are less fortunate. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is easy to forget that unscrupulous scam artists are eager to take advantage of Texans' generosity.

Fortunately, just a little research can help you ensure your donations actually help the neediest among us. To avoid falling victim to a holiday scammer, always and check the facts.

Who wants your money? Texans who are approached by a person seeking a donation should ask for an official identification or other documentation proving the individual is associated with a charitable organization. Even if a solicitor mentions a well-

known charity, it is important and fundraising costs versus using a name similar to a well-known charity. In the Internet age, scam artists may resort to spam email solicitations that appear to support a legitimate charity's donors to fraudulent websites that subject donors to the threat of identity theft.

Potential donors who have never heard of the purported charity mentioned by the solicitor should seek additional information or even conduct their own research. Legitimate charities asks for additional time to research the organization and its charitable work.

remember to ask questions be used? Don't be fooled by a compelling story or a heartbreaking photo in an email solicitation. Before making a donation, research the organization's goals and question its programs. It is often helpful to obtain written documentation detailing how much the organization the Office of the Attorney

to ask for the organization's how much it spends directly address and telephone on charitable projects or number. Be cautious the intended recipients of of copycat organizations donations. Comparing the administrative costs, fees and expenses for several charities may help you decide which organizations to support.

Before making a donation, remember to confirm website but actually direct the tax-exempt status of an organization to verify whether or not the donation will be tax deductible.

Never be pressured to donate right away. A legitimate solicitor will be patient and give you time to research the organization. If solicited by phone, do not give out personal financial will not object if a donor information-including your credit card or bank account numbers.

When researching an **How will your donation** organization, a good resource to consider is www.give.org. This website is maintained by the Council of Better Business Bureaus to promote wise charitable giving. If you believe you were defrauded by a fraudulent charity or nonprofit organization, you may file a complaint with spends on administrative General's Charitable Trusts By Greg Abbott

Section online at www. oag.state.tx.us/consumer/ charitycomplaint.pdf or call 800-252-8011.

Make your gift count. Take your time, check the facts, and give wisely this holiday season.





### Motorists urged to watch out for deer

weather, fall months bring because of plenty of rain about an increase in deer activity so Texas motorists should keep a close watch for animals that occasionally wander onto the highway, especially at night.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) more than 7,000 animalrelated crashes occurred on Texas highways in 2009, many involving deer. Twenty-five of those crashes involved a fatality.

increase during the fall populations. Places where hit by a motor vehicle. because the animals are roads divide agricultural For more information on more active," said Carol fields from forestland are fish and wildlife laws, go Rawson, Traffic Operations director. "It's this time of year that motorists need to down. Others are probably be extra watchful and take steps to avoid collisions."

Texas Parks and Wildlife headlights when there is no

that has created an ideal environment for wildlife to brake firmly but stay in

Deer-car accidents tally to more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States, costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, according to recent reports from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

following defensive driving call the police. tips to avoid hitting a deer:

"Deer-vehicle collisions known to have high deer of a deer that has been particularly dangerous.

nearby.

• Use high-beam

Tis the season to be (TPWD) biologists oncoming traffic. The high cautious-deer season that is. predict an increase in beams will reflect off deer's Along with cooler deer population this year eyes and warn you of their

> •If a deer is in your lane, the lane. The most serious crashes occur when drivers

> •Don't rely on deer whistles, deer fences or reflectors to deter deer.

•Wear seat belts.

•If your car strikes a deer, don't touch the animal. If the The Institute suggests the deer is blocking the highway,

Remember, it is unlawful •Drive carefully in areas to possess a deer or part to http://www.tpwd.state. •If you see a deer, slow tx.us/publications/annual/ general/penalties/.

### Adults need flu shots, plus vaccinations, too

vaccinations because you're received as children will last well past puberty?

When you're rolling a sleeve up to get the flu shot other immunizations are schedule with their doctor due, or overdue.

Dr. R. Doug Hardy, an infectious disease specialist at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says that while immunizations are one of the 10 greatest American (polysaccharide) achievements of the past century, only children's vaccines are well utilized.

"People need to be more aware of the value of adult pertussis (Td/Tdap) vaccines," Dr. Hardy says.

He said the numbers are (HPV) low partly because many adults incorrectly assume

Think you don't need any that the vaccines they a lifetime. Still others weren't immunized as children.

Dr. Hardy says adults this year, you might take a should discuss the minute and ask whether any recommended vaccination and determine whether they should be immunized against any of the following conditions:

- •Influenza • Pneumococcal
- •Hepatitis A/B
- •Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- •Tetanus, diphtheria,
- •Human papillomavirus
  - $\bullet Varicella$

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#### Rule School Menu

Dec. 16-20 **Breakfast** 

Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.

Monday: Oatmeal, blueberry muffin loaf Tuesday: Chicken and biscuit

Thursday: Sunrise sandwich Tuesday: Baked potato apple, pineapple, roll Friday: Cereal, toast Lunch Milk is served daily.

Monday: Pizza dippers with spaghetti sauce, salad, Wednesday: Chicken veggie cup, mixed fruit

Wednesday: Pancake on baby carrots, apple slices, pudding

> with ham and cheese, breadsticks, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad

nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans,

Thursday: BBQ on bun, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles

Friday: Cheeseburger, salad,

### Haskell School Menu

Dec. 16-20 **Breakfast** 

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every

Monday: Oatmeal and blueberry muffin or cereal variety and Texas toast

Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit or animal crackers and string cheese

Wednesday: Pancake and sausage on stick, oven roasted potatoes or cereal variety and Texas toast

Thursday: Sunrise sandwich or animal crackers and string cheese

Friday: Breakfast taco or cereal variety and Texas Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Two pizza dippers, spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick

**Tuesday:** Baked potato with ham and cheese, breadstick, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad Wednesday: Steak fingers,

mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, applepineapple d'lite

Thursday: BBQ on bun, pinto beans, baby carrots, orange smiles

Friday: Cheeseburger, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit

#### **ECC Menu**

Mon., Dec. 16 Ultimate chili and beans, pickles, onions, cornbread, white cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Dec. 18 Chicken, dressing, giblet coffee

Fri., Dec. 20

pumpkin dessert, tea or

BBQ sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, garlic bread, misc. dessert, tea or coffee gravy, rolls, cranberries, Announcements begin at sweet potatoes, green beans, 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

### **Caution urged to** prevent spread of Oak Wilt disease

arrival of cooler weather, now Transporting and storing diseased wood is a known devastating oak wilt fungus to previously uninfected neighborhoods. Utilizing these prevention steps is the key to safeguarding against spreading the disease through the selection and use of firewood:

•Select well-seasoned activity). firewood. Well-seasoned ends. Avoid oak wood that appears unseasoned, that may have tight bark and cut ends which show no cracks or signs of aging. The extreme heat and drying of a full Texas summer effectively destroys the fungus in cut firewood.

sources of firewood. If the oak wood comes from an unknown source and it is not well seasoned, cover the woodpile with a clear piece of plastic. Burying the edges of the plastic will prevent the entry or exit of insects that might have been attracted to diseased wood and fungal

oaks. A knowledgeable arborist or forester should diagnose red oaks (i.e., Texas red, blackjack or shumard oak) that die rapidly (2-3 weeks) or in groups (2 or more trees over several years) for oak wilt. Trees suspected to have died recently from oak wilt should be destroyed by burning, burying or chipping. The heat of a fire destroys the fungus and the threat to healthy trees. When devastating tree disease.

With the long-anticipated planning to do any outdoor burning, be sure and check is the perfect opportunity with local officials to see to enjoy some time by the if an outdoor burning ban campfire but be careful to is in place for your county pay close attention to the and take care not to burn firewood you are picking. on windy days with low humidity.

•Avoid wounding oaks means of spreading the during vulnerable seasons. The general recommendation is to avoid injuries to oaks from February through June. The best times for pruning of oaks are during the heat of summer (minimal spore production) or the cold of winter (minimal insect

•Paint all oak wounds wood is cut before the including pruning cuts. summer and is typically dry Throughout the year, with loose bark and cracked immediately apply a thin coat of latex or pruning paint to all fresh wounds and other injuries that expose the inner bark or sapwood of oaks. This prevents contaminated sap beetles from infecting the wound with oak wilt spores.

Hunters, especially west of IH 35, should be especially •Safely store unknown careful in not transporting recently killed oak trees off of ranch land. The probability exists of moving red oaks that have died of oak wilt and having these trees produce disease spores while being stored. If in doubt, again always cover the wood with clear plastic and seal the edges with rocks or soil.

Oak firewood is an •Destroy diseased red important commodity to Texans, whether it's used for firing up the barbecue pit or for warming up on a chilly hunter's morning. By selecting well-seasoned, disease-free firewood and by following other disease prevention guidelines, homeowners are taking the correct steps to prevent a new oak wilt disease outbreak in their neighborhood. Please visit www.texasoakwilt.org smoke emitted poses no for more information on this

## This Week's Devotional Message:



#### Let Love Adorn Your Home with Holiday Happiness

Your favorite stores are all a-glitter with people? Then it's time to get rid of these lights, ornaments, tinsel, candles, wreaths and gift wrappings. However, these seasonal adornments may not put you in a gala holiday mood, and if so, assuming that you have no major problems or sorrows, something must be wrong. Have you quarreled recently with a relative or friend? Are you normally impatient with

negative tendencies. Mend that quarrel, no matter whose fault it was. Let your house of worship put some love and kindness in your heart before you plug in the Christmas lights. Then your home and your life will be much brighter during the upcoming holidays, as well as at all other times of the year.

**Faith Chapel of Rochester** 

Randy Hollingsworth, minister

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester

**Sagerton Methodist Church** 

Cory Graham, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Sagerton

**Faith Lutheran Church** 

Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Sagerton

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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.

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**Church of Christ** 

John Greeson, minister

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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Manuel Marin, pastor

Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

500 Elm Street. Rule

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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** Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church **Father George Roney** Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell

**Church of Christ** Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church** 

Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

**Hopewell Baptist Church** Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church** 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.

wea. / 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

**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.; Praver 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

**Sweet Home Baptist Church** Russell Stanley, pastor Sunday 10 a.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule, 940-997-2296 -ROCHESTER---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 Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. O'Brien

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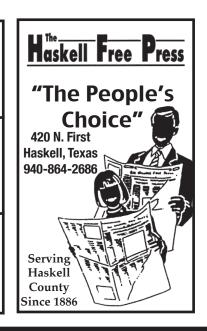
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CAUSE NO. 11,909 THE ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK and THE ESTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED. Plaintiffs vs.

CAROLYN WILLIAMSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RANDY K. WILLIAMSON, **DECEASED** Defendants CENTRAL TEXAS

FEDERAL LAND BANK, FLCA, Defendant IN REM ONLY IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT OF HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY **PUBLICATION** STATE OF TEXAS TO CAROLYN WILLIAMSON and

the Unknown Heirs, Representatives, Successors and Assigns of RANDY K. WILLIAMSON,

Deceased:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on default judgment may be taken against you. The Plaintiffs' Original Petition in her capacity as the Dependent Administrator of the ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK, DECEASED, and erson at store 400 N FSTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED, Plaintiffs, was filed SUBWAY in Haskellis now against RANDY K. accepting applications for a WILLIAMSON,

Defendant, on May 22,

"The Estate of Dyral I. Sisk

#### **Public Notices**

deceased and Carolyn Williamson, Defendants, and Central Texas Federal Land, Defendant IN REM ONLY." This lawsuit is a partition suit requesting the Court to order a jointly owned 261.0 acre tract of land partitioned in kind or by sale.

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Penny Young Anderson Clerk of the 39th Judicial Court Haskell County, Texas Debbie Gresselt, Deputy 49-52c

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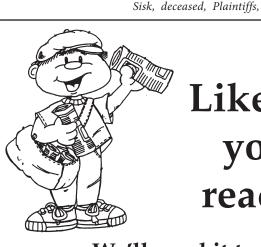
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#### Maidens basketball

#### Maidens take down Lady Bearcats 54-20

Haskell got off to a fast start on the road in a 54-20 win over Hawley. The Maidens outscored the Lady Bearcats 30-6 in the first half and continued to dominate the rest of the game to improve to 7-3 on the season.

Jacie Klose lead all Maiden scorers with 19 points followed by Kenzie Shelton with 14, Reagan Hadaway 11, Destiny Pierce 5, Crissy Bassett 4 and MyKaylee Wilhite 2. "Our scoring has been well balanced for the most part this year and that can make it very difficult on our opponents," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. Hadaway had a team high 10 assists followed by Klose with 3 and Bassett 3.

Defensively, the Maidens held Hawley below 10 points for three different quarters. "Any time we hold our opponent below 10 during a quarter, we call that a shut down quarter. The girls have done a great job again this year taking pride in our man to man defense and understanding its importance," Eddleman added. Klose and Hadaway lead the team in steals with 5 each. Leading the team in rebounds was Hadaway with 7, Shelton 6, Klose 4 and Katie Newberry 4. "Overall, I thought we executed well on offense and I was really pleased with our defensive performance. We have a very smart team again this year

and they take a lot of pride in proved to be way too much floor," Eddleman said. 17 13 8 16 = 54

 $2 \quad 4 \quad 10 \quad 4 = 20$ Scoring: Klose 19, Shelton 14, Hadaway 11, Pierce 5, Bassett 4, Wilhite 2.

#### Maidens knock off Lady Bulldogs 52-20

The Maidens were scheduled to compete in the Albany Basketball Tournament last weekend; however, due to the bad weather and bad road conditions, the girls were only able to play one game on Thursday. Haskell jumped out to a 32-13 lead at half and continued to control the second half to get the 52-20 win over Ranger and improve to 8-3 on the season.

The Maidens were lead by Juniors Reagan Hadaway and Jacie Klose. Reagan poured in 30 points and Jacie had a double-double finishing with 10 assists and 10 steals against the Lady Bulldogs. Other leading scorers were Kenzie Shelton with 8, Jacie Klose 7, Crissy Bassett 2, Hayley Holland 2, Brittany Amos 2 and Alye Stewart 1. Klose had a team high 10 assists followed by Destiny Pierce with 4. "Offensively, the girls did a great job executing our man offense, zone offense and fast break. They all did an excellent job making the extra pass and knocking down open shots," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maiden defense

their play on both ends of the for the Lady Bulldogs throughout the entire game. "Defensively, we played tough from start to finish against Ranger. When the girls talk and really focus in on their defense individually and collectively, we are pretty tough to score on," Eddleman added. Leading the team in rebounds was Shelton with 7, Bassett 6 and Stewart 4. Klose had a team high 10 steals followed by Hadaway with 5. "Overall, I thought we played well this week. Our offense was balanced and our defense was really solid in both games," Eddleman said. 15 17 11 9 = 52 5 8 3 4 = 20

Scoring: Hadaway 30, Shelton 8, Klose 7, Bassett 2, Holland 2, Amos 2, Stewart

#### Area **Basketball** scores

#### Girls

Haskell 52, Ranger 20 Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 30, Shelton 8, Klose 7, Amos 2, Bassett 2, Stewart 2.

#### **Boys**

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