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## Calendar

### 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.

### 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.

### Candlelight service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at First Baptist Church in Haskell Tues., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### Candlelight service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell Tues., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be on the first Monday of March, June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

### 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.

### 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.

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# Merry Christmas

# The Haskell Free Press

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**FIRST PLACE**—Winning first place in the All Star Christmas parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, held Sat., Dec. 14 around the square in Haskell was this float by Richardson's.



**SECOND PLACE**—Winning second place in the All Star Christmas parade held Sat., Dec. 14 around the square in Haskell was this entry by Mainstreet and Kaleidoscope.



**THIRD PLACE**—Winning third place in the All Star Christmas parade held Sat., Dec. 14 around the square in Haskell was this entry by Steele Fire Apparatus. The pink fire truck was built for the Mulberry Canyon Fire Department.



**SPECIAL GUEST**—The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department had a special guest riding on their entry in the All Star Christmas parade last Saturday. Charles Swinson of Haskell made the trip around the square in a truck driven by Haskell Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham, accompanied by his daughter, Rebekah. Stephen Wright and Sparky the Fire Dog were also on the truck.

## Candidates file for March primary election

by Caron Yates

Monday, Dec. 9 was the last day to file for a place on the ballot for the March 2014 primary election.

Although there are many contested state and federal races, there are no contested races in Haskell County. Haskell County incumbents who have filed for re-election include Democrats Shane Hadaway, 39th Judicial District Judge; David Davis, County Judge; Belia Abila, County Clerk; Penny Anderson, District Clerk; Tiffen Mayfield, County Commissioner Prec. 2; Neal Kreger, County Commissioner Prec. 4; Lynn Dodson, Justice of the Peace; and Pamela Norton, Party Chairman. Locally on the republican ticket will be Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer and Brian Burgess, Party Chairman.

Haskell County voters will also be voting for our U.S. Senator. John Cornyn, the incumbent, is challenged by seven other republicans, as well as five democrats.

**I n c u m b e n t** U. S. Representative for District 19, Randy Neugebauer, has drawn opposition from two republicans and one democrat.

The office of Governor of Texas, now held by Haskell County native Gov. Rick Perry, is being sought by four republicans and two democrats. Gov. Perry chose not to seek re-election.

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst will be up against three others in the republican primary. The democratic primary will have one candidate on the ballot.

Other contested state races are Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, Chief Justice for the Supreme Court, and Justices for the Supreme Court, Place 6, 7, and 8.

Republican State Representative District 68 Drew Springer, at the time of posting, had not drawn an opponent. In addition, Judges for the Court of Criminal Appeals Places 2,3,4, and 9 are up for election.

The first day for early voting is Tuesday, Feb. 18, with the last day for early voting being Friday, Feb. 28. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Friday, Feb. 21 and the last day to receive a ballot by mail is Tuesday, March 4.

The primary for both parties will be held March 4, 2014. Even without locally contested races, candidates will appreciate your show of support, when you cast a vote for them.

As Americans, we have the freedom to have our voice heard. It is not only our right but our obligation, to be informed and then vote.

## Sales tax receipts reported for December

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.41 billion, up 2.8 percent compared to November 2012.

"State sales tax revenue continues to grow at a moderate pace as expected," Combs said. "Sales tax collections have increased for 44 consecutive months. Revenue from sectors such as wholesale trade, services industries and restaurants contributed to the most recent increase."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their December local sales tax allocations totaling \$579.6 million, up 5 percent compared to December 2012.

The sales tax figures represent October sales reported by monthly tax filers.

Haskell County had a 14.34 percent increase for December 2013 of \$44,780.49 in comparison to \$39,164.27 for December 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$549,568.33 reflect a 7.07 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$513,255.74.

The City of Haskell had a 14.94 percent increase for December 2013 of \$41,819.97 in comparison to \$36,383.93 for December 2012. 2013

payments to date of \$512,796.88 reflect a 7.50 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$476,986.44.

The City of O'Brien had a 547.97 percent increase for December 2013 of \$180.46 in comparison to \$27.85 for December 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$3,354.77 reflect a 29.07 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$2,599.07.

The City of Rochester had a 42.03 percent increase for December 2013 of \$581.70 in comparison to \$409.56 for December 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$5,900.87 reflect a 1.13 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$5,834.91.

The City of Rule had a 7.56 percent decrease for December 2013 of \$2,037.49 in comparison to \$2,204.29 for December 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$24,624.01 reflect a 2.16 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$25,169.15.

The City of Weinert had a 16.03 percent increase for December 2013 of \$160.87 in comparison to \$138.64 for December 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$2,891.80 reflect an 8.46 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$2,666.17.

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SERVICE AWARDS—Haskell Memorial Hospital held their annual Christmas party Thurs., Dec. 12. Service awards were given to, front row, l-r, Debbie Curd, 30 years; Debbie Wilde, 5 years; Donnie Skiles, 1 year; Pat Gray, 20 years; Charlotte Welch, 10 years; Charlotte Johnson, 15 years; back row, Judy Wolsch, 1 year; Kelsie Rodriguez, 1 year; Michelle Joiner, 5 years; Josie Lewis, 10 years; and Kim Hill, 20 years. Not pictured are, Joseph Logsdon, 10 years; and Bobby Myers, 15 years. Donnie Skiles was also selected as Employee of the Year.

Obituaries

Joseph Emmitt Thigpen



JOSEPH E. THIGPEN

A lawyer by profession but a cowboy at heart, Joseph Emmitt Thigpen, 68, passed away Dec. 12, 2013, in Austin.

Services were held Sun., Dec. 15, at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Patrick Pace of Rule officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell. Dusty Garrison of Abilene conducted the graveside service.

The only son of Dr. Joe Eltidge Thigpen and Beunis Ratliff Thigpen, Joseph was born Nov. 27, 1945, in Haskell. He graduated from Haskell High School, Abilene Christian College, and earned a doctor of

jurisprudence degree from Texas Tech University. He started practicing law in Haskell with his grandfather, Dennis Ratliff, and his great uncle, Bill Ratliff, and practiced for 40 years. He served two terms as the 39th Judicial District Attorney.

Joseph was a founding director for the First National Bank of Haskell and served as the board attorney. At the time of his death, he worked as dealer relations counsel for the Texas Automobile Dealers Association in Austin.

An avid outdoorsman, Joseph liked to hunt and fish, and when younger, he competed in cutting horse competitions on his favorite horse, Skipper Dog. Before starting law school, he spent a year as a cowboy on the 6666 Ranch. He later had the honor to serve as a pallbearer for another true cowboy and friend, Biggin Bradley, the Marlboro man.

An outstanding athlete himself, Joseph loved all sports, especially the Texas Tech Red Raiders. He was a three-sport letterman in high school and played college football at Southern Methodist University. Joseph was a private pilot. The greatest joys of his life were being a dad to his

children and "Papa Joe" to his grandchildren.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Joe, and his grandparents, Dennis and Beulah Ratliff and Dr. Joseph and Victoria Thigpen.

Survivors include one daughter, Jodi and husband Jason Trammell of Fort Worth; one son, Joseph Justice Thigpen of Neola, Utah; two grandchildren, Jaxon and Jenna Trammell of Fort Worth; his mother of San Antonio; three sisters, Peggy and Dr. Tom Hairgrove of Bryan; First Lady Anita and Gov. Rick Perry of Austin; Emily and husband Vincent Solis of San Antonio; the mother of his children, Pam Thigpen of Haskell; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Larry Beauchamp of Lawn, Charles Chapman of Abilene, Tim Everrett of Haskell, John Kimbrough of Castle Rock, Colorado, Patrick Pace of Rule, Sam Toliver of Abilene, Col. Bobby Whisenhunt of View and Bill Wolters of Austin.

Memorials may be made to the Dr. Joe E. Thigpen Memorial Scholarship Fund, Haskell CISD, P.O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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Be wary of risks of harmful toys

Forget what the neighbors' kids play. Be wary of the social-emotional risks of certain toys, as many send a violent message that could later lead to destructive behavior.

Dr. Joel Steinberg, a pediatrician at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says, "Parents should be very careful in selecting toys that may encourage violent behaviors, such as toy guns, knives, bow and arrows, or computer games and violent videos."

Youngsters who play "violent video games" are not participating in real-life experiences. If they run into a roadblock on a computer game, they may destroy it, and that's not appropriate in real life, the physician says.

Steinberg offers these other holiday-shopping tips:

- Purchase toys that are age appropriate. Toys too advanced may frustrate your child.
•Be sure the toys aren't designed so a child can break them and choke on small parts.
•Test a noise-making toy next to your ear. If the sound is too loud or irritating for you, then it's likely to be harmful to your child.
•Pull-toys with strings more than 12 inches in length could be a strangulation hazard for babies and toddlers.

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Marguerite Maurine Gauntt



MARGUERITE GAUNT

Funeral services for Marguerite Maurine Gauntt, 85, former resident of Rochester, were held Mon., Dec. 16 at First Baptist Church of Rochester with Bro. Joseph Barrett and Debbie Hines officiating. Interment was at Rochester Cemetery in Rochester under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Gauntt passed away Thursday evening, Dec. 12 at the Care Inn of Abilene in Abilene.

Marguerite Maurine Clark was born Feb. 8, 1928 in Rochester to Mary Josephine (Cerveney) and Carl Clark. She attended Rochester School and graduated with honors in 1945. She married her soul mate, Clarence Gauntt April

3, 1946 in Rochester and soon became a mother to Carl Wayne and later blessed with Cindy and Buddy. Carl Wayne preceded her in death on June 11, 1962. At the age of 53, she graduated as Salutatorian from the Vernon Nursing School. She worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital and was chosen as Employee of the Year in 1995. Upon retiring, Marguerite devoted herself to the care of Clarence as he had become very ill. Clarence passed away March 7, 1996 after nearly 50 years of marriage.

Marguerite was an active member of the First Baptist Church and the W.M.U. for many years. She was a loyal employee of Smith Family Funeral Homes, where over the years, she greeted many visitors at the Rochester Funeral Home. Because of her love for history, she was a co-author on three books, "When the Rails Were Laid," "Cooking in Rochester," and "A Century In The Rochester Area." She believed everyone should make their community a better place to live. Marguerite was a member of the Woman's Literary Club, serving as president twice, president of Homecoming, worked for the establishment of two

Rochester Museums, and was involved in numerous skits, plays, homecomings and parades over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Carl Clark; her dear husband, Clarence; and her loving son, Carl Wayne.

Marguerite leaves behind her two children, Cindy Hearn of Abilene and Bud Gauntt and wife Deborah of Arlington; sister, Junita Beauchamp and husband Jim of Rochester; 8 grandchildren, Shawndra Watson and husband David of Comanche, Oklahoma, Alexy Lampe of Abilene, Brandi Labadia of Three Rivers, Michigan, Brian Hearn of Rochester, Angela Gauntt and husband Charlie Watson of Coleman, Misty Lampe and husband Cecil of Abilene, Cory Gauntt and wife Nanette of Burleson, Renee Fuston of Hurst; 20 great grandchildren; 9 great great children and numerous nieces, nephews and special friends.

If desired, memorials may be given in Marguerite's name to the Rochester Museum or American Cancer Society.

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

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Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 16, 2013

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Haskell County Gin... 2,850
Haskell Co-op Gin.... 5,166

O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op..... 7,227

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin..... 8,069

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Griff's Gin.....0
Weinert Gin..... 2,800

Total bales..... 26,112

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 customer. Please make every customer. Please make every customer. Please make every customer. Please make every customer.



**QUIZ BOWL TEAMS**—The District 3 4-H Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest was held in Seymour Dec. 11. The Haskell County 4-H'ers that participated were, front row, l-r, Cash Bassett and Eddie McBroom; back row, Ashlyn Payne, Octavia Pryor, Blessing Jordan, Faith Jordan and Shalee Dunnam.

## Haskell 4-H'ers compete in Quiz Bowl Contest

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The District 3 4-H Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest was held Wed., Dec. 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Seymour. Approximately 40 teams showed up for the district contest. Twenty-six of which were Junior/Intermediate teams.

Haskell County had two Junior/Intermediate teams

to participate. Haskell Team A included Shalee Dunnam, Faith Jordan and Ashlyn Payne. Haskell Team B included Cash Bassett, Blessing Jordan, Eddie McBroom and Octavia Pryor. Team B received a fifth place and Team A received twelfth place.

Participants had a pizza lunch that also included fruit, cookie and drink

before the awards program started.

Coaching the Quiz Bowl teams was Angela Jordan with the assistance of Kim Bassett. Traveling with the group of 4-H'ers to the contest was another 4-H volunteer leader, Michelle Dunnam. Also, Jason Westbrook, Haskell County Extension Agent-AG, attended to help with set-up for the district contest.

### 4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their December meeting Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15 at the Haskell County Extension Office. Twenty 4-H'ers and leaders attended the meeting led by Riley Sloan.

The 4-H clubs had a short business meeting. Past events covered were the District Livestock Judging contest, the arrival of poultry and rabbits for the County Show to be held in

January, Nutrition Quiz Bowl district contest, and 4-H Scholarship Training. Under new business was ringing of the Salvation Army Bell, the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show set for Jan. 9 - 11, a club program to be presented to the Progressive Study Club of Haskell in January, the upcoming major stock shows, and the dates that the Extension Office will be closed for the holidays. Also, it was mentioned to 4-H'ers

that there are still a few extra 4-H t-shirts in stock at the Extension Office.

The 4-H'ers participated in a "Chinese style" gift/ornament exchange. Lots of fun was had by all. Door prize winner was Grayson Cloud of Rule.

The 4-H'ers enjoyed decorated cupcakes and Hawaiian Punch furnished by Angela Jordan. There will be no meeting in January. The next meeting is set for Feb. 23 and the program will be a Photography Workshop. The new rules and guidelines for the 4-H Photography Contest are in, if you are interested and do not receive a set of rules, contact the County Extension Office. For more information on the program or to enroll in 4-H, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

## Enjoy the holidays without expanding your waistline

Visions of sugar plums may dance in your head throughout the holiday season, but that doesn't mean they should take a spin on your plate at every gathering.

Bernadette Latson, a clinical dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says the age-old advice of moderation still rings true.

"Choose only the foods you really want to eat and keep your portions small," Latson says. "You can

also prevent unconscious nibbling by socializing away from the kitchen or buffet tables."

Latson says that eating a small, low-fat snack such as popcorn or a piece of fruit before you head out the door can keep you from immediately rushing the buffet table. Another tip, she says, is to cut your first serving in half so you can enjoy a second helping without needing to loosen your belt.

# Knight, Stewart wed in Jonestown ceremony

Lauren Nicole Knight of Belton and Captain Jake Edward Stewart of Ozona were wed Nov. 24 at Villa Antonia in Jonestown with the Reverend Pete Sharber officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Vicki Knight of Belton, and the granddaughter of Bill and Marjorie Knight of Belton.

The bridegroom is the son of Eddie and Kay Stewart of Ozona, and the grandson of Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings.

The bride wore an ivory Fada gown by Blue by Enzoani. The vintage-inspired lace overlay dress featured a scalloped edge illusion sweetheart neckline and keyhole back, with a fit and flare skirt, and sweep train. The bride carried a bouquet of cream and pink roses and peach stock flowers accented with dusty miller.

The maid of honor was Shannon Knight, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were friends of the bride Jaelyn Poole of San Antonio, Brie Bailey of Belton, Michelle Mayfield of Belton, Amanda O'Toole of La Canada-Flintridge, California, and Lana Wagner of Lubbock, sister of the groom.

Best man was Luke McMullan of Big Lake, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were friends of the groom Jonathan Siskey of Albany, Georgia, Tyson Vordick of Ozona, Clay Hale of Ozona, Wilson Stokes of Ozona, Will Wagner of Lubbock, brother-in-law of the groom, and Joshua Knight of Nolanville, brother of the bride.

The flower girl was Olivia Knight, niece of the bride, and the ring bearer was Patton Wagner, nephew of the groom.

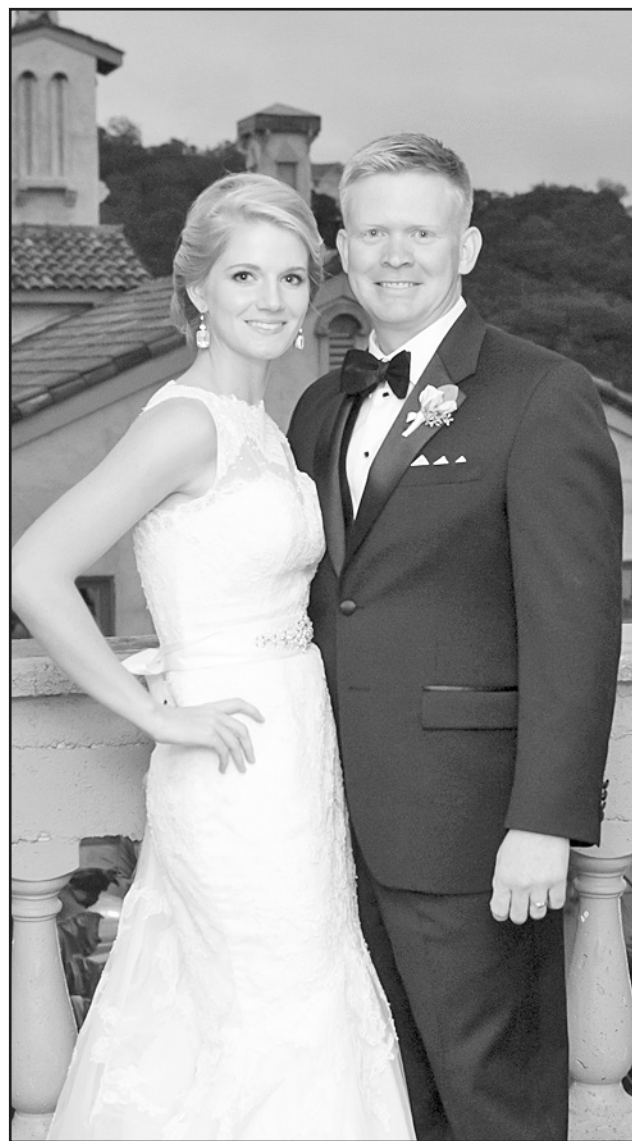
Music was provided by the Salado Trio.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, hosted by the parents of the groom.

The reception was held at Villa Antonia, hosted by the parents of the bride. After a honeymoon in Colorado, the couple will be stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The bride is a graduate of Belton High School and

received a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The groom is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics.



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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### Comptroller reports state revenue amount

AUSTIN—Texas will have some \$98.9 billion in general revenue for state budget makers to work with in the 2014-2015 biennium, according to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' revenue estimate.

Combs delivered the estimate to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Joe Straus and every member of the state House and Senate on Dec. 12.

"This available revenue," Combs said, "supports general revenue spending of \$96.31 billion for the 2014-2015 biennium...producing an expected revenue balance of \$2.58 billion."

Turning to the economy to help explain the surfeit of revenue, she added, "Texas has recovered 100 percent of the jobs lost in the recession and has added 597,000 beyond the previous peak in August 2008."

Gov. Perry welcomed Combs' official estimate, saying, "Texas government budgets like Texas families, limiting spending and saving hard-earned dollars. As a result, Comptroller Susan Combs estimates our current 2014-2015 budget will end with a positive balance of nearly \$2.6 billion. What's most remarkable is we've done this while passing \$1.4 billion in tax cuts, and we've made historic investments in water and, if voters approve, roads."

#### Secretary of State resigns

Texas Secretary of State John Steen on Dec. 13 announced he would step down next month to return to his private law practice and continue managing his family's investments.

Appointed by Gov. Perry in November 2012, Steen, Texas' 108th secretary of state serves as the state's chief election officer. Duties of the office include the storage and preservation of official and business and commercial records required by law to be filed, publication of government rules and regulations, the commissioning of notaries public, the keeping of the state seal and attestation to the governor's signature on official documents. The secretary of state also serves as senior advisor and liaison to the governor for Texas Border and Mexican Affairs and serves as chief international protocol officer for Texas.

#### Water case clears hurdle

The U.S. solicitor general's office on Dec. 10 said the State of Texas has provided enough legal evidence to move forward with its water compact dispute case against the state of New Mexico before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Earlier this year, Texas filed its original action claim against New Mexico asserting damages

to Texas from New Mexico's diversions of project water below Elephant Butte that have harmed Texas' allocation as set forth in the Rio Grande Project and the 1938 Rio Grande Compact.

Texas, New Mexico and Colorado each filed briefs on the case. The U.S. Supreme Court asked the U.S. Solicitor General to weigh in on the case before deciding to take the action.

Chairman Bryan W. Shaw of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality commented, saying, "While Texas is loath to sue our New Mexico neighbor, river compacts are law, Texas rightfully depends on water apportioned under the law, and the compacts must be enforced."

#### SCOTUS hears air case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Dec. 10 heard oral arguments in EPA v. EME Homer City Generation, a case contesting the federal agency's cross-state air pollution rule that would require Texas and 27 other states to reduce power plant emissions that cross state lines.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman said the rule "threatens the viability of the Texas lignite mining industry, jobs and severely hampers economic growth. If the rule is implemented, many Texas coal-fired power plants may be forced to limit or shut down operations."

A decision by the high court is expected by June 2014.

#### Travis DA keeps job

Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg was not forced to resign, pursuant to a Dec. 11 ruling by visiting Judge David Peeples of San Antonio on a petition to seeking to remove her from office.

Lehmborg, who also serves as the chief enforcer of the state's ethics laws on upper-tier officeholders, was arrested and jailed last April for driving while intoxicated. Her behavior following her arrest was recorded and widely publicized.

Following the civil court hearing, Lehmborg said, "I deeply regret my actions on April 12th and have taken full responsibility. I am committed to carrying out my responsibilities as district attorney and to continue serving the voters of Travis County."

#### UT football coach resigns

Mack Brown, head football coach for The University of Texas, gave his farewell press conference on Dec. 15, after 16 years at the helm. Brown's salary is an estimated \$5.4 million, making him one of the three highest-paid college football coaches in the nation.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago December 18, 2003

Mildred Robertson was honored recently as the first sixty year member of the Haskell County Extension Education Association. She was recognized locally, as well as by the state EEA for her years of service to the organization.

Officer Sid Parker of Haskell, was selected as employee of the month by Emerald Correctional Management. Assistant Warden Lonnie Rolls said, "Parker is a hard worker, professional and goes above the call of duty."

David Larned retired after nineteen years of service to the Haskell Housing Authority. He has served the Rural Development and Projects I and II property sites as a maintenance mechanic since 1985.

#### 20 Years Ago December 23, 1993

In the Best Decorated

Residence Christmas Contest, winners were Allie Belle Smith, first; Randy and Janie Stone, second; Tonya and Amy Burson, and Timotea Stuart, third place tie.

Joseph Pace of Rule, was among the cadets from the 3rd Group at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs who flew to Iowa to help with the clean up in the wake of the big flood which hit the Midwest.

Harry Koehler, a soil conservation technician in Haskell County for 34 years, was honored with a retirement party by the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District.

#### 30 Years Ago December 22, 1983

At the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas banquet, service awards were presented to Ted Jennings, 10 year award; John Watson, 25 year award; Olen King, Chester Hodgkin, Sonny

Reynolds and Olen Bartley, 30 year awards.

Janet Follstaedt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Follstaedt of Haskell, has been elected vice president of Mercantile Texas Corporation. She is a graduate of Haskell High School and earned a BBA in accounting from Texas Tech University.

Separate 50th wedding anniversary celebrations were held this week for Lottie and Roy Cook, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Montgomery, all of Haskell. Each reception was hosted by family members.

#### 40 Years Ago December 20, 1973

Private Roy D. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Wilson of Rule, completed basic training at the U.S. Army Training Center at Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

Lynda Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Ivey of Haskell, is guest starring

in Scuba Duba in the Quadrangle in Dallas. She has appeared in numerous comedies and musicals and just concluded two yet-to-be released films.

After a tremendously successful season, the Rule Bobcats were defeated by Big Sandy in the state championship game. They closed their best season in the history of Rule High School, with a 13-1 record.

#### 50 Years Ago December 19, 1963

Ruby Kaye Alvis and Sammy Larned, outstanding senior students have been selected as Haskell High School "Rotarians of the Month."

With but 125 unemployed of a 4150 person labor force, Haskell County was among the top two leaders showing the healthiest employment during 1962 in an eighteen county Northwest Texas region.

Mrs. H.H. Hines of Rule, was named "1963 Woman of the Year" for the Haskell County Home Demonstration Clubs. She was recognized for her 25 years of home demonstration work.

#### 100 Years Ago December 20, 1913

For home portraiture, see Authur Edwards at Kinnison Barber Shop, or ring 233.

Fred Alexander has returned from Rochester, where he has been all fall with a mercantile firm in which his father has an interest.

The district court has been occupied most of the week with the trial of the State verses Wheeler Kesterson, charged by indictment with murder. The defendant pleaded self defense in justification of the homicide and the jury agreed.



## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Santa came to Haskell Saturday! Hope you all

had a chance to see him in the parade. I'm interested and am sure Mynea Short wants your opinion of the afternoon vs. night time parade. I think the businesses around the square thought it was a positive change. We had fairly good weather considering what it could have been just a week prior. I was glad to see participation in numbers for the parade. I guess gone are the days of the fancy floats which consumed weeks of preparation. I miss the pretties, but from my limited experience working on the Civic Center and Garden Club (I was a gofer) it's all we could do was "participate." Some of us are too old; some of us are too busy; some just choose not to participate. I heard lots of positives as the carolers, after singing at the gazebo, made their way around the square visiting businesses. If you carolers want to continue that, put my house on the list. A few years ago some kids came by caroling and we enjoyed it. I asked Jan, "Do we have anything to give them?" Maybe I thought it was akin to trick or treating. That's a custom you rarely see or enjoy anymore and mores the pity. At any rate, show your appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and the committee who worked

on the Christmas festivities.

After reading in the Abilene paper about Albany and their Christmas Village, a project they do every other year, I had a fleeting thought: Now why can't Haskell do something like that? And Albany also does the Fandangle they've done for 40 or so years. Just have to accept the fact that we're not Albany which is not to denigrate anything Haskell does. We're still a great little town with super people. In Christianity we're not supposed to measure ourselves against others—just a standard and do the best and all we can. So Haskell shouldn't expect more of ourselves than Christ. Right? But hats off to the city of Albany.

The Christmas Cantata was Sunday night at the First Baptist Church, directed by Jason Daniels and if you missed "Searching for a King," you missed a blessing in music. Of course, the children's song just stole the show and in my opinion had the best song of all entitled: "What Will You Do With Jesus?" The last sentence was the most compelling: "What Will He Do With Me?" The Community Choir has really put on some neat Christmas and Easter programs. They meet weekly from September through performance date in December. Plan now to

attend their Easter program. You won't be sorry.

I noticed in last week's paper that the Sandhill Cattle Co. from Earth, Texas, who won our WHPD rodeo, won the World Championship Rodeo. I wonder when Sammy Larned was putting together the plans to have a Working Ranch Cowboy Association rodeo held in Haskell if he ever thought about how important a role it would play in the overall scheme of things. Sammy, Gerre, Casey and a host of other folks have worked tirelessly to make the Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo a success—and quite a success it has become. This year six of the top twenty three teams to compete in the World Champion Ranch Rodeo competed in the WHPD rodeo in Haskell. I hope the Larned family knows how much we, the citizens of Haskell, appreciate their efforts in bringing the Wild Horse Prairie Days rodeo to town. This event brings in lots of visitors who always support our economy. Thanks Larneds for doing such a good job—we appreciate what you are doing.

From comments I've received, it seems some citizens were overly concerned about the financial shape of the city when I wrote about the aging infrastructure of Haskell. I was not being Chicken Little running around shouting, "The sky is falling; The sky is falling." Quite the contrary:

we are not on the brink of disaster. We are financially in good shape and particularly when compared to cities of our similar size and geographical location. It is never a bad thing to know the facts. That allows us to plan appropriately and avoid surprises. I hate surprises!

Once again we had to say goodbye to an old friend, Joseph Thigpen, whose funeral was held Sunday. We buried his father, Dr. Joe, earlier this year. It's always good to see old friends who come to pay their respects to fallen loved ones, but I'd really prefer to have those reunions at homecoming. We've had plenty of Christmas time funerals in this family; funerals are always sad but it seems more poignant at Christmas time when everyone is supposed to be joyous. It reminds me of what Golda Colbert said (Golda lived across the street from the Herren house we own now) when we lost Jan's sister December 26, 1986. She said, "I felt so sorry for that family I contemplated not even turning on my Christmas lights. But when I looked across the street Nita had all her lights on." When that was told to Teta, my mother-in-law, she said, "It's still Christmas."~And God is still in His heaven.

Merry Christmas to all and be sure to add to your Christmas Wish List: Rain and lots of it. On second thought that wish would be better put in prayer...Lots of rain, Dear God!

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Season's Greetings

# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is Pokemon X, Y, and Black 2, Nintendo2ds, new x-box 360, a picture of your workshop, original Gameboy, and the games I want for it are Tetris and Pokemon. What I also want for Christmas is Mega Blocks Halo UNSC spade anti-armor cobra, Lego Ninjago Cole's Earth driller and the golden dragon, flying RC Iron man, electronic battle ship game, dune buggy, Disney Infinity, Skylanders Swap Force, and Wii U.

Don't forget my brother, cousins, and best friend Wayland in Idalou!

Your very best and smart friend,  
Nathaniel Scott Martin  
age 9

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Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been trying to be good. I want a new Polar Express train controller and some new batteries. I also want a train that smokes like Papa's train. I also wish that I had a Christmas set for me and my brother like the Salvation Army then we can ring bells. Please don't forget to bring something for my Nathan, Rebekah and James. That's all. I will leave you some milky, cookies and Mountain Dew from brother.

Love,  
Spencer Ryan Martin Jr.  
age 5

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Grace, and I am 5 years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a Hello Kitty toy, Hello Kitty pajamas, and a play flower. I would also like some surprises. Please bring Mama and Daddy bikes so they can ride with us. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Fly safe!

Love, Grace

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Noah, and I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football, a bow and arrow, and some surprises. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Be careful!

Love, Noah

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Rebekah. For Christmas I would like a bike and a pretend doggy. I would also like some shoes and a doll. My brother is 15 months old. He would like a John Deere tricycle. Please remember my cousins Spencer and Nathan. Santa we will leave you out some milk and cookies and some carrots for the reindeer.

Thank you,  
Rebekah Cunningham  
5 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is James. I am 15 months old and I am not sure about all this yet. I would like a tricycle and some blocks. A book would be great too! My sister Rebekah wants a new bike this year. My cousins Spencer and Nathan moved so don't forget where they are! We will leave out milk and cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,  
James Cunningham  
15 months

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Heather Pittman and I am 5 years old. This year for Christmas I want a Nabi Tablet and a laughing Stuart minon from Despicable Me 2. I would also like the new Frozen Barbies and a Baby Alive Better Now Baby. Also, I really want the new Ever After High Dolls and the Boom Boom Balloon Game and Lagoon from Monster High. I have been a very good girl this year so maybe you can bring me some of these things. We will leave some milk and cookies out for you and some carrots for your reindeer. Thank you Santa.

Love, Heather Pittman

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Lily Pittman and I am 1 1/2 years old. This year for Christmas I want a Singin' Storytime Puppy and a Tickled Pink Minnie Mouse. I would also like a V-Tech Tote 'N Go Laptop and a Big Hugs Elmo. Also, I really want a Dora Roller Skating Doll and some Barbie Princess Dolls and a FurReal Cuddles My Giggle Monkey. I have been a very good girl this year so hopefully you can bring me these toys. We are going to leave you some milk and cookies and some carrots for the reindeer. Thanks Santa!

Love, Lily Pittman

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Tristen Payne and I am 11 years old. This year for Christmas I want the game Call of Duty Ghost and a Furby Boom. I would also like a new playstation controller and a Majik over the door Speed Bag. Also, I really want Xbox 300 Disney Infinity Interactive Starter Pack and some of the Infinity Interactive Character Packs. I have been a good boy this year and I have done really well in school too. Hopefully you can bring me some of these things I asked for. My sisters and I will leave some milk and cookies out for you and some carrots for your reindeer. Thanks a lot Santa!

Love, Tristen Payne

# DWI enforcement increased during holidays

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for a 21-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. From Dec. 13-Jan. 2, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Historically, the holiday season brings an increased

potential for drinking and driving incidents, and these enhanced DPS patrols will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Impaired driving can easily turn a holiday celebration into a tragic situation. By designating a sober driver or finding alternative transportation if drinking alcohol is expected, Texans can do their part in

keeping our roadways safe and making the holidays memorable for the right reasons."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made more than 1,200 DWI

arrests, and approximately 303 were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 17,600 speeding citations and more than 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 258 fugitive arrests and 211 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle—it's the law.
- Slow down—especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated—it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

# Tips to help prevent home burglaries during the holidays

With many people away, visiting friends, or just out of the house shopping for the holidays, burglars will have countless good prospects. Experts agree that it is a very vulnerable time for homeowners. "People are busy, distracted, said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for Response Insurance. "They are not always focusing on the more mundane things of life, like making sure your home or apartment is secure." He offered a few precautions to help prevent homeowners from falling victim to thieves during this time of year.

• Start by making a full exterior examination of your house. Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed. Check to see if there is any "wiggly room" that could give a thief enough space to jimmy it open. Walk around your whole property to ensure there is nothing that can be used to climb to upper floors. Look in your windows to make sure blinds are positioned to screen the interior view, but not closed completely. You may want to move any computers and TVs away from prying eyes. Never leave an "emergency key" hidden outside your

house.

• Always leave your home in a secure state, regardless of the amount of time you expect to be away. A burglar watching your house is capable of taking what he wants in a few carefully planned moments.

• When you are away from the house, particularly for an extended period, be sure to make it look lived-in. Put timers on a few lights at varied times; put a timer on a radio set to a talk-radio station; install a dusk/dawn outside light or motion detector; ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and any circulars that might pile up on your doorstep; and stop delivery of newspapers or other mail.

• In many instances installing a home alarm system will give you protection, a sense of calm and even a discount on your homeowner's insurance.

• Walk around the interior of your home and inventory your major possessions. An easy way is to place valuables out on tables and videotape your house, room-to-room of all furniture, paintings and other possessions. Place the list, any photos/videos you took, and perhaps the valuables themselves, in a

safe, separate location.

• Tell a trusted neighbor on your block that you will be away. Activity or noise that might otherwise seem normal to them would be alarming if they knew you are away from home.

• Be sure your homeowner's insurance coverage reflects any improvements or purchases that have increased the value of your home or its contents since you got your homeowner's policy. The only thing worse than losing your possessions is not being sufficiently covered to recoup your losses.

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Offer good through December 31, 2013. Donations accepted at all SRC offices. All non-perishable food items must have a current use-by date. Some restrictions may apply. Services where available. Up to three connections waived additional connections \$20 each.



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## ECC Menu

<p><b>Mon., Dec. 23</b> Chicken patty, gravy, scalloped potatoes, baked pork and beans, toast, fudge brownie, tea or coffee <b>Wed., Dec. 25</b></p>	<p><b>Merry Christmas</b> <b>Fri., Dec. 27</b> Closed Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.</p>
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### RULE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2013

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
<b>Total Local and Intermediate Sources</b>	\$ 491,677	\$ 11,982	\$ 503,659
<b>State Program Revenues</b>	958,958	5,845	964,803
<b>Federal Program Revenues</b>	-	170,848	170,848
<b>Total Revenues</b>	1,450,635	188,675	1,639,310
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
<b>Instruction</b>	789,831	107,359	897,190
<b>Instructional Resources and Media Services</b>	1,090	-	1,090
<b>Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development</b>	5,146	-	5,146
<b>School Leadership</b>	92,293	-	92,293
<b>Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services</b>	73,427	-	73,427
<b>Health Services</b>	8,145	-	8,145
<b>Student (Pupil) Transportation</b>	59,094	-	59,094
<b>Food Services</b>	2,666	102,889	105,555
<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	52,264	-	52,264
<b>General Administration</b>	183,680	-	183,680
<b>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</b>	162,073	-	162,073
<b>Data Processing Services</b>	56,544	-	56,544
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
<b>Principal on Long Term Debt</b>	12,053	-	12,053
<b>Interest on Long Term Debt</b>	331	-	331
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
<b>Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA</b>	29,854	-	29,854
<b>Other Intergovernmental Charges</b>	18,959	-	18,959
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	1,547,450	210,248	1,757,698
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(96,815)	(21,573)	(118,388)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
<b>Transfers In</b>	-	21,573	21,573
<b>Transfers Out (Use)</b>	(21,573)	-	(21,573)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	(21,573)	21,573	-
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	(118,388)	-	(118,388)
<b>Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)</b>	938,317	-	938,317
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	\$ 819,929	\$ -	\$ 819,929



**DELIVER CHRISTMAS GIFTS**—Haskell Memorial Hospital employees delivered Christmas gifts to folks at Majestic Senior Living Haskell of Haskell Wed., Dec. 11. Employees pictured in the center are, l-r, Randy Shaw, Irene Castillo, Teresa Rodriguez, Gina Pierce, Michelle Joiner, Lavita Luna, Debbie Curd, Sarah Shaw and Charlotte Johnson, seated. Receiving gifts were, around the room, Kathryn Buske, Michael Kierepka, Rebecca Johnson, Frank Cross, George Fouts, Nancy Woods and Kathryn Bruce.



**SANTA LETTERS MAILED**—Rule kindergarten students took a trip to the Rule Post Office. After a tour of the post office, the students mailed their letters to Santa then enjoyed cookies and milk provided by Lisa Saffel. Pictured are students, Brylee Teague, Kaitlyn Saffel, Dallas Silvas, Jayden Carver, Skylor Kreger, Skylar Leek, Leland Short, Rylan Green, Haelynn Logan, teacher Erin Hise and Lisa Saffel of the post office. Not pictured are Waylynn Caldwell and Bladen Selman.

## New standard mileage rates issued

The Internal Revenue Service just issued the 2014 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 56 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 23.5 cents per mile

driven for medical or moving purposes

•14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The business, medical, and moving expense rates decrease one-half cent from the 2013 rates. The charitable rate is based on statute.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and

moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

These and other requirements for a taxpayer to use a standard mileage rate to calculate the amount of a deductible business, moving, medical, or charitable expense are in Rev. Proc. 2010-51. Notice 2013-80 contains the standard mileage rates, the amount a taxpayer must use in calculating reductions to basis for depreciation taken under the business standard mileage rate, and the maximum standard automobile cost that a taxpayer may use in computing the allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan.

## Marketing Management Program offered for agriculture producers

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The Master Marketer Program, only offered in a region about every five years, is set to return to the Rolling Plains in 2014, according to Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon.

The training dates will be Jan. 22-23 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon. The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks, and is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the U.S., Bevers said. Other dates are Feb. 5-6, Feb. 19-20 and March 5-6.

The Master Marketer Program is a national, award-winning curriculum that provides in-depth, intensive risk management education training. It teaches participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and helps teach the skills and discipline necessary to execute those plans, he said.

"It's been six years since the last Master Marketer training was held in Vernon," Bevers said. "If a producer ever thought about attending the training or a past graduate wants a refresher, they need to sign up early. It may be their last chance for a while."

The registration fee will include meals and materials. The registration fees fall short of covering all costs of the program, he said.

Most of the costs are covered by grants and partnerships with other organizations, including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee, Texas Wheat Producers Board and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency.

Anyone interested in attending can get more information by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent or by calling Bevers at 940-552-9941, ext. 231. Registration is available online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>. Due to the hands-on nature of the course, attendance

is limited. The deadline for registration is Jan. 15.

Bevers said in post-training surveys in the previous years, 186 Vernon Master Marketer participants indicated their gross income increased on average \$34,000 annually based on what they had learned in the training.

"There is no reason that program graduates shouldn't receive this level of increased returns for the next 10 years," he said. "Interested participants should weigh carefully the registration fee, the time commitment and travel costs associated with the program against the potential of a \$250,000-plus increase in returns over the next decade when considering signing up for the program. Personally, I think it is a no brainer."

The instructors are top professionals from industry and universities from around the country, Bevers said.

Case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises will be utilized to provide students with experience using real tools they can apply on their farm and ranch operations when they leave the class, he said.



To all our valued members we offer our gratitude and good wishes for a happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas!



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PAINT CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2013

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 514,523	\$ 10,802	\$ 525,325
State Program Revenues	1,196,255	12,887	1,209,142
Federal Program Revenues	-	149,449	149,449
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,710,778</b>	<b>173,138</b>	<b>1,883,916</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	707,519	73,869	781,388
Instructional Resources and Media Services	23,116	-	23,116
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	769	-	769
Instructional Leadership	63,016	-	63,016
School Leadership	29,600	-	29,600
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	39,192	-	39,192
Health Services	14,386	-	14,386
Student (Pupil) Transportation	156,337	1,252	157,589
Food Services	-	102,091	102,091
Extracurricular Activities	55,738	-	55,738
General Administration	97,401	-	97,401
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	168,216	-	168,216
Data Processing Services	64,450	-	64,450
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	59,257	59,257
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	74,349	74,349
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	62,008	62,008
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	39,648	-	39,648
Other Intergovernmental Charges	16,185	-	16,185
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,475,573</b>	<b>372,826</b>	<b>1,848,399</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	235,205	(199,688)	35,517
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Transfers In	-	133,757	133,757
Transfers Out (Use)	(133,757)	-	(133,757)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(133,757)</b>	<b>133,757</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>101,448</b>	<b>(65,931)</b>	<b>35,517</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	592,115	66,147	658,262
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 693,563</b>	<b>\$ 216</b>	<b>\$ 693,779</b>



**OSHA CERTIFICATION**—Luis Diaz, a junior at Rule High School, is the first Rule student to receive his OSHA Safety Certification on Dec. 10. Diaz is enrolled in the Vocational Technical Center in Rochester. He is pictured with Barry McBroom, Rule superintendent.

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Good Cheer for  
Christmas and  
the New Year!



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**PLAYS DEFENSE**—Haskell Indian #24 Dylan Hanson plays defense against a Knox City Greyhound.



**BIG DAY FOR HUNTERS**—Laken Olson, left, and his grandfather Roger Moeller, harvested 8 point bucks on the same day during a recent deer hunt on Moeller's ranch. Olson is a 13 year old seventh grader at Haskell Junior High and is the son of Tara Hollingsworth and Ryan Olson.

## Newly released ballots extend county committee voting deadlines

Producers can expect to see new 2013 FSA County Committee election ballots in their mailboxes this month.

Due to a printing error on the original ballots mailed in November, new ballots will be sent to eligible producers beginning Dec. 20. The deadline to return ballots has been extended to Jan. 17, 2014.

Producers who may have completed and returned the original ballot, mailed Nov. 4, must vote again and resubmit the new ballot. Any original ballots already submitted by producers to county offices will remain unopened and will be destroyed to ensure the secrecy of their vote.

Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees all help to deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs, conservation

programs, and indemnity and disaster programs. FSA county committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

"With better participation in recent years, we also have seen increases in the number of women and minority candidates, which better represents the diversity of American agriculture," said Administrator Juan M. Garcia.

To be an eligible voter, producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote.

Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center. All ballots must be returned to a USDA Service Center or postmarked by Jan. 17, 2014.

# Merry Christmas

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## Residents select new motto and logo for Haskell to aid in marketing campaign

With the help of nearly 200 residents who cast a vote for their favorite motto and logo, Haskell now has a new marketing campaign for our community to unite behind.

The motto: "Deep Roots. Bright Horizons." with logo displaying the bold sunrays overhead won with 62-percent of the vote over the "All Good Things Grown Right Here" option. Residents had nearly 3 weeks to vote either online or in person at Haskell City Hall for their favorite between the two options. Overall, more votes were submitted online than in person. Each vote also was tracked to make sure only one vote was submitted from each computer's IP address, email and individual.

"Thank you to all of the

residents who worked with us in laying the groundwork for the motto and logo efforts," commented Mary Drury, Executive Director of the DCOH. "With your help, the City, Chamber and DCOH can begin to implement a new marketing campaign for both our external and internal communications between residents, visitors and prospective new businesses/residents. This is an important step toward what is next."

The process to select the new motto and logo was kicked off in January 2013 when more than 70 residents attended a community planning meeting at the Civic Center to discuss possible mottos and logos as well as strengths and weaknesses for Haskell. After

the community planning meeting, Karen Kaigler Walker—whose mother worked on the concept for "Haskell Alive" in 1994—worked with the DCOH and Chamber staff to help facilitate six focus groups with more than 50 residents. Qualitative information from the focus groups was used to pinpoint key themes that were then shared with Encore Visions marketing firm to create the two campaigns.

"This has been a long, but great process for our residents to be a part of," said Mynea Short, Haskell Chamber Manager. "Our new motto and logo will be

used on our entrance boards into town and will help the City, Chamber and DCOH speak with one voice on what we are about and where residents and visitors need to go to find information in person or online. This new campaign will bring a fresh new look to Haskell's marketing material and overall image," said Short.

Next steps for the motto and logo include updating Haskell's new one-stop website for the City, Chamber and DCOH: [www.haskelltexasusa.com](http://www.haskelltexasusa.com).

For further information, contact Mynea Short at 940-864-2477 or Mary Drury at 940-864-3424.

## Remember the gift for all seasons

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

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

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

"To jog your memory," he says, "you might schedule

your blood donations to coincide with your birthday and wedding anniversary or some other personal and perennial event to time your visits to the blood bank at five- or six-month intervals."

"The shelf life for platelets is only five days and, therefore, there is often a shortage of this critical blood component, especially during a long holiday season," Dr. Sarode says. "When you donate whole blood, you help three or four patients because whole blood is then divided into three or four of its major components, such as red cells, platelets and plasma. You can choose to donate either whole blood or only platelets or red cells."

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 9-15:

Robert James Elliston, driving while intoxicated Class B.

Raymond Charles New, motion to revoke theft greater than 500 less than 1500 Class A, Shackelford Co. charge.

Roger Dever, motion to revoke driving while

intoxicated, also possession of a controlled substance.

Amy Lynne Strickland, driving while license invalid Class C.

Randy Pedroza, controlled substance in correctional facility Tarrant Co. warrant possession of drug paraphernalia.

Juan Pablo Gomez, failure to appear child support neglect.

Twenty-eight calls were made to 911.

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaycie Price. I am 4 years old and live in Ft. Worth, but visit in Haskell with my JuJu and Pop-Pop. I have tried to be a good little girl and would like a doll house garage, pink and purple bicycle and roller skates. It would make me happy, if you could sneak in a fluffy outside dog.

Kaycie Price, 4 years old  
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Dear Santa,  
Here is what I am asking you for Christmas.

1. kindle fire
  2. Furby
  3. Barbie Hair Dresser
- I Love you  
Brynlee Stocks  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a great year! Can I ask you a question? What is Mrs. Claus real name? I have always wanted to know. Anyway here is what I am asking for Christmas.

1. American Girl doll stuff: salon center, styling chair, honey dog, Dreamy Daybed, Dreamy Nightstand, Dreamy Bedding, Polar Bear p.j.s, outfits, kitchen, violin set, healthy smile set, doll hairbrush, highlights, cheer suit, lockers, care kit, bubble bath, hair styling book for girls!

2. Wii
3. Kindle fire

Sorry I don't want you to be broke!

I Love You! Bye  
Alyssa Stocks  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
Ohdness, 4 jeep, Legos, cap, Furby. I love Santa and I hope we get snow!!!

Kaison Benton  
\*\*\*

Santa Claus,  
This is my Christmas list: Bop It smash black, Bop it XT Black onyz, Beated bop it extreme 2, Bop it XT white, Bop it hasbro, miny toncas 3 layer, golf cart for when my friends come over, Vera bradley hipster, Vera bradley headbands, new ipod cases, Vera bradley backpack, polo shirt, polo hat, black and gold snooks.

I hope we get snow.  
Kailee B.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want ipad mini, new ipod cases, jean short, black and gold sheveron snooks, mini tonkas, orbezs soothing spa with all colors, package of stick on nails, itunes cards!, fuzzy pink north face jacket, snow in Haskell!!!, touch screen computer.

Kailee Benton  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Quinten Siegfried. I am 4 years old and have been a good boy this year. I would really like some hotwheels race tracks, Nerf Guns, Fighter guys, Flying Iron-Man, Remote Trucks, Bow and Arrows, and a trampoline. I will leave you mild and cookies and carrots for Rudolph.

Love you Santa,  
Quinten S.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylin Siegfried. I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas, I would like a password journal, an Easy Bake Oven, a Furby, Monster High Barbies, a camera, a tablet and a Stuffedies. And please bring a pool table for my Dad. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love You Santa,  
Kaylin S.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a little toy dirt bike, a Zike and a dog.

Love,  
Allen Alsbrook  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a scooter bike and a helmet.

Love,  
Allie Boone  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like an X-box, a pet bear and a bulldog.

Love,  
Case Foley  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a whistle, a dog and a bike.

Love,  
Miley Yohner  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like an X-box, a PSP, a toy wrestler and a dirt bike.

Love,  
Jayden Payne  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a Kindle Firs, an X-box and a PSP.

Love,  
Marcus Martinez  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a Kindle Fire, drums and a dirt bike.

Love,  
Mahala Williams  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are You? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like an X-box, Black-Ops and a tablet.

Love,  
Adrian Rubio  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a guinea pig and a PSP.

Love,  
Joseph Lewis  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clause? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like an American Girl doll.

Love,  
Alyssa Santillan  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like an American Girl doll, a lps and some pillows.

Love,  
Kiran Bailey  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a remote control car.

Love,  
Tripp Andrews  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a doll, a dog and a tablet.

Love,  
Cecileigh Cardenas  
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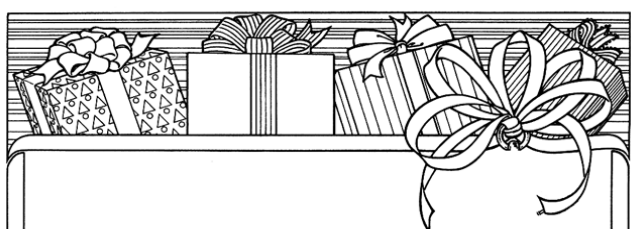
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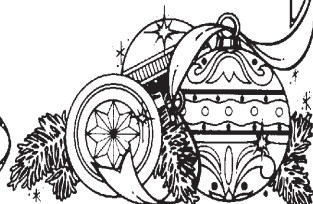
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Love,  
JR Green  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a Leap Pad, a Christmas toy and a DS.

Love,  
Natalya Mays  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a guitar, a music box, a clock and a computer.

Love,  
Crystal Castorena  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a Barbie doll, some Barbie clothes. A pet cat, a Tea set, dry erase board and some dry erase markers. A toy microwave, a stove set and

some play food. Some silk daisies and other flowers, a stuffed pumpkin and a DS, a calendar and a toy computer. A Lab Top Computer. A grocery cart for the play food. I would like some new curtains for my bedroom.

Love,  
Ozzy  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a Fireman Lego toy, a Woody doll, Bullseye doll, a Mr. and Mrs. Potata Head. Mr. Porkchop the bank. A slinky dog. A Fireman truck.

Love,  
Izaiah  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a Monster High doll and a house. A phone, stuffed dog, a radio with some CD's and a computer. A stuffed Werewolf, a new book about snakes and a new calendar. A puffy fish and fish bowl. A stuffed Clifford, some yellow and pink silk flowers. A toy microwave, refrigerator, some stickers, coloring books

and papers to draw on.

Love,  
Kierra  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like to have an iPad, and two iPods. One baby puppy and a dog. A Lap Top, and a computer, two Kindle Fire, a Play Station 3 and a DS.

Love,  
Ruben  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a remote controlled motorcycle with a dude on the back. My own room to sleep in and to have for myself. A remote controlled helicopter and a real BB-gun.

Love,  
Ian  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! A Barbie Dream House. A loveable toy monkey. Some crafts to do at home, purse design kit and nails that you can write your name on and put on your fingers.

Love,  
Carley  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a

Lap top computer and an Ipad. Some shoes for my American Girl, American Girl horse, and an American Girl kitty. A coloring book, colored pencils and a Christmas book.

Love,  
Kelbi  
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First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like ipod. A kid's telephone. I also would like to have a puppy. A remote controlled car and boat. A pet fish and bowl to keep inside. A magical type-writer.

Love,  
Nevaeh  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a guitar. Some ice skates, a little puppy, a skate board, an iPad, an American doll suit. A cat, a Princess doll, a stuffed bear, a calendar to put up in my room.

Love,  
Kayce  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a guitar. Some of the My Little Pony friends.

Love,  
Delaina  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! a Clifford stuffed animal dog, a baby doll, a stuffed dog, a big stuffed bear and a stuffed frog. A new movie, "Team Beach movie."

Love,  
Olivia  
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First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a go-cart. Two toy characters Jessie and Bullseye. Some video games and some new movies.

Love,  
Colt  
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First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! For Christmas this year I would like to have a puppy. A bike to ride. A real frog and some fish. Some new crayons and a coloring book. A baby doll and a stuffed frog.

Love,  
Olivia  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like an Xbox, a Lap Top, some video games and a DS.

Love,  
Jason  
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\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a toy house for dolls. An ipad and Xbox.

Love,  
Kaylee  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! I would like a dog for Christmas. A little baby kitten. Also a stuffed animal bear and a stuffed frog. A real baby bunny.

Love,  
Aubrie  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Harley, mi am seven years old. how are you doing? how are the raindeer? I would like a TV for Christmas? I would love moives for Christmas? I like the lihgt at Christmas. I like the Music.

Love,  
Harley Medford

# Merry Christmas!

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Love,  
Audie Shaw  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kayden Evans. I am 14 months old. My Grammy is helping me write this while I am visiting her for Thanksgiving.

I don't have anything special to ask for this year, except maybe some bigger clothes, I am out growing my others. I will be back in Haskell for Christmas at my Grammy's house. We will leave some milk and cookies out for you. And don't forget about my Uncle Crow.

I LOVE you, and Mrs. Clause and your reindeer and elves.

Love,  
Kayden Evans  
Fort Worth  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I was a very good girl all of the days, so I could get a present. I would like what ever you can give me. I would like a car, scooter, 3 Funville Sparkle Girls with the costumes, Zoomer Robot Dog, Sophia doll and family, and a car race track, new paint, Nintendo DS, Rudolph toy, roller skates, rainbow blocks, fingernail polish, Santa toy and clothes.

I love you Santa!  
Tessa Eddleman  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kamryn, and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll, a flower for a Barbie Princess, and bring my Sissy a Barbie doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Kamryn  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Tre' and I am 3 years old. Please bring me a football, Rescuebots, a monster truck, and a cop toy. I have been a good boy. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Tre'  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love your reindeer! My name is Heston. I am 3 years old, and have been a good boy. Please bring me all the Rescuebots, and a toy red nose reindeer. Bring Mama, Casey, and Daddy some surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Heston  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Leanna, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Hello Kitty toy, a Cinderella toy, a bicycle, a dress and a costume. Please bring

my brother, Lane, a black football, and my brother, Lucas, a surprise! I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Leanna  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lukas and I am 3 years old. Please bring me Mikey, Donny, Ralph, and Leonardo, The Ninja Turtles, some candy and presents. Bring a football Zach. I will have milk and cookies for you. I have been a good boy.

Love, Lukas  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Makenzie and "Pepper"! I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a dollhouse, a doll, clothes, a kitchen and plates. Mama would like a bracelet, and Daddy a surprise. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk. Be safe, Santa, and fly careful!

Love, Makenzie Pepper  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hagen, and I am 3 years old. I have been a very good boy. Please bring me an 18-wheeler, a truck and a car. Please bring Aubrey a doll, and Hunter a toy. I like your reindeer. Rudolph is on my TV. I like going outside!

Love, Hagen  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rayleigh and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie dress, a dollhouse, dresses and jammies, make-up, and a flower and mirror for a Barbie garden. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk. Be careful! I love you!

Love, Rayleigh  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Martin, and I am 3 years old. I would like some trucks, cars, and toys. I have been a good boy. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Martin  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carly Cardenas. I am 4 years old. I have been a very good girl. Please bring me presents, new baby, a Doc McStuffins doll and a surprise. Say hello to your reindeer! Have a safe trip!

Love,  
Carly  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aariyah, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a pink basketball, a dress, toys

and a brush. My Mom wants a Cinderella toy. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Aariyah  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dakodah and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby, a bike and a stuffed puppy. Please bring my sister a present, and Mama and Gummy, too. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Dakodah  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Wyatt, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a rope, a choo-choo train, and a microphone, because I am a rock star! My baby brother, Matthew, would like a tiny toy. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Wyatt  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Idesila, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby, Barbies, a Sophia and a present. My Mom needs a big stroller. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I like your Rudolph reindeer!

Love, Idesila  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Nathaniel, and I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a train, a tractor, an airplane, a car, a cougar and a toy gun. My brother, Jonathan wants a toy gun and a car. My Dad needs a new phone, and my Mom wants a new car like the one she has. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love your reindeer! Be careful!

Love, Nathaniel  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Davaun, and I am 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a guitar. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Davaun  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Anthony, and I am 3 years old. I have been a very good boy. Please bring me some toy cars and trucks. Please bring my baby brother a toy, too. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love, Anthony  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Aubrey, and I am 3 years old. I have been a very good girl. Please bring

me a baby and a Minnie Mouse toy. Please bring my baby sister a toy, too. I love to dance to your reindeer song! I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love, Aubrey  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. I sure want you to come to my house this year, and next year too. I hope that I can be good. This year I would like a remote control helicopter and a skateboard and some new Jordan shoes. My little brother wants a remote control helicopter too. I hope you get this letter. I will leave you some Oreos and milk in the kitchen on the bar for you.

Merry Christmas,  
Jonathan Brown  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How are the elves doing? I have been good this year. I want a new purple and pink bike, and a new scooter, some skates a new purse and a new Barbie doll and a new toboggan to keep warm. I would also like a new baby doll with clothes and bottles and some new clothes and shoes for me, and a new coat with new gloves, a head band to put in my hair. I would like a real rabbit too.

I love you,  
Hannah Nichols  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I have been good this year. I would like a Doc. Mcstuffins doll, a build a bear, some long socks and some candy. I would like the movies "Frozen" and "Wreck it Ralph" and I want some candles for my mom and a necklace for my sister, her name is Caroline. I think that's all.

Good bye,  
Allyson Mackey  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! How are you? I am doing well. For Christmas I would like some new Nike shoes, and a Monster High Doll with some clothes. That's all.

Good Bye,  
Angelina Delacruz  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elicia, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me some babies and toys. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,  
Elicia  
Haskell Elementary  
Pre-K 3/PPCD  
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## Season's Greetings

### Merry Christmas

All our best wishes to you and your loved ones on this joyous occasion.



## Happy Holidays to one and all.



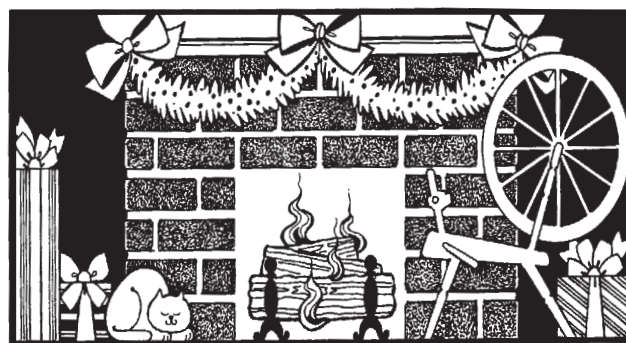
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## It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

And we'd just like to say,  
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In every way.

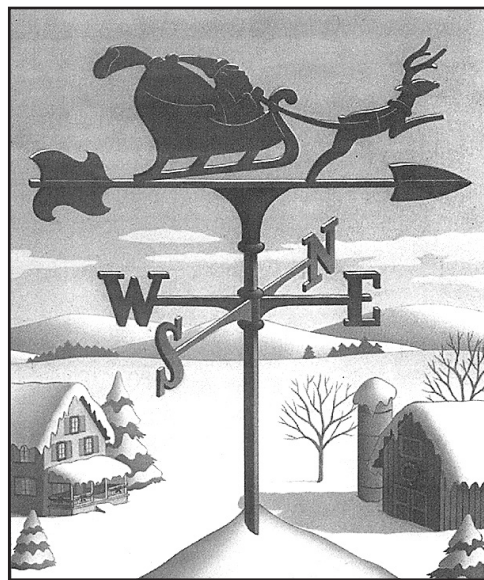
### Merry Christmas!

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### Greetings Of The Season

'Tis covered with snow,  
O'er hills and below,  
Just in time for the big day.

And hearts are aglow,  
Because they all know,  
St. Nick's on his merry way!



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# Dear Santa, I have been very good this year...

Dear Santa,  
How is the North Pole? I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like another baby puppy and some pink gloves, and a new baby doll with some clothes to change her. I would also like some blue Nike tennis shoes and some new clothes.  
Thank You,  
Alissa Cinceros  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade

Dear Santa Clause,  
How are you doing? I want some winter boots for Christmas, a winter jacket and a long sleeve shirt. I would also like a tool set to help my grandpa fix things. I would also like a new alarm clock for my room and some new shoes. I would also like a set of permanent markers to draw with and a sketch pad to draw on. I want some Dr. Seuss books to read to

my baby sister. And that's about it.  
Thank you and Merry Christmas,  
Montrel Hodge-Johnson  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I want an Xbox with a batman game and a football game. I want an Ipad and a 3DS with a batman game and a bike and an electric scooter.

I would like some brand new blue Nike shoes and a piggy bank to save my money. I would also like a batman bedroom and an iPod touch and some new clothes.  
Thank you and Merry Christmas,  
Chris Luce  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How

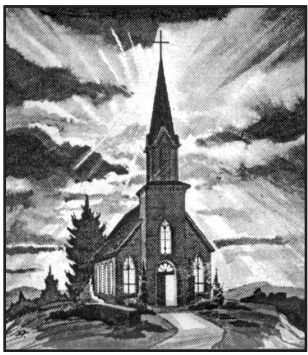
are your elves? I am doing good. For Christmas I would like a remote control car, an Xbox 360 with Call of Duty game, and a Dallas cowboy cap.  
Merry Christmas,  
Teagan Reyna  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
Do you feel good? Are your reindeer doing ok? I hope you are feeling good. This year for Christmas, I would like an Xbox with black opts and a remote control car and a wrestling toy.  
Merry Christmas,  
Jon Martinez  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I like your red hat. How many elves do you have? I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a remote control airplane and that's all.  
Merry Christmas,  
Carly Mackey  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like an ipad with games on it; I would also like a sled with gloves and a hat to keep warm. I would also like some new Jordan shoes with a basketball.  
I love you,  
Juan Hernandez  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want blue and gray and black Jordan's for Christmas. I would also like a black skateboard, and a Jordan shirt.  
Thank you,  
Caden West  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a cat and a phone for Christmas. That's all.  
Merry Christmas,  
Alanna Parnell  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa Clause,  
Hi, how are you? For Christmas I would like a play station 360 and a remote control helicopter and that's all.  
Thank You,  
Dylan Campbell  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a toy robot for Christmas. I also want a remote control toy motorcycle. I want an Xbox with Lego chima game, and a Christmas Lego game and that's all.  
Thank you,  
Lacoste Navarette  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade  
\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want a new basketball and a Michael Jordan shirt.  
Merry Christmas,  
Joshua Hernandez  
Haskell Elementary  
First grade



**RECEIVE DICTIONARIES—Thirty-eight Haskell Elementary third grade students were presented a dictionary of their own Thurs., Dec. 12 by Haskell Rotarians. Rotarians distribute the dictionaries to help promote literacy for students by providing them with tools for their success. Rotarians helping with the distribution were front row, l-r, Ken Lane, Megan Cox, senior visitors Lucy Carmichael and Meghan Glover, Tammy Cunningham, Penny Anderson, Ruby Turner, Nelda Lane, Tom Bassett, Shane Hadaway, Bill Alcorn, Mike Guess and Jimmy Lisle, principal. Third grade teachers are Vickie Bredthauer, Tonya Cypert and Vanessa Shiplett.**

## This Week's Devotional Message:



Let us pray for true peace on earth at Christmas

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

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

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

### —HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**  
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.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**  
Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell

- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**  
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.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovie Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Cory Graham, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Anna Robbins, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—**
- 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—**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

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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 the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Plaintiffs' Original Petition of CHRISTIE WOODS, in her capacity as the Dependent Administrator of the ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK, DECEASED, and in her capacity as the Successor Independent Administrator of the ESTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED, Plaintiffs, was filed against RANDY K. WILLIAMSON, deceased, and CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, Defendant, on May 22, 2012, and Plaintiffs' First Amended Original Petition on June 18, 2012, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered Cause No. 11,909, and entitled "The Estate of Dyrall J. Sisk and The Estate of Sharon Sisk, deceased, Plaintiffs, vs. Randy K. Williamson, 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.  
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs'

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interest which will be binding upon you.  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this 18th day of November, 2013.  
Penny Young Anderson  
Clerk of the  
39th Judicial Court  
Haskell County, Texas  
Debbie Gresselt, Deputy  
49-52c

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT (AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)  
Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Haskell Regular Election ballot may be filed during the following time:  
(Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Elección Regular de Ciudad de Haskell se pueden presentar (marcar una con círculo) (nombre de la subdivisión política/partido) (durante el siguiente horario):  
Filing Dates and Times: (Fechas y Horario para Entregar Solicitudes)  
Start Date: January 29, 2014 (29 Enero 2014) (Fecha Inicio)  
End Date: February 28, 2014 (28 Febrero, 2014) (Fecha Límite)  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(Horario de la Oficina)  
Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot:  
(Dirección a física para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta): 301 South 1st Street, Haskell, TX 79521  
Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail): (Dirección a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo): P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, TX 79521  
Carolyn Graston  
Printed Name  
of Filing Officer  
(Nombre en letra de molde del Oficial de Archivos)  
Signature of Filing Officer (Firma del Oficial de Archivos)  
Date Posted  
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SUBWAY in Haskell is now accepting applications for a manager. Apply in person at store. 400 N. Ave. E. 50-6c

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KNOX COUNTY Hospital now hiring full-time night LVN. Contact Sheila Kuehler at 940-657-3535. Knox County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 51-52c

FIRST BANK TEXAS-Haskell is accepting applications for a responsible, energetic teller/customer service representative. Applicant should possess computer skills, an eagerness to learn, be a team player and enjoy working with the public. Employment applications can be obtained at 200 S. Ave. E, Haskell, TX. 51c

POSITIONS opening at Majestic Senior Living Haskell. Must pass background screening. Apply at 1302 N. 1st. 51c

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010265001  
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Rule, P.O. Box 607, Rule, Texas 79547, has applied to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No.

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WQ0010265001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 110,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 20 acres of non-public access pasture land. This permit renewal authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a reduced daily average flow not to exceed 68,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 20 acres of non-public access pasture land. TCEQ received this application on July 2, 2013.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately two miles southwest of Rule, approximately 1.5 miles south of U.S. Highway 380 and approximately two miles west of State Highway 6 in Haskell County, Texas 79547. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Lake Stamford in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Rule City Hall, 701 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.17277&lng=-99.926388&zooom=13&type=r>

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless

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the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application

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to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public

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meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.TCEQ.texas.gov](http://www.TCEQ.texas.gov).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Rule at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Teresa Sorrells, City of Rule at 940-996-2214.

Issuance Date: December 3, 2013. 51c

### NOTICE

The City of Haskell is accepting bids to replace the roof at the Haskell

### POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Haskell Free Press is authorized to make the following announcement for the political office in Haskell County, subject to the action of the 2014 Primaries.

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### Public Notices

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We have experienced some leaking and ponding of water on the East side and would like you to include in the bid any extra needs to assist with this problem.

The City will be accepting bids until Friday, December 20th at noon. The City Council will

### Public Notices

review all bids at their regular Council meeting on Monday, December 23rd, 2013.

Please contact Brandon Anderson at 940-864-2333 to inspect the property for the project and with any questions pertaining to the bid process.

Please bid the job to include tear off, disposal and clean up. The City will be able to allow the dumping of allowable waste at the City of Haskell Landfill located 6 miles East of Haskell on Hwy. 380. 50-51c

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703 N. E - 4/3. \$192,000  
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# Maidens basketball

**Maidens roll past Lady Greyhounds 59-37**  
Junior Reagan Hadaway scored a game high 25 points and Junior Kenzie Shelton added 16 as the Maidens beat Knox City 59-37 in non-district action. Haskell improved to 9-3 on the season.

"I thought we played well throughout the first three quarters offensively and defensively," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "I was a little disappointed in our play during the fourth quarter. It is going to be so important for our team to play consistently well for all four quarters once we get into district play."

Other leading scorers on the night were Jacie Klose with 11, Crissy Bassett 4, and Destiny Pierce 3. Klose had a team high 7 assists followed by Hadaway with 3 and Bassett 2. Shelton led all rebounders with 11. "I thought Kenzie had a great all around game against Knox City. She finished with a double-double and has really played well this year on both ends of the floor," Eddleman said. Other leading rebounders were Bassett with 6 and Hadaway 5. Leading the team in steals was Klose with 9, Hadaway 5 and Pierce 5.

Haskell 15 18 14 12 = 59  
Knox City 7 8 8 14 = 37  
Scorers: Hadaway 25, Shelton 16, Klose 11, Bassett 4, Pierce 3.

**Maidens fall to Lady Cats 47-41**

Haskell struggled from the free-throw line in a 47-41 loss on the road against Archer City. The Maidens shot 5-20 from the line and

it proved to be too costly as they fall to 9-4 on the season. "I was extremely disappointed in our dismal free-throw percentage," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "If we are going to beat a decent team on the road, we have to shoot a much better percentage than we did against Archer City. Free-throw shooting will be an area that we will spend more time on moving forward as we approach district play."

The Maiden offense was led by Jacie Klose with 18 points, Reagan Hadaway 13, and Kenzie Shelton 8. Klose had a team high 3 assists followed by Bassett with 2. "Offensively, we had a few really bad turnovers that led to easy transition points and I thought that really hurt us," Eddleman said. "If we can get our defense set, we are pretty tough to score on."

Shelton led all rebounders with 6 followed by Klose with 3, Bassett 3, Pierce 3 and Hadaway 2. Hadaway had a team high 6 steals followed

by Klose and Pierce with 2 each.

"Overall, I thought it was an extremely beneficial non-district game for us on the road," Eddleman said. "We were disappointed in the outcome; however, it will be a game that we can definitely learn from moving forward and that is what non-district games are for."

Haskell 11 11 10 9 = 41  
Archer City 7 16 7 17 = 46  
Scoring: Klose 18, Hadaway 13, Shelton 8, Bassett 1, Pierce 1, and Wilhite 1.

JV Maidens defeat Archer City 37-9  
JV Maidens win Knox City Tournament  
Day One Scores:  
Haskell 37 vs 18 Knox City  
Haskell 26 vs 16 Aspermont  
Day Two Scores:  
Haskell 16 vs 11 Munday  
Haskell 35 vs 23 Knox City  
Jr. High Maidens sweep Albany  
7th Grade defeats Albany 35-20  
8th Grade defeats Albany 27-15

## Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Anonymous.....	\$10
Doyle High family.....	\$100
Monday & Tuesday Bridge Clubs.....	\$125
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Memorial for Eddie Briles from the Conrad Roewe family.....	\$40
In honor of Bill Alcorn's birthday from the Haskell CISD School Board.....	\$85
In memory of Flint Nanny by Vern and Charlotte Foreman.....	\$50
Helen Allison.....	\$50
Total this week.....	\$660
Previous total.....	\$1450
Total to date.....	\$2110

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## Area Basketball scores

**Girls**

**Haskell 59, Knox City 37**  
Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 25, Shelton 16, Klose 11, Bassett 4, Pierce 3.

**Boys**

**Knox City 46, Haskell 43**  
Scoring for Haskell: Bell 25, Silvas 13, Smith 3, Hanson 2.  
JV: Haskell 38, Knox City 26

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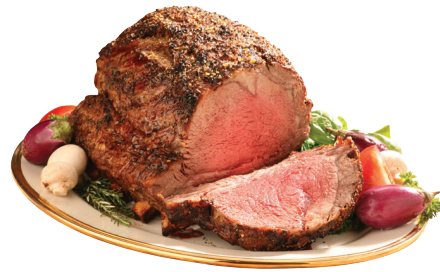
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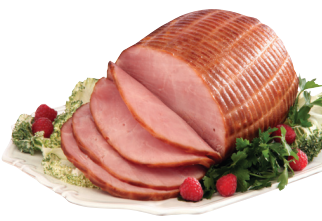
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