

Basketball

HASKELL

JVG-VG vs Seymour
Fri., Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
at Seymour

JVB-VB vs Breckenridge
Fri., Jan. 9, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
at Haskell

7-8 Girls vs Seymour
Mon., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
at Seymour

7-8 Boys vs Seymour
Mon., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
at Rochester

JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Munday
Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

VG-VB vs Aspermont
Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
at Aspermont

JH OPEN

Thurs., Jan. 8

JH vs Lueders-Avoca
Mon., Jan. 12, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek

VG-VB vs Rule
Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

RULE

JVB Aspermont Tournament
Jan. 8-10

JHG-JHB vs Woodson
Thurs., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
at Rule

VG-VB vs Throckmorton
Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

JVB vs Seymour
Mon., Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
at Seymour

JHG-JHB vs Jayton
Mon., Jan. 12, 6 p.m.
at Jayton

VG-VB vs Paint Creek
Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Nelwyn Beakley will present a program on creating personal greeting cards. All guests are welcome.

Quilter's guild

A meeting will be held Mon., Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ annex for those interested in starting a quilter's guild in Haskell.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Jan. 9 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to complete plans for the annual Dinner/Silent Auction to be held Sat., Feb. 14.

Bible Study

A Max Lucada's 3:16 Bible Study, The Numbers of Hope, will be presented at Haskell First Baptist Church beginning Jan. 11 and continuing for six weeks. The class will be held from 4:30 to 5:50 on Sundays in the room by the kitchen, just off the west parking lot by the educational building. Call the church office at 864-2581 to get a workbook and register. A nursery will be provided by contacting the church office. Earlene Griffith is the facilitator.

Mexican pile-up

The youth of the First Baptist Church of Haskell will host a Mexican pile-up meal Sun., Jan. 11 beginning at noon at the Church Activity Center. Donations will be accepted.

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 8-10

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"The People's Choice"

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101 to participate in Jr. Livestock Show and Sale

by Wes Utley The annual Haskell County Sale will be held Jan. 8-10 Barn.
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. Junior Livestock Show and at the Haskell County Show Arrival time for entries



2008 GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Chase Gibson of Haskell is shown holding his Grand Champion Steer entry in last year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale. Holding awards for Gibson is Kourtney Gibson, right, and Ryan Rathmann, left, steer judge.
Photo by Bill Blankenship

of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 8 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 8 by 5:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 9 at 8 a.m. for lambs; followed by swine. The steer show will begin at 2 p.m. followed by heifers.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Mark Standley of Nazareth.

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

Auctioneer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 10, will be Rex Ford of Stamford, assisted by Mike Fouts of Sagerton.

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

This year's show has 101 participants with 190 entries. At last year's show, 90 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$90,500.

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

Haskell fire department elects new officers

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan. 5.

Randy Shaw was elected

Fire Chief. Felix Rodriguez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Eddie Klose, Donald Cunningham and Mathew Cunningham will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Casey Moeller, A.J. Shaw and Mike Alsabrook.

Stephen Wright is the safety officer. Bobby Howard will serve as the assistant safety officer.

Steven Wright was elected chaplain. Andy Rodriguez and Kenny Bullard were elected trustees.

Mathew Cunningham is training officer. Charlotte Johnson will serve as assistant training officer.

Mike Alsabrook is equipment manager. Bobby Howard is the assistant equipment manager.

Eddie Klose is the public information officer. Casey Moeller will serve as tail twister.

Bobby Scheets will serve as secretary-treasurer. Brian Scifres will serve as the assistant secretary-treasurer.

Chamber banquet set Jan. 15

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet is set Thurs., Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Chamber office.

The fourth grade choir of Haskell Elementary School will perform.

Selections for Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be announced.

Program assistance available Jan. 21

Veronica Harvey, Social Services Outreach Coordinator for the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, will be at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell Wed., Jan. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. providing application assistance for various programs such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, the Children's Healthcare program and the Women's Health program.



IT'S OFFICIAL—Officials elected in November received their oaths of office Mon., Jan. 5 at the Haskell County Courtroom from Shane Hadaway, 39th District Judge. Sworn in were, front row, l-r, Johnny Scoggins, Haskell County Commissioner Precinct 1; Kim Bassett, Haskell County Constable; Bobbye Collins, Haskell County Tax-Assessor Collector; back row, Kenny Thompson, Haskell County Commissioner Precinct 3; Mike Fouts, District Attorney, 39th Judicial District; David Halliburton, Haskell County Sheriff; and Kris Fouts, Haskell County Attorney.

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Obituaries

Opal Lou Hadaway



OPAL HADAWAY

Graveside services for Opal Lou Hadaway, 94, of Haskell were held Sat., Jan. 3

at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Hadaway died Tues., Dec. 30.

Born March 20, 1914 in Waurika, Oklahoma, she was one of twelve children and the daughter of the late John Thomas Pennington and Melinda Lou Ervin. She married Henry Travis Hadaway in October of 1932. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1986. She owned a fabric shop, Dairy Cream and Haskell Steak House for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ in

Haskell.

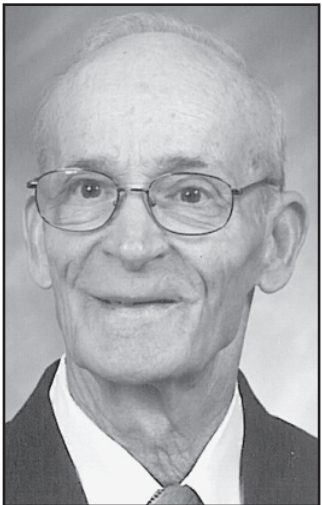
She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and eleven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruby Edwards and husband Johnny of Lubbock and Sandra Mullins and husband Jerry of Plano; a son, Jerry Hadaway and fiancé Judy of Midland; eleven grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Randy Mullins, Ronny Mullins, Jimmy Mullins, Shane Hadaway, Nole Hadaway and Jonathan Hadaway.

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Richard Orville Darden



ORVILLE DARDEN

Funeral services for Orville Darden, 80, of Haskell were held Sun., Jan. 4 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with

Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Darden died Thurs., Jan. 1.

Born Aug. 26, 1928 in Haskell County, he was the son of the late John Richard Darden and Mary Frances Rodgers. He married Mary Ellen Jimmie Trussell March 10, 1951. He owned and operated the Trussell and Darden Garage for a number of years and later worked and retired from the Texas Department of Transportation after twenty-one years. He was a member of the East Side

Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cliff and Clarence Darden; and one sister, Viola Brueggeman.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Darden of Haskell; a son, Jerry Darden and wife Teggy of Lubbock; a daughter, Jane Harvey of Haskell; two grandchildren, Ted and Meredith Harvey, both of Haskell; two brothers, Glen Darden and wife Gerald of Haskell and Curtis Darden and wife Peggy of Haskell; one sister, Margaret Bird and husband Wallace of Haskell; and one sister-in-law, Sara Darden of Denton.

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Ruby Martin Smith



RUBY SMITH

Memorial services for Ruby Martin Smith, lifetime resident of Haskell, will be held Sat., Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Mrs. Smith died Jan. 5 in Haskell.

She was born in Sagerton, the daughter of J.W. and Ella Mae Martin. She was a longtime employee of the Federal Land Bank Association and a member of the Progressive Study Club of Haskell.

She was a loving mother to her son and was treasured by her family and many friends. Her humor, love and compassion will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Elmore Smith; a son, James Martin; two brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include her son, Jim; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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T.W. 'Tom' Jetton

Celebration of life and memorial services for T.W. 'Tom' Jetton, 77, of San Jose, California were held Jan. 2 in San Jose.

Mr. Jetton died Sat., Dec. 27.

Born July 11, 1931 in Haskell, he was the son of Tom and Velma Chitwood Jetton. He was a 1948 graduate of Weinert High School. He worked in the aerospace and microchip industries for over 30 years. He started his aerospace career at the U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. He then worked for RCA Corporation at Cape Canaveral 'Kennedy,' Florida and several down range missile tracking and monitoring stations located in the Bahamas and other Caribbean Islands. He then worked for Perkin-Elmer Corporation. His positions included assignments at the Corporate Laboratories in

Connecticut, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico and Kwajalein Atoll located in the west Pacific. He was also Perkin-Elmer liaison to NASA for both the Apollo and SKYLAB space missions. He moved to California in 1974 and worked for Perkin-Elmer in the microchip industry until poor health forced his retirement in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Joyce; and brother, Jerry.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; sons, Clifford and wife Debbie of Newberg, Oregon and Tommy of Irvin, California; a daughter, Collette of Grapevine; four grandchildren; a brother Keaton of Thornton, Colorado; and sister, Nelda of Warner Robins, Georgia.

PD. NOTICE

John Daniel 'J.D.' Kupatt



J.D. KUPATT

Funeral services for John Daniel 'J.D.' Kupatt, 79, of Stamford were held Mon., Dec. 29 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Rev. Keith Palmquist and Rev. Carter Edmondson officiating. Interment was in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mr. Kupatt died Fri., Dec. 26.

Born Sept. 6, 1929 in Sagerton, he was the son of the late Bruno and Hilda Franke Kupatt. He graduated from Sagerton High School. Kupatt was a member of the United States Army, serving during the Korean War as a Sgt. First Class with the 25th Infantry Division, 64th Artillery Battalion. His service earned him three Battle Stars.

He married Meta Kainer Feb. 6, 1953 in Haskell. He was a farmer, rancher and custom cotton harvester. He was a director of the Rule Co-op Gin for 29 years, director of the Texas Agriculture Cooperative Council for 34 years, Cotton Plains Cooperative, and Netex Cotton Oil Mill. Kupatt served as president of the Rule Little League Baseball Association, and was a fund-raiser and supporter of the Jones and Haskell County Livestock Shows. He was a director of the Haskell County Farm Bureau, and member of the Sons of Hermann, and the Stamford VFW. He served on the advisory committee for the Agriculture Cooperative, and on the nominating committee for Production Credit Association. Throughout the years, he has received numerous plaques and awards for his unselfish efforts. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton, serving on the Council and as a superintendent for the Sunday School Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, David Kupatt; sister, Marie Curry; and brother, Fred Kupatt.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Meta Kupatt of Stamford; two daughters, Jana Grisham and husband

Jimmy of Old Glory, and Karla Brewer and husband Joe of Stamford; five grandchildren, Jace Manske of Guymon, Oklahoma, Lacy Williams of Stephenville, Jacob Manske of Stephenville, Jamie Grisham of Leander, and Julie Whisenhunt and husband Brant of Trent; three great grandchildren, Shayden and Leggin Aaron, and Blandyn Whisenhunt; two sisters, Frances Hendrix of Round Rock, and Patricia Spaw and husband B.H. of Midland; six sisters-in-law, Billie Kupatt of Sagerton, Alvina Rinn and husband Roland of Houston, Bertha Bounds and husband Gene of Stamford, Lucille Bradshaw of Stamford, Mary Kainer of Stamford, and Pauline Barnett of Abilene; and numerous, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Jones County Livestock Show Association, P.O. Box 407, Anson, Texas 79501; the Haskell County Livestock Show Association, P.O. Box 57, Rule, Texas 79547; or the donor's favorite charity.

Pallbearers were Rex Ford, Kraig Kupatt, Gary Mathis, Jimmy Teichelman, Jerry Wilson and Morris Zeichang. Honorary pallbearers were all of his buddies from the 'Smart Table' at the Cliff House Restaurant. PD. NOTICE

Maxine LaJoyce Haste



MAXINE HASTEY

Funeral services for Maxine LaJoyce Haste, 71, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 31 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Larry White officiating and Tony Grand assisting. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Haste died Sun., Dec. 28 at her home in Haskell.

Born Dec. 22, 1937 in Slaton, she was the daughter of Wilbur and Annie Campbell. She married Joe Haste Jan. 24, 1959 in Lubbock. She

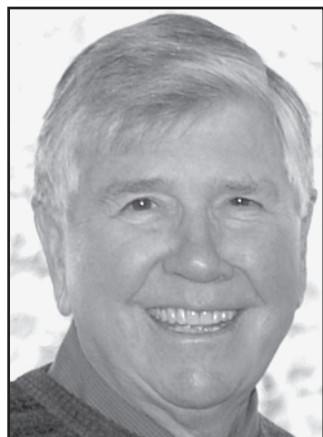
was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, R.L. Campbell of Lake Dallas.

Survivors include her husband, Joe of Haskell; daughter, Mary Beth Hunt and husband, Bud of Haskell; sons, Sam Haste of Sweetwater and Kelly Haste and wife, Kimm of Lubbock; sister, Helen Hall of DeSoto; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Mabry Joe Brock



MABRY BROCK

Celebration of life services for Mabry Joe Brock, 72, of McKinney were held Fri., Jan. 2 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction

of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Brock went home to be with his Lord and Saviour Tues., Dec. 30 after fighting a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born May 29, 1936 in Haskell, he was the son of Robert L. and Lamiza Brock. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU. He was a banker in Lubbock and Shallowater for many years as well as several other areas of Texas. Following his banking career, he was employed in the General Land Office of the State of Texas for

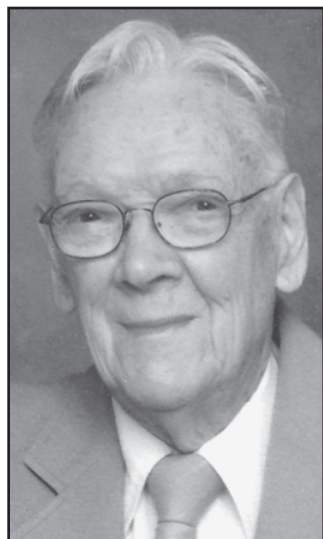
a number of years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ben Brock and a sister, Lela Pettit.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Bobbie Brock; his son, Lane Brock and wife, Kimberley of Plano; his daughter, Jill Wedding of Plano and granddaughter Taylor Wedding of Plano; siblings, Lonnie Brock and June Bowen, both of Lubbock, Robert Brock of Big Spring and Jim Brock of Amarillo; a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom were very special to him.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the donor's charity of choice. PD. NOTICE

Woodrow W. Wiseman



WOODY WISEMAN

Funeral services celebrating the life of Woodrow Wilson Wiseman, 92, were held Tues., Dec. 16 at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, and Rites of Committal followed at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Mr. Wiseman died Fri., Dec. 12 in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield,

Massachusetts.

The son of the late William Henry and Willie Alice Dawson Wiseman, he grew up on the Wiseman farm southwest of Haskell. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1935 and Texas Tech University in 1942, receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Wiseman went to the Northeast and worked for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and its subsidiaries for 36 years, including six years at Hamilton Standard, where he worked on a variety of innovative and ground breaking consumer and government technologies, including co-designing the cooling system for space suits worn on the first manned mission to the moon, and as part of this design team, he spent many months at Cape Canaveral. He retired in 1979.

He was preceded in death by wives Helen, in 1983, and Stefanie in 1999; his stepdaughter, Joan Adamczyk; his parents; siblings, Archie,

Earl, Roy and Bill Wiseman, Beulah Lee, Ruby Kirby, Ann Briden and Emma Bland.

Survivors include his stepdaughters, Jean Duperre of Chicopee, Massachusetts, Cecilia Landry, and husband Alan of Springfield, Massachusetts and Nancy Rickus, and husband Frank of Williamstown, Massachusetts; sisters-in-law, Mayre L. Wiseman of Wichita Falls and Leola Wiseman of Lubbock; step-grandchildren, and many loving extended family members in Massachusetts and Texas.

Memorials may be made to the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 305, Haskell, Texas 79521, to establish a Texas Tech Scholarship Fund for a 2009 Haskell High School Graduate, or to the Fr. John Skowronski Memorial and Restoration Fund, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 28 Underwood Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104-3600. PD. NOTICE

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JUSTIN JOHNSON - M'LYNN LEHRMANN

Lehrmann, Johnson to marry May 30

Steven and Karen Lehrmann of Sagerton are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Lauren M'Lynn Lehrmann to Justin Johnson, son of Jerry and Rhonda Johnson of Bryan.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Rule High School, and plans to graduate from Texas A&M in May with a degree in landscape architecture. Johnson is a 2004 graduate of Hereford High School and graduated December 2007 from Texas A & M with a degree in agriculture economics. He is co-owner of J&J Cattle Company in Bryan.

The couple plans to marry Sat., May 30 at First Baptist Church, Bryan.



KATIE THOMPSON - J.T. THOMPSON

Couple to marry in San Antonio

Kenny and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Ann 'Katie' Thompson, to Christopher Jeremiah 'J.T.' Thompson of Lubbock. J.T. is the son of Debbie and Dennis Chance of Lubbock and Steve and Barbara Thompson of Irving.

After graduating from Haskell High School in 2002, the bride-elect attended Texas Tech University and received a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising in 2006. She lives in Austin and works as a copywriter for Third Rail Creative, an advertising and design firm.

Immediately following his 1996 graduation from Coronado High School in Lubbock, the prospective bridegroom served in the U.S. Army and later returned to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, Accounting and Business Economics in 2006. He resides in San Antonio and works for the Texas Department of Banking and is a soldier in the Texas National Guard.

The couple plans to wed Feb. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio where they are members. They plan to reside in San Antonio following their nuptials.



CHARLES ROBERTSON - SARA KLEIN

Klein, Robertson to marry Feb. 7

David and Diane Klein of Fort Worth are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sara Klein, to Charles Robertson, son of Gary and Ina Rea Robertson of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Bettie Bittner of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Nolan Catholic High School of Fort Worth, Tarrant County College of Fort Worth and Southeast Missouri State University. She is a private school educator in Fort Worth.

Robertson is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, Sunset International Bible Institute and Texas Tech University. He is self-employed in Fort Worth.

The couple plans to marry Feb. 7 at St. Joh's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth.

Happy 60th Tillie!

Love, Your Kids

Births

Mark Reyna and Angela Peña, both of Abilene, are announcing the birth of their son, Brycen Mark Reyna, born Nov. 25 at 11:10 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center weighing 7 lbs. 4.1 oz. He was 20 inches long. He was welcomed home by big brother, Xander Anthony Reyna.

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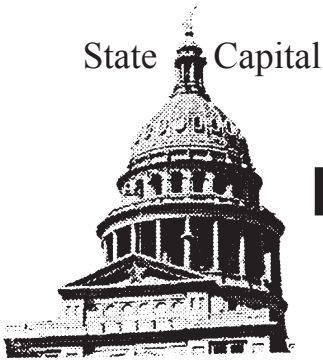
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Craddick drops bid for 4th term as speaker
AUSTIN—House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, abandoned his bid for a fourth term as speaker when it became clear that a challenger had secured enough vote pledges to win.

The official vote won't be taken until Jan. 13, opening day for the 81st Texas Legislature.

According to his pledge list, Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, gained the support of more than 80 House members, many of them Democrats.

On the other hand, many members who had intended to vote for Craddick signaled their support for Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo.

Straus, a 49-year-old insurance executive, is a relative newcomer who has been a House member since the 2005 session. Smithee, 57, is an attorney. He began serving as a House member in 1985 and has been elected to 13 consecutive terms.

As of Jan. 1, the Texas Ethics Commission, the state agency in charge of election filings, listed 13 House members as candidates for speaker. Neither Straus nor Smithee was on that list.

Craddick's three terms as speaker were contentious. While in control of the agenda,

Craddick overcame budget shortfalls in the \$10 billion range but the House steadily lost Republican seats.

Craddick, the most senior member of the House with more than 40 years to his credit, withstood parliamentary challenges to his leadership and walkouts by Democrats. He bucked party tradition by championing a tax on business profits that was designed to compensate for a statewide reduction in local property taxes.

Perry names division chief
Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 2 appointed Ellen Witt as director of his office's Division of Disaster Recovery and Renewal. Witt succeeds Brian Newby at the post.

The division's job is to support the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal, a public/private sector advisory panel that is guiding the state's long-term recovery and renewal efforts in the wake of the 2008 hurricane season.

The division works with local officials to help ensure communities are positioned to rebuild after future catastrophic events.

In other news, Gov. Perry appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to deny an extension of Hurricane Ike relief. No word yet on the status of the appeal.

In December, Perry asked for 18 more months of 100 percent reimbursement of emergency protective measures, debris removal and other relief work related to the September hurricane.

Perry has served longest
On Dec. 19, Gov. Perry became Texas' longest-serving governor, with 2,919 consecutive days in office. That's eight years. At the end of his current term in 2010, he will have served more than 10 years as Texas' highest-ranking state official. Perry was serving as lieutenant governor in 2000, and he succeeded George W. Bush as governor a month before Bush's presidential inauguration.

Ethics prosecutor completes term
Ronnie Earle, Travis County district attorney and the state's chief ethics prosecutor since 1977, completed his final term in office on Dec. 31.

Earle's successor, his long-time first assistant Rosemary Lehmborg, was elected by popular vote in the general election of 2008.

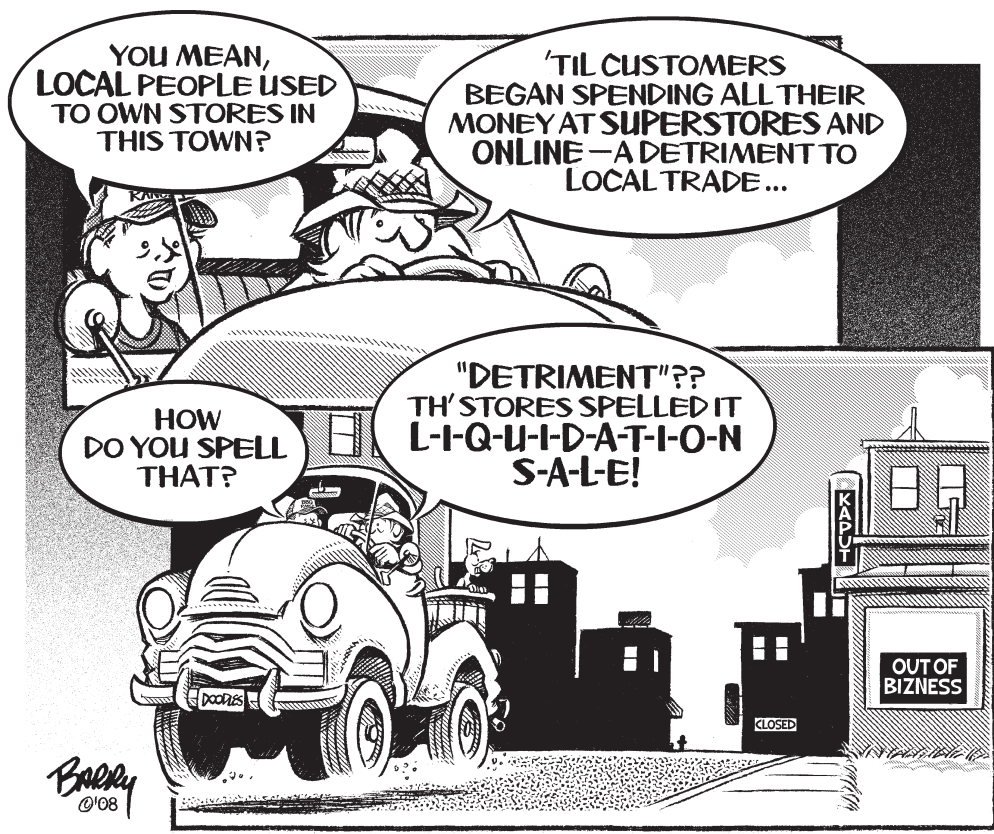
Lawmakers file more bills

Here are samples of a few of the hundreds of proposed new laws senators and representatives have filed in advance of the soon-to-begin legislative session.

HB 375 by Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, would reclassify farm elk as livestock under the agriculture code. Other species currently classified as livestock include horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, exotic livestock and hogs.

HB 438 by Eddie Lucio III, D-Rancho Viejo, would make it illegal for a motor vehicle operator to use a wireless communication device to read, write or send a text-based communication while driving.

SB 392 by Dan Patrick, R-Houston, would amend the election code by eliminating straight party voting for judicial offices, such as supreme court justices, courts of criminal appeals justices, district judges, criminal district judges, family district judges, county court at law judges, county criminal court judges, county probate court judges and county justices of the peace.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 14, 1999

District Clerk, Carolyn Reynolds of Haskell, plans retirement after 28 years.

The Haskell High School Band has been invited to march in the Inaugural Parade in honor of Governor George W. Bush and Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry.

Bill Steele was named Haskell fireman of the year.

Kim Crawford made the Dean's list at Cisco Junior College and Kristen Grand made the President's list.

Paint Creek students, Brian Scifres and Leslie Isbell, were top winners in the Math-a-Thon which raised funds to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital.

20 Years Ago January 12, 1989

Bill Wilson Motor Company is the authorized dealer in Haskell for Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth vehicles.

Jo Cox, special education teacher at Haskell Secondary School, was nominated for a Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers.

Haskell Young Homemakers donated four books to the Haskell County Library. Making the presentation to librarian Elsie McGee, were Sue Andersen and Betty Michaels.

Mrs. W.A. Lyles of Lyles Jewelry, presented a 54-piece of stainless steel flatware with storage to the Experienced Citizens Center. Marsha Whittemore accepted the gift.

Haskell Boy Scouts purchased a school bus from

the Weinert School with money raised the scouts and through donations from area citizens. The bus will be used to transport pack members to various scout functions.

30 Years Ago January 11, 1979

John Fouts returned to Haskell and joined the law firm of Adkins and Chapman.

Tommy Robison, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Robison of Haskell, was named to the AAA All State football team.

The first baby of 1979 born at Haskell Memorial Hospital was Jacob Steven Barrera, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Barrera Jr., of Haskell.

Keith Everett and Randy Phemister have enrolled at Southwestern State University School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wayne Phemister.

40 Years Ago January 9, 1969

Airman Jackie Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Hammer of Haskell, was named Airman of the month for the 2nd Aerial Base in Smyrna, Tennessee.

C.O. Holt, superintendent of the West Texas Utilities Power Plant, Lake Stamford, spoke to members of the Rotary Club.

Mrs. C.T. Everett lead the Progressive Study Club meeting in the community room of Haskell National Bank.

Patricia Ballard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Ballard of Rochester, was judged first

runner-up in the "Miss Cotton Contest of Texas."

Drive-In Theatre in Rule showed "Hellfighter" rated G starring John Wayne, Katharine Ross and Jim Hutton.

50 Years Ago January 8, 1959

The Haskell Garden Club met in the home of Ira Hester. County agent, Frank Martin was guest speaker.

Lloyd Laughlin of Cyrill, Oklahoma was a guest in the home of Delbert LeFevre of Sagerton.

Haskell's first baby of 1959 was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trussell, a girl, Pamela Ann Trussell.

Mary Davis Brown prepared and served hot coffee to the firemen who were called out in near-zero weather to fight a fire southeast of the square.

100 Years Ago January 9, 1909

The first through freight train on the Orient Railroad passed through Rule.

G.R. Couch visited several points in Oklahoma on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Morgan moved to the Boone Ranch in the northeast part of the County.

Fire broke out in the cotton yard and three bales were destroyed before the fire was extinguished.

E.A. Chambers repainted his store and put in a new sign.

Artie Labraire has signed a contract to teach at Rule High School.

Mrs. A.W. Burnett of Seymour visited Mrs. J.W. Meadors.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Steps to Take When a Company Goes Out of Business

When a company closes down unexpectedly, its customers often turn to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for help recovering down payments and undelivered merchandise. Before filing a complaint with the OAG, however, Texans should take independent steps to protect themselves when a retailer suddenly goes out of business.

The most important step is simple. Customers should always maintain meticulous records of every transaction. Invoices, sales receipts, credit card slips, sales representatives' names and other documentation are vitally important to recovering refunds or merchandise.

Whenever possible, customers should pay for goods only after the products are delivered. If a vendor requires a down payment, customers should try to negotiate the deposit amount and obtain the lowest possible deposit.

Customers contemplating a large purchase should avoid paying with cash and instead use credit cards to make large deposits or purchases. Under the Fair Credit Billing Act and certain credit card companies' chargeback rules, financial institutions can usually provide refunds to customers whose purchases are undelivered.

Before disputing a credit card purchase, customers should attempt to resolve the problem with the actual retailer. Customers should outline their complaint in a certified letter to the merchant and save copies of all correspondence.

If the retailer fails to respond, customers should contact their credit card company, formally dispute the charge and provide the issuer with a copy of the dispute letter. To be eligible for protection under the Fair Credit Billing Act, customers must dispute a credit card charge within 60 days. The credit card issuer likely will attempt to contact the merchant to determine whether the customer is owed a refund.

In the event a company declares bankruptcy, customers become creditors who may be paid after the business liquidates its assets. Bankrupt companies typically pay their debts first to "secured" creditors, and only later to ordinary creditors (such as customers).

To protect their rights in a bankruptcy proceeding, customers must complete a Proof of Claim form and file it with the bankruptcy court. Customers should ask whether a trustee has been appointed. Bankruptcy trustees are responsible for and attempting to pay the bankrupt company's creditors.

Unfortunately, there are few guarantees that customers who are owed money by a suddenly-shuttered company will receive a refund. Customers who are owed large amounts of money should consider contacting a private attorney regarding their individual legal rights.

Customers may also file a complaint against the company with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. While the OAG cannot take legal action on behalf of private individuals, legal action may be taken to enforce state law, and some enforcement actions do produce restitution for individuals.

Horses being tested for contagious equine metritis

Texas is among 27 states tracing and testing horses that may have been exposed to contagious equine metritis (CEM), a highly contagious disease that can be transmitted during breeding or artificial insemination. CEM can cause temporary infertility of horses. The disease, not known to affect humans, was first detected in the U.S. in 1978, then again in 1979. In both instances, the infection was eradicated.

In mid-December 2008, a CEM-infected quarter horse stallion was detected in Kentucky during routine testing for international semen shipment. The USDA and Kentucky animal health authorities quickly initiated an epidemiological investigation, leading to the testing of more horses. To date, seven infected stallions have been detected: four

in Kentucky, and three in Indiana. The Indiana stallions had spent part of the 2008 breeding season on the Kentucky premises where the initial CEM case was detected.

As of Jan. 2, 2009, 78 potentially exposed horses (nine stallions and 69 mares) in 27 states have been identified and located, and placed under hold order or quarantine by state animal health authorities, pending test results.

In Texas, veterinarians from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state regulatory agency for livestock health, have contacted the owners of 14 mares and a stallion with epidemiological links to the infected horses. Testing of the 15 horses in Texas will begin the week of Jan. 5. Currently, Texas has no

known CEM infection.

As the epidemiological investigation widens, at least 250 additional horses are being traced in more than 25 states.

Dr. Ellis, Texas' assistant state veterinarian, stressed that CEM is spread by infected equine animals during breeding, not by casual contact or shared boarding facilities. CEM is a venereal disease transmitted by infected stallions either during natural service or through artificial insemination.

CEM-infected horses must be quarantined and treated with disinfectants and antibiotics over a period of several weeks. Following a course of successful treatment and re-evaluation, the animals may be certified CEM-negative and released from quarantine.

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BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, D.J. Macias, John English, Christian Myers and Austin Marshall; back row, Ross Wittenborn, Cody Wyrick, Simon Rodriguez and Tyler Rodriguez. Photo by Bill Blankenship

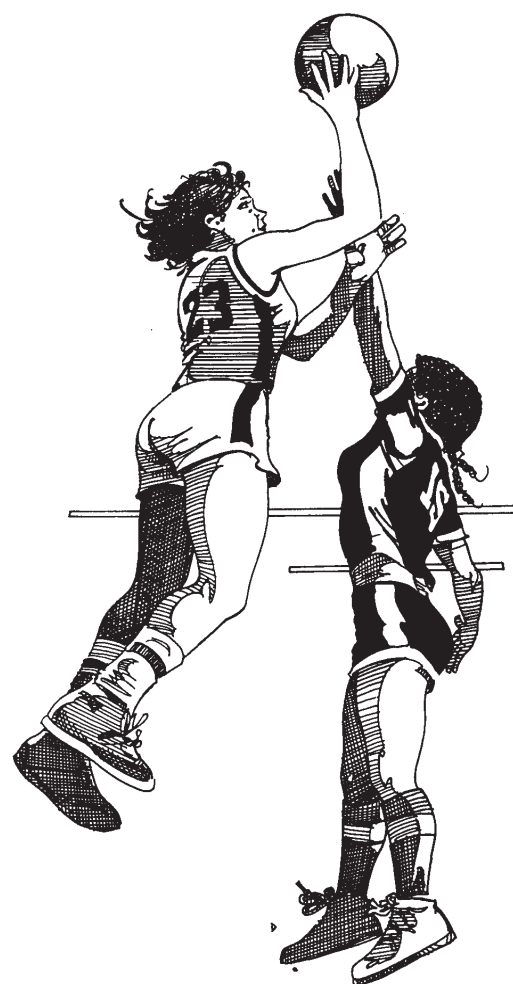
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at Haskell

Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys
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HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Aerial Thane and Paige Adams; back row, Briè Torres, Molly Agraz, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Hannah Wallace and Ashton Rutkowski. Photo by Bill Blankenship



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Free seminar to address questions about state taxes

A thriving economy, growing work force and friendly business climate attract more businesses to the Lone Star state every day. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office regularly presents free taxpayer seminars throughout the state to help new and existing business owners understand their state tax responsibilities.

The next seminar in the Abilene area is coming up on Mon., Jan. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Abilene Small Business Development Center, located at 500 Chestnut St., Suite 601.

At the seminar,

taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically, taxable goods and services, e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online, the Comptroller's e-mail subscription service that alerts taxpayers when new tax information is posted online, and the array of other services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives will answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"A strong and diverse business community is the key to Texas' economic

strength," Combs said. "We are committed to assisting Texas businesses by making taxes simpler, smarter, faster and, above all, transparent. We owe it to our taxpayers to provide the best customer service possible."

For more information about the seminar, call the Comptroller's Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4323.

Those who are unable to attend the seminar can call the Comptroller's toll-free tax assistance line at 800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's Web site, www.window.state.tx.us.

Buckle up your children when they ride with you

The Texas Department of Transportation has a message for parents and caregivers: buckle up your children. State officials say there is cause for alarm: researchers at the Texas Transportation Institute estimate that as many as 42 percent of

children under the age of 17 ride in vehicles without the benefit of child passenger safety seats and safety belts. This means as many as 1.6 million children in Texas ride in vehicles without proper protection.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death of children, ages 2 to 14. Safety experts say many of these deaths could be prevented if more infants, toddlers, elementary age children and teens were buckled up. Of the 200 children under 15 killed in Texas in 2006, nearly half were not properly secured.

"It's a public safety crisis when four of every 10 children and teens under 17 in Texas aren't protected with child safety seats or safety belts," said Terry Pence, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "It's the responsibility of every parent and caregiver to make sure their children are safely restrained—every trip, every time."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers, ages 1 to 4. For maximum child passenger safety, Pence said parents and caregivers

should refer to the following 4 Steps for Kids guidelines for determining which restraint system is best suited to protect children based on age and size:

1. Keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing until at least age 1 and at least 20 pounds.

2. When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).

3. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall).

4. When children outgrow their booster seats, they can use the adult seat belts in the back seat, if they fit properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest).

State law requires children younger than 17 years old to be buckled up in the front and back seat, and those younger than five years old and less than 36 inches tall must be secured in child safety seats. Violations can result in a fine of up to \$200.

Seminar to help those caring for someone with memory loss

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
An Alzheimer seminar will be conducted Tues., Jan. 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building located at 1 Ave. N in Haskell.

The four hour seminar, "Living With Change: Caring for Someone with Memory Loss" will address the following topics:

- The Nature of Alzheimer's Disease
 - The Cost of Alzheimer's Disease
 - Alzheimer's Therapy and Resources
 - Improving the Life of Alzheimer's Families
 - Facilitating Life with Alzheimer's Disease
- The seminar is open to anyone with an interest in

Alzheimer disease and there is no charge for the seminar. If needed, continuing education units and contact hours are available for the following:

- Social Workers: 4 contact hours general; TX Board of Social Worker Examiners
- Counselors: 4 contact hours acceptable for LPC credit;
- Marriage & Family Therapists: 4 contact hours, approved sponsor by the TX Board of Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists;
- Nursing Facility Activity Directors: 4 contact hours, meets National Certification Council for Activity Professional standards;
- Nurses: Meets Type 1 criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements towards relicensure as established by

the Texas Board of Nursing, 4.0 hours.

If you do not need continuing education credit, register by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2546.

If you need CEU hours you will need to register with Vernon College by calling 940-696-8752 Ext. 3213. Pre-register by Jan. 15 to assure a spot at the seminar. On-site registration will also be available.

The seminar is being planned and sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension-Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Committee of Haskell County. Other sponsors include Haskell Memorial Hospital, Vernon College and Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

Are you ready for winter?

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Public Safety offer these tips for winter awareness in the Lone Star State. Every Texan should take this opportunity to prepare for adverse winter weather.

It is a good idea to have a plan of action when it comes to winter weather: 1) Prepare before a winter storm, 2) check the weather forecast before you travel, 3) monitor temperatures, 4) drive according to the conditions of the highway, and 5) heed warnings.

Each year Texans die from accidents caused by ice, snow, or fog. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not assume the speed limit is the safe speed.

Patchy freezing drizzle or rain is deadly. When the temperature falls below 32 degrees, even a little mist, drizzle, or frost can create slick bridges and roadways. Slow down especially on overpasses and bridges.

Each year people die in house fires and from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating sources. Be sure to place your electrical heating source in a safe place away from curtains and combustible materials. If you have a gas furnace, be sure to install carbon monoxide detectors. Always install smoke detectors, they could save your life.

Be alert for the development of wildfires when strong wind speeds and low relative humidity co-exist. Use safe fire prevention measures.

Dense fog kills, too. When driving in low visibilities due to dense fog or snow, slow down and use your low beams.

Always have a way to receive winter weather forecasts and warnings because weather can change fast.

Information on winter weather safety can also be found at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter>, www.fema.gov and www.redcross.org. Information and graphics concerning the temperature and precipitation outlooks are located at www.cpc.noaa.gov.
Safety at Home and Work
Primary concerns are loss

of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day. A good idea to have the following on hand:

- A 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person, per day).
- Food that won't spoil: peanut butter, high energy bars, non-perishable foods.
- One change of clothing and shoes per person.
- Portable radio.
- Flashlight with extra batteries.
- Extra set of car keys.
- Cash and a credit card.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- First-aid kit.
- Prescription medicines.
- Emergency tools.
- Battery-powered NWR.

Fire Safety

Be sure to practice good fire prevention when you use an emergency heat source at home.

Heating Fuel

Refuel before you are empty. Fuel carriers may not reach you after a winter storm.

Emergency Heat Sources

Use emergency heat sources (fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters) properly to prevent a fire.

- Ventilate properly.
- Fire Extinguishers/Smoke Alarms/Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Check fire extinguishers.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they work properly.

Vehicle Safety Tips

Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm!

- Fully check and winterize your vehicle before you leave.
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Avoid traveling alone.

Always drive to the conditions of the highway.

- Let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes.
- If you become stranded:

- Never leave the safety of your vehicle.
- Run the motor about 10

minutes each hour for heat.

•Open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

•Be sure to keep your exhaust clear of snow as you're keeping warm in the car.

•Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine.

•Tie a colored cloth, preferably red, to your antenna or door.

•After snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help.

Assemble a Disaster Kit for your Home and when you Travel:
•Mobile phone, charger, batteries.

•Blankets/sleeping bags.
•Flashlight with extra batteries.

•First-aid kit.
•Knife.
•High-calorie, non-perishable food.

•Extra clothing to keep dry.
•Large empty can to use as emergency toilet. Tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes.

•Small can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water.

•Sack of sand or cat litter for traction.

•Shovel.
•Windshield scraper and brush.

•Tool kit.
•Tow rope.
•Battery booster cables.

•Water container.
•Compass and road maps.
•Farm Safety and Pets

•Move animals to sheltered areas.

•Shelter belts, properly laid out and oriented, are better protection for cattle than confining shelters, such as sheds.

•Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas.

•Have water available. Most animals die from dehydration in winter storms.

•Make sure pets have plenty of food, water and shelter.

Winter Weather Injuries and Fatality Statistics

•About 70% result from vehicle accidents.

•About 25% occur in people caught out in a storm.

•Most happen to males over 40 years old.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Haskell, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2009**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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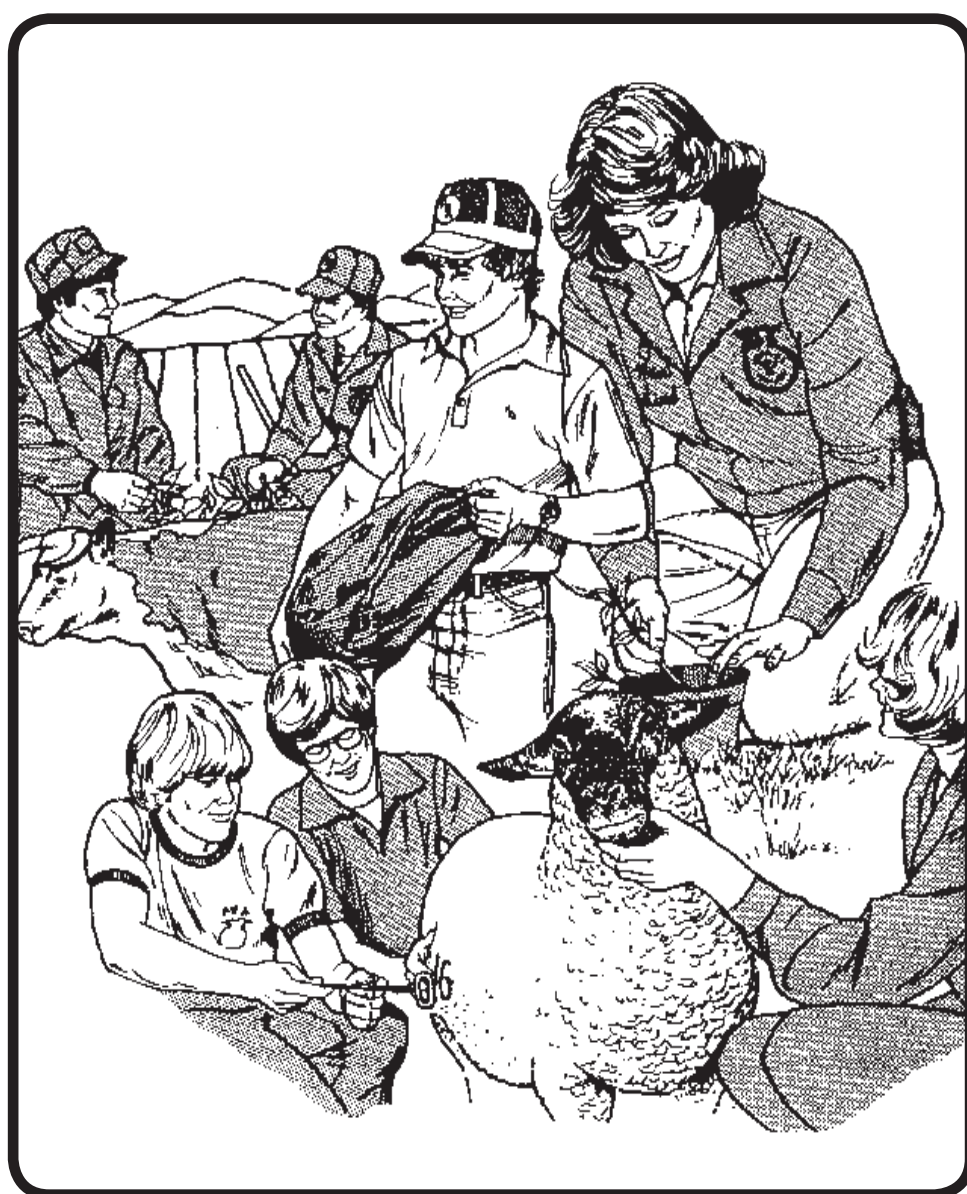
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Ombudsmen are advocates for long term patients

They are problem solvers, advocates and good listeners. The staff and volunteers in the State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program are here for Texans who live in nursing or assisted living facilities.

"These dedicated and compassionate individuals strive to improve the quality of care and lives of Texans by being advocates for residents," said Laura Albrecht, spokesperson for the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

Through professional staff and certified volunteer ombudsmen, the program advocates for quality of life and care for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The program operates through 28 Texas Area Agencies on Aging.

An ombudsman can help nursing or assisted living facility residents with a variety of issues including slow response to call lights, quality of food, cleanliness, medications and staffing issues. He or she can provide information and assistance, respond to complaints and advocate for system policy changes.

The ombudsman works directly with residents, facility management and family members to resolve issues in a prompt manner that benefits the resident's quality of life and care. With a network of paid staff and volunteers, the statewide program is available to help more than 90,000 people living in nursing facilities and 30,000 residents of

assisted living facilities. After receiving training, volunteers visit facilities to advocate for quality care and to protect the rights of residents.

Residents and their families can take an active role to make sure their loved one's rights are protected and the quality of life issues are addressed. A proactive approach can help resolve issues before they become serious problems.

Residents of nursing and assisted living facilities have rights protected under the law. Resident's rights include:

- Being treated with respect, dignity and consideration.
- Being informed of their medical condition and participate in treatment planning.
- Making complaints and expressing grievances without fear of discrimination or reprisal.
- Managing personal and financial affairs and make choices and independent decisions.

•Issuing advance directives, including directive to physician, medical power or attorney and out-of-hospital do-not resuscitate.

An ombudsman is legally required to preserve resident's confidentiality. This means anyone can file a complaint with an ombudsman and be assured that their identity will not be disclosed during an investigation.

For information about the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program and patient's rights, call 800-252-2412 or visit the program's website at www.dads.state.tx.us.

Is your home making you sick?

The wind is howling. Temperatures are well below freezing. And you're curled up on the sofa with the cat, a good book and a crackling fire. How could you possibly feel so lousy?

Maybe it's the indoor air that's chock full of allergens or irritants.

"Depending on what you're allergic or sensitive to, winter can be a really awful time of year," says Dr. Robert Bush, allergy and asthma researcher and professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH).

Allergens are substances that create an allergic response—material like pet dander, dust mites, mold, mice and cockroaches. Irritants can cause symptoms but not an allergic response. They include dust particles and fine particulates like fuels, gases and odors.

Bush points out one misconception about dust-mite allergies when people are cooped up in winter. He says dust mites can be less of a problem in winter as compared to more moderate times of the year.

"Dust mites thrive in humidity. When you turn on the heating system, the air dries out and dust mites die," says Bush.

Even so, some dust mites can survive and a tidy but closed-up house may provide plenty of troubling allergens.

"Even very clean homes have some things that can trigger allergies," Bush observes.

Recent research shows the average home can have several potential allergy sources. A study in the March, 2008 issue of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology said 52 percent of American homes have six or more allergens and 46 percent had three or more at high levels.

"If you're having allergy symptoms, it's tough to pinpoint the source unless

you get an allergy skin test or blood test," says Bush.

"You need to know what's causing your symptoms to develop an effective plan."

Bush says after you have identified what's bothering you, there are a number of steps to reduce allergy triggers or irritants in your home:

•Control humidity levels: Bush says ideally, home humidity levels should range between 30 to 40 percent. Providing an environmental balance with humidity is especially important in bedrooms.

•Remove or change things that harbor allergens: The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) says carpet removal can make a big difference. For dust mites, encase pillows and mattresses in anti-allergy pillowcases and covers. Wash rugs and bedding regularly in

hot water.

•Monitor heating and air-exchange systems: Replace furnace filters regularly. Have a heating and air-conditioning engineer check your home's air exchange rate.

•Watch for and eliminate mold sources: Bush says if there is a mold level in your home during winter, there is an indoor source like a water leak or standing water. The only way to eliminate mold is to remove the moisture that's causing it. A musty or moldy smell alone doesn't necessarily mean your home has a mold problem.

•Avoid allergy sources: If you're allergic to pet dander, the only effective way to eliminate the allergen is to keep pets out of the house. Bush says it takes six months to clear a home of allergy sources from pets. If removing the pet is not

practical, keep it outdoors and out of the bedroom as much as possible.

•Take care when vacuuming: Bush says there isn't much research on the effectiveness of HEPA-filtered vacuum cleaners. He says this type of vacuum might reduce pet-allergen exposure but not necessarily dust mites. There's evidence that a regular vacuum cleaner with a double-layered bag could help with dust mites. Since vacuuming flings dust and particles into the air, it might be helpful to wear a mask while vacuuming.

Regardless of what you or family members are allergic to, a combination of steps is the best way to make indoor air more comfortable.

"Changing one thing won't do much. The trick is to find a combination that really works for you and stick to it," said Bush.

Con artists are peddling bogus 'green' products

Con artists selling energy saving devices and services are turning up the heat to persuade consumers to buy into their gadget bag of hot air.

As consumers seek ways to save on their overall energy bills and conserve energy, scam artists are prowling the Internet, airwaves and print ads trying to convince home owners that they can save big money on energy bills.

"These bunko artists are peddling phony products that range from bogus synthetic fuel company stocks to misleading claims for voltage surge suppressors, says Jeff Clark, vice president Apto Solutions, an Atlanta-based firm that advises corporations on environmental strategy.

Even legitimate companies are selling big energy savings, but at very big prices. For example, legitimate home

improvement firms can indeed save home owners money in terms of conserving energy. Clark says the pay back on many of these could take 20 years or more. "If consumers really want to save money on cooling and heating costs, then they should figure the pay back each year then decide if they think it is worth the money," he suggests.

According to Clark the easiest way to save is to simply turn down the thermostat a few degrees and turn off appliances, lights and other devices not in use.

The Federal Trade Commission has issued warning letters to a variety of companies it claims were deceiving the public with misleading Internet ads. These range from marketers of automotive contraptions and additives to purported energy-savings devices for the home including one selling a "liquid siding" that alleged it was equivalent to seven inches of fiberglass batting insulation and could save up to 40 percent on utility bills. Others were for automotive additives and devices, some claiming to increase gas mileage up to 300 percent. And while surge protectors can protect products from power surges, the Commission challenged claims that they provided any

significant energy savings.

"Investors on the lookout for stock market bargains should be very cautious of energy stock tips that usually come pouring in on faxes, emails, or phone calls," advises Clark. "Global warming scenarios, rising gasoline and fuel oil prices, and instability in the Middle East—have sparked investor interest in energy and alternative energy stocks. But these same factors have fueled a rash of energy-related stock scams.

"Those that claim to provide high returns for little risk are usually hyperbole and misrepresentations. Their goal is to pump the stock price up, not to make the consumer money. The con men then dump their shares leaving the certificate holder with a worthless piece of paper."

Clark says that obvious home owner tips for reducing energy bills include: cleaning the furnace and changing its air filters regularly; sealing windows and doors with caulking and weather strips; installing a programmable thermostat; insulating the water heater; using dish washers and washing machines only with full loads, turn off computers not in use; and using fluorescent light bulbs instead of incandescent ones.



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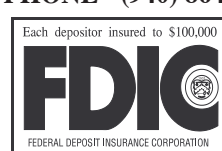
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Remembering Rita Hughes

by Caron Yates

It seems that much of the news these days is "negative." Crime, hurricanes, financial turmoil, disappointing behavior from public figures are just part of the list. If not careful, we can focus so much on the negative that we miss the positive.

Many people pass through our lives each day, quietly making a difference, that don't make the "headlines."

One such person was Rita Hughes. In 1913, she was born the fourth child of eleven to Emily (Weaver) and Rebus B. Guess. She was raised just east of Haskell in the small community of Mattson.

Like many others, she attended small rural elementary schools such as Roberts and Pleasant Valley. She valued the importance of education. Hughes began high school at Weinert, but because the school "ran out of money" her senior year and closed early, she traveled to Haskell to complete her education. Hughes was a part of the basketball team which finally broke the long running winning streak of Eula. She attended Abilene Christian College, now ACU, and taught at area schools, including Mattson and Munday schools. She encouraged her brothers and sisters to attend college, even to the point of helping with study sessions.

Hughes had a far reaching influence on the lives of many,

including her much loved family. Love and respect for others was always evident in her life. She married H. Chandler Hughes in 1937 and in 1946 they were blessed with a son, Chan Jr.

Simple things like sitting close to her husband in the car, holding hands as they walked together, sharing coffee, dessert and a visit each afternoon with whoever was near, making her "famous" Christmas stockings for the many members of her extended family and friends are just some of the ways she shared her love with others. She was never without a batch of brownies and a caring word to take to anyone in need.

Generosity was another trait she practiced throughout her life. She would often bring a little gift to a niece, and say, "It's just because you are good to your brother and sister." She supported faithfully many causes, including Cal Farley Boys Ranch. Being an older sister, she was always quick to surprise her younger siblings with much wanted gifts.

She considered her first calling to be that of a homemaker, which she dearly loved. She was a loving caregiver to all her family. Hard work and good manners were an integral part of her life. She taught the importance of writing a thank you note for any gift. Even as a young woman she could pull up to five hundred pounds of cotton before dark, tend to two



RITA HUGHES

little brothers, prepare supper for the family and still have energy to do her studying.

She remained strong in her faith, even in times of sorrow. In 1957, after having the vaccine, her only child died at age 12 of polio, being one of the last lives lost to the disease in the United States. In spite of her grief, she continued her work with the church Sunbeams and Little League, and focused on her nieces and nephews.

It's interesting to reflect and wonder what others will say about our lives after we are gone. Although we don't always get to choose the circumstances of our life, we can choose how we deal with them. What a tribute when it can be said, as it was of Rita Hughes, she truly lived her love and respect for others in every aspect of her life.

Beef producers have always been green

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

For beef producers, going green isn't a political or social statement; it is a way of life and has been for many generations. With growing concerns regarding our environment and the cultural popularity of going green, often times the beef industry unfairly becomes the target of blame in contributing to the demise of our environment. Good management of natural resources on farms and ranches across the country isn't a choice; producers know that protecting the environment now protects the business for future generations.

The Beef Checkoff Program is working to provide not only media, but beef producers the information needed to combat negative reports regarding beef production and its direct effect on our environment. Included below are facts to help beef producers speak with one voice when communicating about their commitment to protecting the environment.

For Americas beef producers, the land is their livelihood and their legacy. They carefully follow science-based best management practices to protect our country's natural resources for future generations. In fact, beef producers have led conservation efforts proving that raising cattle and environmental stewardship go hand-in-hand.

- In the United States, 98 percent of farms are family farms.

- Today's American farmer feeds about 144 people worldwide.

- According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the entire U.S. agricultural sector accounts for

only 6.4 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, and livestock production is only a portion of that total.

- Greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture decreased 4.2 percent from 2001 to 2006.

- From 1990 to 2005, overall methane emissions decreased 11.5 percent.

- Most large feedlot owners have a dedicated environmental engineer either on staff or on contract who ensures the operation is in compliance with strict government regulations.

- Cattle serve a valuable role in the ecosystem by converting the forages humans cannot consume into a nutrient-dense food.

- Today versus 1960: 1.8 million less farms are feeding a U.S. population that has increased 61 percent.

- Grazing cattle reduces the risk of wildfires by decreasing the amount of flammable material on the land.

- Because 85 percent of U.S. grazing lands are unsuitable for producing crops, grazing animals more than doubles

the area that can be used to produce food.

- Rangelands and pastures provide forage and habitat for numerous wildlife species, including 20 million deer, 500,000 pronghorn antelope, 400,000 elk and 55,000 feral horses and burros.

- Last year, more than 2,000 ranchers and farmers entered into landowner agreements with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

- About a billion acres, or 55 percent of the total land surface in the United States, is rangeland, pasture and forages.

- EPA's Clean Water Act sets forth requirements for protecting our nations water resources. Animal manures are a valuable fertilizer and soil conditioner.

- Beef producers consider the rate of growth and consumption of plants in a given area when deciding how to rotate cattle to new pastures.

- The United States has 16 million more acres of forest land than it did in 1920.

One can equal four in blood donation equation

Everyone knows that two plus two equals four, but when it comes to donating blood, one can also equal four.

"One person can donate one pint of blood that can save up to four lives," says Dr. Laurie Sutor, associate professor of pathology at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Blood is needed in emergencies, but also on a regular basis for people with cancer and heart and sickle cell diseases.

Anyone at least 17 years old who weighs 110 pounds or more is eligible to donate.

"Donating blood can be easy, and besides the

emotional benefit of knowing you potentially helped save several lives, blood donors enjoy refreshments and camaraderie with others from their community," Dr. Sutor says.

Tips for making the most of the donation experience include:

- Drink extra water or juice

before donating;

- Eat breakfast or lunch—you will feel better after donating;

- Avoid fatty foods beforehand;

- Wear comfortable clothing for easy access to your veins; and

- Relax—think of the benefits that can outweigh any temporary discomfort.

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So you're ready to quit tobacco

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

For most people who use tobacco—having a reason to quit tobacco isn't as much a problem as knowing how to quit tobacco. Unfortunately, there isn't one way that works for all tobacco users, but there are some key factors that seem to help most people.

First, make the decision to quit, and list out the top five reasons you want to quit (e.g., your health, the health of a loved one, tobacco policies at work or in the community, physical appearance, other). Keep these reasons visible as a constant reminder, such as in the kitchen, bathroom, car, on your desk, or in your wallet.

Next, set a particular date to quit. Choose a date that will be significant to you, such as the first day of the month, New Year's Day, a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or try World No Tobacco Day (May 31) or the Great American Smokeout (3rd Thursday in November) to get you started on a clean slate with lots of motivation.

The third step is getting ready to quit. Choose the quit

method that appeals most to you. Most people choose to go "cold turkey," which means they throw away all their tobacco and don't use any from the day they decide to quit. Don't forget to throw away all of your tobacco products and remove all lighters from your environment. If "cold turkey" doesn't sound right for you, try nicotine fading or tapering off. Nicotine fading is for those who smoke cigarettes. It involves switching to a cigarette with a lower level of nicotine so you can bring your addiction to nicotine down before you quit smoking. Here's how it works:

•If you're smoking a high-nicotine brand, switch to a medium-nicotine brand.

•If you're smoking a medium-nicotine brand, switch to a low-nicotine brand.

•If you're smoking a low-nicotine brand, just switch to a different low-nicotine brand.

Tapering off works in a similar way to nicotine fading, but rather than reducing the nicotine level, you reduce the amount of nicotine you're using. Tapering off can be used for all types of tobacco

use since you just reduce the amount (e.g., fewer cigarettes or cigars, less chew or snuff, etc.). This method also helps you gradually reduce the amount of nicotine in your body, preparing you for your quit date when you will stop using tobacco completely.

Once you've quit, you will want to make sure you have a support system in place. Support can come from family and friends who are willing to keep you accountable, but it can also come from a group, one-on-one, a former smoker, or a telephone quit-line.

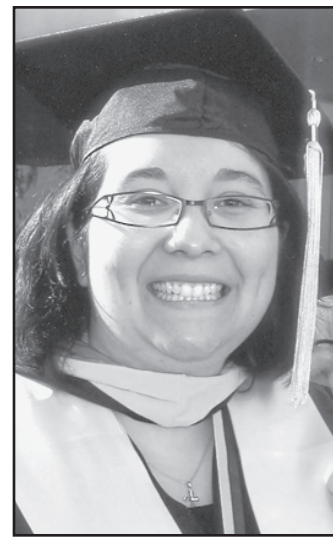
Check with your employer, health insurance company, or local hospital for help finding support groups. Try a smoking cessation group program, or check out a quitline such as the United States Department of Health and Human Services' 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) for support and resources. You can also talk with your health care providers, which can include doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, nutritionists/dietitians, and smoking counselors.

Tobacco cessation medication can also help you quit. Talk with your doctor about available medications—their benefits and potential side effects—to decide if medication (even over-the-counter medication) is right for you.

Finally, know how to maintain your quit status. Decide now how you will deal with obstacles and potential relapse. Avoid or seek strategies for difficult situations, and never look at a "slip" in tobacco use as a failure. Think of how far you have come, and don't smoke the whole pack—recognize the slip—put the tobacco away, and continue with your quit success. Reward yourself for short-term goals as you go through the process of quitting.

For more information, contact your Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Haskell county agent at 864-2546. For more information on issues related to tobacco cessation, see the HealthHints newsletter at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/healthhints/2008/oct/smoking-cessation.pdf>.

Students in the News



HOLLI SLATER

Holli Howard Slater graduated Dec. 13 from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Master of Science in Social Work degree.

Slater, ranking in the top one percent of her class, has been selected as a university scholar and is pursuing a PhD.

She is the daughter of Hollis and Louisa Howard of Graham. She and her husband, Alan, reside in Garland.

She is the granddaughter of Lois Howard and Chief Escobedo, both of Haskell. She has numerous relatives living in Haskell.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 12-16 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Smucker's PB&J

Tuesday: Little chorito bites

Wednesday: Cereal, cheez-its

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Cheese omelet, toast

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, corn, pears

Tuesday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, peanut butter pie

Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, fresh fruit

Thursday: Beef enchiladas, salsa, tortilla chips, pinto beans, garden salad, sliced peaches

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cherry shape-ups

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 12-16 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: French toast

Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage

Thursday: Pigs in blanket

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Hamburgers,

lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, baby carrots, pudding

Tuesday: Fish, mac and cheese, salad, rolls, apples

Wednesday: Carne guisada, refried beans, corn, flour tortillas, oranges

Thursday: Chicken and noodles, green beans, Texas toast, apricot cobbler

Friday: BBQ on a bun, chips, corn on cob, pickle spears, pineapple

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 12

Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, lemon cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 14

Lunch—Goulash and rice, mixed veggie, buttered corn, yeast rolls, jello, cookies, tea

or coffee

Fri., Jan. 16

Lunch—Sauerkraut and sausage, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, sliced onion, choco cake, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Area basketball scores

Varsity Girls

Eula Holiday Classic

Haskell 52, Roby 48

Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 22, Wallace 13.

Roscoe 43, Haskell 34

Scoring for Haskell: Agraz 10, Bassett 8, Reid 7.

Smyer 64, Haskell 39

Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 8, Torres 8, Johnson 7.

Varsity Boys

Eula Holiday Classic

Poolville 57, Haskell 42

Scoring for Haskell: English

17, Marshall 15, Rodriguez 5.

Haskell 54, Hawley 42

Scoring for Haskell: English

13, Marshall 12, Myers 11.

Haskell 58, Munday 52

Scoring for Haskell: English

32, Marshall 16, Myers 6.

Haskell 42, Stamford 22

Scoring for Haskell: English

11, Rodriguez 8, Marshall 6.

Eula Holiday Classic

Jayton Tournament

Hamlin 52, Rule 46

Scoring for Rule: Perales

13, Clark 12, Hertel 8.

If produce pickings are slim, head for the freezer section

The produce section may be a bit bare this time of year, but that doesn't give anyone a free pass to skimp on fruits and vegetables.

Dr. Jo Ann Carson, professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says the solution lies in choosing as much fresh seasonal produce as possible, then augmenting it with a mixture

of frozen and canned offerings.

Frozen fruits and vegetables often contain nearly as many nutrients as fresh produce because they have been picked, frozen and packaged at their peak, she said.

Dr. Carson also notes that some canned vegetables, including pumpkin, provide more vitamins per serving than their fresh counterparts.

The key, she says, is to watch the sugar and sodium content, because canned produce can be higher in both.

"A good principle is to look for fruit without added sugar or syrups and vegetables without extra butter, salt or cream sauces," Dr. Carson says.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Let faith consolidate your New Year's resolutions

As the season of fun and festivity draws to a close, let us give some serious thought to a worthwhile task which most of us have undertaken rather half-heartedly at this time every year, despite our good intentions. Driven by a natural impulse to turn over a new leaf in our lives as well as on the calendar, we compile our annual list of personal reforms and even try to

follow it for a few days before consigning it to limbo along with its predecessors. This year for a change, try simplifying it into one all-encompassing resolution: to attend the church of your choice regularly throughout the coming year. If you will do so and try to live by the lessons you learn there, this will be the only New Year's resolution you'll ever need.

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600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.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

Ron Renniegarbe, 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.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Tom Long, 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.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

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Wed. 7 p.

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Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

203 S. 1st East, 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.

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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
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Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.

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Dear friends, You have blessed our hearts with your many kindnesses during the long illness and passing of our loved one, R.S. Sanders. For your prayers, concerns, ministry through visitation and other acts of kindness, we thank you. We are especially appreciative of our pastor, Bro. Dan Bullock, Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, Joe Yates and the staff at Cadenhead Clinic as well as the wonderful staff at the Haskell hospital and R.S.'s caregivers. They all showed much kindness and Christian love for which we are most grateful. We thank the community of Weinert, especially those who provided and served food for our family. May God's richest blessings be upon you.
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Rea is new manager of plant materials center

Gary L. Rea was selected as the manager for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center (PMC) located near Knox City in October 2008. He resides in Haskell, and his hometown is Memphis, Texas.

After graduating from Memphis High School, Rea earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy from Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, a Master of Science Degree in Agriculture from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and a Doctorate in Plant Science from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Oklahoma. While at OSU, his research investigated the genetic diversity and agronomic improvement potential of a native, perennial, and warm-season grass called Eastern gamagrass.

Before working for the PMC, Rea had thirty years experience as a plant breeder

and director of research for commercial seed companies, where he developed several cotton varieties and sorghum hybrids. He is also a state of Texas registered plant breeder, has served as chairman of the cotton division of The Texas Seed Trade Association in 1996 and 2006, and served on the board of directors of The Texas Seed Trade Association in 2008.

Twenty-seven USDA-NRCS/PMC's are located in the United States and three are in Texas, located in Nacogdoches, Kingsville and Knox City. Rea's responsibilities as manager for the PMC include managing and administration of the center. His staff includes Rudy Esquivel, NRCS soil conservationist, and Dale Carroll, NRCS biological plant technician—both are located at the Knox City PMC.

Rea's responsibilities also include providing leadership in completing Plant Science Technology need assessments and the development of the



GARY REA

PMC long range plan, PMC business plan, workload analysis, and study plans. The Knox City PMC is responsible for developing conservation plants and cultural techniques for use within targeted Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA), including Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico.

For more information, visit or contact Rea at 940-658-3922 at the Knox City PMC for plant technical assistance for various conservation uses.

Knox Co. museum to host annual barbecue

Sun., Feb. 1 will be a big day for several hundred Knox County residents and friends from surrounding counties. The annual barbeque and

fund-raiser at Benjamin the Wichita Brazos Museum, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Benjamin Memorial Building. The

meal will consist of brisket and sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, pinto beans, onions and pickles, homemade potato salad, coleslaw and dessert.

The silent auction tables will be set up by 11 a.m. for people to place their bids. The auction has included everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques. The mixture changes every year. Bidding will close at 1:30 and winning bids will be announced afterward.

On sale at tables, on the north side of the room, will be the 2009 Calendar of Knox County Churches, with photographs and some history of churches from each community in the county, along with calendars of past years.

Door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes.

The museum will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. for Knox County folks and surrounding area friends, who have helped build, by eating their way through hundreds of pounds of brisket, countless hamburgers and unknown quantities of homemade ice cream to visit.

Brisket, dessert and other items will be sold after everyone is served.

Haskell National Bank is rated 5-Star bank

Haskell National Bank announces it has earned BauerFinancial, Inc.'s highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. BauerFinancial has been analyzing the nation's banks for over 25 years and has earned the reputation as 'the Nation's Bank Rating Firm,' so to garner its highest 5-Star rating is a time-honored badge of distinction. Customers of Haskell National Bank can be proud that their bank still shines, even under the watchful eye of the BauerFinancial microscope.

The rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and at 5-Stars indicates that Haskell National Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation. This is the 67th consecutive quarter that Haskell National Bank has earned this highest honor; only eight percent of the nation's banks can claim this distinction.

"This new year in particular brings with it a whole new set of worries, but where a consumer banks shouldn't be one of them," remarks Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. "Some banks ignored proper loan underwriting standards in recent years and are now paying the price for that decision. But, Haskell National Bank is a prime example of a bank that has stuck to traditional, conservative banking strategies, which, in this climate, is exactly what the

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Calendar

Jr. Livestock Show and Sale

The tentative arrival times, show schedules and the sale date for the Haskell County Livestock Show include: steers, heifers, lambs and swine Thurs., Jan. 8 by 4 p.m.; poultry and rabbits by 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 8. Show times are: poultry and rabbits, Thurs., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.; lambs, Fri., Jan. 9 at 8 a.m. followed by swine; steers begin at 2 p.m. followed by heifers. The sale will begin at 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 10.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Jan. 15 at the Haskell Hospital Educational Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Program assistance

Veronica Harvey, Social Services Outreach Coordinator for the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, will be at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell Wed., Jan. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. providing application assistance for various programs such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, the Children's Healthcare program and the Women's Health program.

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