

Happy Thanksgiving

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HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Eula
Tues., Dec. 1, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
JHG-B vs Hamlin
Mon., Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m.
Girls at Hamlin
Boys at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Blackwell
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at Blackwell
JHG-B vs Blackwell
Mon., Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m.
at Blackwell
RULE
VG-B vs Woodson
Tues., Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
at Woodson
JHB-G vs Lueders-Avoca
Mon., Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
at Lueders-Avoca

Calendar

Thanksgiving meal

Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, 500 N. 8th St., in Haskell will serve its annual Thanksgiving meal for the community Thurs., Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert. Dine in only.

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfpnews@lycos.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Thurs., Dec. 24.

Christmas parade

The Haskell lighted Christmas parade will be held Sat., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. There is no theme, so let your imagination go wild! Prizes are first place \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25 in Haskell Dollars sponsored by Haskell Modern Way/ACE. Haskell Family Movie Night will follow with the showing of "The Muppet Christmas Carol" on the east side of the courthouse.

Movie night

Haskell Family Movie Night will be held Sat., Dec. 12 following the parade on the east side of the square. The featured movie is "The Muppet Christmas Carol," rated PG. This is an outdoor showing with no charge to participate. All ages are welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or glass containers permitted at the event. For more information, call 864-3424 or check www.haskelltxasusa.com.

Christmas Cantata

The community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Nursery provided. Fellowship will follow.

Cow-calf conference

The Cattle Trails Cow-calf conference will be held Thurs., Dec. 3 at the MPEC in Wichita Falls. Contact your County Extension Office for registration information.

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PRESENT DICTIONARIES—Haskell Rotarians presented 42 dictionaries to third grade students at Haskell Elementary Thurs., Nov. 19. Rotarians distribute the dictionaries to help promote literacy for students by providing them with tools for their success. Third grade teachers are Vickie Bredthauer, Tonya Cypert and Vanessa Shiplett. Rotarians on hand to help present the dictionaries were, I-r, Scott Bearden, Megan Cox, Shelby Thomas, Tammy Cunningham, Nelda Lane, Ken Lane, Wallace Emerson, Karen Kaigler-Walker, Christina Isbell, Veronica Anderson, Bud Walker, Mike Guess and Jimmy Lisle.

Let's keep the spirit of Thanksgiving evident in our lives every day of the year

by Caron Yates

Let us remember that, as much as been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

These words, credited to President Theodore Roosevelt, remind us that it is not enough to just express thanks for the many

blessings in our lives, but our thanks should be reflected in our words and actions each and every day we live.

According to Wikipedia, the precise historical origin of the holiday is disputed. Americans commonly believe that the first Thanksgiving was in 1621, at Plymouth Plantation, in Massachusetts. However, there is evidence for earlier

celebrations in Canada and by Spanish explorers in Florida as early as 1565.

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

tribe who contributed deer and fowl to the celebration.

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

As humans, we sometimes get weighed down with the negative happenings in our lives. Illness, drought, loss of loved ones, financial difficulties, job loss, state and national concerns and general stress and worries in our lives, can tend to overshadow the blessings, if we are not careful. Even the Pilgrims made seven times as many graves as they did huts.

For most of us, if we truly stop to consider the really important things in our lives, we would have to agree that "much has been

given us." Certainly that doesn't mean that everything is always as we want it to be, but even the hard times can provide opportunities for us to reach out and help others, or allow others to help us. As Donald Curtis once said, "It is impossible to be negative while we are giving thanks."

This year as you gather with family and friends to enjoy delicious food, fond memories, stories and a time of relaxation, remember to count each of your blessings, down to the smallest of them, and then give thanks. Reach out to others in need or to those who can't spend the holiday with family.

John F. Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." While it may at times seem that our burdens outnumber our blessings, what a different world we might see, if the spirit of Thanksgiving was evident in our lives every day of the year, not just in November.

Christmas Tour of Homes set Sun., Dec. 6 in Haskell

by Caron Yates

Christmas is in the air, which means it is time once again for the Christmas Tour of Homes.

In its 22nd year, the Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour will be Sunday, December 6, in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour this year, will be Jeanie Dulaney, 1606 Derrick Drive; Haley and Brad Smith, 502 South Ave. P; Missy and Todd Lewis, 325 Waylon Rd; Toliver Bunk House, 1901 North 1st; and Laurie Newberry, 501 North Ave. K East.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any advisory committee member, at the Noah Project-North office, or at the door on the day of the tour. Homes may be toured in any order from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Newberry home.

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

The Noah Project-North's mission is to support people dealing with

the crisis of family violence. Family violence is one of the most common, as well as devastating problems in our country. They provide victims a safe shelter, help with basic living essentials, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal and medical advocacy. Their services are available to all victims of family violence.

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

Janis Brzozowski is the Noah Project-North Service Area Director. Assisting with the responsibilities is Laurie Wilson and Dana Holmes.

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

Help can be found by calling the 24-hour crisis hotline at 800-444-3551, or by contacting the local office in the courthouse.

The Noah Project-North is also selling poinsettias for \$12.50 or \$25 dressed.

Contact the Noah office or any advisory member for more information or to place your order.

It is only through the continued support of fund-raisers such as this, that these services can continue to be provided. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a very worthy cause.



ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW—Lots of Christmas shopping ideas, for young and old alike, amply spilled into the aisles filled with vendors at the annual Haskell Young Homemaker's Arts & Craft Show held Sat., Nov. 21 at the Haskell Civic Center.

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Maidens' basketball

Lady Panthers take down Maidens 48-40

The Haskell girls traveled to Seymour last Tuesday night for another much anticipated non-district game. These two teams always play each other tough and really help one another get ready for district play. The Lady Panthers outscored the Maidens 20-6 in the second quarter and held on late to win the game 48-40. Haskell was led by Freshman Jordan Garvin who finished with a career high 19 points off the bench.

Haskell was (5-10) for 50% on three pointers and

(15-23) for 65% on free-throws. Ariel Martinez had 8 points, Ashlyn Bevel 5, C'era Taylor 3, Mackinzie Garvin 2, Hollyn Hadaway 1, Courtney Whitt 1 and Taylor Manske 1. B.B. Rodriguez had a team high two assists. "Offensively, I thought we really struggled getting good looks against their man to man defense. We went into our game with Seymour with a very basic offensive game plan. As our season progresses, we will begin to run more offenses and quick hitters," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Seymour was (7-12) for

58% on three pointers and (11-15) for 73% on free-throws. "Defensively, we are still learning to play solid man to man defense at the varsity level and that is to be expected with a young and inexperienced team. We will continue to work hard every day on our man to man concepts and it will improve throughout the season," Eddleman said. Leading the team in rebounds was Benavides and Taylor with four each. Bevel had a team high three steals.

"Overall, we just need to get better and play more consistent throughout the entire game. That is the second game in a row that we let one bad quarter cost us the game. We outscored Seymour 34-28 for three quarters. I am confident that we will get better and learn from these experiences," Eddleman added.

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Seymour 5 20 13 10 =48

Haskell JV Maidens won over Seymour JV 26-23

Haskell JV Maidens won over Baird JV 37-18 at Eula

JV Tourney on day one

Junior High Maidens at

Albany Lady Lions: Mix B Team won 26-6

Seventh A lost 33-16

Eighth A won 15-13



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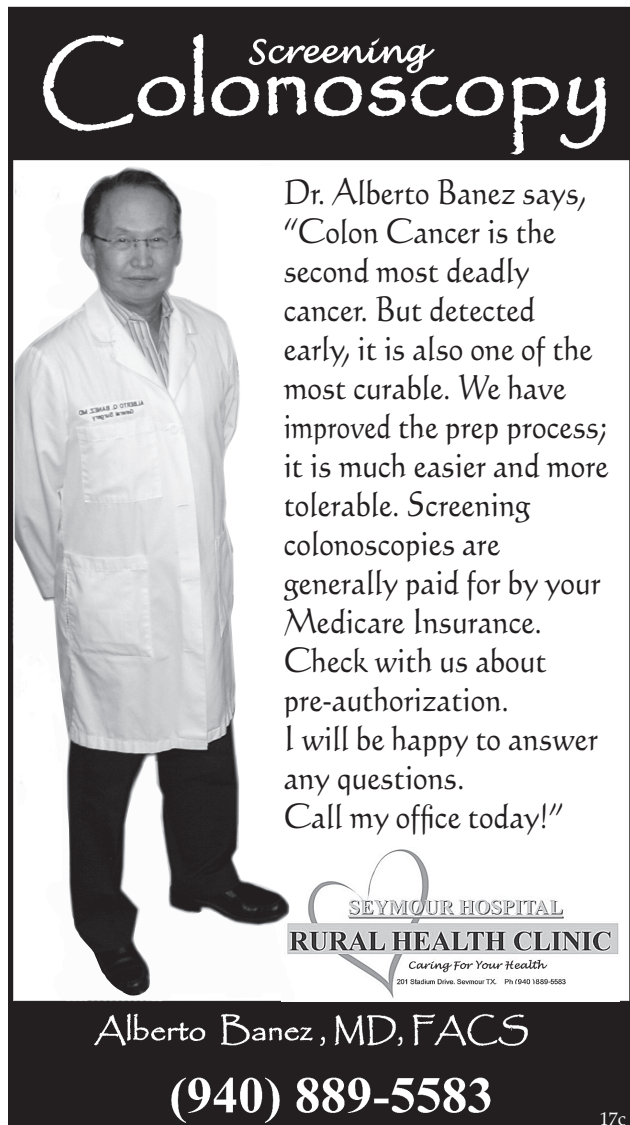
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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 16-22:

William Ray Morrell, theft of property \$1,500 to \$20,000, failure to appear Throckmorton charge.

Ronald Wade Raynes, driving while intoxicated Class B misdemeanor.

Steven Ray Johnson, motion to revoke possession of a controlled substance meth.

Twenty-seven calls were made to 911.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature

Mon., Nov. 16.....43°/66°
Tues., Nov. 17.....40°/56°
Wed., Nov. 18.....40°/72°
Thurs., Nov. 19.....40°/65°
Fri., Nov. 20.....34°/55°
Sat., Nov. 21.....32°/55°
Sun., Nov. 22.....25°/56°

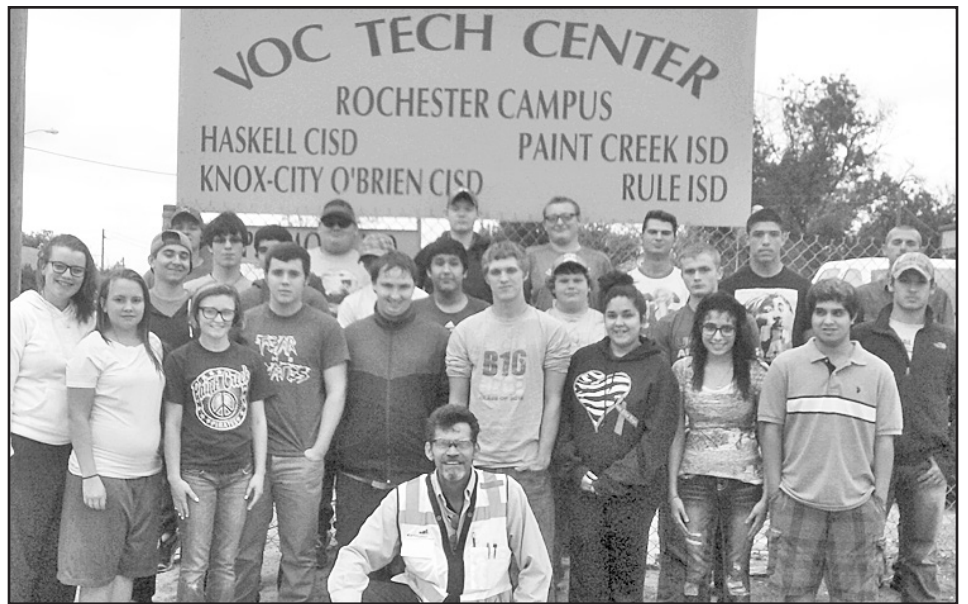
Precipitation
Mon., Nov. 16..... .33" rain

TeamKID

TeamKID will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for 4 year old Pre-K students through sixth grade at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Drop children off at west parking lot door of main building. Call 864-2581 if your child needs a ride.

Country Christmas in Jayton Dec. 5

Christmas in the Country will be held Sat., Dec. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. at the emergency services building in Jayton. To be a vendor, call the extension office at 806-237-3751 to reserve your space on or before Nov. 16.



TAKE TRAINING—Rochester Vo Tech afternoon class members taking OSHA General Industry Training are, front, l-r, Mortenson Safety Site Manager and OSHA Instructor, Timmy Thornton; second row, Mackinzie King, Alysia Hollabaugh, Sara Edwards, Ethan Harper, Harrison Jarred, Dylan Webb, Abigail Masias, Brandie Contreras and Davis Benavides; third row, Jeremy Castillo, Enrique Hilario, Casey Stewart, Frankie Masias, Tyler Cantrell, Ron Mitchell and Lincoln Strickland; back row, Payton Culpepper, Jackson Meador, Chris Wilson, Chase Potter, Jacob Navarrette and Haskell CISD employee, Clint Beck.



TAKE TRAINING—Rochester Vo Tech morning class members taking OSHA General Industry Training are, front row, l-r, VTC instructor—Monty Moeller, Cayce Camp, Sierra Boyd, Kaylee Walker and Mortenson Safety Site Manager and OSHA instructor, Timmy Thornton; second row, Jonathan Primm, Courtney Whitt, Avery Frausto, Bobby Johnson, Brianna Rodriguez and City of Haskell employee, Andrew Sammons; third row, Toby Salazar, Ellissa Hacker, VTC-CNA Instructor—Sherri Oseletto, Abel Sandoval, Rudy Espinoza and Devon Barrios; back row, Kyle Glass, Alfredo Martinez, Tyler Sanders, VTC Instructor—Wes Wicker, and City of Haskell employee, Gerald Stanford.

VoTech students complete OSHA training course

The Rochester Vocational/Technical Center says thank you to Mortenson Construction Company, who recently sponsored an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)—10 hour General Industry Training at the Rochester VoTech Center.

The course was held Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 with twenty-three individuals in attendance. Students that attend classes at the VoTech during the morning and the VoTech instructors took the course. The City of Haskell also participated by sending two employees.

Another 10-hour General Industry OSHA

training was held Oct. 12-15. Afternoon VoTech Center students and a Haskell CISD maintenance employee participated. Twenty-seven were in attendance.

Mortenson provided this community service opportunity at no cost for students and local government. Timmy Thornton, the Site Safety Engineer for Mortenson taught the OSHA course at the Rochester VoTech Center.

The 10 hour OSHA General Industry Training informed participants on OSHA history, laws and regulations, and employee/ employer rights and responsibilities. A safe work

environment is strongly encouraged by training in the areas of fall prevention, electrical safety, caught between prevention, and struck by prevention. Electives were also taught by Thornton in the areas of welding and ladder safety.

OCI Solar Power Company is currently constructing The Alamo 7 Solar site in Haskell County. Mortenson is the general contracting company for the OCI project. The Alamo 7 Solar project is one of the larger solar projects in Texas. The site will encompass over 1000 acres and will employ an estimated 400 people during the construction process.

Haskell EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA club meeting was held Nov. 12 at the Haskell County Extension Office with ten members attending.

New member Erica Chavez was welcomed and added to the roll. Kathryn Schonerstedt, chairman, opened the meeting with a report on the annual County Commissioners' brunch and the Haskell County Health Fair. Members will again provide a concession stand at the Haskell County Junior

Livestock show held on Jan. 14-16.

County Agent DaLinda Black reported on numerous 4-H activities including the county food show and winners who will go to district competition. Haskell 4-H members represented Haskell very well with the most exhibits entered. Black also reported on high school, junior high and elementary programs that will be held weekly in Haskell and Rule. Currently there are 35 4-H

members involved in on-going activities.

A state convention program on Eating What You Grow was presented by Kathryn Schonerstedt, who explained various food handling methods, including washing, storing, preserving nutrients, and different preparation and cooking methods.

Next meeting is Dec. 10 with a luncheon at the Blue Jean Café in Stamford. Visitors are welcome to enjoy a time of food and fellowship.



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Rule ISD lists honor roll names

Rule ISD has announced the names of students appearing on the A honor roll, A-B honor roll and the perfect attendance roll.

Pre-K: Perfect attendance, Justin Caldwell and Mario Sandoval.

Kindergarten: Perfect attendance, Jazmin Amaya, Hannah Hertel, Kynzleah Hertel, Lezli Manske, Emma Vance and Tyreike Vanderbilt.

First grade: A honor roll, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Jayde Leek and Natalie Murray; A-B honor roll, Averi Baldwin, Arena Caldwell, Leslie Caldwell, Rylan Green, Haylee Stone and Brylee Teague; Perfect attendance, Leslie Caldwell, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Jayde Leek, Natalie Murray, Haylee Stone and Fabian Valdez.

Second grade: A honor roll, Kaitlyn Saffel; A-B honor roll, Waylynn Caldwell, Dylan Campbell, Samantha Farquhar, Skylor Kreger, Skylar Leek, Lacoste Navarrette and Kaylee Silvas; Perfect attendance, Waylynn Caldwell, Skylor Kreger, Leland Short and Kaylee Silvas.

Third grade: A honor roll, Diego Amaya, Hailey Garcia and Jelena Alvarez; A-B honor roll, Kyle Adkins, Kyleik Mason, Luther Smith and Julio Tapia; Perfect attendance, Kyle Adkins, Hailey Garcia, Jelena Alvarez, Frankie Olivera, Luther Smith and Julio Tapia.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Shelby Saffel; A-B honor

roll, Zachary Campbell, Astrid Guzman and Zachary Ingram; Perfect attendance, Astrid Guzman and Geneva Pauley.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Sean Gatlin and Karcin Smith; Perfect attendance, Sean Gatlin, Karleigh Hertel, Karcin Smith and Trinity Whorton.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Jaella Alvarez; A-B honor roll, Lenzi Manske, Abigail Ortiz and Macy Rogers; Perfect attendance, Daena Diaz, Kurt Leek, Lenzi Manske and Jaella Alvarez.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Jysela Alvarez and Christian Speck; Perfect attendance, Jysela Alvarez and Michael Medford.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Ian Sotelo; A-B honor roll, Kennedy Fritzier, Danny Kreger and Madalyn Navarrette; Perfect attendance, Kennedy Fritzier, Danny Kreger, Madalyn Navarrette and Ian Sotelo.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Del Fritzier; A-B honor roll, McKenzie Gray, Kourtney Hertel and Leann Manske; Perfect attendance, Isaiah Castillo, Del Fritzier, Kourtney Hertel, Leann Manske and Angel Navarrette.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Kaysen Barnett; and Thomas Short; Perfect attendance, Adolfo Gonzalez, Brandon Mitchell and Thomas Short.

Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh; Perfect attendance, Austin Redden.

Paint Creek names students on honor rolls

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students appearing on the A and A-B honor rolls for the second six weeks of school.

First grade: A honor roll, Adrian Castorena, Carissa Elkin, Urijah Livingston, Cort Rogers and Jenny Scheets; A-B honor roll, Sherita Blair, Emberly Cochran, Zander Elias, Adrianna Ramos and Wyatt Walburg.

Second grade: A honor roll, Harry Boyd and Amelia Ngoun; A-B honor roll, Jasmine Anguiano, Zak Jones, Aubrie Payne and Chloe Pete.

Third grade: A honor roll, Trinity Black; A-B honor roll, Andrew Castorena, Adrian Cisneros, Eden Graham, Natalya Mays, Cayden Rogers, Audie Shaw and Alisa Walburg.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Lane Garcia, Matthew Howard and Cowan Rogers.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Levi Rhoads.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Joshua Blake, Danica Elias and Mark Garcia.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Zakary Elkins; A-B honor roll, Haylee Garcia and Zamantha Ramos.

Lighting contest set in Haskell

Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Residential Christmas Lighting Contest and a Business Window Contest. To enter, call the chamber office at 864-2477. Judging will take place the week of Dec. 7. Winners will be announced at the parade Sat., Dec. 12. The residential prizes are first place \$500, second place \$300 and third place \$200, sponsored by Rike Real Estate and Haskell Funeral Home. Business prizes are first place one year free chamber membership and bragging rights for one year with a Christmas Business Window Contest Trophy.

Buckling up could save your giblets!

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

As families travel long and short distances to gather together on Thanksgiving and begin the holiday season, the roads become more heavily traveled and the chances for car crashes go up. In fact, the Thanksgiving holiday is one of the most dangerous holidays of the year when it comes to vehicle crashes and fatalities. During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2013 there were 301 people killed in traffic crashes across the nation—and tragically, 58 percent of those killed were not buckled up. Buckling up is the single most effective step you can take to increase your chances of a safe road trip on Thanksgiving! Taking those few seconds to make sure all of your passengers, young and old, are buckled up, as well as keeping your focus on driving and preparing ahead for the trip, can make all the difference.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent DaLinda Black, Haskell County reminds motorists to give driving your full attention, buckle up, check road and weather conditions, and protect yourself and others on the road. Follow these steps to make sure you arrive alive:

- Prepare. Make sure your car and tires are in good

condition and that roads and visibility are clear. If using a GPS device, enter your destination before you start to drive. If you prefer a map or written directions, review them in advance.

- Make sure all passengers are buckled up correctly. Passengers in the back seat need to buckle up—it's the law! Make sure children are in appropriate car seats for their age, height, weight and developmental stage.

- Turn it off and stow it. Turn your phone off or switch it to silent mode before you get in the car. Then stow it away so that it's out of reach.

- Pull over. If you need to make a call, first pull over to a safe area.

- Secure your pets. Unsecured pets are not only dangerous to themselves and other passengers, they can also be a big distraction in the car.

- Mind the kids. Pull over to a safe place to address situations involving children in the car.

- Focus on driving. Multi-tasking behind the wheel is dangerous. Refrain from eating, drinking, reading, grooming, smoking, and any other activity that takes your mind and eyes off the road.

As a reminder to buckle up, the Click It or Ticket campaign will be in force during the holiday weekend with extra officers on patrol

to increase awareness and enforcement of the seat belt and car seat laws. The key message of the effort is that surviving your Thanksgiving drive this year—and making it to next Thanksgiving—can be as simple as buckling up!

Merry Christmas December 12, 2015 - Drawings, Parade, Movie Night

Haskell Holiday Drawings:
Participating businesses will begin giving drawing tickets on November 23rd to customers for every \$10 purchase. Holiday drawings will be December 12th after the Christmas Parade at the gazebo on the square. Tickets must be turned in before the drawing starts. Prizes include: Gift Cards, Merchandise from Businesses, and Haskell Dollars.

Haskell Lighted Christmas Parade:
The parade will be Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 pm and line up will start at 5:20 pm at the Civic Center/Expo parking lot. Entry forms must be filled out by coming by the chamber office or when entries come to line up for the parade. There is no theme for this year's parade...so let your imagination go Wild! Prizes for winners are 1st Place - \$75, 2nd Place - \$50 & 3rd Place - \$25 in Haskell Dollars.

Haskell Family Movie Night:
HFMN will be showing "The Muppet Christmas Carol" after the parade and drawing on Saturday, December 12th on the east side of the courthouse. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. There is no charge for the movie and all ages are welcome. No Alcohol or Glass Containers are permitted at the movie.



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Paint Creek ISD seeks gifted students

Paint Creek ISD conducts a program for students with above average potential in academic and creative thinking skills in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

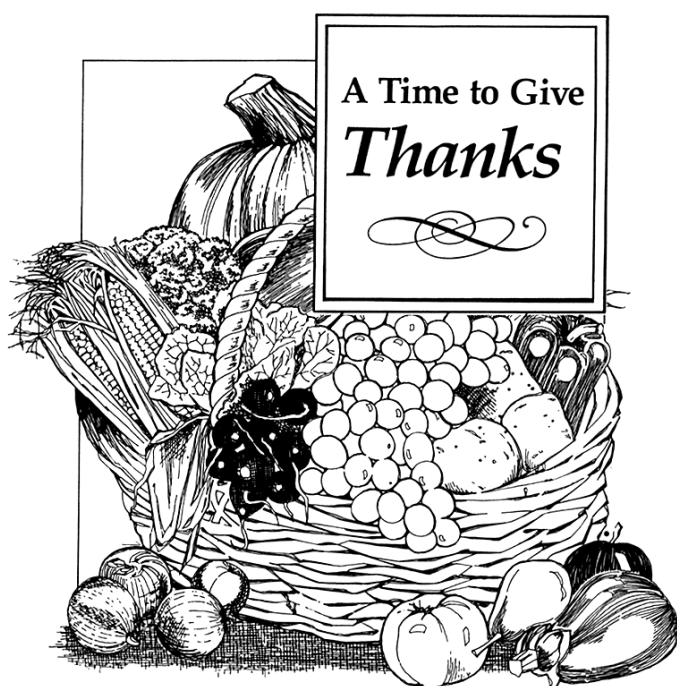
Any adult wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Paint Creek ISD office and pick up the necessary forms. Offices are open from 7:45

a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Students nominated will go through a screening process that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for the test.

Nomination period for Paint Creek ISD is Nov. 18 through Dec. 3. During this time parents may pick up an application at the Paint Creek School office. The paperwork will need to be completed and returned back to the school office by noon Dec. 3.

For any further assistance, contact Cindy Banner at 940-864-2868.

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Thanksgiving is the time we spend with our families to give thanks for our health, happiness and prosperity.

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

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours.



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Dear patient,
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I have dedicated my life to being a physician for over 28 years here in Haskell. I am very excited that I finally recognize that the time has now come that I take the opportunity to dedicate myself to God and to my immediate family.

I cannot express to you enough my gratitude for all the love and support you have given me over the past years, and I pray that I have returned that to you in some small way.

Now, it is important that you begin making the transition to another physician as soon as possible, in order to prevent any problems with the continuation of care for you.

It is also my pleasure to welcome Dr. Leon Joplin, who will be replacing me here at the clinic. He lives in Judd and has practiced medicine many years in Stamford. He is now accepting new patients and will begin practice on January 4, 2016 (approximately).

We are so blessed to have such talented physicians in this immediate area. You can arrange for the transfer of your medical records to another physician at the clinic, or seek care at the emergency room of any local hospital that provides emergency service.

You also have the right to obtain copies of your medical records from HMH clinic and you may arrange for the transfer of your medical records to another physician should you so desire. Please let HMHC know your choice should you desire to have your records transferred.

You can notify us of your decisions by calling us directly at 940-864-8513,

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to participate in your health care over the past years. I will miss you and continue to pray for you.

May God bless you,
Bill McSmith, D.O.
"Dr. Mac"

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 1, 2005

Haskell Indians named to the All-District 9A football team were MVP, Josh Barbee; 1st team offense, Gary Frierson and Cameron Short; 2nd team, Matt Brown, Billy Lusk and Vicente Solano; Honorable Mention, Josh Kimmel. Greg Guzman was named Newcomer of the Year. Named to the 1st Team Defense were Frierson, Derek Agraz, Kimmel, Josh Rodriguez and Jeremy Sorrells; 2nd Team, Short and Justin Rodriguez; Honorable Mention, Scott Agraz, Travis Adams and Solono.

Jim Harris of Rule, broke the course record at the Haskell Country Club for the second time in three years. He broke the record three years ago with a 63 and recently broke that record with a 62. Witnesses were Jerry Harris, Dr. Bill Kemp and Drew Mitchell.

20 Years Ago November 30, 1995

Casey Thompson, son of Kenny and Wanda Thompson and a senior at Paint Creek High School, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a Court of Honor ceremony. The presentation was made by Troop 148 Scout Master Waller Overton.

The Noah Project-North's annual Tour of Homes will include the homes of Kyle and Loutina White, Wallace and Jo Cox, Nathan and Lisa Frierson, Fred and Dayna Hernandez and Don and Coleta Whitfield.

Four month old triplets, Geena, Mychellya and Brody Koltrane spent their first Thanksgiving with their great-grandmother, Eunice Sonnamaker.

30 Years Ago November 28, 1985

Winners in the annual Haskell County Pecan Show were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, grand champion; S. A. Ezzell, reserve champion; J.L. Cameron, shelling pecan class; and H.A. Sherman, native pecan class.

Three members of the district runner-up Weinert volleyball team were named to the District 9-A All-District team. Chosen by district coaches were seniors Kelly Earp and Darla Griffis, as well as sophomore Karen McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece

Clark of Sagerton, were honored with an open house in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, hosted by their children and grandchildren. They have lived in the Sagerton area for all fifty years.

40 Years Ago November 27, 1975

The Rochester Steers lost their bid for bi-district on first downs. The game ended tied at 21-21. Gorman had 17 first downs to the Steers 14, and they were declared the champions. Scoring for Rochester were Jerry Don Hudgens, John Michaels and Brian Holmes.

Airman Ollie D. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Johnson, Sr., has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB. He will continue with specialized training in the security police field.

50 Years Ago December 2, 1965

Haskell Indians named to the 5-AA All-District teams were Bobby Watson and Frankie White, first team defense; David Perry, first team offense; George Sherman, Jack Melton, Glen Smart, Kenneth Felker and Thronton Gilmore, all received honorable mention.

The piano and organ students of Nelda Lane were presented in recital. They included W.O. Elmore, Cynthia Finch, Pam Harris, Pat Harris, Lillie Jenkins, Jim Kemp, Lugene Lane, Lynda Lane, Anita Powell, Betty Powell, Linda Powell, Marsha Shaver, Randy Wiseman and Sara Yeary.

100 Years Ago November 27, 1915

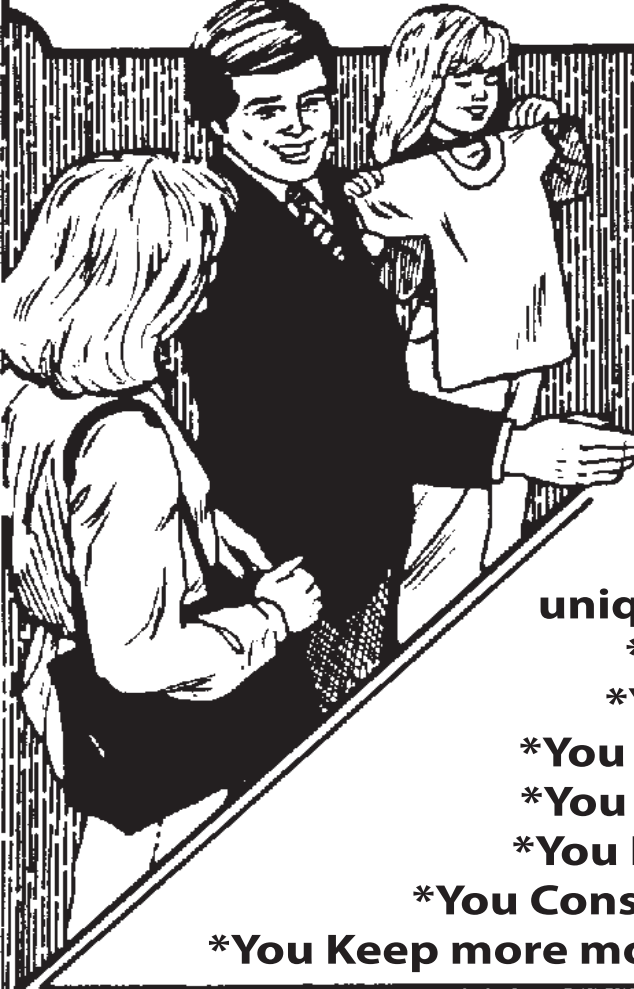
Wanted-Boy to do chores around the place and go to school; good six months school. Will board and clothe good boy desiring to receive school benefits. W.W. Reeves, Haskell Route 4.

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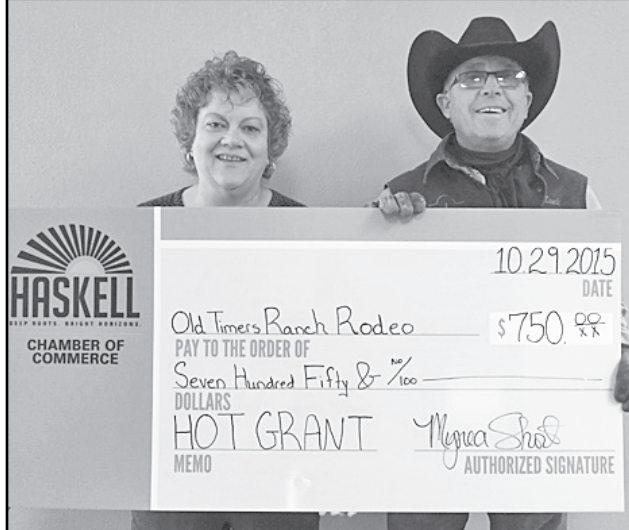
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HOT GRANT—The American Legion Post 221 received a Hotel Occupancy Tax grant (HOT grant) from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2000. Making the presentation is Mynea Short, chamber manager, left. Receiving the check on behalf of the American Legion's March and August gun shows is Ernest Fry, right.



HOT GRANT—The Haskell Young Homemakers received a Hotel Occupancy Tax grant (HOT grant) from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1035.40. Making the presentation is Mynea Short, chamber manager, left. Receiving the check on behalf of the Haskell Young Homemaker's Arts & Crafts Show is Tammy Cunningham, right. Project coordinator for the Arts & Crafts Show is Julie LeFevre.



HOT GRANT—The Old Timers' Ranch Rodeo received a Hotel Occupancy Tax grant (HOT grant) from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$750. Making the presentation is Mynea Short, chamber manager, left. Receiving the check on behalf of the ranch rodeo is Billy Lamb, right.



HOT GRANT—The Noah Project received a Hotel Occupancy Tax grant (HOT grant) from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$210. Making the presentation is Mynea Short, chamber manager, left. Receiving the check on behalf of the Noah Project for their Taste of Country project is Janis Brzozowski, Noah Project Service Area Coordinator, right. Project coordinator for the Noah Taste of Country is Tommie Jo Clark.



HOT GRANT—The Wild Horse Prairie Days Car Show received a Hotel Occupancy Tax grant (HOT grant) from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2000. Making the presentation is Mynea Short, chamber manager, left. Receiving the check on behalf of the car show is Wes Steele, right.



SEASON TIP OFF—Haskell Indian Lane Burson on the tip in the opening game of the season.



THREE POINTS—Haskell Indian #10 Kellen Parks good for 3 points against Slaton.



ON DEFENSE—Haskell Indian #12 Alec Roewe puts pressure on the ball against Slaton.



FIGHTS FOR POSITION—Haskell Indian #34 Rocky Haggard fights for position in the lane.

Indians' basketball

Haskell High School boys' varsity basketball falls to Slaton High School, 51-90

The Indians opened their 2015-2016 season Friday night versus 3A Slaton at home.

The Indians kept with Slaton for the first half but Slaton came out the second half and their press got to the Indians and opened up the game.

Coach Tate Thompson was very pleased with his boys effort on Friday night by saying this, "Despite losing to Slaton, I saw a lot of good things, especially in the first half. They were rolling in five subs at a time and just flat wore us down with their press. That's a tough look for the first game of the year, but I was very proud of our guys and we're ready to get back in the gym

and go to work. Slaton is going to be competitive in 3A and they certainly gave us an idea of where we need to be."

The JV Indians were in action in the Eula Tournament on Thursday and Saturday. They won two pool play games and beat Clyde JV 32-29 for a third place finish.

The Indians will be back in action as they will travel to Highland. JV boys will start at 5 p.m.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell County Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. Practice sessions are held on Thursday nights at HTS.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Nov. 10 with all members present.

Janis McDaniel, county treasurer, submitted the treasurer's monthly report and the Experienced Citizen Center report. Both were approved as submitted.

Haskell County Sheriff Winston Stephens reported that the last vehicle that was stolen had been recovered.

The votes for the 2015 Constitutional Amendment

election were canvassed.

Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield submitted his resignation due to illness. His resignation will be effective Dec. 31. The resignation was accepted by the court.

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Nursing Home Services

Steve King, Administrator of Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell, Texas. 8 year Veteran of U.S. Air Force, 2001 graduate of Wayland Baptist University with BS in Education and minor in Business Administration. Became licensed as a Nursing Facility Administrator in 2003, and have lived in Haskell while running Nursing Facilities in this area since that time. He will be available for any questions.



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Jimmy DeFoor, Veterans Service Office, will explain the burial benefits available to veterans and their families. Hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars in benefits go unclaimed each year. Learn how you can ensure that your family receives the benefits they are entitled to.



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