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- Haskell**
Vernon Tournament VG-B
Dec. 7-9

- Haskell 7th & 8th**
Haskell vs. Hawley
Mon., Dec. 11, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Here, Boys Here

- Haskell 9th Girls**
Haskell vs. Munday
Mon., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
at Munday

- JV-GB, V-GB vs. Eula**
Tues, Dec. 12, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

- Paint Creek at Roby Tourney**
Dec. 7-9

- Paint Creek vs. Highland**
Tues., Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.
at Highland

- Paint Creek JH at**
Rochester Tournament
Sat., Dec. 9

- Paint Creek JH vs. Rochester**
Mon., Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.
at Rochester

- Rule JV-B, VG-B at Jayton**
Fri., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.
at Jayton

- Rule JH-GB vs. Rochester**
Tournament
Sat., Dec. 9

- Rule JH-GB vs. Benjamin**
Mon., Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.
at Benjamin

Calendar

Bake sale

St. George's Catholic Church Folklorico Dance Group will have a bake sale Sat., Dec. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Wal-Mart in Stamford.

Elementary Open House

Haskell Elementary School will hold Open House Thurs., Dec. 14 from 5 to 6 p.m. School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 14 and at 12:05 on Fri., Dec. 15.

Christmas play

Haskell High School will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Mon., Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Christmas play

The Kindergarten through 6th grade choirs of First Baptist Church will present "The Plane Truth about Christmas" Sun., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

Art Club to meet

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a Christmas party. Members are to bring a dish, a gift to exchange and a toy for Goodfellows.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Dec. 8 at noon.

Santa letters

Santa letters for the Dec. 21 edition of the Haskell Free Press must be in the Free Press office by 5 p.m., Dec. 11. Letters may be dropped at the newspaper office or mailed to Santa Claus, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

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Garden Club plants daffodils in park

"Flowers on the Wild Horse Prairie," which began last year as a project of the Haskell Garden Club, got underway again this fall, with members of the club spending the last two Friday afternoons planting

more than 2,000 daffodil bulbs in various places in the city park. Together with the 860 bulbs the group planted there last fall, this means that early next spring, "a walk in the park" will take on a

whole new, colorful atmosphere. About twenty-three club members, plus several members of the Haskell Crooked River Master Gardeners group (who are working toward the 50 hours of volunteer

work required for their Master Gardener badges), have met at the park work site armed with shovels, trowels and lots of enthusiasm for the Garden Club's community beautification project.

Beginning first with the area around the park fountain and gazebo, last week they chose spots along the walking path as it circles along the creek bank.

Unlike last fall, when the club women found the hard, dry ground too much for them to manage without the help of park employees using post-hole diggers, with the help of recent fall rains, this year the soil was more cooperative. "I've even seen some worms working the soil this year," one of them said appreciatively.

The Garden Club received recognition and a \$100.00 grant for their worthwhile project from PETALS (Protect the Environment Through Action Learning and Service). PETALS is a broad-based community improvement and beautification incentive program co-sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and Shell Oil Company.

The grant, and their own matching funds, has made it possible for the club to go ahead with their project. Club president, Sue Hertel, said that through the generous discount given them by Lowes Home Center, they were able to purchase a greater number of bulbs and plant food at lower cost.

When the local club began the project to beautify the park with flowers, they considered several plants. The daffodil was chosen because of its low maintenance properties and for its lasting characteristics. With normal conditions of temperature and rain, the bulbs will multiply and the cycle can last for as long as fifty years.

With some help with favorable weather, the promise of "Flowers on the Wild Horse Prairie," which lies hidden in the bulbs, will become a reality and a living legacy for the community: a thoughtful gift from the Haskell Garden Club.



FLOWERS IN THE PARK—Members of the Haskell Garden Club, assisted by several Crooked River Master Gardener volunteers,

plant 2,000 daffodil bulbs in the city park along the walking path as part of the club's "Flowers on the Wildhorse Prairie" project.

Trophy whitetail taken at Krooked River Ranch

The eighteen point whitetail buck taken by James Koopman of Clayton, Oklahoma, in a Nov. 28 hunt at the Krooked River Ranch scored 177 3/8 Boone and Crockett trophy points. Average points for those taken at the Ranch are 120 to 130.

The rack on Koopman's kill was only 14 1/2 inches wide, but was thick with semi-palmated beams and lots of tine height.

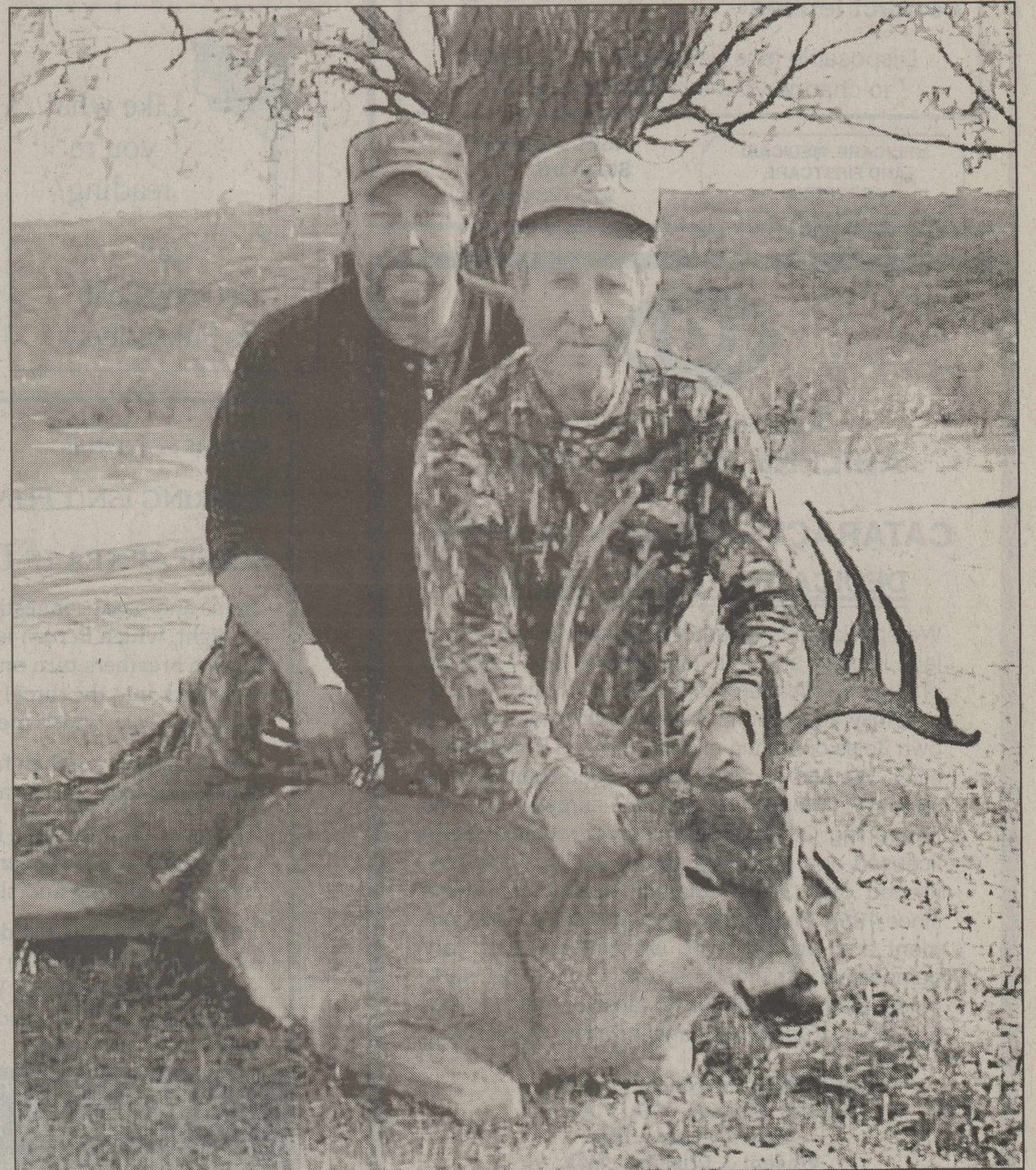
Koopman's guide for the hunt was Alex Collett, who said the whitetail is a product of fifteen years of intensive game management at the ranch, which is located about thirty-five miles southeast of Haskell. The gently rolling to rocky terrain has rough, broken clay soils running above the sandy river bottom, that produce a rich variety of mixed grasses for wildlife.

Krooked River Ranch Outfitters, Inc., in business for eleven years, manages over 100,000 acres of game-rich country. It is one of five hunting lodges operating 180,000

acres in 12 counties. Resident principal owners, Roy Don and Becky Wilson, operate Krooked River Ranch Outfitters, Inc. About fifteen longtime, seasoned professionals provide the guiding for the hunts.

Ranked as one of the top five trophy hunting ranches in the state, uniquely, Krooked River Ranch is the only outfitter awarded the Lone Star Stewardship status in Texas. The award is usually made to land owners. Lying in the heart of the quail capital of the Rolling Plains, the Ranch is the site of the annual youth oriented Bobwhite Brigade program.

On this sprawling, rugged ranch, where package hunts include those for whitetail deer, turkey, wild boar, bobwhite quail, dove, geese, ducks and predators, the special trophy whitetail antlered buck was killed within one mile of the Krooked River Ranch lodge, within only two hours after Koopman arrived at the ranch.



TROPHY KILL AT KROOKED RIVER RANCH—James Koopman of Clayton, Oklahoma, holds the 18 point whitetail he took Nov. 28. With him is hunting guide, Alex Collett.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows, sponsored by the Haskell Lions Club, are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 23 to those who have been selected to receive them. Donations of food, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept., and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

Dee and Ruth Larned	\$50.00
American Legion Auxiliary	\$50.00
Friendly Fellows Class, First United Methodist Church	\$50.00
Total to date	\$150.00

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Obituaries

Della Maudine Hargrove Frierson

Funeral services for Della Maudine Hargrove Frierson, 66, of Haskell were held Thurs., Nov. 30 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Frierson died Mon., Nov. 27 at a Houston hospital.

Born March 18, 1934 in Elbert, she was the daughter of J. C. and Ina Hargrove. She married Ervin Eugene Frierson Aug. 1, 1953. She worked as a bookkeeper at the District Clerk's office for many years. She was a Sunday School teacher and member of First Baptist Church.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Gaylon Hargrove and Carroll Hargrove.

Survivors include her husband, Ervin Frierson of Haskell; three daughters, Deanna Sullivan and husband, Mark, of Houston, Suzanne Naylor and husband, Forest, of Mansfield and Connie Brueggeman and husband, Danny, of Haskell; four sisters, Christine Armstrong of Seymour, Tommie Swilling of Green Castle, Indiana, Oleta Scruggs of Glen Rose, and Arvella Moore of Rule; two brothers, Vernon Hargrove of Crown Point, Indiana and Cecil Hargrove of Rio Vista. PD. NOTICE

Students to present "Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Haskell High School will celebrate the Yuletide season by presenting the production "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The

play was written by Barbara Robinson and will be directed by Angela Adkins, high school speech and drama teacher.

The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Haskell High School Auditorium. The play will be performed for the high school students Dec. 12 and for the junior high students Dec. 13.

The story is about a family of under privileged children, "the Herdmans," who discover the real meaning of Christmas and portray it in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

"I'm having a blast and I think everyone else is as well. It's nice to direct something with no competition, just something everyone can relax and have fun doing. I am very excited and look forward to Monday night," Adkins said.

The main characters include Jessica Rieger-mother; Kristi Christian-Beth; Drew Garrison-Charlie; Levi Terry-Ralph; Paige Hagadone-Imogene; and Amanda Perry-Alice.

Other cast members are Jimmy Huff-father; Zach Collins-Leroy; Katie Thompson-Molly; Kristin Cypert-Claudia; Jessica Miller-Gladys; Wendy Proctor-Mrs. Armstrong; Debbi Long-Mrs. Slocum; Jenny Goudeau-Mrs. Clark; Katy McDaniel-Mrs. McCarthy; Kristi Sorrells-Mrs. Clausing; Bergen Peiser-Maxine; Eric Sanchez-Elmer Hopkins; Leon Goudeau-Hobie; Zack Coker-David; Brittan Rutkowski-Beverly; Tanya Hernandez-Baby Angel Juanita; Lynzie Harlan-Angel Doris; Meagan Wallace-Baby Angel Shirley; and Dain Walker-Reverend Hopkins.

The Angel Choir includes Brittany Lindsey, Whitney Hise and Larissa Kloog. Baby Angels are Morgan Cox, Candice McFadden and Brittany Rutkowski.

Crew members include Dain Walker-assistant director; Tom Fouts-set crew; Jeff Blanks-light crew; Nikki Wallace and Dan Fouts-stage managers and Sheena Wolsch-make-up crew.



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Area Basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 44, Munday 35
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 15, 12, 11, 6. Munday 7, 9, 8, 11.
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 12, Phemister 12, T. Lindsey 12, Thompson 4, Buerger 4.
JV Score - Haskell 22, Munday 18.

Haskell 53, Rotan 34
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 16, 17, 14, 6. Rotan 8, 8, 8, 10.
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 14, Bird 12, T. Lindsey 8, Buerger 6, Phemister 5, Thompson 4, Price 3, B. Lindsey 1.

Haskell 40, Stamford 22
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 8, 10, 14, 8. Stamford 10, 6, 2, 4.
Scoring for Haskell: T. Lindsey 10, Thompson 8, Wallace 6, Buerger 6, Bird 4, Price 4, Phemister 2.

Haskell 37, Munday 22
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 5, 10, 11, 11. Munday 5, 4, 3, 10.
Scoring for Haskell: Thompson 10, Wallace 7, T. Lindsey 6, Bird 5, Buerger 5, Phemister 3, Price 1.

Haskell JV 32, Seymour JV 27
Scoring by quarters: Haskell JV 11, 9, 9, 3. Seymour JV 4, 7, 4, 12.

Scoring for Haskell JV: Gonzales 16, Bird 9, Wallace 3, Thomas 2, Kennedy 2.

Haskell JV 26, Munday JV 19
Third Place
Scoring by quarters: Haskell JV 6, 10, 5, 5. Munday JV 4, 5, 3, 7.
Scoring for Haskell JV: Bird 17, Wallace 6, Thomas 2, Gonzales 1.

Paint Creek 56, Moran 28
Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 14, 14, 12, 16. Moran 2, 7, 8, 11.
Scoring for Paint Creek: Hearn 24, Lopez 8, Brzozowski 7, Duniven 6, Walton 4, Gonzales 3, Isbell 2, Schonerstedt 2.

Paint Creek 44, Rochester 28
Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 16, 16, 10, 2. Rochester 6, 4, 10, 8.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Hearn 15, Isbell 11, Hope 4, Lopez 3, Brzozowski 3, Duniven 2, Gonzales 2.

Scoring for Rochester: A. Stoddard 12, Byrd 6, Garcia 4, Martinez 4, Adkins 2.

Paint Creek 45, Haskell JV 37
Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 12, 12, 13, 8. Haskell JV 2, 8, 13, 14.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Hearn 14, Isbell 10, Brzozowski 9, Hope 6, Lopez 5, Gonzales 1.

Scoring for Haskell JV: Gonzales 12, Harlan 10, Grand 7, Wallace 4, Steele 2.

Crowell 50, Paint Creek 34
Girls Championship
Scoring by quarters: Crowell 8, 12, 17, 13. Paint Creek 8, 15, 5, 6.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Hearn 11, Brzozowski 10, Isbell 5, Lopez 4, Hope 2, Walton 2.

Making the all-tournament team in the Goree Invitational are: Consuelo Gonzales, Haskell;

Mandy Hearn, Paint Creek; and Maggie Brozowski, Paint Creek.

Jayton 45, Rule 41
Scoring by quarters: Jayton 13, 5, 10, 17. Rule 8, 6, 16, 11.
Scoring for Rule: Lisle 19, McDuff 9, Lehmann 7, Marcus 5, Brown 1.

Rule 27, Lueders-Avoca 22
Scoring by quarters: Rule 9, 10, 6, 2. Lueders-Avoca 8, 2, 5, 7.
Scoring for Rule: McDuff 10, Lehmann 8, Lisle 5, Davis 2, Hertel 2.

Baird 60, Rule 41
Scoring by quarters: Baird 22, 13, 15, 10. Rule 14, 15, 6, 6.
Scoring for Rule: Lisle 17, Lehmann 13, McDuff 5, Brown 4, Dudensing 2.

Rule 56, Gordon 48
Girls 3rd place
Scoring by quarters: Rule 17, 12, 13, 14. Gordon 6, 11, 6, 15.
Scoring for Rule: Lehmann 22, Lisle 12, McDuff 9, Brown 8, Dudensing 2, Marquis 2, Hertel 1.
Tara Lisle of Rule made all-tournament in the Woodson Invitational Tournament.

Patton Springs 56, Rochester 45
Scoring by quarters: Patton Springs 15, 11, 14, 16. Rochester 5, 12, 7, 21.
Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 17, Stoddard 8, Martinez 7, Byrd 6, Turner 4, Adkins 3.

Seymour JV 52, Rochester 36
Scoring by quarters: Seymour JV 15, 10, 12, 15. Rochester 8, 10, 11, 7.

Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 11, A. Stoddard 10, Adkins 4, Turner 4, Byrd 3, Penman 2.

Boys
Haskell 43, Munday 25
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 12, 14, 11, 6. Munday 5, 4, 9, 7.
Scoring for Haskell: Goudeau 10, Hunt 8, Lindsey 8, Loyd 6, C. McGuire 6, Garcia 3, Palacios 2.
JV Score - Haskell 51, Munday 24.

Haskell 43, Stamford 27
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 15, 6, 13, 9. Stamford 7, 12, 4, 4.
Scoring for Haskell: Goudeau 11, C. McGuire 8, Palacios 5, Z. McGuire 5, Webb 4, Loyd 4, Lindsey 4, Garcia 2.

Haskell 36, Knox City 26
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 9, 8, 12, 7. Knox City 8, 4, 12, 2.
Scoring for Haskell: Goudeau 10, Hunt 8, Z. McGuire 8, C. McGuire 4, Webb 2, Loyd 2, Lindsey 2.

Munday 41, Haskell 24
Championship
Scoring by quarters: Munday 7, 13, 9, 12. Haskell 2, 4, 4, 14.
Scoring for Haskell: Z. McGuire 10, Loyd 4, Garcia 3, Goudeau 3, Hunt 2, C. McGuire 2.

Guthrie 47, Haskell JV 37
Scoring by quarters: Guthrie 9, 11, 9, 18. Haskell JV 14, 10, 7, 6.
Scoring for Haskell JV: Seelke 12, Collins 11, Sanchez 6, Cothron 4, Pena 4.

Haskell JV 50, Paint Creek 36

Scoring by quarters: Haskell JV 14, 13, 9, 14. Paint Creek 7, 13, 6, 8.

Scoring for Haskell JV: Sanchez 19, Trevino 12, Seelke 6, Pena 6, Cothron 5, Tribbey 2.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Hise 17, E. Hobbs 8, Duniven 4, Smith 2, Hope 2, Sagerser 2, Medford 1.

Haskell JV 50, Knox City JV 45

Consolation
Scoring by quarters: Haskell JV 11, 18, 9, 11. Knox City JV 9, 21, 8, 7.

Scoring for Haskell JV: Sanchez 18, Seelke 10, Collins 9, Trevino 6, Cothron 5, Tribbey 2.

Eric Sanchez of Haskell made all-tournament at the Goree Invitational.

Jayton 95, Rule 35

Scoring by quarters: Jayton 29, 27, 18, 21. Rule 8, 9, 4, 14.

Scoring for Rule: Coker 11, Murray 6, Truelsen 6, Flores 5, Faulkner 4, Hensley 3.

Lueders-Avoca 52, Rule 27

Scoring by quarters: Lueders-Avoca 13, 13, 12, 14. Rule 3, 11, 6, 7.

Scoring for Rule: Faulkner 10, Hensley 5, Truelsen 5, Flores 4, Murray 3.

Albany 45, Rule 31
Scoring by quarters: Albany 11, 18, 12, 4. Rule 8, 1, 6, 16.
Scoring for Rule: Faulkner 12, Coker 8, Hensley 4, Flores 4, Murray 3.

Patton Springs 57, Rochester 46
Scoring by quarters: Patton Springs 11, 19, 14, 13. Rochester 10, 13, 13, 10.

Scoring for Rochester: J. Taylor 17, McGhee 9, Strickland 7, Hastey 6, Baker 4, C. Taylor 2, Hearn 1.

Rochester 52, Paint Creek 32

Scoring by quarters: Rochester 10, 13, 12, 17. Paint Creek 15, 3, 0, 14.

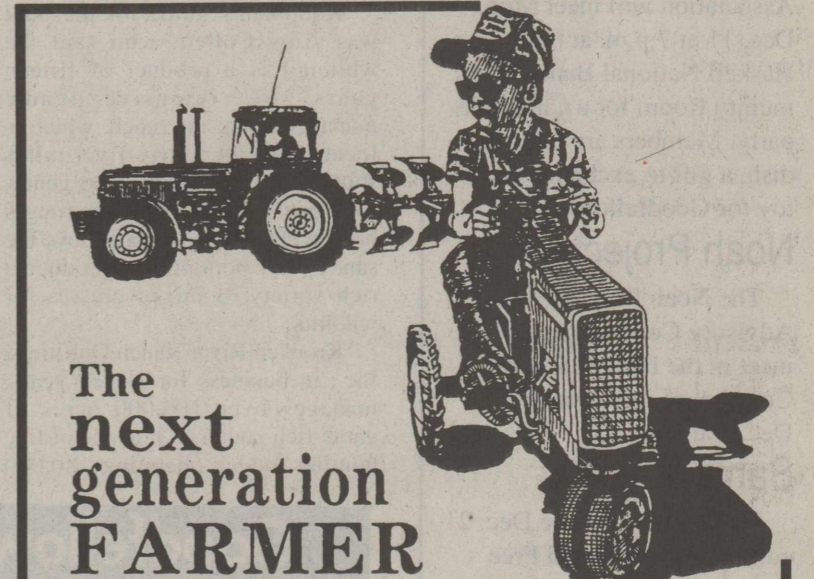
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 16, Taylor 14, Hastey 8, Strickland 5, Hearn 4, Hernandez 3, Garcia 2.
Scoring for Paint Creek: E. Hobbs 7, C. Hobbs 4, Sagerser 4, Dunivan 4, Medford 3, Hope 2.

Rochester 29, Guthrie 27
Scoring by quarters: Rochester 4, 5, 12, 8. Guthrie 6, 4, 2, 13.
Scoring for Rochester: Sanchez 10, Hastey 7, McGhee 7, Taylor 3, Hearn 2.

Crowell 66, Rochester 41
Championship
Scoring by quarters: Crowell 24, 8, 16, 19. Rochester 5, 11, 9, 16.

Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 11, Sanchez 11, Hastey 6, Strickland 4, J. Taylor 4, Hearn 2, Hernandez 2, Baker 1.

Making the all-tournament team in the Goree Invitational Tournament are Edward Sanchez and Dewayne McGhee, both of Rochester.



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SHERIFF HONORED—Longtime Haskell County Sheriff, Johnny Mills, is presented an award by DPS Trooper, Mike Haley, during Mills' retirement party hosted by employees of the Sheriff's Department.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Greater Independent Baptist Church is blessed with a new pastor, Rev. Samuel Blackwell of Anson. He will be moving to Haskell after the first of the year.

Greater Independent Baptist Church was in Anson at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church for Community Brotherhood. Other churches attending were Rule, Munday, Snyder and Aspermont.

Greater Independent Baptist Church was in Munday Sunday evening for West Buelah 78th church anniversary.

Recently visiting with Mae Lou Yeldell was her daughter Edith Williams and husband Ronny and baby Ebone' from Arlington. They spent Thanksgiving holidays in Haskell and visited other relatives.

Lillian Myers was honored on her 80th birthday by her children at her daughter's house at The Anchor. Present was her daughter Ilene and Robert Mansker of Lubbock, Carl Wayne and Myra Myers of Haskell and Danny and Donna Myers of Green's Camp.

Attending were nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great grandchild. Also attending were Lillian's aunt, Mrs. M. M. Hearn from Rice Springs. Mrs. Hearn is better known as Mama Hearn to everyone. She will be 103 Feb. 20. Also her sons and wives from Rochester, Herman and Betty Hearn, Dalton and Loueta, Arlis Hearn, Terri Stuart and granddaughter attended. Stuart is a care giver and friend of Lillian's.



MR. AND MRS. CLOIS THOMAS

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Clois and Donna Thomas of Haskell were honored with a card shower and a luncheon by their children and grandchildren in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary the week of Nov. 25.

They were married Nov. 25, 1950 and have been lifelong residents of Haskell. They have

three children and seven grandchildren.

In attendance were Diane, Roy, Eric and Cole Pittman and Shelly Holloway, all of Lubbock; Teresa, Paul, Amy and Andy Hudspeth; Gary, Reda, Jillian, Eden and Micah Thomas; and John and Maple Thomas, all of Haskell.

Sanders family holds get-together

Forty family members of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, met at the First National Bank Building in Haskell Dec. 2-3 for their Thanksgiving and Christmas Get Together. Three visitors were present: Lona Mae, Phelps, of Haskell and her family has hosted this reunion since 1988.

Present were Travis, Wilma and Texas Marie Sanders of Coleman; Darwin and Ethel Slade of Eagar, Ariz.; Andy and Marlene Sanders, Rickey and Netha Carrouth of Cross Plains; John Hardman of Atex, N. C.; Martha, Loretta, Denise and William Mark Maupin of Odessa; B. D. and Marie Kirkland, Jr. of Ft. Worth; Walter and Sue Cox of Naples; Brenda,

Austin and Sallie Sartain of Ore City; Walter Lindsey, Christie, Kade and Drew Cox of Omaha; Jacky, Sandra, Jaclyn and Rex Sanders and his girl friend of Aledo; Rocky and Marsha Sanders and their grandson of Abilene; the hostesses, Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell and two of Kendall's friends Nate Webb and Brandon McCluthey, Walter Cox's mother, Julia Cox, all of Haskell.

Kids' Crusade set Dec. 18-21

The First Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E of Haskell, will present a Kids' Crusade Dec. 18-21. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bible stories, puppets, singing and lessons about animals will be featured. Prizes will be given to every child in each service. Age

levels targeted are four to twelve years of age. Children should arrive at 6:30 p.m. for registration.

Evangelist G. Wayne Kirk and his wife, Pat, from Plano, will conduct the program using a farm theme. Rev. and Mrs. Kirk have traveled throughout the United States for the past nineteen years conducting revivals and kids crusades. A former businessman, Rev. Kirk pastored churches in North Texas for several years before launching a ministry of evangelism and kids' crusades. Rev. Kirk will preach in the Sunday services, Dec. 17. Mrs. Kirk will tell a children's story prior to the preaching in the evening service.

For more information contact Pastor J. C. Amburn at 940-864-8097. Amburn states that all children are welcome and parents are invited to accompany their children to the meetings.

Toy drive

To aid the Haskell County Child Welfare organization in bringing a brighter Christmas to families during the holiday season, the Rule 4-H chapter is having a toy drive.

Anyone wishing to donate a new toy or clothing is asked to send it by their child to the school by Dec. 15.

Two boxes for leaving the toys are located at the school and one at the post office.

No set purchase price has been placed on the toys donated. All toys will be appreciated. The 4-H does ask that no toy weapons be given. They suggest that appropriate gifts for older students might include games, personal items, photo albums, or wallets and billfolds.

Each gift will be wrapped by members of the 4-H and the gifts will be delivered to the Child Welfare Board the week before Christmas.

Anyone wishing to make a cash donation to the Child Welfare Fund should see Leslie Kupatt, Martha Wolsch or Renee Dudensing. The Child Welfare organization also helps provide children with clothing, school supplies, medicines and other needed items.

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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—An important election challenged over a technicality of the law. The matter goes to the Supreme Court while political futures hang in the balance in the capital city of Texas. Someone from Florida is causing problems. Austin in November 2000? No, Austin in 1874.

The contested Nov. 7 presidential election, in which Democrat Al Gore garnered the most popular ballots while Republican George W. Bush apparently collected the most ballots in the Electoral College, has left Austin in political limbo.

It has been 126 years since any other election polarized — and paralyzed — Austin to such an extent.

On Dec. 2, 1873, Democratic challenger Richard Coke defeated the Republican incumbent Gov. E.J. Davis, by a two to one margin. Recount? No matter the vote totals, the matter was nearly decided with guns.

Davis, first elected in 1869, had been an officer in the Union army during the Civil War. His 1873 opponent had served on the Confederate side.

A native Floridian, Davis had not been a popular governor. There had been talk of impeachment.

When the election results finally came in, most Texans thought they were rid of Davis. But on Jan. 5, 1874, in a decision styled Ex Parte Rodriguez, the Texas Supreme Court held the election to be unconstitutional.

At issue was this language in the state's election law: "All elections ... shall be held at the county seats of the several counties until otherwise provided by law; and the polls shall be open for four

days."

The fight was over the meaning of the semi-colon after the word "law."

Based on this decision, which most historians believed was reached on the basis of partisan politics, not a reasoned interpretation of the law, Davis declared he would not vacate the governor's office.

Coke, in turn, said he would not be denied the governorship, no matter the findings of the pro-Davis Supreme Court.

For two weeks, from Jan. 5 to Jan. 19, Austin verged on civil insurrection. The Capitol became an armed camp as two different sets of party partisans, legislators and other elected officials tried to keep or gain control of the building.

A war could have started on Jan. 16, when a pro-Coke party forced open the state arsenal and removed rifles and ammunition. Fortunately, Coke ordered the men to return the weapons.

Davis, meanwhile, had appealed to Republican President U.S. Grant for help. The president recommended that Davis "yield to the verdict of the people."

When the president turned down a second request for federal troops, Davis reluctantly decided to step down.

Despite all the tension, the only shooting that resulted from the incident was a 102-gun salute fired on the Capitol grounds after Coke's inauguration.

The lesson for Texas during the waning days of the year 2000? Painful as the presidential election process has been this year, at least the only confrontations have been between the spin meisters, the lawyers and the courts.

As the year 2000 slowly runs out of calendar pages, at least one thing is certain: The 77th session of the Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 9.

As of late in November, more than 400 bills have been prefiled. Lawmakers have until March 9 for filing bills or joint resolutions that are not local or not considered an emergency.

In Austin, despite the political uncertainty brought about by the contested national election, lobbyists and interest groups are poring over bills as if they were Christmas shopping lists.



J.P. Doodles

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 6, 1990

Dale Middlebrook of Paint Creek exhibited the grand champion pecans in the annual Haskell County Pecan Show.

Frances Fischer was grand champion adult exhibitor and Kayla Allison of Rule was the grand champion youth exhibitor in the annual Haskell County Pecan Bake Show.

Becky Cline was named sweetheart of the 1990 Haskell Indian football team.

Allison Pike, a Rule Junior High student, won first place in calculator and first in number sense in a math/science tournament in Shallowater.

20 Years Ago December 4, 1980

Holli High won first place in the Junior division main dish category and Stephanie Browning won first place in the Junior division side dish category at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show in Wichita Falls. Both girls are from Haskell.

University of Texas Dental Branch senior, Ed Harris, has been elected 1st vice president of the American Student Dental

Association by delegates from all 60 U. S. Dental Schools, meeting in their 10th Annual Session in Chicago. Harris graduated from Haskell High School in 1971.

30 Years Ago December 3, 1970

The Haskell Indians won Regional by defeating the Ozona Lions 17-15.

Dr. William J. Kemp of Haskell has been elected a trustee of the Texas Tech Dad's Association for 1970-72.

Cecil Ray Davis of Weinert is among 26 students from McMurry College named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis of Weinert are his parents.

40 Years Ago December 3, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Ray have returned home from a trip to Miami Beach, Florida where they attended the Lee Gotcher Square Dance Institute.

Dorinda Kretschler of Haskell has joined Phi Beta Lambda, an undergraduate fraternity for students who are majoring in business administration at North Texas State College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas, Jr.

both killed deer on a lease near Menard.

Tommy Hester, a top-ranking junior high school student, was guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club.

50 Years Ago December 7, 1950

The Sagerton Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Glynn Quade.

Members of Haskell Lodge No. 525 I.O.O.F. and the Rebekah Lodge will hold open house Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10 in their new lodge hall on the north side of the square.

Because of the severe cold weather and accompanying snow, the Sky Vue drive-in theatre will be closed until Sunday.

90 Years Ago December 3, 1910

Misses Lucille and Anlida Hughes left Friday morning for Benjamin to attend a house party at the Moore's ranch. They will return to Haskell after the Christmas holidays.

C. M. Hunt and Company have moved their dry goods store from the east side to the Odd Fellows building on the north side recently occupied by Dellis Bros.

Master Marketers sought by Extension Service

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is looking for a few good marketers who want to refine their marketing skills to a finer edge and assist their local neighbors to do the same. The Master Marketer Program is a national, award winning, in-depth, intensive risk management education program. The sessions teach participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk and help teach skills and discipline necessary to execute a marketing plan. The 64 hour curriculum is offered as

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The instructors are top professionals from industries and universities around the nation. A wide range of topics are covered to enhance marketing/risk management skills. Case study examples are simulated exercises used extensively to provide participants with experience using the actual tools that are available to their own farm and ranch operations once they complete the

course. Emphasis for the Abilene program will be placed on cotton, wheat and cattle enterprises.

Results of a two post survey from the 1998 Vernon participants suggest that the tools and strategies learned during the program allowed producers to increase their gross incomes approximately 8 percent (or over \$32,000) on average, annually.

Statewide demand for the program continues to grow. This winter it will be held in Abilene at the Taylor County Extension Service facility. The first two-day session will begin January 17-18. A commitment to work with your county agent to try to start a

marketing program in your area is necessary. Most of the actual cost of the program is covered by grants from sponsors including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and Cotton Incorporated. Participation will be limited to approximately 50 participants region-wide due to space limitations.

Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can contact Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag. at (940) 864-2658 or call Jason Johnson at (915) 653-4576. The registration deadline is January 5.

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Alzheimer's, aging and vitamin E

In the 1970's, some people hailed vitamin E as a veritable fountain of youth. Based on a limited amount of research that identified the vitamin's antioxidant qualities, vitamin E was thought to delay all sorts of syndromes associated with aging. But it really gained attention when a few studies suggested it could enhance sexual performance in older men. Of course, that was all it took for the vitamin to reach mythical proportions among the "health nut" crowd (yes, back in the 70s people who were health-conscious were considered to be nuts), and jokes about vitamin E became rampant.

Needless to say, the sexiness of vitamin E hasn't held up to further scientific scrutiny, but some scientists have continued investigating the vitamin's possible role in a number of age-related diseases, especially Alzheimer's disease. The idea that oxidative damage plays a role in the death of brain cells in Alzheimer's disease is no longer disputed, even though the exact role of this damage has yet to be elucidated. One theory is that, over time, healthy brain cells get so beaten up by prolonged exposure to oxidative stress that at some point a switch gets thrown, signaling the cells to self-destruct.

Oxidative damage is the destruction caused by free radicals, the highly unstable molecules that damage cells and tissues throughout our bodies as we age. Free radicals are a natural byproduct of the body's metabolism of oxygen, and they cause wear and tear at the molecular level. It is not known whether the damage caused by these disruptive molecules is what

actually kills brain cells in Alzheimer's disease, but some scientists think that antioxidant nutrients like beta carotene and vitamin E and C may protect the cells from the steady erosion of aging in general and from Alzheimer's disease in particular.

Antioxidants should not be confused with the concept of agents that are "anti-oxygen." Nothing is more important to the human body than oxygen; in order to live, the body requires a constant influx of it at every level. Oxygen is also indispensable to our ability to think, feel and be conscious. At the same time the brain must metabolize a heavy influx of oxygen molecules, metabolize them and eliminate their byproducts, the free radicals. And since the brain uses so much oxygen, it also ends up with a lot of free radical waste. Vitamin E and other antioxidants "digest" free radicals, thereby clearing the cells and tissue of damaging, rogue molecules.

Many questions remain about vitamin E, aging and Alzheimer's disease. For instance would taking vitamin E through one's life prevent or delay the disease even more? How much vitamin E is safe? Now that we have glimpsed some of the benefits of antioxidants, scientists are striving to design really powerful antioxidants in drug form. What will be the effect on aging and age related diseases if they succeed? The good news for today's generations is may actually live long enough to find out. In the meantime, we have all the more reason to eat our vegetables.

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Haskell Co-op Gin	124
Haskell County Gin	236
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O'Brien Gin	1,005
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	502
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Rule Co-op Gin	344
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Griff's Gin	290
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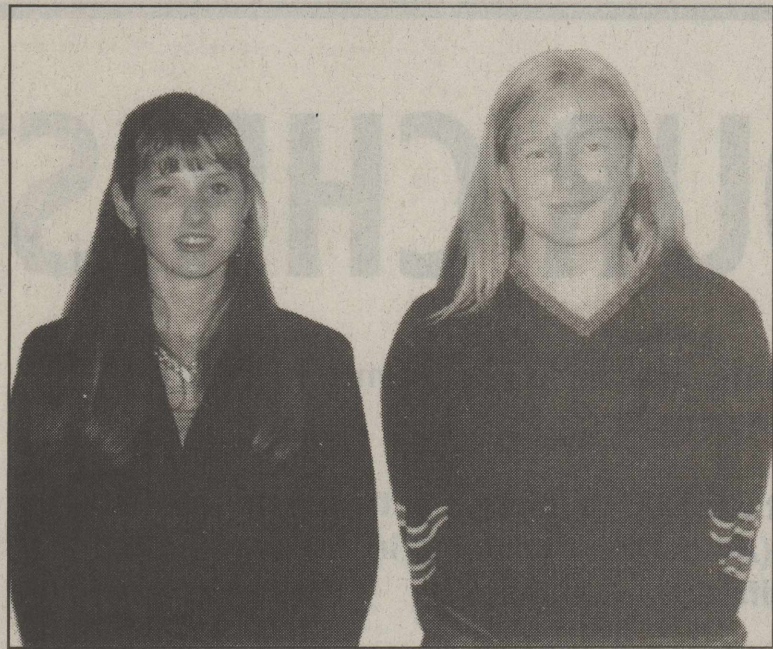
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Dreaming of a White Christmas?

Although the chances are slim to none for waking up anywhere in Texas on Christmas morning with at least an inch of snow on the ground, a few Texas cities can keep a white Christmas on their wish list.

Texas cities' probabilities for a white Christmas this year:	
Abilene	3%
Amarillo	7%
Austin	0%
Dallas	0%
El Paso	0%
Galveston	0%
Houston	0%
Lubbock	3%
Wichita Falls	3%

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and the National Climatic Data Center.



4-H FOOD SHOW WINNERS—Tabitha Coker, left, won 2nd place and Abby Dudensing won 1st place in the Haskell County Senior Age Division. Not pictured is Derrick Tribbey, who took 3rd place.

Food Show results

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent - FCS
The annual Haskell County 4-H Food Show was hosted recently by the Rule 4-H club at the Rule schools. Twenty-eight youth cooks displayed their prize recipes. During interviews with out-of-town judges, these 4-H members demonstrated the knowledge they had learned as a result of their involvement in a 4-H food and nutrition project.

First, second and third place awards, furnished by the Haskell County Extension Education Association, were presented to the top three placing entries in each food category.

Junior Division (ages 8-11)

Main Dish Category: 1. Meredith Harvey, Haskell; 2. Kelsie Miller, Rule; 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell; 4. Mykel McGhee, Rochester; 5. Gay Lynn Gary, Haskell.

Fruit & Vegetable Category: 1. Andrea Anderson, Haskell.

Bread & Cereal Category: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 2. Laura Bowers, Haskell; 3. Molly Dudensing, Rule; 4. Amy Hamilton, Rochester; 5. Ashley Foster, Haskell.

Nutritious Snacks Category: 1. Teddie Sue Harris, Rochester.

Desserts Category: 1. Stephanie Grand, Haskell; 2. Candace Bristler, Haskell; 3. Brittany Barnett, Rule; 4. Cassidy Cooper, Rule; 5. Shayla Felty, Haskell.

Each of the five first place winners in the Junior Division advanced to the District competition held in Wichita Falls Nov. 18. Stephanie Grand was announced as First Place winner out of approximately 20 entries in her category at the District Food Show. The other Juniors competing in the District 4-H Food Show received a participant's ribbon.

Intermediate Division (ages 12 & 13)

Main Dish Category: 1. Emery Dudensing, Rule; 2. Kerri Newton, Haskell; 3. Erin Hise, Haskell.

Fruit & Vegetable Category: 1. Matthew Bowers; 2. Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell.

Bread & Cereal Category: 1. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell; 2. MacKenzie Miller, Rule.

Desserts: 1. Maggie Teague, Haskell.

Matthew Bowers and Caleb Hudgens both were named second place winners in their respective

categories at the District 4-H Food show. Maggie Teague and Emery Dudensing placed third at the District competition with Emery receiving a second place Beef Award sponsored by the Santa Rosa and Wichita Falls Area Cattle Women.

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

Since there was no competition in each of the Senior Division categories, the Seniors were all judged together on the County level. First place honors went to Abby Dudensing, Rule; second to Tabitha Coker, Haskell; and third to Derrick Tribbey, Haskell.

All three Seniors automatically qualified for the District competition. Derrick Tribbey received a fifth place award in the Nutritious Snacks Category and Abby Dudensing received a third place Beef Award for her entry in the Main Dish Category. Tabitha Coker was not able to participate in the District event.

Volunteer Leaders

Fourteen 4-H volunteer food and nutrition project leaders were recognized for various leadership roles related to the county's 4-H food and nutrition project activities. The adult leaders recognized were Debbie Bristler, Valiene Bullinger, Fonda Newton, Tammy Parham and Lynette Tribbey, all of Haskell; Susan Cockerell of Rochester; and Ann Brumley and Renee Dudensing, both of Rule.

Courtney Buerger, Tabitha Coker, Derrick Tribbey and Robbyn Tribbey, all of Haskell and Abby Dudensing and Emery Dudensing, both of Rule, were recognized as Junior 4-H leaders.

Renee Dudensing and Reid Penman served as judges for the District Food Show. Tammy Parham and Donita Hudgens helped with the Junior Main Dish Category during the course of the District event.

Rule 4-H Club members helping during the County 4-H Food Show included Kinsy Brown, Tully Brown, Andrew Hertel, M'Lynn Lehrmann, Ashley Lisle, Morgan Lisle, Tara Lisle, Jacob Manske and Zeb Petty.

Youth ages 8 and in the third grade through age 18 who are interested in joining 4-H and becoming involved in a food and nutrition project should contact the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell. The phone numbers are (940) 864-2546 or 864-2658.

City and County choose jail provider

The City and County of Haskell are setting a precedent for other small Texas communities to provide a viable means for growth and stability within the community with their joint venture in the County Regional Adult Correctional Center.

Last week the City of Haskell and the Commissioner's Court moved forward on their joint venture agreement for the construction, maintenance, management and funding of the facility.

Bonds have now been sold in the amount of \$4,695,000 for partial financing. Certificates of Obligation are to be sold for further financing.

If there are no objections after public hearings on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, 113.35 acres of land are to be annexed into the city. There are no houses or voters on the property. City manager, Sam Watson, is preparing a service plan for water and sewage which is to be submitted in mid January.

Basically, the County will be in control of the Regional Correctional Center facility because of their authority through the County Sheriff's Office. However, any expenditures over the amount of \$5,000 will have to be approved by both entities. Expenses will be split in proportion to the amount of debt, with the County bearing a slightly larger portion of the debt. Half of the profits will go into a

pool which will accumulate to pay future payments. The other half will be split proportionally between the two entities.

The Management Training Corporation will be given a three year contract, subject to any change in managing the prison, agreed to by both the city and county. The Management Training Corporation will do a turn-key operation including the hiring and running of the prison. The cost of incarcerating a prisoner will be \$30.45 per day. This amount includes all costs such as insurance, medical care, etc. There will be no additional cost to the city and county.

At the City Council meeting, Mayor Ken Lane, expressed excitement about a proposal for an interconnecting pipeline which would carry water from Haskell to Stamford. This would be used only in the case of an emergency and would be funded with disaster relief funds from the federal government.

Lane said that just as the entire nation is interconnected with electricity, it may someday be connected with the ability to move water. The particular pipeline under discussion would permit water to move from Monday all the way to Stamford, with the Seymour aquifer as its source. However, he said the pipeline will work in both directions. Should more water be available elsewhere along the line, it would provide further security.

Rule holiday activities

A weekend of holiday activities started the Christmas season off to being a light, bright, festive time for the Rule community.

Sat., Dec. 2, the Christmas Children's Parade, sponsored by the Rule Chamber of Commerce, drew seventeen entries for prizes furnished by the Chamber.

First place went to Braden Tanner, second place to Ryan Pace and third place went to the Miller Bunch, consisting of Kelsie Miller, Brittany Barnett, Lacy Stephens, Chloe Baty and Rosie the deer dog.

Sunday night, Dec. 3, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club of Rule sponsored the annual Christmas celebration in the park. Refreshments were furnished in the Lions Club building, and during a visit from Santa Claus, gift packages of candy were given to all children present.

Following Santa's visit, a live nativity scene was presented. The scene was put together by Larry Lafevre. Several local people served as actors.

To end the evening's activities, the Christmas lights in the park were turned on for all to enjoy.

Groom loses to Highland

Bringing an end to the perfect season of Coach Larry Reid's Groom High School Six-Man football team, the Tigers lost 34 to 6 in the quarter-final game with the first-ranked Highland Hornets.

The half-time score in the game played in Slaton was 20-6, with Highland scoring twice more in the fourth quarter.

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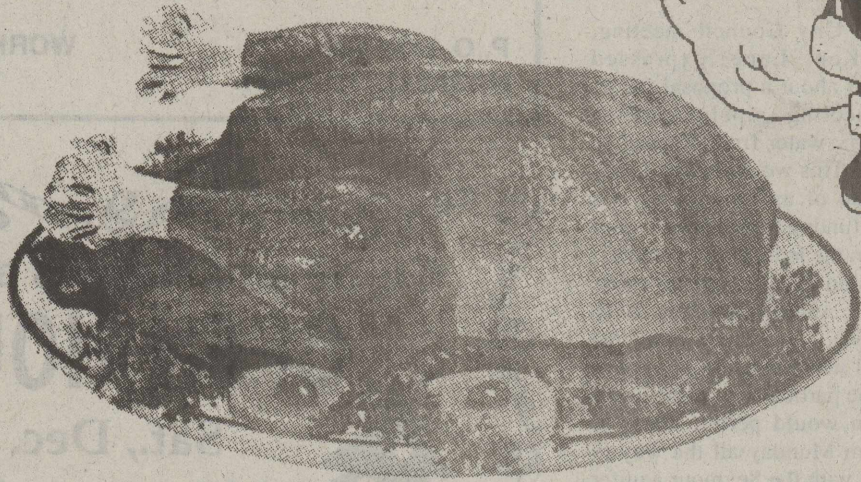
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10	11 BB Hawley G&B Here 4:30 BB Munday 9G There 7:30	12 BB Eula JVG-B, VG-B Here 4:00 Christmas play at Elementary	13	14 7th Grade Career Breakfast Faculty Christmas Party Elem. Open House 5-6 p.m.	15 BB Rotan There 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B	16 Haskell JV Tournament
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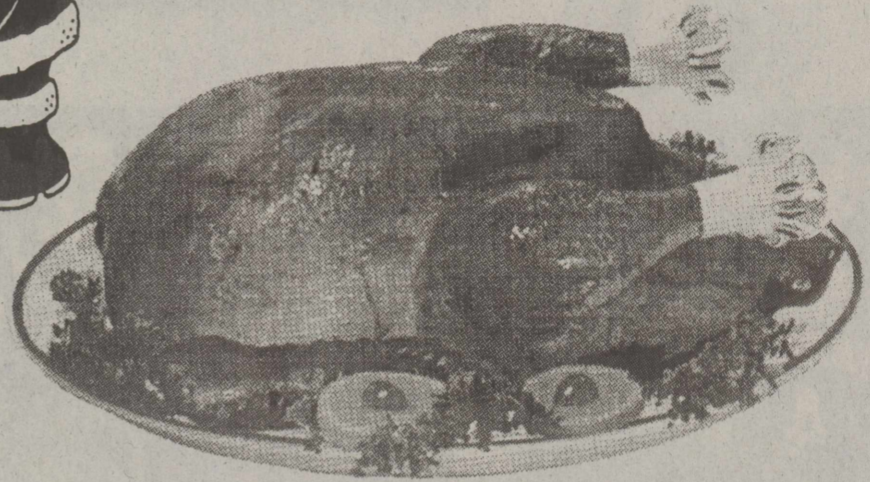
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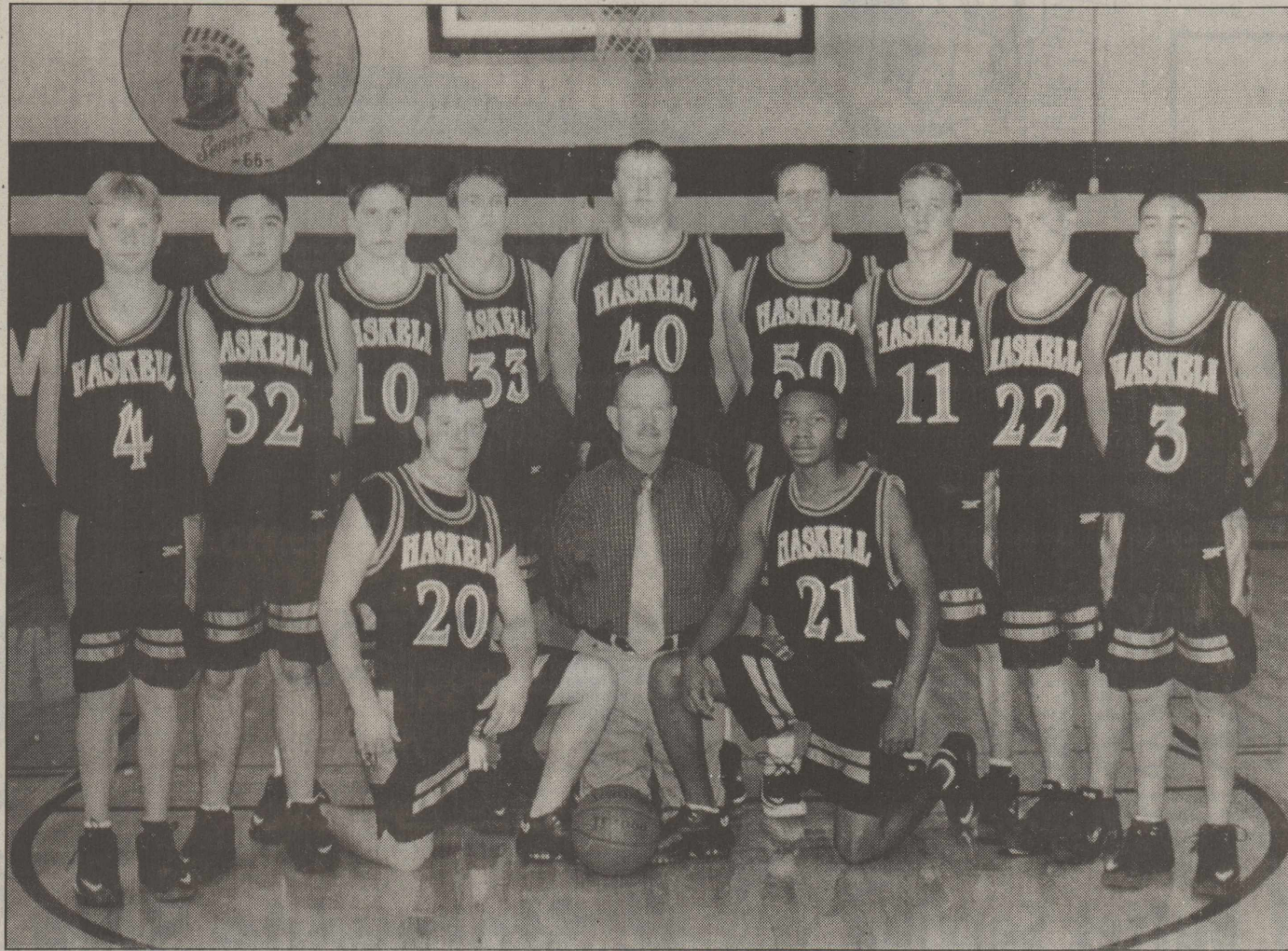
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More food show winners



FOOD SHOW WINNERS—Winning in the 4-H Food Show Junior Main Dish and Fruit and Vegetable Categories were: l-r, Gay Lynn Gary, Andrea Anderson, Kelsie Miller, Meredith Harvey, Lauren Newton and Mykel McGhee.



4-H FOOD SHOW WINNERS—Winners in the Junior Bread and Cereal and the Junior Nutritious Snacks Divisions were: l-r, Molly Dudensing, Laura Bowers, Brooke Bullinger, Ashley Foster, Amy Hamilton and Teddye Sue Harris.



INTERMEDIATE GROUP WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H Food Show winners in the Intermediate Division, were: l-r, Caleb Hudgens, Erin Hise, Maggie Teague, Robbyn Tribbey, Kerri Newton, Matthew Bowers, MacKenzie Miller and Emery Dudensing.



JUNIOR DESSERTS WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H'ers winning in the Food Show at Rule were: Candace Brister, Shayla Felty, Stephanie Grand, Cassidy Cooper and Brittany Barnett.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,588 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cows \$1 to \$2 lower; pairs and bred cows higher. Feeder cattle and calves lower.

Jersey, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, and goons \$5-\$30 per 100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .35-.38; cutters, .32-.38; canners, .25-.31.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.50; feeder, .72-.78; utility, .42-.44.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1, 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .88-.98; 600-700 lbs., .85-.94; 700-800 lbs., .80-.87; 800-up lbs., .72-.85.

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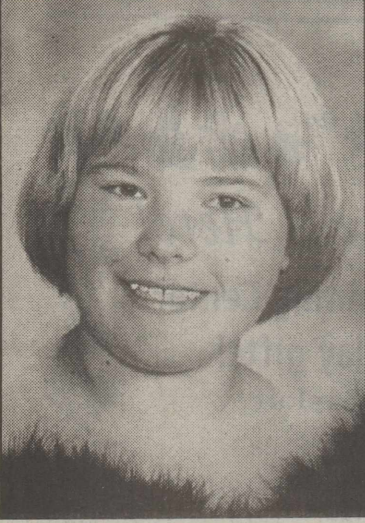
Trisha Horan is the daughter of Patricia Horan.

She attends Weinert First Baptist Church.

Interested in journalism, she is a reporter for the War Whoop. Her school activities also include being

in the band and serving as library aide.

In her Freshman year she received the Band Director's Choice award, and in her Junior year she received the President's Award for Excellence.



TRISHA HORAN



DESHEA PHEMISTER

Horan likes to play sports with friends, watch Monday Night Football, talk on the phone and help her family.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Midwestern State University and later work as a psychologist somewhere in Texas, near to family and friends

Deshea Plemister is the daughter of Carl and Lisa Milburn. She serves as treasurer of the National Honor Society, president of the Student Council, Rotary Chairman and plays basketball.

She was voted Miss Haskell High School, and the Senior Class Most Likely to Succeed.

Spending time with her family and listening to music are her favorite pastimes.

After high school she plans to attend either Hardin-Simmons University or Howard Payne University, perhaps majoring in Christian Studies.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Dec. 11

Lunch-Chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wed., Dec. 13

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Meat loaf, potatoes, cooked cabbage, peas, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Fri., Dec. 15

11:00 am. TX State Hearing
Lunch-Spaghetti, meat sauce, Harvard beets, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 11-15 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast on a stick

Tuesday: Breakfast bites

Wednesday: Blueberry toaster pastry

Thursday: Sausage biscuit

Friday: Cinnamon toast

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only-Secondary. Milk and assorted drinks are served daily

at the Secondary campus. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot biscuit, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Barbeque on a bun, French fries, pickle spears, orange wedges

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans, candied sweet potatoes, hot rolls, fruit salad

Thursday: Beef & bean burrito, tortilla chips, salsa, cheese sauce, pinto beans, fresh apple

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, pickle spears, chocolate chip cookies

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This Week's Devotional Message:



LET US PRAY FOR TRUE PEACE ON EARTH AT CHRISTMAS

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

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

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

- Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

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- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Troy Culpepper, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

- Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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- Faith Lutheran Church**
Stan Leaf, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

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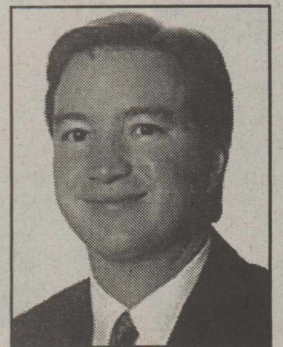
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
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Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Arturo Jr. Flores
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



YEAR-END TAX-CUTTING MOVES FOR INDIVIDUALS

There is very little time left to take steps to reduce your tax bill for 2000. Consider these suggestions:

- If you haven't already done so, estimate your income and deductions for this year. Generally, it makes sense to defer income until next year and pull deductions into the current year. However, because many tax breaks are subject to income limitations, you may need a different strategy.

- Review your investment portfolio to see if you have underperforming investments you want to sell at a loss. Capital losses can be used to offset first the capital gains you've taken during the year and then up to \$3,000 of ordinary income.

- In reviewing your investments, be aware that the capital gains tax rates on certain assets will drop 2%, effective January 1, 2001. Generally the new rates will apply to capital assets held more than five years. For individuals in the 15% regular tax bracket, the lower rate will apply to five-year assets sold after December 31, 2000. For all other taxpayers, the five-year rate will apply only to assets acquired after December 31, 2000.

- Higher-bracket taxpayers may elect to treat an asset acquired before 2001 as if it had been acquired on January 1, 2001. Taxes must be paid on the appreciation to that point; then the lower rate can apply when the asset is actually sold more than five years later.

- Making deductible contributions to retirement plans is still a good way to cut your current-year tax bill.

- Your tax planning should consider your exposure to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). It's estimated that 1.3 million taxpayers will owe the AMT this year, including middle-income taxpayers.

- If you're planning a change in marital status at year-end, find out whether a slight change in dates could save significant tax dollars.

There may be many other year-end moves available to you, so sit down with your tax advisor soon. For assistance, contact our office.

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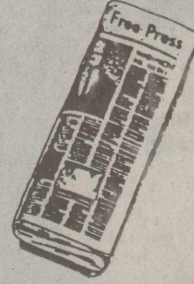
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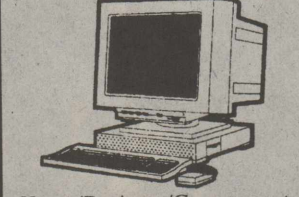
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Haskell, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

A 113.53 acre tract of land out of Outlot 100, Brown & Roberts Addition, Haskell County, Texas, as shown by Plat recorded in Volume 20, Page 22-24, Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, said 113.53 acres being more particular described as follows:

Beginning at a set capped 3/8" rebar at the northeast corner of said Outlot 100 for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence south 2536.11 feet along the east line of said Outlot to a set capped 3/8" rebar for the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence west 2133.33 feet to a set capped 3/8" rebar in the right-of-way line of the Wichita Valley Railroad for the southwest corner of this tract;

Thence north 358.33 feet to a set capped 3/8" rebar at the beginning of a curve to the right;

Thence along said curve to the right an arc distance of 860.35 feet said curve having a radius of 2864.79 feet, and a chord of N

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Thence east 1608.33 feet along the north line of said Outlot to the point of beginning and containing 113.53 acres of land more or less.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Haskell, Texas on the 18th day of December, 2000, at 7:30 a.m. o'clock in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Haskell, Texas, for all persons interested in the above-proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matter herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Haskell, Texas this 27th day of November, 2000.

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The Family of Maudine Frierson

Words fail us in being able to thank all of the people who have prayed for Keith and helped us in so many loving ways. This community has to be the best! How very blessed we are to have so many wonderful caring friends here. Your kindness will never be forgotten and we will love each of you forever.
The family of Keith Hamilton
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Our family has been truly blessed by the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness shown by everyone during this most difficult time. We deeply appreciate the many calls, visits, food, cards, hugs, flowers and most of all the prayers during Betty's illness and death. May God continue to bless each of you.
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I want to thank The Assisted Living Center, and all the workers there for taking such good care of my mother, Grace Aycock.
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FOOTBALL BEAU AND SWEETHEART—Voted favorites at Paint Creek School, Arron Duniven and Cassie Lamb pose for pictures after being named to the honor.



JACKPOT DRAWINGS—Cold shoppers gathered around the courthouse gazebo Sat., Dec. 2, to hear their name called in the first Chamber of Commerce Giant Jackpot drawing of the season.

Winners named in first jackpot drawing; 7 drawings set Saturday

Braving the bitter-cold of the December Saturday, a number of shoppers were on hand for the first Haskell Giant \$1,000.00 Jackpot Drawing of the 2000 season for Gift Certificates and Haskell Bucks.

Sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and Haskell merchants, eight drawings were made with only one of the names called not present for the drawings.

June Matthews won a \$100.00 jackpot certificate on a ticket from Modern Way; Matilda Lopez won a \$100.00 jackpot on a ticket from Haskell Tire and Appliance; Mrs. Thurman Stout of Weinert won a \$100.00 jackpot on a ticket from The Drug Store; Wanda Wilson of Rule won a \$100.00j jackpot on a ticket from Modern Way, and Juanita Nava won a \$100.00 jackpot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Betty S. Castillo was not present, winning one half of a \$200.00 certificate jackpot, \$100.00 on a ticket from Sport-About. The other one-half, a

\$100.00 jackpot on a ticket from Modern Way, went to Billy Comedy.

Juanita Nava also won the \$300.00 jackpot on a ticket from

Modern Way Food Store.

Another \$1,000.00 jackpot drawing will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sat., Dec. 9 at the gazebo on the County Courthouse square.

Rochester Christmas activities begin

Santa Claus is coming to downtown Rochester, Fri., Dec.15 to visit with the children, hand out fruit bags and be ready to have his picture made with them.

The Rochester 4-H Club will be on hand to take the pictures. Each photo will cost \$2.00 per child and the proceeds will benefit the 4-H Club.

Even if you are just a child at heart, come at 3:00 p.m. and have your picture made with Santa.

Sun., Dec. 17 the Rochester Community Christmas Dinner will be held in the Rochester School Cafeteria. From 11:00 a.m. until the food is gone, a Christmas lunch

of chicken and dressing, turkey, ham, sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, green salad and dessert will be served.

No take outs will be available, except for the elderly and shut-ins. If you know of someone who needs a lunch delivered, notify Greg or Ellen Hearn or Bob Easterling.

The meal is free, but donations will be accepted to help with the cost. Lots of volunteer help will be needed to make desserts, serve food and clean up.

Everyone is invited to come, help and enjoy the spirit of giving during this Christmas season.

Calendar

Goodfellows

Goodfellows will be accepting donations for their annual Christmas program. Applications for the program will be taken Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Packages will be delivered Dec. 23 for those selected. Donations of food will be accepted by Lions Club members; toys and clothes will be accepted by the Child Welfare Board; cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press or mailed to Goodfellows, c/o Haskell Free Press, Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Yard contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Home and Yard Lighting Contest. To enter, call City Hall at 997-2214 before 5 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 14. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held

Sun., Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Hanson Indoor Arena in Abilene. B ropers will rope 3 for \$50 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$65. For more information call J. W. Wallace 940-864-3509 or Tim Layman 940-864-8500.

Food drive

The Haskell High School Student Council will hold a Goodfellows Food Drive Dec. 1-13. Persons wishing to donate canned goods and other non-perishable items may do so at Haskell National Bank, First National Bank, Haskell High School and Haskell CISD Administration Building.

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