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 Girls JV Black, Varsity
 Haskell vs Lipan
 Fri., Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
 at Cisco Jr. College

 Haskell Freshman Tourney
 Haskell JV Gold Girls
 Sat., Dec. 15

 JVG-B, VG-B vs Merkel
 Mon., Dec. 17, 4 p.m. at Merkel

 Paint Creek vs Hermleigh
 Fri., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.
 at Hermleigh

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for ads and articles to be printed in the Dec. 27 New Year's edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 20 at noon. The paper's will be in the stores on Wed., Dec. 26 and in the mail to regular subscribers on Thurs., Dec. 27.

Free Press closed

The Haskell Free Press will be closed Thurs., Dec. 13.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a progressive Christmas dinner at member's homes. Those attending should bring a gift-filled shoe box to be distributed to children around the world.

Rule ISD early out

Rule ISD will run morning buses at regular time on Tues., Dec. 18 through Thurs., Dec. 20. Tues., Dec. 18 afternoon buses will depart the school at 2:05 p.m. Wed., Dec. 19 and Thurs., Dec. 20 afternoon buses will depart at 12:25 p.m. Christmas holidays for the school system will be Dec. 21 through Jan. 6. Classes will resume Jan. 7.

Elementary open house

The faculty and students of Haskell Elementary School will host an open house Tues., Dec. 18 from 5 to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Elementary holidays

Haskell Elementary School will dismiss Tues., Dec. 18 at 2:15 p.m. and Wed., Dec. 19 at 12:15 p.m. to observe Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Thurs., Jan. 3. Students will receive report cards Wed., Jan. 9.

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JACKPOT DRAWINGS—Mike Poteet holds the barrel of tickets as Carson Hadaway draws out the names of winners in the first drawings of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee's Giant Jackpot give-a-way, at the courthouse gazebo, Sat., Dec. 8. Next drawing will be Dec. 22.

Jackpot winners

Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8, gift certificates totaling \$1,250.00 were given away in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee's Giant Jackpot drawings at the gazebo on the northeast corner of the courthouse square.

Winners in the eight jackpot drawings were:

Paula Garcia, who was present to receive a \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Boggs & Johnson.

Betty Berry was not present, winning \$25.00; one half of a \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way Food Store. Mary Enriquez received \$25.00 of the pot, also drawn on a ticket from Modern Way.

David Gonzales was present to receive a \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Barbara Ellison was not present, winning one half of a \$50.00 gift pot on a ticket from Modern Way. Doris Butler was present to win the remaining \$25.00 pot, also on a ticket from Modern Way.

Lisa Frierson was not present, winning one half of a \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Flatlands. Rene Garcia was present to win the remaining \$25.00 pot on a ticket from Boggs & Johnson.

Susan Martin was present to receive a \$100.00 gift pot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Verlene Stegemoeller was not present, winning one half of a \$100.00 pot, \$50.00 on a ticket from the Personality/Slipper Shoppe. Pam Aycock was present to win the remaining \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Boggs & Johnson.

Helen Green was not present, winning one half of a \$100.00 pot, \$50.00 on a ticket from Modern Way. Jessica Thompson was present to win the remaining \$50.00 on a ticket from Burkett's

Family Restaurant.

Joyce Nunnery of Alvin was not present, winning one half of a \$100.00 pot, \$50.00 on a ticket from Personality/Slipper Shoppe. E. L. Adkins of O'Brien received the remaining \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Mary Lomeli of Rochester was not present, winning one half of a \$100.00 pot, \$50.00 on a ticket from Modern Way. Jerry Don Klose received the remaining \$50.00 pot on a ticket from Cecil's Meat Market.

D. P. and Jan Harris were not present, receiving one half of a \$200.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way. Mary Rojas received the remaining \$100.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Marcille Jones was not present, receiving one half of a \$300.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way. Frederick Douglas of Old Glory received the remaining \$150.00 pot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Another drawing for \$1,250.00 in gift certificates will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sat., Dec. 22.

Election results

In the Special Runoff election to determine the outcome of the race for District 30 State Senator, Haskell County voters gave the nod to Democrat Greg Underwood over Republican Craig Estes. However, across District 30 Estes carried the vote to win the senate seat.

Total votes cast in the county run-off was 197 for Estes and 213 for Underwood. In the early voting, Estes led in the county with 16 votes to Underwood's 13. Estes also led in county voting boxes 1 and 3 in Haskell, box 5 in Rule, box 7 in O'Brien, and box 10 in Sagerton.

Christmas program to be presented

During the Christmas holidays the music ministry of First Baptist church Haskell will present two performances of a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous 1843 Christmas novel, *A Christmas Carol*, which has spread its glad influence throughout the world for more than 150 years.

Compiled by Brian Burgess, the church's script was taken from Dicken's book, from the Broadway musical, *Scrooge*, from a Focus on the Family radio play, and from a drama called, *The Gospel According to Scrooge*.

Ebenezer Scrooge will be played by Burgess, who will also act as

play director. Others appearing in the cast are Kevin and Tessa Hall, John English, Meredith Harvey, Loren Cole, Jaclyn Drinnon, Paige Adams, Carl Milburn, Jill Everett, Wayne and Yuvi Cadenhead, Kenny Thompson, Donnie Rieger, Carolyn Everett, Delight Jones, Jennifer Burgess, Billie Cadenhead, JoNell Trammell, Ryan Burgess, Stephanie Grand, Weston Rutkowski, Zac McGuire, Jamie and David Caldwell, Zac Coker, Caleb Whitfield, Bryson and Zac Trussell, Travis Adams, Ford Cole, Debbie Miller, and Melody Christian.

Accompanists will be Phylecia Bailey and Ellen Rieger. Lights

and sound will be handled by Mike McGuire and Jessica Rieger. Stage hands will be Jo McGuire and James Jeanes.

The first performance will be given Sun., Dec. 16, at 6:00 p.m. A second performance will be at 7:00 p.m. Tues., Dec. 18. There will be no charge. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this timeless Christmas classic. Those attending should dress warmly for the hour and a half production. Since the play is set in London, England, at Christmas time, the actors must wear heavy coats, so the heat in the church will be set to accommodate the extra clothing.

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. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Donations of food, toys and clothing are being accepted. Cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

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Anonymous	\$50.00
Dee and Ruth Larned	\$50.00
Patsy Cobb	\$50.00
Hazel Weaver Bible Class, First United Methodist Church	\$50.00
In memory of Edna Burnett by E. H. Burnett	\$25.00
In loving memory of Truman Barbee	
from David and Louetta Davis	\$25.00
Dr. and Mrs. William J. Kemp	\$25.00
This week's total	\$375.00



CHRISTMAS ANGEL AND BABY—Taking first place and winning the \$20.00 prize, Branden and Avery Tanner ride in on a red wagon in the Rule Children's parade, Dec. 8.



SANTA ON A 4 WHEELER—Joseph Turner rides with Santa to take second place and a \$10.00 prize in the Children's Parade in Rule, Sat., Dec. 8.



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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,409 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 8, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Stacker cattle 2-5 higher. Feeders steady. Packers steady.

Jersey, longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .34-.40; cutters, .31-.38; canners, .20-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.52; feeder: 67-75; utility: 42-47.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.40; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.24; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .87-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .82-.89; 700-800 lbs., .75-.84; 800-up lbs., .65-.74.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-.95; 500-600 lbs., .77-.85; 600-up lbs., .60-.84.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small 475-575.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-925; aged or small, 650-760.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

December 10, 2001	
Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	352
Haskell County Gin	405
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	10,460
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	825
Sagerton	
Sagerton Gin	160
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	250
Weinert Gin	840
Total Bales	13,292



BOOK WEEK READER—Stacia Leach was one of the parents who read to Haskell Elementary second grade students during National Book Week.

Obituaries

Mrs. W. H. (Eunice) Amonett



EUNICE AMONETT

Funeral services for Mrs. W. H. (Eunice) Amonett, 94, of Haskell were held Tues., Dec. 11 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dale Huff and Brett Anderson officiating.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Amonett died Sat., Dec. 8 at a Haskell care home.

Born Feb. 24, 1907 in Henderson County, she moved to Throckmorton at the age of 2 and then to Haskell County at the age of 10. She was the last of eleven children born to W. D. Darden and Susan Gentry Hasley Darden. She married Willis Harden Amonett Dec. 7, 1946 in Haskell. He preceded her in death May 6, 1970. She was a homemaker, a farmer's wife and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Pannell; one daughter, Ella Jean Pannell; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Nannie and Howard Burns of Wolfe City and Dorothy and Ira Strickland of Rochester; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roy and Omitene Amonett of Haskell, Bill and Betty Pannell of Tye and Eldon and Brenda Amonett of Denver City; 17 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; 12 great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Rodney Amonett, Royce Meier, Ken Burns, Don Burns, Billy Burns, Darrell Strickland, J. R. Rodriguez and Landon Pannell.

Honorary pallbearers were Arron Amonett, Cliff Strickland, Willie Strickland, Chad Pannell and Scott Neicaise.

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John Laurence Pope

Funeral services for John Laurence Pope, 79, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 12 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. David Page officiating. Masonic graveside rites were held in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pope died Sun., Dec. 9 near his home in Haskell.

Born Oct. 31, 1922 in Prairie Dell, he married Ada Beauchamp April 15, 1944 in Temple. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was employed by Reynolds Metals Co. for 33 years. He was a

Mason and a member of Royal Palms Baptist Church in Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, Ada Pope, of Haskell; one son, John M. Pope of Lubbock; two daughters, Mary J. Fuller of Chino Valley, Ariz., and Ann Cusson of Phoenix, Ariz.; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Lee Fuller, Arthur Rohrbacher, David Paul Cusson, John Cusson, Bill Cusson, Casey Brandt and Bryan Goetzenberger.

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Haskell Elementary UIL Academic Competition held in Anson

Anson Elementary School and Anson Middle School hosted the annual academic meet for grades 2-8 Tues. and Wed., Nov. 13-14. Area schools participating included Albany, Olney, Stamford, Hamlin, Haskell and Anson.

Art Contest team made up of Lonnie Alvarez, Aubrey Bassett and Sherrie Williams who placed second. Second place winners in the fifth grade Art Contest team were Haley Chavez, Brett Siegfried, Faith Silvas and Brandon Wilson. Judith Chapman coached the teams.

Second grader Austin Page won fifth place in the Creative Writing contest. Garrett Brueggeman, Casey Calhoun and Sasha Walker also participated and were coached by Michelle Dunnam.

Letha Newton coached the fifth grade Dictionary students who were

Paige Adams and Megan Bailey.

In the fifth grade Listening Contest, coached by Debbie Earles, Meghan Kloog placed fifth, while Megan Bailey and Brittany Garison tied for sixth place. Garison also placed fourth in the fifth grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts contest, coached by Jodi Andress. Also participating were Miranda Ashely and Meghan Kloog.

Third and fourth grade team members who won first place in the Music Memory contest included Lauren Lampe, Brooke Bullinger, Meagan Kimbrough, Codi Foster, Ashely Bullard and Kelsie Adams. Also winning first place honors in its division was the fifth grade team made up of Paige Adams, Megan Bailey, Lauren Newton and Claire Isbell. Music Memory team members were coached by Melodee Christian.

Fourth graders participating in Number Sense, coached by Paula Everett, were Shambrie Rodriguez, Brooke Bullinger, Ashely Meier, Ethan Frierson and James Williams. Will Brueggeman, Kimie Hutchinson, Paige Adams and Hanna Wallace, who placed third in the fifth grade Number Sense contest, were coached by Everett.

Coaching the fourth graders in Oral Reading was Mrs. LeFevre. Participants were Brooke Bullinger, McKenzie Barrington, Shambrie Rodriguez and Jordan Burson.

Fifth graders Lauren Newton and Ashton Rutkowski placed second and fourth, respectively, in the Oral Reading contest. Others participating were Claire Isbell and Mariah Fernandez. All were coached by Renee McClellan.

Participants from Haskell third grade in the Ready Writing contest were Codi Foster, Nathan Meredith and Ashlee Short. Donna Waggoner coached these students.

In the fourth grade Ready Writing contest, coached by JoNell Trammell, Aubrey Bassett placed third and Brooke Bullinger placed sixth. Others who participated included McKenzie Barrington, Ashely Meier and Veronica Benton.

Fifth grader Lauren Newton won third place in the Ready Writing contest and was coached by Tonya Cypert.

Two Haskell third graders placed in the Spelling contest coached by Donna Waggoner. They were fourth place winner Nathan Meredith and sixth place winner Sara Weise. Angelica Gonzales and Dawn Skinner also participated in Spelling.

Mrs. Trammell also coached the fourth grade Spelling students. Participants included McKenzie Barrington, Veronica Benton, who placed fourth and Aubrey Bassett, who placed third.

Coaching the fifth grade Spelling students was Renee McClellan. Participants were Haley Chavez and Hope Reid.

In the second grade Storytelling Contest, Brady Leach placed second, and Ryan Anderson placed fifth. Garrett Brueggeman and Austin Page also participated. These students were coached by Rhonda Hanson.

The Haskell Elementary sixth graders participated in the Anson Middle School Campus. In Calculator, Lacey Peiser won first place and was coached by Bonnie Fouts. Shelby Morrow, Moses Munoz and A.J. Alvarez were also participants.

Letha Newton coached the sixth grade Dictionary students. Mali Torres, Veronica Session, Monica Session and Paige Wheatley participated. Wheatley placed fourth in district.

Mrs. Earle's sixth grade Listening winner was Eric Markunus in third place. Also participating were Meredith Harvey, Candace Brister and Randall Pace.

Mrs. Andress coached the sixth grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts students who were Monica Soto, Weston Rutkowski, Jennifer Farber, who placed fourth and Eric

Markunus, who placed first.

Mrs. Cypert coached the sixth grade Math contest's single entrant, Shelby Morrow.

In the sixth grade Number sense contest, coached by Mrs. Fouts, Eric Markunus and Lacey Peiser placed first and second, respectively. Derek Agraz participated, too.

Mrs. Yates coached the sixth grade Oral Readers. Jennifer Farber won second place in the district. Also participating were Monica Soto, Meredith Harvey, Leslie Tonche and Candace Brister.

Coaching the sixth grade Ready Writers was Tonya Cypert. Participants included Alexis Chavez, Paige Wheatley and Chelsea Bullard.

Lacey Peiser won fourth place in the sixth grade Spelling contest, coached by Sherry Adams. Shelby Morrow, Erica Solano and Veronica Session also participated.

"They and their coaches are to be congratulated on a job well done," said Haskell Elementary principal Jimmy Lisle. Debbie Earles is the elementary UIL coordinator.



UIL WINNERS—Haskell Elementary students participating and placing in various contests at the district academic UIL meet for grades 2-8 were: Front row, l-r, Haley Chavez, Hanna Wallace, Ashton Rutkowski, Brittany Garison, Meghan Kloog, Claire Isbell and Paige Adams. Back row, Lauren Newton, Megan Bailey, Brett Siegfried, Brandon Wilson, Eric Markunus, Lacey Peiser, Paige Wheatley and Jennifer Farber. Not pictured is Faith Silvas.



UIL WINNERS—Placing in the UIL academic competitions in Anson were Haskell Elementary students, back row, l-r, Sherrie Williams, Ashley Bullard, Austin Page, Codi Foster, Lauren Lampe, Meagan Kimbrough and Kelsie Adams. Front row, Veronica Benton, Aubrey Bassett, Nathan Meredith, Brady Leach, Sara Weise, Lonnie Alvarez and Brooke Bullinger. Not pictured is Ryan Anderson.

Society elects new officers

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society met Mon., Dec. 3 at Haskell City Hall for election of new officers and Christmas party.

Officers are: president, Johnny Scoggins, vice president, Eula Peters; recording secretary, Martha Jarred; corresponding secretary, Wanda Ham; and treasurer, Jerri Buerger.

Marilyn Griffith was appointed reporter.

Attending the meeting were Johnny Scoggins, Tereas Scoggins, Eula Peters, Lowell Peters, Jack Kittley, Margaret Kittley, Ernestine C. Herren, Wanda Ham, Wayne Ham and Marilyn Griffith.

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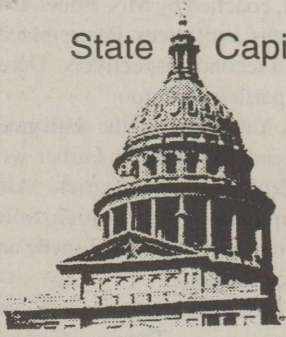
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN – It won't make any real difference unless Gov. Rick Perry calls a special session between now and January 2003, but the Republican Party once again controls the Texas Senate.

The split had been 15 Democrats and 15 GOP members with one vacancy until Dec. 4, when Republican Craig Estes won a special election runoff in Wichita Falls to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. Tom Haywood. Haywood, a two-term member of the Senate, died of a heart attack last July.

Estes got 63 percent of the vote. His Democratic opponent was Greg L. Underwood.

The general election next November will determine the makeup of the Senate by the time the Legislature convenes in 2003.

The 48-year-old senator-elect is CEO of Estes Inc., a wholesaler of chemicals and fertilizer.

Estes' district covers 33 counties in north and west Texas, from Amarillo to Sherman-Denison.

But assuming a special session is not called, Estes will never cast a vote unless it's in a committee meeting. He will, however, be able to run for a full term as an incumbent.

Race filings begin

Political hopefuls began filing for a place on the Democratic and Republican ballots on Dec. 3, with the filing period continuing through Jan. 2.

So far there have been no real surprises, though one filing demonstrates the power of optimism — 75-year-old Democrat Gene Kelly, who has lost seven previous statewide races, filed for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm. Of Kelly's seven unsuccessful races, three have been for the U.S. Senate.

Primaries for both parties are set for March 12.

Political bow outs

Since most of those who will be running for office next year have long since put up their trial balloons, the announcements from incumbents choosing not to run are almost more interesting.

So far, four heavy-hitter Democrats have announced they will not be running for re-election: House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell of San Angelo, Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler of Henderson; House Public Health Committee Chairwoman Patricia Gray of Galveston and Transportation Committee Chairman Clyde Alexander of Athens.

Given the recently approved House redistricting map, which probably will result in a GOP takeover of the House, there probably will be more announcements.

Camp Mabry attacked

Well, sort of. Ever since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the headquarters of the Texas National Guard has been locked down to military personnel only.

The camp's once highly popular jogging-walking track has been shut down as well.

Now a group of West Austin residents have organized a group called Friends of Mabry Historical Park. They would like to see the state move the military elsewhere and transform the camp's 400-plus acres into a state park.

Many of those who live near the camp also have been upset by newly installed barbed wire-topped fencing and increased lighting at the 109-year-old installation.

"It's democracy in action," said the Guard's legislative liaison Lt. Col. John Stanford.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 12, 1991

Barbara Pratt was sworn in as postmaster at Weinert.

Boggs & Johnson won first place in the business lighting division; second place was won by Kids' Duds; and the Slipper Shoppe won third place.

The Christmas parade float winners are Rolling Plains Farm Supply, first place; Rotary Club, second place; and First National Bank, third place.

20 Years Ago December 10, 1981

Connie Scheets and Debbie Quade, twirlers for the Rochester Steers, attended the Iowa Park Twirling Festival. They placed second in a dance duet.

The Lady Pirates of Paint Creek defeated Hermeigh 57-53 in the Trent Tournament. Julie Coleman was high point with 16.

The Haskell Maidens beat Electra 33 to 23 in the Seymour Tournament. High point was April Turner and Sara Starr with 10 points.

30 Years Ago December 16, 1971

Four Haskell High School Band members made District in tryouts

held at Abilene Christian College. The four are Cheryl Bennett on clarinet, Clint Melton on percussion, Helen Mary Cadenhead on flute and Gail Barnett on alto-contra-bass clarinet.

The Rule High School girls basketball team defeated the Weinert girls 55-52. Teresa Rhoads led Rule scorers with 29 points, while Karen Earp tossed in the most points for Weinert with 21.

Jim Yeary has been named managing editor of the Weatherford Democrat. He is a 1966 graduate of Haskell High School.

40 Years Ago December 14, 1961

Sue Christian, senior in Haskell High School and daughter of Mrs. Leta Christian, has been selected as Rotary Club Student Guest for the month of December.

W. D. Rogers, C. G. Burson, Sr., Ed Fouts, Bill Lees and Fred Brown have returned from a weekend deer hunting trip to Edwards County. They brought back three buck deer.

Haskell girls basketball team defeated Aspermont, 52-48 at Aspermont with Eva Bartley high point scorer with 25 points. Other high pointers for Haskell were

LaVerne Jones 15 and Trisha Chrietberg 12.

50 Years Ago December 13, 1951

A new 1951 model Chevrolet pickup was donated to the Haskell High School FFA chapter by Burton Chevrolet Company of Haskell.

Malinda Alaman, sixth grade student, was crowned queen during half time of the recent football game between Central Ward Wildcats and Dunbar Panthers of Rule. The Wildcats were defeated during the last eight seconds of the game by a score of 32-26.

Eldon Amonett, vice president of the Haskell FFA Chapter, was chosen by the homemaking girls as their Favorite Future Farmer. Lorene Crow was chosen as the FFA Sweetheart.

90 Years Ago December 16, 1911

Virgil Hudson shipped 300 turkeys to Wichita Falls this week.

There are 1,400 cattle on feed at the Haskell Cotton Oil Mill feed lots. Haskell is becoming famous as a cattle feeding point.

J. D. Kinnison of the City Garage announces he now has machinery and equipment for repairing gas engines and all kinds of machinery. He also has a large stock of automobile, motorcycle and bicycle parts.

Beating the holiday blues

'Tis the season to be jolly? According to mental health experts, you're one of the fortunate ones if it is.

The holidays, in fact, are a time when many people feel lonely and sad instead of warm, fuzzy and joyful.

Those who are down around the Yuletide season have what is often known as holiday depression, which is a pop-culture term rather than a clinical one, according to Dr. Sally Stabb, associate professor of psychology at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

The mere expectation that people are supposed to feel blissful around the holidays is a major trigger for the onset of the holiday blues.

"There is a lot of pressure for everyone to get along and to be happy," Stabb said. "This is exacerbated by media portrayals of unrealistically happy families, surrounded by wealth and good cheer. Realistically, families have all kinds of on-going conflicts."

Pressure to buy gifts, especially on a limited budget, also can make the holiday a stressful time. People can feel obligated to buy things

they really can't afford. This financial stress can be alleviated by talking honestly and setting a per-gift spending limit.

Although holiday blues don't always amount to clinical depressions, Stabb said people should seek help from a mental health professional when a depressed feeling lasts for more than a couple of weeks and impairs daily functioning.

The best prevention, however, is pretty simple: plan ahead. Some of her suggestions are:

- *Make arrangements with family members you'll be spending the holiday with, and express any concerns or needs.
- *Get some time alone every day during family gatherings, such as taking a walk. Regular exercise is always a good depression fighter.
- *Holidays can be especially lonely when a person is unable to spend it with family. Spend more time with friends and by staying busy, possibly with volunteer work. Take a vacation you've always wanted to take.

Stabb warns against buying into society's false notion that being alone on the holidays makes someone less of a person or a failure.

Choosing gifts for the elderly

When it comes to the holidays, buying age-appropriate gifts for elderly relatives or friends may require some extra thought. However, Dr. Gail Davis of Texas Woman's University says choosing the perfect gift doesn't have to be a challenge.

A professor of nursing at TWU's Denton Campus, Davis has conducted research in the areas of older adults, arthritis and chronic conditions, among others. Since many older adults are on a fixed income, it's a good idea to get them gifts they can actually use, such as sheets and towels, she said. However, she cautions against giving too much of a good thing.

"Older people usually get a lot of robes and slippers," Davis said, adding that too many of the same types of gifts can result in unnecessary clutter.

Personal photos always make nice gifts, but some older adults in smaller homes, as well as nursing homes, may lack the space to display the photos. Photo albums may be a better option. Families with several children may choose to feature each child in his or her own album. Providing material for a scrapbook the elderly can create themselves is another option.

"Fun boxes" filled with items to supply ongoing needs, such as stamps, cards, tape, vitamins, etc., make practical gifts.

Davis, who teaches some courses involving osteoarthritis, recommends examining an elderly person's environment to determine if anything could easily cause a fall. In those cases, she said a holiday gift could involve providing night lights, non-skid rugs or helping to equip bathrooms with bars to hold on to, or a seat for a shower.

If an older adult enjoys writing, Davis recommends giving them journals in which to write their stories and thoughts. "Sometimes, older people don't realize they have this wealth of information," she said, adding that their loved ones may need to convince them that telling stories is important. Keeping such a record "makes a wonderful treasure for families to have, too."

Other gift ideas for older adults are:

- * Gift certificates to a favorite store or restaurant.
- *Providing yard or housekeeping services.
- *Magazine or newspaper subscriptions.
- *Phone cards.
- *Memberships to gyms that have exercise programs for older adults.
- *Books and games.
- *Magnifying glasses.
- *Flowers or plants.
- *A donation to their church or favorite charity.

Protect pets during holidays

The holiday season is a special time for all of us, even our pets. Pet owners should pay particular attention to their curious critters and the challenges they present during this season.

Animals can become entangled in strings of lights and garlands. In addition to the damage done to the room and decorations, this poses a significant risk to the pets. Animals who like to chew can be fatally injured if left to "play" with the cords. Tinsel, wire ornament hangers and some holiday plants pose potential hazards to the digestive systems of animals who like to chew or eat things.

Your dog might not like groups of carolers or holiday well wishers invading his territory. This may be a good time to keep him chained or fenced unless he is being supervised. When having parties in your home, it may be appropriate to leave your pets with a friend or your veterinarian. Also, be sure to make plans for boarding your pets if you plan to travel during the holiday.

Most pet owners consider their animals to be part of the family, and we certainly cannot keep our animals tied or hidden throughout the entire holiday season simply because they present safety challenges. However, they do require that extra bit of conscious responsibility. Your entire family, including your pets, should be able to enjoy the holidays.

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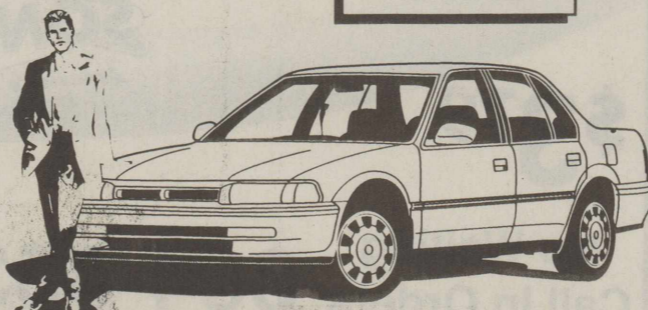
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Lemon Law report

According to the 2000 Lemon Law report, 13 of the best-selling vehicles in Texas have the best complaint index rating. From this group, the top five vehicles with the fewest number of complaints are as follows:

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Ranchers need to check livestock regularly; report any signs of disease

Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

It's 8 p.m. Do you know where, or how, your cattle (or sheep, goats, or other livestock) are? In this era of heightened awareness about unusual activities, livestock health officials are asking ranchers to check their livestock regularly and immediately report signs of disease. Also, animal owners are asked to report suspicious activities, intruders or circumstances to local police or sheriff's department. License plate numbers and descriptions of trespassers, should be recorded.

"We're urging producers to keep a closer watch on their animals, in light of recent events in our country," commented Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock regulatory agency. "As always, individual livestock producers and private veterinary practitioners are our first line of defense if, or when, a livestock disease is accidentally or intentionally introduced into the state. The immediate reporting of suspicious or unusual conditions can make all the difference in our ability to swiftly diagnose, control and eradicate a disease." She said ranchers should watch for and report any of these signs.

1. Sudden, unexplained death loss in the herd or flock.
2. Severe illness affecting a high percentage of animals.
3. Blistering around an animal's mouth, nose, teats, or hooves.
4. Unusual ticks or maggots.
5. Central nervous system disorders that cause an animal to stagger or fall.

"Through teamwork, the TAHC and Texas' USDA staff for months has maintained a 24-hour hot line for disease reporting," said Dr. John Lomme, assistant area veterinarian in charge of Texas for the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS). "We take reports and dispatch a trained foreign animal disease diagnostician to collect samples, evaluate the situation and take appropriate measures to protect livestock health. There is no charge for the service." "To report suspicious signs, call 1-800-550-8242. After work hours, follow the recorded instructions to page a veterinarian," commented Dr. Logan. "Be prepared to provide a description of the potential disease

signs and information regarding the location species and number of animals involved."

Dr. Logan pointed out that a joint TAHC and USDA-APHIS-VS "first-strike" force has been preparing to fight a foreign animal disease outbreak or natural disaster affecting livestock. Known as the Texas Emergency Response Team, or TERT, this group can be mobilized quickly to address a disease situation.

"The TAHC also a is full-fledged member of the state's Emergency Management Council, giving us the ability to call on the resources of more than 31 major state agencies," said Dr. Logan. "In late June, representatives from more than 22 of the participating agencies gathered in College Station for a tablecloth exercise involving a make-believe outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), a highly contagious foreign animal virus that, most recently, has greatly damaged the livestock industry in the Great Britain."

"In a livestock emergency, we could tap the manpower of state troopers to provide roadblocks to stop livestock movement, the National Guard to provide depopulation assistance and equipment, and the support services of the Red Cross to feed teams," explained Dr. Logan. She also pointed out that the TAHC and USDA-APHIS-VS has expanded the network of contacts with local emergency management coordinators, private veterinary practitioners and industry liaisons.

"While preparing to fight disease, we can never forget that our most valuable and cost-effective tool is livestock disease prevention and surveillance," commented Dr. Lomme. He listed several things livestock producers can do to help ensure the health of their herd or flock:

•If you travel internationally, don't bring restricted products into the U.S., such as sausages, hams, or other dangerous products that could spread disease. NEVER allow visitors or family members to bring these items on your property.

•Launder or dry clean clothing and coats before you return to the U.S. Shower, wash your hair and put on clean clothes before heading to your flight home. Viruses or bacteria can be carried in your hair or on your skin, so it's important to bathe before traveling. Provide arriving international travelers with a clean set of clothing that can be worn after they shower.

•Remove mud and manure from your shoes before journeying back to the U.S.! Ask the Customers agent or USDA official to disinfect your shoes and other potentially contaminated items if you've been to a farm, zoo or other site where livestock or wildlife have been commingled. Provide shoes for visitors, or insist they wear only shoes that have not been worn on a ranch or in another country.

•For at least five days before you return to the U.S., don't go around farms, sale barns, zoos, fairs, or other sites where livestock are kept. You could carry bacteria or viruses in your lungs, throat or nasal passages, and although you don't become ill, you could spread a livestock disease. Likewise, don't allow international travelers to have access to your livestock until they've been in the U.S. for at least five days.

•Report suspicious activities, intruders or circumstances to the local police or sheriff's department. If possible, record license plate numbers and descriptions of trespassers.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in November by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell County Clerk include:
 Christopher James Crosson and Sheena Deann Wolsch, both of Haskell.
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Bernice Hilliard went with her daughter Linda Short of Rochester to Lubbock on Thursday to help granddaughter Mary Jane Short relocate from one apartment to another.

On Thursday Darlene Conn and Joyce Hawkins went with David and Denice Conn and girls to Dallas where their oldest daughter Sabrina under went eye surgery on Sat. morning. They stayed over until Mon. morning to have a check-up on

Preventing winter illness

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

During the holiday season, you can do more to prevent colds and flu. Here's how.

Always wash your hands. This kills germs and can prevent infection. Use paper tissues instead of cloth when sneezing and coughing. Get a flu shot. Elderly people with chronic conditions and those who spend time around children are especially at risk. It's also important to maintain a healthy immune system.

Do not use tobacco products, exercise for at least 30 minutes and eat five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. In addition, sleep for at least eight hours a night, don't drink more than two alcoholic beverages each day and control stress.

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the surgery and got a good report. While there, Joyce visited with nephew and family Carrol Towell in Grand Prairie and sons, Bobby and wife in Lewisville and Glendon and daughter Tamera and family in Irving.

The descendants of I.T. and Addie Briscoe met at the Haskell National Bank building on Sun. for their Christmas get together. Those attending were Jerry and Linda Briscoe and two grandchildren, Shelly and David Siegfried and children; Betty and Jerry Stocks and Cody; Charles and Jean Blair, Aerial and Alice Blair; Bud and Evelyn

Wright and granddaughter, Shannon and son; Gary and Vickie Hawkins, all of Haskell; Bill and Betty Briscoe of Rule and their daughter Tina and Terry Threet and children; Ronnie and Pam Briscoe of Abilene; Darren and Denice Wright and daughter of Nugent; Michelle Pannell and daughter Britney of Throckmorton; Cody and Windy Blair and children of Olney.

Mon. evening Jean Blair, Ann Blair and girls went to Olney and picked up Windy Blair and girls who had tickets for all to go to the basketball game that Cody Blair coaches in Megargel.

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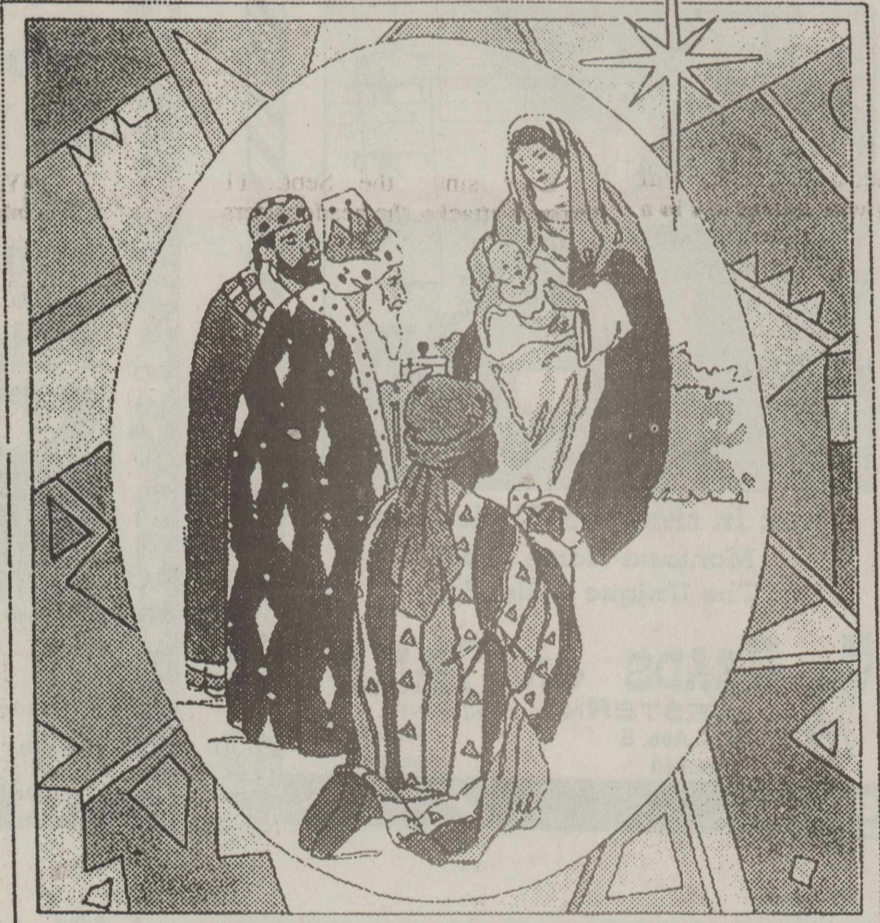
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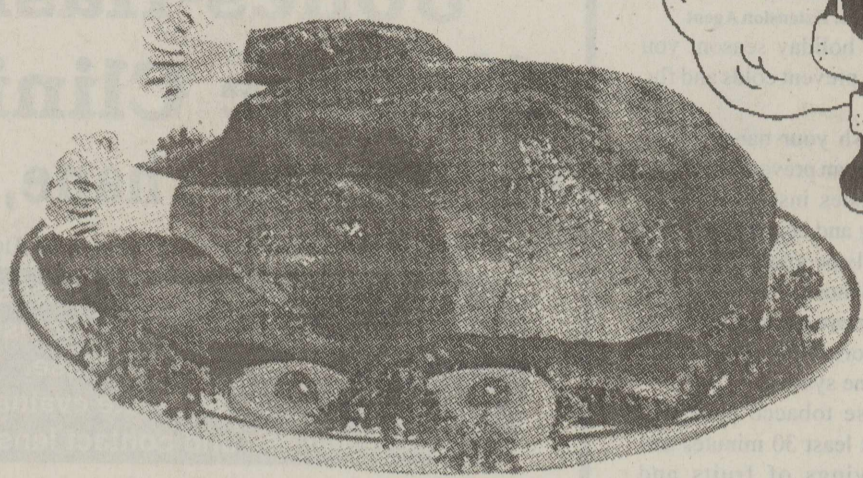
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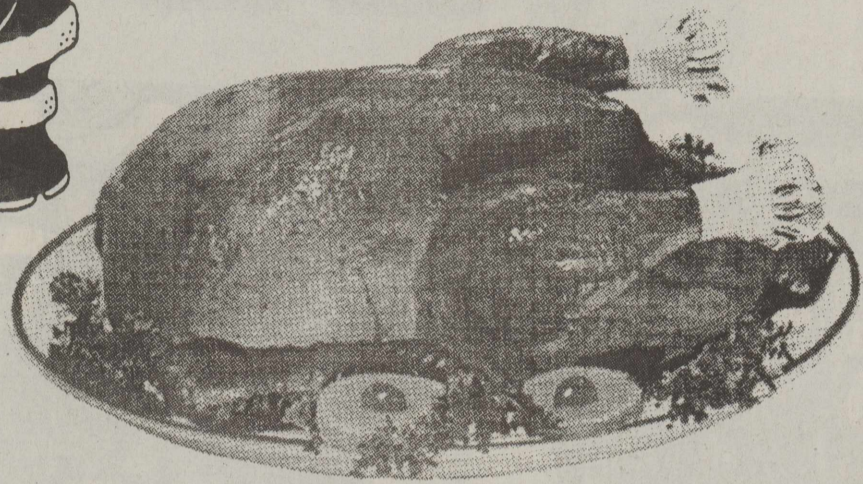
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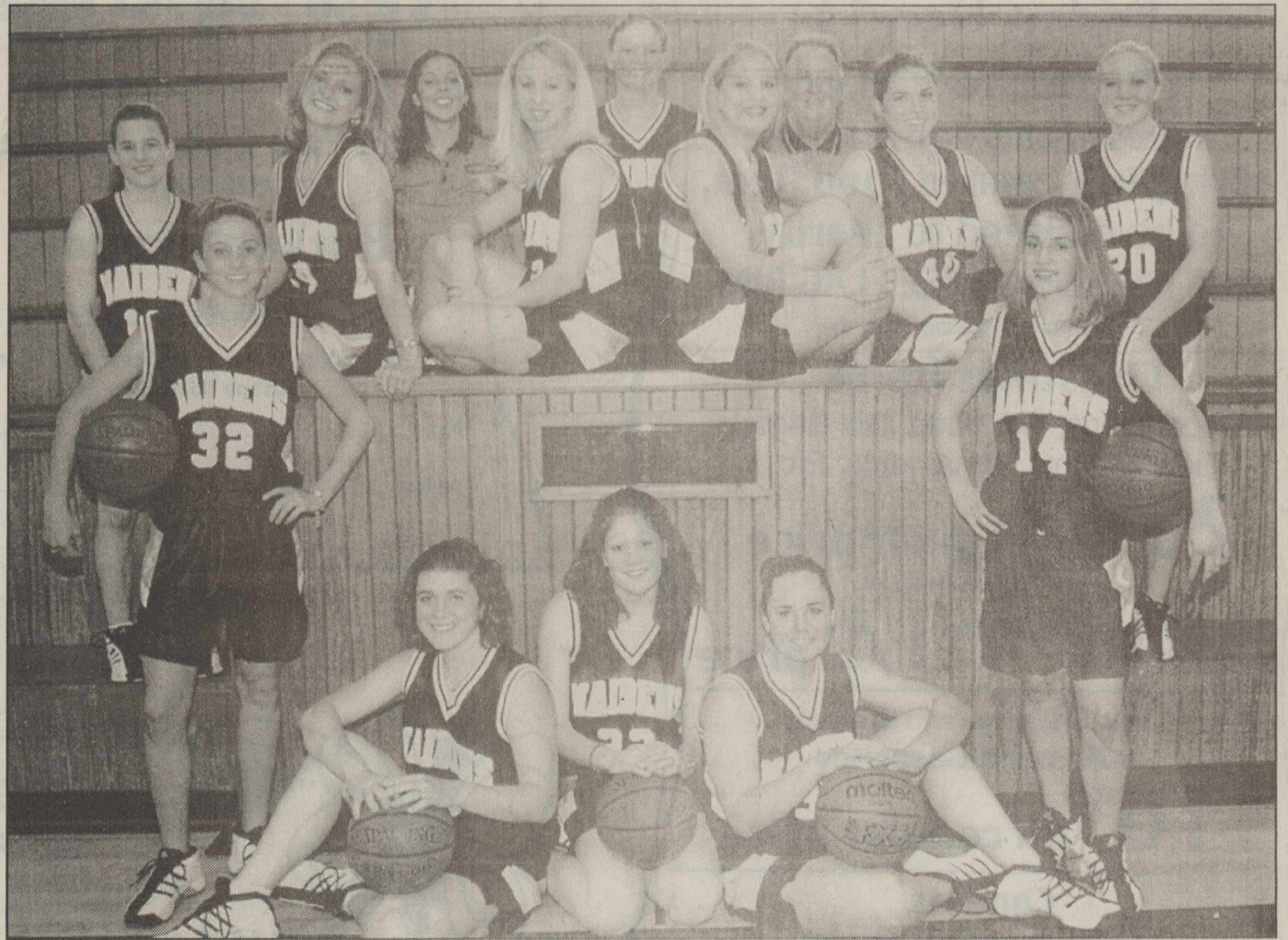


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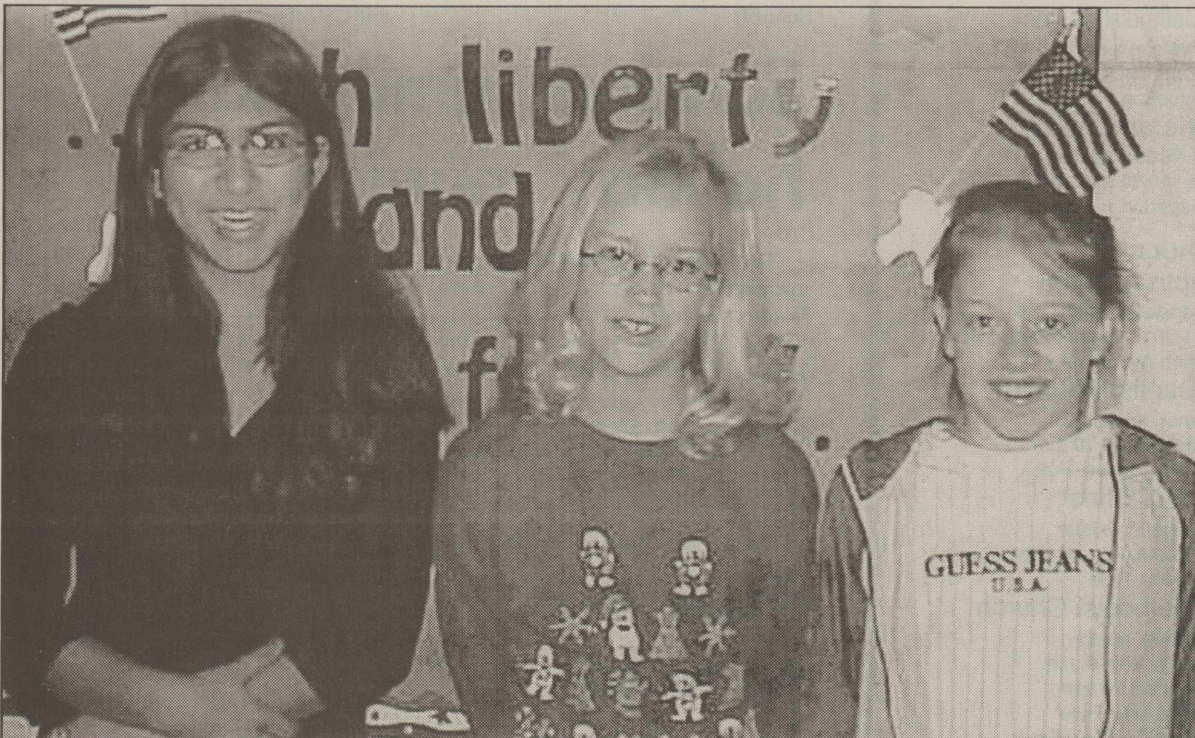




KINDERGARTEN DIVISION POSTER WINNERS—Posing with the ribbons they won in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest, are, l-r, Rhett Lampe, second place; Adam Andress, third place; and Angelo Pena, first place. Shown with them is Haskell Elementary Principal, Jimmy Lisle.



PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE DIVISION POSTER WINNERS—Back row, l-r, in Intermediate Division, fourth grader Veronica Benton, first place; fourth grader MacKenzie Barrington, third place; fourth grader Aubrey Bassett, second place. Front row, in Primary Division, first grader Brett Shelton, third place; second grader Felysha Walker, first place; first grader Morgan Frierson, second place.



POSTER WINNERS—Middle Division winners in the Fire Prevention Poster contest were: l-r, first place winner, sixth grader, Laurie Gonzales; second place winner, fifth grader, Ashton Rutkowski; third place winner, fifth grader, Hope Reid.

New turf grass does well in Texas

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

A revolutionary new turf grass could mean less yard work for you and score big for Texas athletic fields. It's called Axcella. Small grains breeder Lloyd Nelson says the new grass has the same qualities as winter

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Highland 64, Paint Creek 31
Scoring for Paint Creek: Brzozowski 13, Gonzales 11, Wade 4, Hope 2, Isbell 1.

Rochester 74, Moran 39
Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 18, Byrd 30, Beauchamp 2, Turner 6, Martinez 16.

Rule 56, Jayton 54
Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 8, Brown 18, Caddell 1, Lehrmann 19, Marquis 8, Hertel 2.

Boys

Haskell 66, Knox City 37
Scoring for Haskell: Webb 5, Hunt 11, Z. McGuire 7, Goudeau 13, Garica 4, Steele 4, C. McGuire 18, Burgess 4.

Aspermont 69, Rochester 44
Scoring for Rochester: Sanchez 21, E. McGhee 7, Hearn 5, Self 5, Strickland 4, B. Sanchez 2.

Paint Creek 58, Highland 25
Scoring for Paint Creek: Lorange 22, Medford 12, C. Hobbs 11, Barr 6, Sageser 4, E. Hobbs 3.

Rochester 90, Moran 35
Scoring for Rochester: Hearn 10, McGhee 38, B. Sanchez 7, Self 8, E. Sanchez 16, Strickland 7, Taylor 4.

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Scoring for Rule: Smith 13, Hatley 3, Custer 10, Stephens 6, Falkner 2, Standifer 6.

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 17
 9:00 a.m. Miracle Ear Hearing
 Lunch-Meatballs, mushroom gravy, broccoli, cabbage slaw, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Dec. 19
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Home Health blood pressure check
 Lunch-Hamburgers, potato salad, pinto beans, tomato, lettuce, onions, cherry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Dec. 21
 Lunch-Turkey, dressing/gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, mixed fruit, 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.

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SAVANNAH FOSTER



CHRISTINA SAMMONS

Students visit Rotary Club

Savannah Foster is the daughter of Craig and Shadella Foster of Haskell.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Her school activities have included being the Mascot, member of the band, War Whoop staff, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and an officer in FFA and Family Career and Community Leaders of America.

She received an All-American Mascot Nominee award and first place award in Texas High School Press for her black/white sports photo.

Talking on the phone and listening to music are her favorite leisure activities.

After finishing high school, she

plans to attend college, majoring in elementary education and specializing in education for blind and hearing impaired children.

Christina Sammons is the daughter of Steve and Paula Sammons of Haskell.

She is a member of the East Side Baptist Church.

In school she is active in band, is a Drum Major, member of the War Whoop staff and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She enjoys singing at church, listening to music and talking on the phone.

After finishing high school she plans to go to college, majoring in elementary education, with a minor in music.

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD'S LOVE APPEARS IN THE SPARKLING WHITE OF WINTER

When autumn colors fade away
 And skies aren't overcast with gray,
 The brightest stars are on display
 To brighten up the night;
 And meanwhile, on the earth below,
 The ground and trees are all aglow,
 They're blanketed with ice and snow,
 To everyone's delight

The icicles adorn the trees
 And all the world would seem to freeze;
 However, everyone agrees
 It is an awesome sight.
 Each lesson of our faith implies
 A blessing we should recognize;
 The love of God before our eyes,
 With winter's sparkling white.

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.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Christian Church
 Dusty Garrison, 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
 Henry Chisholm, temporary supply
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
 Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 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
 Samuel Blackwell, 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

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

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
 Chris Powell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert

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 Culppepper, 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.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton

RULE
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
First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
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
 Bill Trice, pastor
 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

Haskell School Menu

December 17-19
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Saltine crackers, graham crackers, peanut butter
Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket
Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Barbeque on a bun, French fries, pickle spears, apple crisp
Tuesday: Frito pie, grated cheese, pinto beans, corn. Elementary: cookies. Secondary: pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, assorted chips. Elementary: pineapple tidbits. Secondary: cookies
 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
 DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 1

Sanders family holds holiday reunion

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of long-time Weinert residents, the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, gathered at the Haskell National Bank, Sat., Dec. 1, for their Thanksgiving and Christmas get-together. Going to the Circle S Ranch late Saturday, they spent Sunday and part of Monday at the ranch.

Jack and Sallie Sanders had

twelve children, eleven living to adulthood. All of the children were present except Martha Maupin and her family. Traveling the farthest was John Hardman of Atex, North Carolina, son of the late Eva Sanders Hardman.

New members present who were born this year were, Alexis Danielle, born Aug. 10 to Leigh, daughter of Travis and Pam Sanders, and Macy Laine, born Oct. 23, to Junior and Christie Cox.

Those attending were: Travis and Wilma Sanders, their granddaughter, Leigh and Alexis of Coleman; Darwin and Ethel Slade of Eagar, Arizona; Andy and Marlene Sanders and children, Rickey and Netha Carrouth, Renetha and A. J., Terry and Andra Jackson and son Andrew, Ricky and Tina Thomas, Megan and Austin, all of Cross Plains; John Hardman of Atex, North Carolina; B. D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth; Walter and Sue Cox, Junior and Christie Cox and grandchildren, Kade, Drew, and Macy Laine, all of Naples, and Brenda, Austin and Sallie, of Ore City; Jacky and Sandra Sanders and daughter Jaelyn and friend Jonathan of Aledo; Scarlet, Johnny, Teresa, Scarlet Diann, Shawna Renee and David of McQueeny; Rocky and Marsha Sanders and Rocky's daughter, April, and her husband, Keith Escabedo of Abilene, and the hosts, Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell, all of Haskell.

The group is planning another family reunion in June.

Rule 4-H to hold toy drive

The Rule 4-H Club will sponsor a Toy Drive for the Haskell County Child Welfare Board, to benefit children of all ages who are in need this Christmas season. Unwrapped toys, clothing or gifts for any child, including teenagers, will be accepted.

Boxes for collection are located at the Rule School, Rule Banking Center and Rule Post Office. Donations may be dropped off until Fri., Dec. 21.

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Births

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He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches long.

James' brothers and sister are Frank, Ruben and Veronica Robledo.

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Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed firms of contract documents; including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Haskell and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 209 W. 8th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Architect's office for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening.

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Pecan Show winners named

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The Haskell/Knox 2001 County Pecan Show was held Dec. 3 and 4 at the Haskell National Bank meeting room in Haskell. A total of 63 entries were judged in 20 categories. The winners in the pecan show received recognition with ribbons sponsored by "Dillons Nursery" of Knox City. The show was organized by the Haskell and Knox County

Horticulture Committees. Many volunteers were needed to process the pecans prior to judging. Assisting in the classifying, weighing, cracking and shelling were: Bud Turnbow, Lewis Thomas, Ferrel Coston, Jane Coston and Harry Koehler of Haskell County and Penny Kyzer, Glen Kyzer, Reba Morrill, James Klutts, Jimmy Klutts, Charles Jones, Joy Jones, Oscar Mangis and Morris Houck of Knox

County. We appreciate the hard work and assistance given by these volunteers. These efforts were what made the Haskell/Knox 2001 Pecan Show a great success.

The Drug Store of Haskell donated a nutcracker in support of the pecan show as a door prize. Joy Jones of Benjamin was the winner.

The judge for the 2001 Pecan Show was Emory Boring, III, Extension specialist of Vernon. Boring chose the following entries to advance to the Central Texas Regional Pecan Show in Stephenville.

Bill and Frankie Baker, Knox County with Burkett variety; Leta Mangis, Knox County with Burkett variety, Oscar Mangis, Knox County with Jon Garner Variety; Doris McAulty, Knox County with Schley variety; Leta Mangis, Knox County with Stuart variety; and Weldon Skiles, Knox County with Wichita variety.

Haskell County participants and their placings:

Apache: Harry Koehler - 1st place
Burkett: Carl and Darlene Hopkins, 5th place
Cheyenne: Bud Turnbow, 1st place; Ervin Frierson, 3rd place; Lewis Thomas, 4th and 5th place
Native: Elna Weise, 3rd place

Pawnee: Ervin Frierson, 1st place
Schley: Elna Weise, 2nd and 4th place; Lewis Thomas, 3rd place
Success: Elna Weise, 3rd place
Stuart: Lewis Thomas, 7th and 12th place; Leona Seelig, 9th place; Charlene Brothers, 10th place, Andrea Anderson, 13th place
Western Schley: Lewis Thomas, 1st place

Wichita: Joe Davis, 4th place
Remaining pecans from each entry can be picked up at your county Extension office.

Haskell girls, boys win third place

Haskell High School boys and girls teams both took third place in the Vernon Invitational Basketball Tournament, Dec. 6, 7 and 8. Playing Vernon Friday in the first game in the Boys' White Bracket, Haskell won 53 to 46.

Leading scorers for Haskell were Cliff McGuire with 22, and Leon Goudeau with 12.

In Friday's game seven, the Indians lost to Holliday, 45 to 51. Leading scorers for Haskell were Zac McGuire with 12, and Eddie Loyd with 10.

In the Boys' White Bracket Saturday's games, Haskell took third place, defeating Memphis, 71 to 49. Leading scorers for Haskell in the game were McGuire, with 22, and Melvin Garcia with 16.

Cliff McGuire was named to the Boys' All-Tournament Team.

Playing in the Girls' Maroon Bracket, the Maidens defeated Amarillo River Road, 60 to 48 in game one, Thursday. Leading Haskell scorers in the game were Nikki Wallace with 17, and Mindy Price with 11.

In game eight, Friday, Vernon bested Haskell, 56 to 35. Leading scorer was Melissa Buerger, with 8.

In the Girls' Maroon Bracket Saturday's games, the Maidens took third place, defeating Groom, 48 to 36 in game eleven. Leading Haskell scorers were Nikki Wallace with 22 and Mindy Price with 10.

Nikki Wallace was named to the Girls' All-Tournament Team.

Commissioner's Court report

With all members present at a special meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, Tues., Nov. 27, a motion was approved to lift the County burn ban.

In the matter of adopting a policy for the paying of expenses for those accompanying county employees on county business, a motion was made by Commissioner Kenny Thompson that no expenses be paid for a spouse accompanying County employees on County business except when a County law enforcement officer is transporting prisoners or other people in custody. The motion was unanimously approved.

Community Calendar

Goodfellows

Goodfellows will be accepting donations for their annual Christmas program. Applications for the program will be taken Dec. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Packages will be delivered Dec. 24 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 Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Rule lighting contest

The Rule Chamber is sponsoring a Home and Yard Lighting Contest. To enter call the Rule City Hall 997-2214 and give you name and address. Judging will be Thurs., Dec. 20. Prizes will be awarded.

Donations needed

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is a nonprofit organization which helps the needy children of Haskell County and educates the public. The Board's goal is awareness of child abuse and neglect that exists in Haskell County. Help is also provided to necessities for children and their families throughout the year and to help buy clothes and toys for needy children at Christmas. The Board is accepting tax-deductible donations, or memorials to be set up for loved ones, to help finance its goal. Donations may be mailed to Haskell County Child Welfare Board, P. O. Box 817, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Thurs., Dec. 13 at noon. Plans will be made for the fund raiser to be held in February at the Rolling Plains Regional Jail.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday

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