

Basketball games

HASKELL
 7th-8th G vs Hawley
 Thurs., Jan. 4, 4 p.m.
 at Rochester
 7th-8th B vs Hawley
 Thurs., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
 at Hawley
 JV-V G-B vs Coahom
 Fri., Jan. 5, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
 7th-8th G vs Stamford
 Mon., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
 at Rochester
 7th-8th B vs Stamford
 Mon., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
 at Stamford
 JV-V G-B vs Stamford
 Tues., Jan. 9, 4 p.m.
 at Stamford

PAINT CREEK
 VG-B vs Aspermont
 Fri., Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
 JH vs Lueders
 Mon., Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
 VG-B vs Trent
 Tues., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

RULE
 JVG-VG-VB vs Trent
 Fri., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.
 at Rule
 JH G-B vs Trent
 Mon., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
 JVG-B, VG-B vs
 Lueders-Avoca
 Tues., Jan. 9, 4 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Cookbook

The Haskell County Christmas Cookbook is available at local merchants or at the office of Judge David Davis at the courthouse. Proceeds of the sale benefits the Committee to Help Haskell County.

Events calendar

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is compiling a Community Events Calendar for 2007. To include your school, church, club or government dates, call Ruby Turner at 256-1734.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Patty Rae Welborn of Abilene will give a demonstration using acrylics. Guests are welcome.

Medical fund

A medical fund for 5 year old Sierra Marie Vaughn has been established. Vaughn and her family are scheduled to travel to Dayton, Ohio for a study and medical treatments Feb. 5 through March 30. Funds are also needed to help the family with their many expenses while there. To make a donation, contact Keary or Jessica at 940-657-5530 or mail donations to P.O. Box 662, Knox City, Texas 79529.

GED classes

Free GED classes will begin Jan. 8 and be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45 to 6:45 p.m. this semester in Room 19 of the Haskell Elementary sixth grade building. Individualized and small group instruction will be available. Instructors are Paula Everett and Debbie Miller.

Medical fund

A medical fund to help Cindy Hearn with her medical expenses has been established at First National Bank in Haskell.

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Go Indians, Go Maidens

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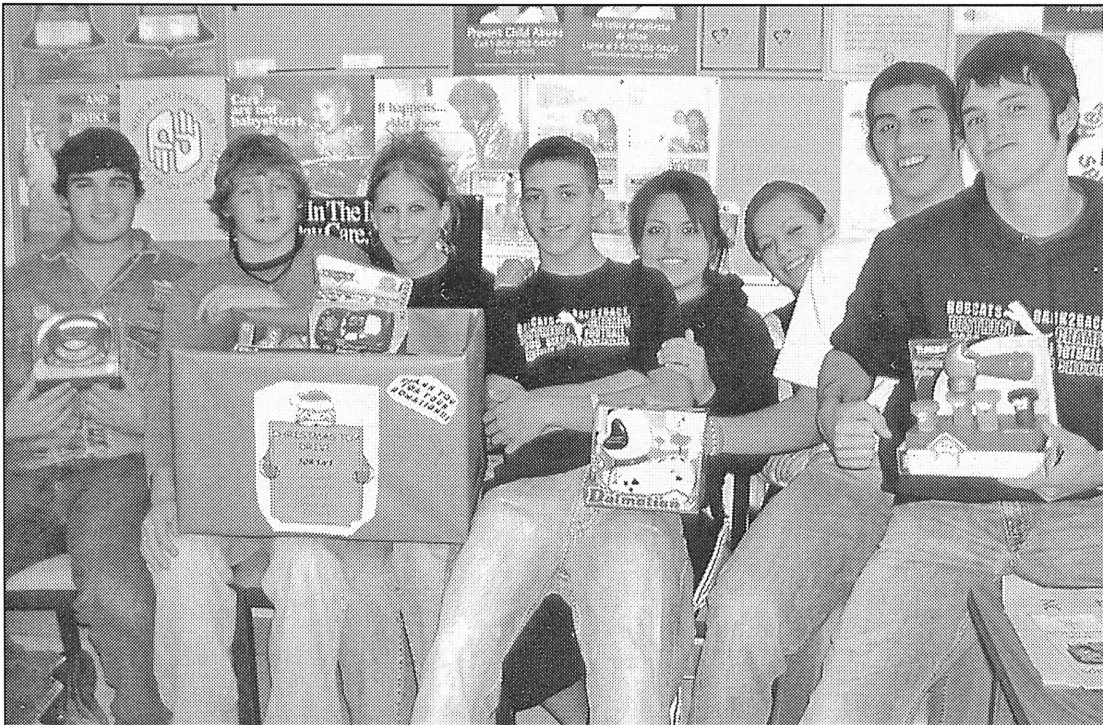
"The People's Choice"

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COLLECTS TOYS—The Rule High School Beta Club held a toy drive to help the Haskell County Child Welfare Board gather toys for children for Christmas. Senior students helping with the drive were I-r, front row, Brittnee Brannan, Kendra Scheets and Taylor

Falkner; middle row, Kade Kittley, Austin Flores, D.J. Hall, Cory Flores, Brady Baitz, Mason Bishop, Kortney Kupatt, Julian Menchaca; and standing, Cheryl Hutchinson of the Dept. of Human Services, Mathew Turner, and Karla Rimes, sponsor.



TOY DRIVE—The Rule High School Beta Club held a toy drive to help the Haskell County Child Welfare Board gather toys for children for Christmas. Junior students helping

with the drive were I-r, Kiel Rowan, Kyle Simpson, Callie Papanas, Adam Vasquez, Jessie Magallon, Shawna Favor, Stephen Pace and J.T. Spitzer.

Postal customers reminded of new schedule

The Haskell Postal Service mail collection boxes have new pickup schedules. Collection times of each blue collection box will be the stated times on the label of each box.

Postal customers are reminded of these new schedules:

- Pickup of the square collection box will be at 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Collection of the outside box located at the Post Office will be at 4:30, Monday through Friday, and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

- Pickup times of the lobby drop inside the post office will

be at 4:30 Monday through Friday, and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

One other change to be made in the near future is moving the blue collection box on the square to the Post Office. That box will be collected at 4:30 p.m.

This is a Postal Service change to improve management of the collection system. The collection boxes will be collected by local postal employees.

The Postal Service is committed to providing excellent, efficient service for all our customers. Post Office hours will remain the same, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon. through Fri.

For mailing supplies and other inquires, customers may also visit the Postal Service's website at www.usps.com or call 1-800-ASK-USPS. The local Post Office phone number is 940-864-2811.

Cotton conference to be held in Stamford Jan. 16

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 The 2007 Rolling Plains Cotton Conference is scheduled for Jan. 16 at the Bunkhouse located on the Texas Cowboy Reunion facility in Stamford.

Local producers will have the opportunity to obtain 7 CEU credits toward their private applicator license.

Registration will be held at 8 a.m. with a Laws and

Regulation Update by Wes Utley at 8:15.

Todd Baughman will bring a Crop Production Update at 9:15 a.m. At 10:15, David Anderson will speak on Cattle Economics and Management.

Leon New will present information on How to use ET and PET in Irrigated Crop Production at 11:15.

Lunch will be held at 12:15 with industry updates by

sponsoring company representatives.

John Robison will speak on Cotton Economics and Management at 1:15.

TDA will present Work Protection Standards Training at 2:15 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding this event contact Wes Utley at the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658.

Free Press has new look for new year

Beginning with this, the first edition of the new year, the Haskell Free Press makes a change, taking a positive step forward in the printing of the paper, bringing it in line with other up-to-date publications.

The new width of the new paper is 12 1/4 inches. This new trend by newspapers across the nation is to help make the size of the newspaper more reader friendly.

Since its beginning in 1886, with hand-set lead type and hand-turned rotary printing press, the Free Press has adapted to newer methods as they developed. Since 2002, in an update to its production, the Free Press has sent the completed weekly edition layout by e-mail to a print shop in Breckenridge. This continued satisfactorily until that press closed in 2005. Then, the paper was submitted to a press company in Graham.

The completed layout of the Haskell paper is now being sent electronically for printing to the Abilene-Reporter News press company.

This change is a positive step for the paper as well as for our readers.

Jr. Livestock Show set Jan. 11-13

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 11-13 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 11 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 11 by 5:30 p.m.

Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. for lambs; followed by swine. Beginning at 2 p.m. will be show time for steers followed by heifers.

Judge for the steers and heifers will be Gary Clayton, Wise County Extension Agent. Judge for the swine will be Steve Bradshaw, AST-Paradise. Judge for rabbits and poultry will be Chris Beard, AST-Albany, and lambs will be judged by Joel Lanier of Seminole.

Auctioneer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 14, will be Rex Ford of Stamford, assisted by Mike Fouts of Sagerton.

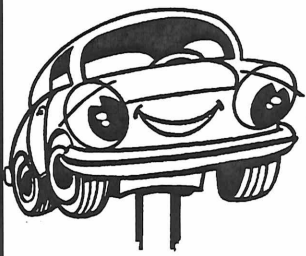
The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. The Haskell County Extension Education Association will have a concession stand offering drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 92 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$79,785. Steven Lehmann of Sagerton is president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

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Energy workshop to be held Jan. 23

USDA Rural Development announces a free one day workshop in San Antonio. Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be conducting a workshop on renewable energy, and energy efficiency grant and loan programs Tues., Jan. 23.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide information that will assist with the applications process, and answer questions regarding the Section 9006. The event will be held at the U.S.A.F. School of Medicine (in the large auditorium), Brooks City-Base, San Antonio, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. To register, go to: <https://www3.cpa.state.tx.us/register.nsf/Registration?OpenForm>.

Rural Texas businesses are key players in the state's economy as they create new jobs and stimulate rural economies. "Our goal is to provide financial assistance to the individuals who live and work in rural communities across Texas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Encouraging financial growth in rural Texas ensures their viability for future generations."

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access to funds that normally would not be available to them. The Section 9006 Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement grant and guaranteed loan program may assist eligible agriculture producers and rural small businesses with financing to install renewable energy projects or make energy efficiency improvements to existing operations.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, contact the Temple State Office at 254-742-9780, or visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Obituaries

Emma Hester Russell



EMMA RUSSELL

Funeral services for Emma Hester Russell, 96, of Haskell were held Fri., Dec. 29 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Greg Gasaway and Tommy Ingle officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery in Rochester under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Russell died Wed., Dec. 27 at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Born July 4, 1910 in Rochester, she was the daughter of the late James B. 'Jim' Hester and Cordelia Elizabeth Pitts Hester. She married Emmett Russell in Munday Nov. 11, 1927. He preceded her in death Nov. 8, 1979. She attended Rochester Schools and in 1957 achieved a life long dream when she graduated from Vocational Nursing School in Plainview. She worked at Central Plains Hospital and Medical Center Hospital in Plainview. While in Haskell, she worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital, the hospital in Aspermont, Leisure Lodge (now known as Haskell Healthcare Center) and Rice Springs Care Home. She retired in 1988. She is remembered as a loving Mother and Mamma who enjoyed her yard and gardening. She was a member of the First

Baptist Church of Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Emmett; sons, James 'Ed' Russell in 1980 and Charles Vaughn Russell in 1937; granddaughter, Mischa Davis in 1975; four sisters and six brothers.

Survivors include daughters, Gerri Newberry and husband, Kenneth of Rochester, Nancy Flick and husband, Bobby of Kress, JoAnn Lindeman and husband, Larry of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; daughter-in-law, Maxine Turner Ingle and husband, Tommy of Beeville; two stepchildren, Truman Russell of San Bernardino, California and Eleanor Davis of Sun City, Arizona; six grandchildren, four step grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 11 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. PD. NOTICE

Roland D. Gardner

Funeral services for Roland D. Gardner, 52, of Lubbock were held Wed., Dec. 27 at First Christian Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Gardner died Sat., Dec. 23 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born in Haskell, he was the son of the late John William and Barbara Parsons Gardner. He graduated from Coconino High School in Flagstaff, Arizona. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Enterprise in the Vietnam War. He married Sharee Reese May 26, 1978 in Haskell. He worked for WTU at the Paint Creek Power Plant for 17 years. He was very active in the Jr. Livestock Association

and 4-H for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sharee; his daughter, Brandy Gardner of the home; one son, Eric Reese and wife, Lisa of Amarillo; sister, Becky Walton and husband, Buck of Haskell; two brothers, John Gardner and wife, Anita, and Don Hayden Dunlap, all of Haskell; one grandchild Anthony Reese of Amarillo; his mother-in-law, Elouise Reese of Lubbock; and two nephews, Randall Martin and Trey Gardner, both of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to Ben Richey Boys Ranch, 501 Ben Richey Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602. PD. NOTICE

Virginia Lee Galbraith

Funeral services for Virginia Lee Galbraith, 87, of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 27 at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery's Abbey Chapel in Dallas.

Mrs. Galbraith died Thurs., Dec. 21 in Haskell. Born Dec. 24, 1918 in Evansville, Indiana, she married Luther 'Bill' Galbraith in October 1935. They moved to Dallas in 1950. They eventually moved to Garland where they lived for 30 years. She moved to Haskell in 1996 after the death of her husband.

She retired from Gulf Life Insurance Company, but retirement was not her style, so she joined South Garland High School until her second retirement in 1986.

Virginia loved the Lord, and as a member of Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Garland, taught children's Sunday School for 20 years. She was known for her servant nature and, during her later years, constantly singing hymns.

She was a delightful person to be around and

was known for her witty come-backs. She was an outstanding cook and seamstress and loved working outside. She was a devoted wife of 61 years and loving mother. She loved all children, but especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Eliza Jennings; her husband, Luther; and great grandson, Jason Kruger.

Survivors include two daughter, Barbara Ann Kelly of Columbia, Tennessee and Betty Lou Roewe and husband, Conrad of Haskell; seven grandchildren, Daniel Kruger and wife Marisa of Evergreen, Colorado, David Kruger and wife, Jaquedon of Frisco, Linda Kelly and husband, Carl of Columbia, Tennessee, Karen Archer of Frisco, Randy Roewe and wife, Terri of Cleburne, Julie Goodenough and husband, Rob of Summerville, South Carolina, Roger Roewe and wife, Jennifer of Haskell; and 13 great grandchildren.

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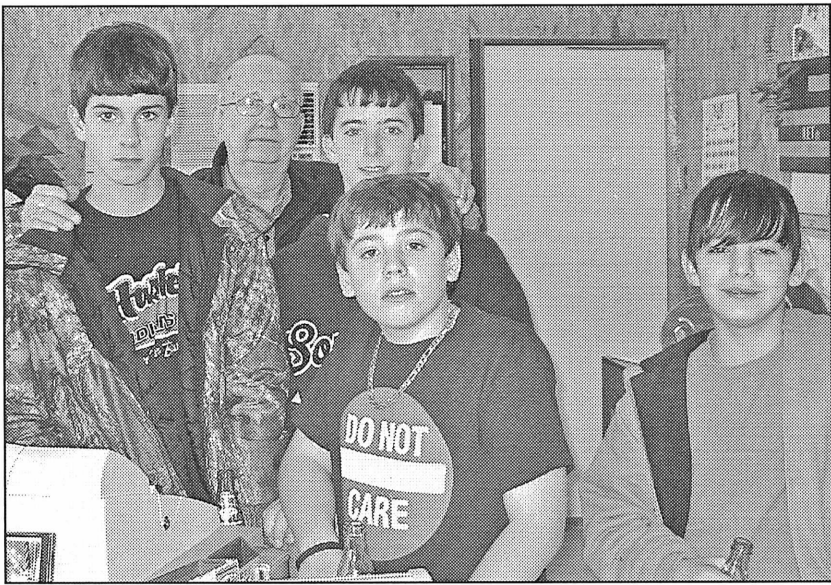


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VISITS DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER—Some of Sandra Fry's 7th grade class visited downtown Rochester in mid-December during a digital photography class. Visiting with Bob Easterling were I-r, Sterling Bird, Easterling, Clint Howard, Colton Kimmel and Cody Pierce.

Eating good food helps with holiday weight loss

If your holiday diet consisted of feasts and sweets and now you're trying to shed a bit of weight to kick off the New Year, start by ridding your refrigerator and pantry of fattening candy, snacks and treats, says Lona Sandon, a registered dietician at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Then go shopping to stock your home with food selections that are good for you, she said.

Fresh fruits and vegetables, low-fat yogurt and milk, lean meats, whole-grain cereals and walnuts or almonds are healthy foods that can be eaten as snacks.

"It's easier to stick to a healthy eating plan when you've got nutritious foods handy," Sandon says. "When it's easy to grab something nutritious and low-calorie, you're more likely to eat right."

Also, follow these other tips to lose holiday weight:

- Eat a well-balanced diet but eat in moderation, as eating large portions of even healthy foods can prompt weight gain or prevent weight loss.

- Exercise regularly so it becomes part of your normal daily routine. At least 30 minutes of vigorous physical activity each day is a good rule of thumb. Also, exercising during commercial breaks as you watch TV can increase activity levels.
- Get plenty of sleep.

James, Walton wed

Hattie Dee Walton of Fort Worth and William James were united in marriage May 26 in Fort Worth.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Darlene Brandon of Cisco and the late Larry Walton. Her grandparents are Glen and the late Faye Walton of Paint Creek.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Paint Creek High School and is attending Westwood College in Fort Worth, majoring in graphic design. She is employed by Macy's.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Olney High School and is employed by Sears.

January Clearance

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Store your holiday decorations safely

Now that the holidays are over, take down your decorations and start the New Year safely, advises the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the not-for-profit product safety testing organization.

According to the NFPA, 20 percent of home fires attributed to Christmas trees occur in January. "Christmas trees can be a significant fuel source if a fire

Osteoporosis is a man's health issue, too

Osteoporosis is commonly thought of as a woman's health problem, but it is increasingly becoming a man's health issue, too.

Although it strikes more women than men—of the 10 million Americans estimated to have osteoporosis, 8 million of them are women—the disease is more likely to go undiagnosed in men.

Dr. Khashayar Sakhaee, chief of mineral metabolism at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says lifestyle modifications such as not smoking, consuming alcohol moderately and exercising regularly are important factors for the prevention of osteoporosis.

"Adequate calcium intake also is essential," Dr. Sakhaee says.

In general, men aged 30 to 50 should take 1,000 milligrams of calcium daily and 1,200 milligrams after age 50.

Vitamin D is also important. In men 50 to 70 years old, 400 to 800 IU of vitamin D may be sufficient, but the daily dose should increase to 1,000 IU after age 70.

occurs in your home," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA assistant vice president of communications. "Dried-out trees burn easily and should not be left in a garage or placed against the house. We recommend you remove your tree from the home and dispose of it properly as soon as your Christmas celebration ends."

"Even well-watered trees dry out after four weeks," John Drengenberg, consumer affairs manager for UL, explained. "So if your real tree went up right after Thanksgiving, it should be discarded after right Christmas."

Carli and Drengenberg also remind you that Christmas trees aren't the only holiday decorations that need prompt attention after the holidays.

"Leaving your decorations out for several months or even all year not only aggravates your neighbors," Carli said, "but it also leaves the wires exposed to rain, snow, cold, the sun, squirrels and birds longer than intended by the safety standards."

"Many people don't realize that holiday lights should only be up for a limited time," Drengenberg continued. "The safety standards are developed anticipating a maximum of 90 days of use per year because these decorations are considered seasonal. If you leave decorations out any longer, the resulting damage could cause an electrical shock or a fire hazard."

As you unplug and store your lights—whether indoors or outdoors—remember the safety precautions you take now can prevent hazards from occurring next season.

Following is a checklist of safety tips that are not only helpful to stay safe as you take down your holiday decorations, but are useful all year-around:

- When using electrical toys or appliances for the first time,

carefully read and follow all instructions in the manufacturer's use and care booklet. Make sure electrical toys and appliances have the UL Mark.

- Use the gripping area provided on the plugs to unplug electrical decorations. Don't pull plugs from electrical outlets by the cord. Yanking or tugging on the cord can damage the cord's wire and insulation and could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

- When putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect for flaws. Check each light set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections.

- Dispose of worn or broken light sets and replace them. Do not place a faulty set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use. Store electrical decorations away from children and pets to ensure that cords and wires are not damaged in storage.

- Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they can not be damaged by water or dampness.

- To keep from having a tangled mess of lights next year, be sure to pack them appropriately. When preparing your holiday lights for storage, you can purchase a holiday light storage reel, or create your own storage systems. For example, wrap the lights around an empty wrapping paper tube or a cardboard square, or wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags.

For more post-holiday safety tips, to download footage of how quickly a dry Christmas tree incinerates or for photographs related to holiday decoration safety, go to <http://www.ul.com/newsroom> or <http://www.nfpa.org>.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

North Texas lawmaker campaigns to unseat current speaker

AUSTIN—When the Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 9, the 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives must choose who among them will preside as speaker.

Incumbent Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, will need 76 votes—50 percent of 150, plus one—to retain his office.

But Craddick will have competition this time from fellow Republican state Rep. Brian McCall of Plano.

McCall says he and other state representatives are ready for a change in leadership and he believes he has the votes to unseat Craddick.

The House's composition is 81 Republicans and 69 Democrats. Without a large-scale switch of allegiance among Republicans to his camp, McCall will have to convince many Democrats to back him.

Craddick, 63, was elected speaker in January 2003 after serving 34 years as a House member. He was re-elected speaker in 2005. McCall, 48, has served in the House since 1991.

President Ford honored in death

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 27 ordered all flags to be flown at half-staff in memory and in honor of the life and public service of former President Gerald R. Ford.

Ford, 93, died Dec. 26.

"President Ford was a calming, dignified voice of leadership during a turbulent time in the history of our country," Perry said. "His tenure as president was extraordinary and his lifetime of public service to our country in the United States Navy and in Congress was admirable and worthy of the respect of all Americans."

The governor's directive applies to all U.S. and state flags under the control of the state. Flags will be at half-staff on the state Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex, and upon all public buildings, grounds, and facilities throughout the state for 30 days.

Perry encouraged all Texans to fly flags at half-staff for the same length of time as a sign of respect.

Perry also ordered Texas flags to half-staff on Dec. 29 in honor of Scottie Stevenson, daughter-in-law of Gov. Coke Stevenson. She served as Texas' first lady after Gov. Stevenson's wife died and when her husband, Gov. Stevenson's son, was deployed to the Pacific during World War II.

TEA clears schools after audit

The Texas Education Agency closed investigations into possible TAKS testing irregularities at 592 Texas schools when no evidence of wrongdoing was found.

The agency said an analysis by Caveon Test Security earlier this year flagged 700 schools as having "data anomalies" during the 2005 testing period.

A school was flagged by Caveon if the firm's review found an aberrant or unusual response pattern, a large score gain, a statistically unusual number of erasures or very similar test responses, such as correctly answering hard questions while missing easy questions.

The Commissioner's Task Force on Test Integrity concluded that security audits and on-site investigations found no evidence of action that violated the state's extensive test security system at 592 schools.

Three of the 700 schools flagged for their 2005 test results have since closed. Cases are still open for 105 schools.

Sierra Club joins coal lawsuit

Power companies are moving quickly on plans to build coal-fired plants in Texas to meet growing demand for power and to reduce the state's reliance on expensive natural gas to produce electricity.

According to a Reuters news agency report, the Sierra Club has intervened in a lawsuit to slow the permitting process for as many as 18 coal-fired power plants in Texas.

The suit, aimed mainly at plans by Dallas-based TXU Corp. to invest \$10 billion to build 11 pulverized coal-burning units in the next few years, seeks to overturn an executive order issued last year by Gov. Perry that accelerates the process to obtain an air permit in Texas.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings has scheduled a Feb. 21 hearing to consider six air permits for identical coal units to be built at TXU sites in north Texas.

Former AG now out of prison

Dan Morales, who served two terms as Texas attorney general, has been released from federal prison in Texarkana.

Morales began serving a sentence in 2003 after he was convicted of fraud related to payment of attorney fees in the state's \$17 billion lawsuit against cigarette makers.

Morales has transferred to a halfway house in the San Antonio area.

WHY SHOP AT SMALL BUSINESSES INSTEAD OF SUPERSTORES?



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 2, 1997

Tyrone M. Thomas a Personnelman Seaman Recruit, for the U.S. Navy came home to spend two weeks with his mother, Lola Thomas and family for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Haskell County Gin report showed a total of 31,488 bales.

Lois and Ed Peel of West Columbia visited with the J.B. Toney's and Mrs. Peel's mother, Freida Knippling.

Brian McCulloch graduated from Sul Ross State University with a Master of Education, School Administration.

20 Years Ago January 1, 1987

Selina McGuire is the memorial chairman for the Haskell County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Visiting in the John Hawkins' home were Mrs. Hawkins brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Vaughn of Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stout enjoyed a visit from two of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stout and children of Springtown and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Stout and children of Bedford.

Members of the Haskell Indian basketball team were Steven Rodriquez, Jerry Davis, B.J. Mitchell, Patrick Perez, Mark Young, James Rike, Dusty Meeks, Kelly Klose, Derrick Billington and Michael Mendoza.

30 Years Ago January 6, 1977

The Stanley Furrhs have been visiting the David Porterfields in Corpus Christi.

Kevin Meier, received his

Bear badge in Cub Scouts and a gold and silver arrow point on his Wolf badge. He is a member of Den 1, Pack 144, Rule.

Visiting with Rev. and Mrs. Allen Forbis over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Forbis, Jack and Davis of Fort Worth.

Lee Pippin has qualified for the Dean's Honor list at the University of Texas.

40 Years Ago January 5, 1967

Weinert has organized a volunteer fire department. Officers elected were Lindo Guess, president; H.H. Grimes, fire chief; Lester Hutchinson, assistant fire chief; Raymond Walker, captain and Frank Davis, driver. Raymond Walker will assist with driving.

Visiting in the home of Walter Fischer were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Morris, Terry, Jeff and Allen of Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stuart of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fischer, Gena and Linda of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilborn of Irving visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Wilcox.

50 Years Ago January 3, 1957

The first baby born this year, Gregory Dean Thompson, born Jan. 2, in the Haskell County Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Thompson Jr. of Haskell.

Twins Ronnie and Donnie Calhoun and Jerry Hodgins, captured a full grown barnyard owl in the third floor jury room. They managed to cage him in a large packing carton.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ivy and

sons, Sam and Mike of Leonard visited in the home of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Speer and John F. Ivy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hood and son, Roy Don of Dallas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Rose, parents of Mrs. Hood.

Mrs. Charley Redwine and daughters, Charlotte and Shirley, returned home from Alpine after spending the holidays with Bobby Henshaw and family.

100 Years Ago January 5, 1907

G.E. Langford, local agent of the Wichita Valley Railroad says his road is delivering daily five or six immigrant cars at this place. The people are nearly all farmers who have purchased or rented land or farms in this county. Most of them are bringing their household effects, farm implements and work stock and are ready to get to work promptly as they reach their new homes.

E.E. Eastland, who bought the Smith Place about two and a half miles northwest of town, arrived from Bell County with two carloads of household goods and farming implements and now occupies his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Montgomery visited in Stamford. J.H. Cunningham of Austin spent several days in Haskell.

Frank and Press Baldwin spent the Christmas holidays at home. Buford Long and Wilmer Camp came home from A&M College for the Christmas holidays.

J.L. Jones has sold his residence in Haskell and has moved to Rule.

Thin may be sending wrong message

More and more often, psychologists are treating impressionable teens with eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia nervosa. Trends in advertising, television serials and feature films that portray extremely thin girls as role models may account for some of the increase.

Glamorizing thin teen girls wearing makeup and posing suggestively in advertisements promotes unhealthy bodies and unhealthy attitudes, especially for girls in the pre- and early teen years, says Dr. Stephanie Setliff, a UT Southwestern Medical Center psychologist who specializes in eating disorders.

"The age of diagnosis for several types of eating disorders has gotten younger, as I'm now treating girls ages 7 to 9, versus 13 to 14 years old being the youngest diagnosis several years ago," says Dr. Setliff. "Messages being sent to girls and young teens by the media and popularized by ultra-thin movie stars and models contribute to the pressure these girls feel to be perfect. However, genetic and biological components also factor into the situation, as well as these children's personality characteristics and temperament, and how they and their families resolve conflicts in their lives."

The recent deaths of two ultra-thin models have galvanized worldwide reaction, as fashion shows in South America and Europe have been cancelled. Italy's youth minister, meanwhile, has hammered out a manifesto in cooperation with some of the country's leading couture houses to take the lead in driving size zeroes from the catwalk during Milan's fashion week in February. Their self-regulatory code of good practice intends to recognize the World Health Organization's body-mass index of 18.5 to define underweight and, for working models, in danger of being banned from fashion shows.

Closer to home, Dr. Setliff suggests that parents be alert to any indication that their child may be developing an eating disorder. Signs may include an obsession with food and/or exercise; wearing clothing that disguises the body; spending less time with friends and formerly pleasant pastimes; frequent trips to the bathroom—especially after meals; dieting and changes in sleep patterns.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

New Year's Resolution: Pay Your Child Support

While you are making resolutions for the New Year, make a resolution to pay your child support in full and on time. By paying child support, you are setting a good example for your children and helping to secure their future.

Thank you to those parents who paid their child support in full and on time during 2006. Your faithfulness will provide endless benefits to your children. Parents who regularly pay their child support demonstrate that they are concerned for their children's welfare.

It is common knowledge that child support payments help cover a child's basic needs, such as food, shelter and clothing. However, the benefits extend beyond the financial security that each payment provides. Research shows that children of parents who pay their child

support are likely to have fewer behavior problems, make better grades, and stay in school longer than children who do not receive regular support.

Parents who pay child support are also more likely to "be there" emotionally for their children and take an active role in their upbringing. Children with two involved and caring parents are more confident, more likely to exercise self-control, and less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drug usage and early pregnancy.

For the state fiscal year that ended August 31, we collected a record \$2 billion in child support, topping the previous year's total by \$226 million. This phenomenal achievement was made possible by thousands of Texas parents who faithfully pay court-ordered child support every month without reminders.

For parents who have missed payments, I encourage you to renew your commitment in the

New Year to provide for your children and pay your child support. Please show your children that you care about their welfare by making regular child support payments throughout 2007.

To help parents collect child support, my office accepts applications from mothers, fathers and other individuals who request our services. Applications can be obtained by visiting Child Support Interactive on the main Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us or by calling our 24-hour voice response system at 800-252-8014. Parents who receive financial assistance through the Health and Human Services Commission automatically receive child support services.

The Office of the Attorney General wishes you and your family all the best for a healthy and happy 2007!

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 2006 project. The donations of money, food, toys and time are appreciated. A total of 40 packages were distributed to needy families.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,
Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
and Linda Haynes
Haskell Co.
Child Welfare Board

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HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach Lolo Martinez, Travis Adams, Gregg Guzman, Raul Villarreal, Weston Rutkowski, Vicente Castillo, D.J. McCulloch, Samuel Bitner, Derek Agraz, A.J. Alvarez, James Haggard, John English and Coach Toby Villa. Front, Luke Terry, Jared Webb. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Fri., Jan. 5 • 5 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys vs Coahoma at Haskell

Tues., Jan. 9 • 5 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys vs Stamford at Stamford



Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r, Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski, Haley Chavez, Hope Reid, Jasmine Thomas; back, Lacey Peiser, Chambray Bartley, Kimberly Medford, Sarah Garcia, Samantha Rodriguez, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Students in the News



KATIE THOMPSON

Katherine Ann Thompson received a Bachelor of Arts degree Sat., Dec. 16 from the College of Mass Communications in Advertising from Texas Tech University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society,

Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Sigma Theta, Phi Kappa Phi and the Tech Advertising Federation.

A 2002 graduate of Haskell High School, she is the daughter of Kenny and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek.

Dustin Tyler Yates graduated during December commencement exercises from Angelo State University with a Master's degree in Animal Science.

A 2000 graduate of Haskell High School, he graduated from Texas A&M University in 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. He plans to begin work on a Doctorate in Reproductive Physiology at New Mexico State University in January.

He is the son of Joe and Caron Yates and the grandson of Lindo and Sarah Guess and Toby and Alice Yates, all of Weinert.

Births

Chris and Olivia Brown of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Johnathan Dale Brown, born Dec. 11 at 12:51 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. and 11 ounces. He was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Randy and Johna Messenger and Terry Joe Brueggeman and Di Whitfield, all of Haskell; and Robert Brown of Olympia, Washington.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 8-12

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Smucker's PB&J

Wednesday: Cereal, cheez-its

Thursday: Breakfast on a stick

Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus:

choice of entree or baked potato

with cheese and ham.

Monday: Chalupas, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, sliced peaches

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, broccoli with cheese, breadstick, applesauce

Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, orange wedges

Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 8-12

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Donuts

Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Tacos, refried beans,

corn, salad, applesauce cake

Tuesday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, peach cobbler

Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, carrot sticks, peanut butter bars

Thursday: Ham or turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, cookies

Friday: No school

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 8

Lunch-Hamburger steak, onions, brown gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 10

Lunch-Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto beans, potato salad, onions,

pickles, pineapple cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Jan. 12

Lunch-Sausage and kraut, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements at 11:45 a.m.

This Week's Devotional Message:



If you have been attending your house of worship, you know what a comfort and inspiration it can be. However, it may have more to offer than just the worship service and, perhaps, a Bible class. There could also be some very pleasant get-togethers, such as pot luck suppers, ice cream socials, etc.; to welcome newcomers, say goodbye to someone, celebrate holidays, or for no

reason at all. You can help by joining in the fun, where you will make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and get to know your clergyman and the other members of the congregation better. These occasions will help increase your sense of belonging to your house of worship, and thereby add to the blessings you have already received by attending it every week.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

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

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



YOU CAN NOW SPLIT THE DEPOSIT OF YOUR TAX REFUND

The IRS now allows taxpayers to deposit tax refunds into as many as three separate accounts at three different financial institutions. In addition, courtesy of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, deposits can now be directed to individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

Of course, you can still direct the IRS to mail your refund check or have the refund deposited electronically to a single bank account. But by splitting your tax refund into separate accounts, you may be able to get more bang for your buck. For example, you could direct some of your refund to a checking account for immediate needs and send the rest to a savings account for future use. Because you aren't required to distribute the refund in equal amounts, you can direct the deposits as dictated by your personal needs.

If you decide to split your refund into separate accounts, you'll need to fill out a new form (IRS Form 8888, Direct Deposit of Refund). Fill it out accurately! Check and recheck the bank account and bank routing numbers. If those numbers are wrong, the IRS will send you a paper check or, worse, your refund could end up in someone else's account. Also, make sure your financial institution accepts direct deposits for the type of account you designate. For example, some banks will accept direct deposit to savings accounts, but won't accept similar deposits to an IRA.

Something else to keep in mind with direct deposits to an IRA account: the tax refund won't indicate a contribution year. So you'll need to notify your IRA trustee of the intended year for the deposit.

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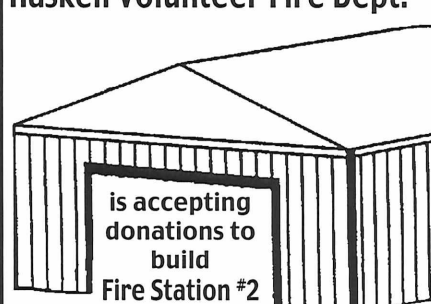
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If you have any questions or

would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223. Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004. 1c

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6157-24-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND REPAIR in NOLAN County, etc. will be opened on February 9, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,920,000.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 22295
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

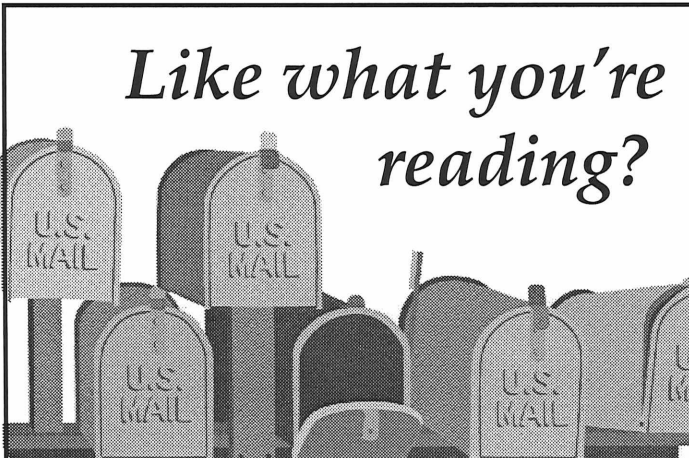


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Haskell 49, Throckmorton 19
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Haskell 38, Hawley 24
Scoring for Haskell: Samantha Rodriguez 14.

Haskell 49, Stamford 47
Scoring for Haskell: Samantha Rodriguez 8, Molly Agraz 8, Lacey Peiser 8.

Eula Holiday Classic Boys

Haskell 52, Winters 36
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 14, Travis Adams 12.

Jim Ned 52, Haskell 38
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 13, Travis Adams 9.

Throckmorton 41, Haskell 39 (OT)
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 19, Weston Rutkowski 6.

Haskell 54, Roscoe 52
Scoring for Haskell: John English 20, D.J. McCulloch 16.

Albany 53, Rule 35
Scoring for Rule: Wolf 8, Spitzer 8, Simpson 7, Clark 6, Vasquez 2, Hall 2, Flores 1.

Flu shots

Influenza 'flu' is a contagious disease. That's why individuals should get a flu shot.

The flu is caused by the influenza virus, which spreads from person to person through coughing or sneezing. Other illnesses have the same symptoms and are often mistaken for influenza. Anyone can get the influenza. For most people, it lasts only a few days. It can cause fever, sore throat, chills, fatigue, cough, headache and muscle aches.

Some people get much sicker. Influenza can lead to pneumonia and can be dangerous for people with heart or breathing conditions. It can cause high fever and seizures in children. Influenza kills about 36,000 people each year in the United States, mostly among the elderly.

Flu season usually peaks in February, but can peak any time from November through May. So getting the vaccine can be beneficial.

Inactivated influenza vaccine can be given to people six months of age and older.

For more information or an appointment to receive the flu vaccine, call the DSHS office in Stamford at 325-773-5681.

Flu shots will be available at the monthly immunization clinic scheduled in Haskell, Jan. 18 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.



STATION REOPENS—Sorrells Station in Rule has reopened by owner, Derrell Sorrells. The Rule Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting recently attended by I-r, David Parr, Chamber president; Oleta Cornelius, Sorrells, Bobby Smith, Sonja Parr, Margie Casey and Orehana Greeson, Chamber secretary.



NEW CAFE—50 Stars Cafe in Rule held a ribbon cutting with the Rule Chamber of Commerce recently. Those attending were I-r, Bobby Smith, David Parr, Stefanie Whitmer, Maria Castro, owner; Amanda Johnson, Marie Marin, Sonja Parr, Margie Casey, Oleta Cornelius and Orehana Greeson.

Call if you plan to burn

According to Haskell Co. Judge David Davis, those wishing to burn should call the Haskell Co. Sheriff's office at 864-2345 (not 911) or the appropriate fire officials near the burn location. This courtesy will help prevent fire officials and fire equipment from making unnecessary runs.



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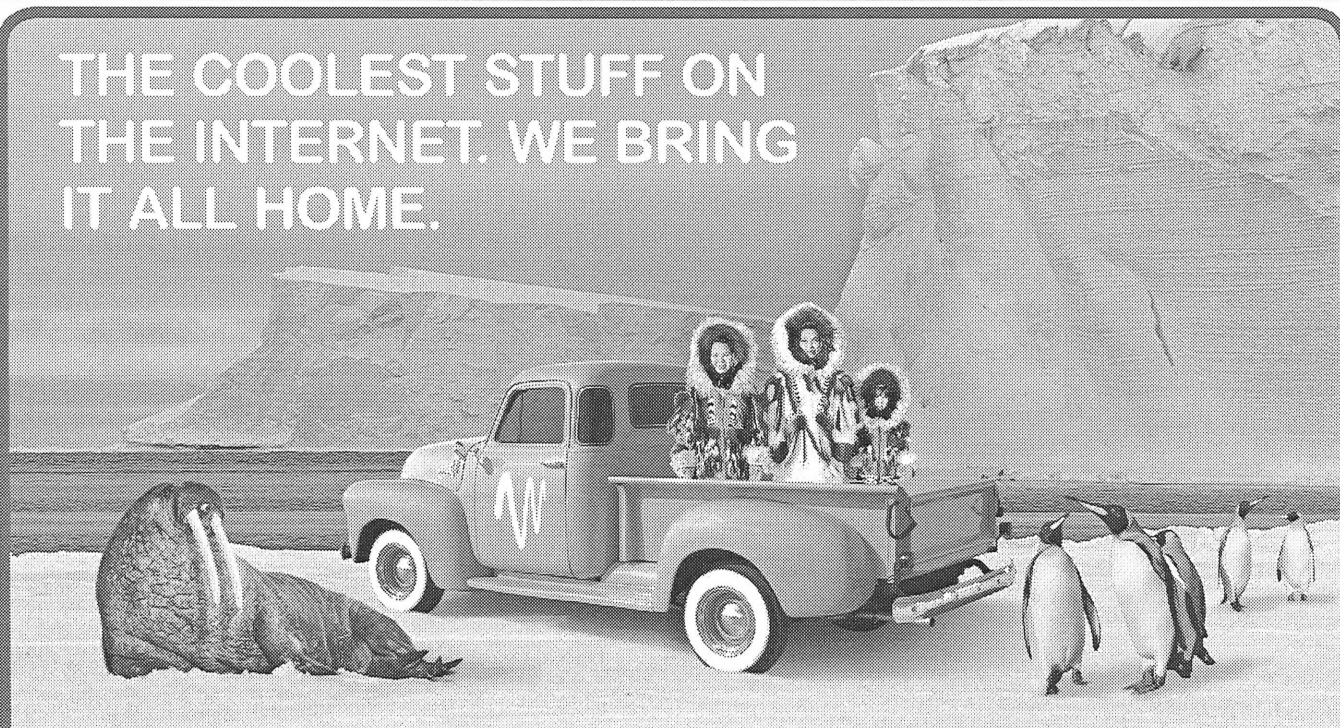
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