

Basketball games

HASKELL
 VB, VG Eula Tournament
 Dec. 27-29
 at Eula

RULE
 VB, VG Jayton Tournament
 Dec. 27-29
 at Jayton

VB vs FW Calvary Christian
 Wed., Jan. 2, 4 p.m.
 at Graham

Happy New Year

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"The People's Choice"

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Haskell Elementary students shine at UIL event



HASKELL UIL FIFTH GRADE COMPETITORS: Front row, l-r, Alyssa Abila, Justice Dever, Kade Colley, Hayley Holland, Gloria DeLosSantos, Laura Curiel and Kyle Fraga; middle row, Breezy Gibbs, Riley Meinzer, Reed Lee, Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway, Crystal Reynolds, Rhett Lampe and Destiny Billington; and, back row, Jacie Klose, Shawnee Hill, Abbi Alsbrook, Warren Flye, Jonathan Pedroza, Nathan Reid and Angelo Pena.



HASKELL UIL THIRD GRADE COMPETITORS: Front row, l-r, Jacee Guess and Jonathan Primm; middle row, Ashlyn Bevel, Kylie Adams, Katie Newberry, and Payton Thomas; and, back row, Lane Burson, Sam Fouts, Chase Gibson, Hayden Hudson, Hayden Leach and Victoria Hertel.

Tues., Dec. 4, fifty-nine second through fifth grade students competed at the UIL Academic Meet in Anson. These students were "shining stars" and represented their school very well. Haskell Elementary won the meet with 444 points followed by Stamford with 327 points, and

Anson and Hawley with 282 and 212 points, respectively.

This was the first year for the second grade students to participate in UIL. Twelve students participated in three events. Hollyn Hadaway won first in creative writing, Ariel Martinez placed fourth, and Abby Blair placed sixth. Heaven Rojas was also a participant. Rhonda Hanson was the coach for this event.

Oral reading participants were Moriah Gasaway, Sara Fouts, Riley Sloan and Ross Gilcrease. Sloan placed third and Gilcrease placed fifth. This event was coached by Rhonda Hanson.

LaKay Gibbs coached the spelling event with Kyler Hoover, Kameryn Mathis, Dalton Meinzer and Tanner Thomas participating. Meinzer and Thomas tied for first, Hoover placed third, and Mathis won sixth.

Thirteen third grade students participated in four different events. In music memory, the following students swept the event with Chase Gibson placing first, Hayden Hudson second, Sam Fouts third, and Hayden Leach fourth. Kylie Adams also participated. Melodee Christian was the coach for this event.

Oral reading participants were Chase Gibson, Ashlyn Bevel, Lane Burson and Jonathan Primm. Bevel placed second and Burson sixth. Rhonda Hanson coached this event.

Chase Gibson, Ashlyn Bevel, Victoria Hertel and Jacee Guess were participants in the ready writing event coached by Peggy Darden. Gibson placed first.

Donna Waggoner coached third grade spelling with Hayden Hudson, Katie Newberry and Payton Thomas participating. Thomas placed second in this event.

Twelve fourth grade students

participated in six events. Art participants were Katie McLemore, Morgan Nava-Munoz and Ruben Torres. Torres placed sixth. Lyndee Gasaway was the coach for this event.

Music memory was coached by Melodee Christian with Hannah Foster, Nate Hernandez and JoLene Navarrette participating. Foster placed first with a perfect paper, and Hernandez placed fourth.

Hannah Foster, Nate Hernandez, Morgan Nava-Munoz and Kyra Salas participated in number sense coached by Stacie Everett. Salas placed first, Hernandez tied for second, Munoz placed fourth and Foster fifth.

Oral reading participants were Dylan Hanson, Katie McLemore, Hannah Foster and Taylor Buchanan. Foster placed second. Caron Yates coached this event.

Ready Writing was coached by JoNell Roberts with Hannah Foster, Pryce Stewart, Dylan Hanson and Garret Tatum participating. Foster placed first while Stewart won third.

Nate Hernandez and Pryce Stewart were participants in spelling with Hernandez winning first and Stewart fourth. JoNell Roberts also coached this event.

Twenty-two fifth grade students participated in nine events. Laura Curiel and Crystal Reynolds participated in art coached by Lyndee Gasaway.

Alyssa Abila, Crissy Bassett, Shawnee Hill and Hayley Holland participated in dictionary skills. Abila earned fourth and Bassett tied for sixth. Amy Sloan was the coach for this event.

Lyndee Gasaway coached the listening event with Rhett Lampe, Nathan Reid and Warren Flye participating. Lampe placed third.

Kade Colley, Justice Dever, Breezy Gibbs and Kyle Fraga participated in maps, graphs and charts coached by LaKay Gibbs. Colley earned fifth place.

Music memory participants swept their event with Riley Meinzer placing first, Alyssa Abila second, Reagan Hadaway third, Crissy Bassett fourth and Hayley Holland fifth. Melodee

Christian was the coach for this event.

Alyssa Abila, Kade Colley, Reagan Hadaway and Jacie Klose participated in number sense with Abila winning third, Colley fourth, Klose fifth and Hadaway sixth. Stacie Everett coached these students.

Crissy Bassett won second place in ready writing. Alyssa Abila was also a participant. Tonya Cypert was the coach for this event.

Kade Colley, Kyle Fraga, Reed Lee and Jonathan Pedroza participated in social studies with Colley placing first. Sherry Adams was the coach for this event.

Sherry Adams coached spelling with Destiny Billington, Breezy Gibbs, Riley Meinzer and Angelo Pena participating. Meinzer placed third and Gibbs fifth.

Oral reading participants coached by Amy Sloan were

Reagan Hadaway, Abbi Alsbrook, Gloria DeLosSantos and Jacie Klose.

"This is an outstanding reflection of our students' willingness to go above and beyond the normal school activities. These students, as well as their coaches, worked many hours preparing for this meet, and they were "shining stars" representing our school," commented Tonya Cypert, elementary UIL director.

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Jan. 3 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 27 at 5 p.m.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Rennegarbe is the storyteller.

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Goodfellows Donations

In memory of A.C. Boggs and R.I. Johnson	
by Boggs & Johnson	\$100
Haskell Garden Club	\$100
In memory of Joyce Hawkins	
by Phillip and Floradean Cockerell	\$25
Total this week	\$225
Previous total	\$1,325
Total to date	\$1,550



HASKELL UIL FOURTH GRADE COMPETITORS: Front row, Ruben Torres, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Kyra Salas, Hannah Foster and Garret Tatum; back row, Pryce Stewart, Taylor Buchanan, Dylan Hanson, Katie McLemore, Nate Hernandez and JoLene Navarrette.



HASKELL UIL SECOND GRADE COMPETITORS: Front row, l-r, Dalton Meinzer, Ross Gilcrease, Ariel Martinez, Sarah Fouts and Heaven Rojas; back row, Hollyn Hadaway, Kameryn Mathis, Tanner Thomas, Kyler Hoover, Moriah Gasaway, Riley Sloan and Abby Blair.

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Fireworks display to be held Dec. 31

The ninth annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission, will be held Mon., Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.

Jim Hollingsworth, chairman of the commission, and his family, will set off another large load of fireworks on their farm between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 617 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of County Road 146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 617 for a mile east of CR 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

This year the fireworks display is dedicated to all the brave men and women who served our country in the various

branches of the military during World War II. Every freedom that we have as citizens of the United States is the direct result of the valor and efforts of these veterans. Haskell County Judge David Davis reminds us, "One day of honor in November seems hardly enough to say 'thank you' to those who gave their all. We can honor our veterans by acknowledging the sacrifices they made. This year's fireworks display will be the beginning of a year of thanking our veterans for their service, their sacrifices, their lives."

It is estimated that the small but close-knit Jud Community, population about 25, swells to hundreds of people on New Year's Eve. The event has become a ritual for many area residents. The Haskell County Historical Commission invites everyone out to view the display.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting Nov. 27. Commissioner Bobby Smith was absent.

Sally Rueffer, Haskell Chamber of Commerce manager, met with the commissioners to discuss the group's membership to the Chamber. The commissioners voted to join the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Kitsie Drinnon was hired in the County Attorney's office and Teri Fillmon was hired in the District Clerk's office effective Dec. 3.

A motion was approved to

allow District Attorney Mike Fouts to reimburse his secretary, Linda Josselet, for the cost of her insurance. The monies will be deducted from the District Attorney's forfeiture fund.

The commissioners met in a regular meeting Dec. 10.

Larry and Karen Holder met with the commissioners to discuss County Road 1682.

Anthony Tate was hired as a dispatcher for Sheriff David Halliburton at a rate of \$7.80 per hour.

A motion was approved to publish sealed bids for the Rolling Plains Regional Jail.

USDA announces forum speakers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the plenary speakers for USDA's 84th annual Agricultural Outlook Forum, "Energizing Rural America in the Global Marketplace," Feb. 21-22, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The Secretary of Agriculture will deliver the keynote address on Thurs., Feb. 21. Mark Keenum, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, will address international agricultural trade, and Thomas Dorr, Under Secretary for Rural Development, will speak on "Promoting a Rural Renaissance." Stephen Johnson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, is the distinguished guest speaker.

"USDA's 2008 Agricultural Outlook Forum explores the future of American agriculture," said Acting Secretary Chuck Conner. "The Forum's discussion will focus on the challenge of the global marketplace, which revolves around growing demand, record grain prices, and international trade agreements. We will explore the risks, opportunities, and policies arising at the intersection of these issues."

"Getting It Right: Responding to Market Forces," the Forum's plenary panel, will include C. Larry Pope, President and CEO, Smithfield Foods; Thomas E. Stenzel, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Fresh Produce Association; and Paul Schickler, Vice President and General Manager, DuPont, and President, Pioneer Hi-Bred. One additional panelist has also been invited. Jean-Mari Peltier, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives will moderate the panel.

In 2008, renewable energy remains at the forefront during the breakout sessions. Addressing the biodiesel industry will be Larry Schafer of the National Biodiesel Board; while Dr. Mark Stowers, Vice President for Research and Development at POET, discusses advances in ethanol processing efficiency. Gregory Rosen, Senior Manager at the Power Light Corporation, will talk about progress with solar energy. Representatives from Tyson Foods and Chevron Corporation, respectively, will discuss producing biodiesel from animal feedstocks and biocrude from plant material.

Discussing trade opportunities with Latin America will be

Jeffrey Jones, Undersecretary of Agribusiness at Mexico's Agricultural Secretariat; and Edilson Guimaraes, Secretary of Agricultural Policy, at Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture.

Charles Stenholm, former Texas Congressman and Senior Policy Advisor for Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Bode Matz P.C., will moderate a panel that looks at change agents in Rural America. Mark Drabenstott, Director of the Rural Policy Research Institute, will discuss "How Definitions Will Impact the Building of Regional Economies." Rural development sessions will also explore innovative financing and business models and the changing demography of rural America.

Examining the world of cotton at a luncheon will be William B. Dunavant, III,

President and CEO, Dunavant Enterprises, Inc. Dunavant's Rickard Laurin will also discuss "Promoting Cotton Production in East Africa."

Food safety will be explored by Kathleen O'Donnell, Chief Food Scientist, at Wegmans Supermarkets; Frank Yiannis, Director of Safety & Health Programs, Walt Disney World; and Dr. Richard Raymond, Undersecretary, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

Discussing environmental quality and agricultural policy will be H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Tom Casadevall, Director, Central Region, United States Geological Survey; and Craig E. Hooks Director, Office of Water Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Speakers will present an overview of U.S. agriculture's economic outlook, with individual USDA sessions to address major commodities. A dinner speaker will also be announced in the near future.

For a roster of speakers, program preview, and registration, go to: www.usda.gov/occe/forum.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 20, 2007
Haskell

Haskell County Gin	5,100
Haskell Co-op Gin	7,224
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	17,000
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	7,631
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	2,622
Weinert Gin	5,306
Total bales	44,883

Area basketball scores

Girls
 Haskell 58, Anson 25
 Scoring for Haskell: Rodgers 13, Peiser 9, Newton 7, Bassett 6, Reid 6, Thane 5, Wallace 4, Johnson 4, Rutkowski 2, Torres 2.
 JV: Haskell 26, Anson 9

 Colorado City 52, Haskell 46
 Scoring for Haskell: Rutkowski 11, Peiser 11, Rodgers 9, Torres 8, Reid 4, Wallace 3.
 JV: Haskell def. Colorado City

 Hamlin 37, Rule 26
 Scoring for Rule: Scheete 14, Messenger 8, Munoz 4.

Boys
 Haskell 99, Anson 31
 Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 42, Adams 18, English 13, Rutkowski 11, Guzman 6, Rodriguez 5, Agraz 2, Alvarez 2.
 JV: Haskell defeated Anson.

 Haskell 55, Colorado City 45
 Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 16, Adams 12, Rutkowski 12, English 9, Agraz 4, Guzman 2.
 JV: Colorado City 49, Haskell 18.

 Rule 58, Hamlin 26
 Scoring for Rule: Wolfe 12, Spitzer 12, Rincon 8, Pace 6, Saucedo 6, Clark 5, Hall 5, Simpson 4.
 JV: Rule 39, Hamlin 29.

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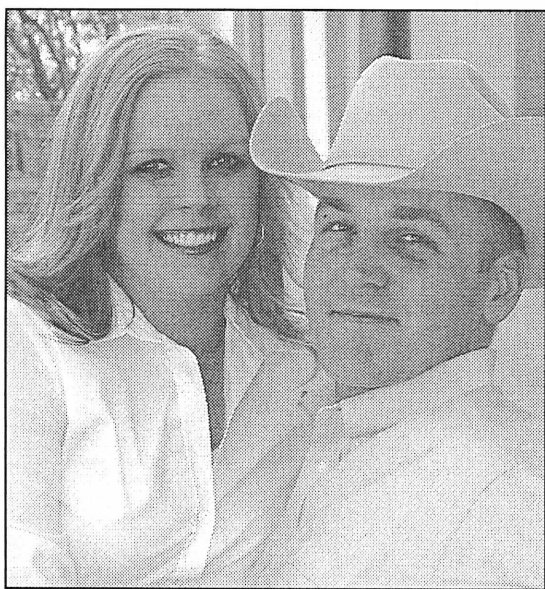
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JONNA WADE - JONATHAN PARR

Wade, Parr to marry Jan. 19

Johnnie Wade of Lubbock and Jeana and Kendall Amos of Lamesa are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Jonna Wade, to Jonathan Parr, son of Michael and Victoria Parr of Haskell and Janet and Billy Bisbee of Baird.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Johnnie and Shirley Wade of Quanah, Marcia Hockett of Wills Point, Freddie and Delcie Prather of Crowell, and Ronnie and Nelle Ray of Lamesa.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are Frankie and the late Leroy Parr of Baird, and Lee Anderson and the late David Webb and the late Diamond Anderson of Abilene.

His great grandmother is Victoria Keeter of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Lamesa High School and a 2006 graduate of Odessa College with a degree in Physical Therapy Assistant. She is employed by Hardenman County memorial Hospital in Quanah.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Baird High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Rangeland Management and Ecology. He is employed as District Conservationist with the USDA-NRCS in Quanah.

The couple plans to marry Jan. 19 in Big Spring.

Haskell CISD seeks nominations of gifted students

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

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by Haskell High School Office, Rochester Junior High Office, or Haskell Elementary Office to pick up the necessary forms.

Offices are open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this test.

Nomination period for Haskell CISD is Jan. 4-17. During this time applications may be picked up at any of the three campuses to nominate a student. Completed applications should be returned to the campus office by Jan. 17.

For any assistance, contact Debbie Miller at 940-864-2654 #306.



MR. AND MRS. REBUS GUESS

Couple to celebrate 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Rebus Guess of Haskell will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Dec. 31.

Roy Rebus Guess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rebus B. Guess, and Leora Pauline Stiewert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stiewert, were married in the home of Haskell First Baptist Church Pastor, Brother Whatley, in 1942. The couple lived on the Guess farm in Mattson until World War II took Rebus to Germany in 1944. Until his return in 1946, Leora stayed alternately with her family and the Guesses.

Rebus worked for his brother, Bailey Guess, at W.B. Guess Oil Co. of Weinert, before opening his own country store in Sunset, five miles west of Munday. In 1947, the couple moved to Goree, where they operated a gasoline and butane business, living there thirteen years.

In 1952, Rebus began working as the rural route 2 carrier for Goree. Their daughters were born during these years in Goree, Jennifer Guess Burgess and Kimberlee Guess Bassett. The Guesses and their daughters all reside in Haskell.

In 1959, Rebus began delivering the mail of route 2, Munday. Driving the country roads of Knox and Haskell counties, delivering everything from Christmas gifts, letters from kin, queen bees, and baby chickens, he made many friends and heard daily "the rest of the story" from Paul Harvey. Stopping for a visit at the Clause Country store in Rhineland was Rebus' usual morning "coffee break" for cola and peanuts. Many dear friends still live in

Munday, along with many memories.

When asked, "What did you do for entertainment back then?" Rebus and Leora fondly recall time spent with friends and bowling in Knox City. Some nights, they played croquet until 3 a.m., still beginning a full day's work bright and early that morning. There were many games of cards and dominoes with Goree friends. There was time for afternoon coffee or chats with fellow Goree residents. Most of these years, Sunday afternoons were spent with his family at the farm in Mattson.

Rebus retired from the Postal Service in 1982 when he and Leora moved to Haskell to be nearer the grandkids. Rebus continued to enjoy working with cattle until 2006.

Leora served several years as the substitute mail carrier in Munday and later worked part time at the Slipper Shoppe in Haskell. But most of her days were spent caring for her family. She was an excellent seamstress until the loss of her sight to macular degeneration. She made beautiful clothes for the daughters and grandchildren as well as quilts and embroidery. She also enjoys plants and loved to work in her yard.

The couple has lived in Haskell for the last 25 years. They are thankful for their health and ability to remain active, attending their grandchildren's basketball games, coffee shop appointments, and the activities of their church, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.

FD Christmas meeting

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, their spouses and guests met Mon., Dec. 17 for a Christmas meeting at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Asst. Chief Felix Rodriguez conducted the business meeting recognizing Captain Eddie Klose for his 20 years of service with the department.

In a report run, the department answered 94 runs during 2007 including six structure fires, 49 grass fires and 26 assists with landing zones, patient lifts and vehicle accidents.

Three mutual aid calls were answered, along with 23 calls to help with gas meters being run over, fuel spills and cotton module fires.



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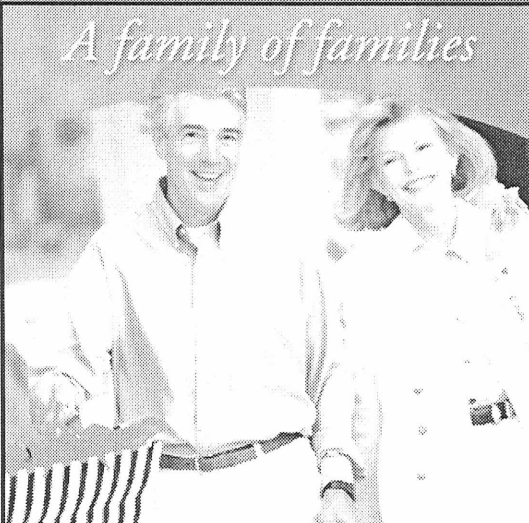
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Abbott renders opinion on House speaker's powers

AUSTIN—Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott released a long-awaited opinion on Dec. 14, regarding the powers of the speaker of the Texas House.

Questions arose over the limits of a speaker's power, and soon after the session ended, two Republican House committee chairs asked the state attorney general to address a list of issues and render this opinion.

In summary, Abbott said the Texas Constitution and Texas statutory law are silent as to whether the speaker, and likewise, the president pro tempore of the Senate, are subject to removal from office.

"Any interpretation of this question must be governed by court decisions," Abbott wrote.

In the closing days of the 80th session of the Texas Legislature, a number of Democratic and Republican state representatives tried to remove Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker of the House.

It didn't work. Craddick fired one set of parliamentarians, then hired new ones to help him hold the powerful post.

It is normally a courtesy to allow members to address the whole House at appropriate times, and to make motions.

But a tactic used by Craddick under the advice of the new parliamentarians was to refuse to hear motions from the House floor, unless those motions came from members he considered friendly to him. Certain members stood at the microphone repeatedly in hopes of being recognized by the chair (Craddick or his designee) to make motions, but were denied.

Texas not chosen for FutureGen

The U.S. Department of Energy selected Illinois, not Texas, to host the FutureGen project, hailed by some as a near zero emissions coal-fired power plant.

In losing the bid, Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 18 said though Texas was not selected, "our teams in Jewett and Odessa and our state officials deserve to be commended for developing impressive proposals to attract this project to the Lone Star State."

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, who chaired the FutureGen Texas team, said, "There are many clean energy projects on the drawing boards and I, for one, am ready

to get busy."

Teachers to be checked by state

SB 9, passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, directed the State Board for Educator Certification to create rules that would set a deadline for a certified educator to submit fingerprints in compliance with the law and provide sanctions for failure to do so.

Starting in January, the state will begin fingerprinting or conducting criminal history background checks on about 1 million certified and non-certified Texas school district employees over the next four years, the Texas Education Agency said.

A teacher's certificate would be placed on "inactive status" as a consequence for non compliance, causing the person to become ineligible for employment in a Texas public school in a position that requires educator certification.

Perry names TYC conservator

Gov. Perry on Dec. 19 announced the appointment of Richard Nedelkoff as conservator of the Texas Youth Commission.

Nedelkoff, a former federal agency chief in the Bush administration, succeeds Ed Owen, who resigned as conservator in October.

The TYC houses minors convicted of criminal offenses. Last spring, the agency was put under conservatorship after various media published details of abuse of inmates by guards and by other inmates, and of administrative mismanagement at several TYC facilities.

DPS steps up patrol duties

Texans who expect to take to the roads during the Christmas and New Year holidays can expect to see more DPS troopers than usual.

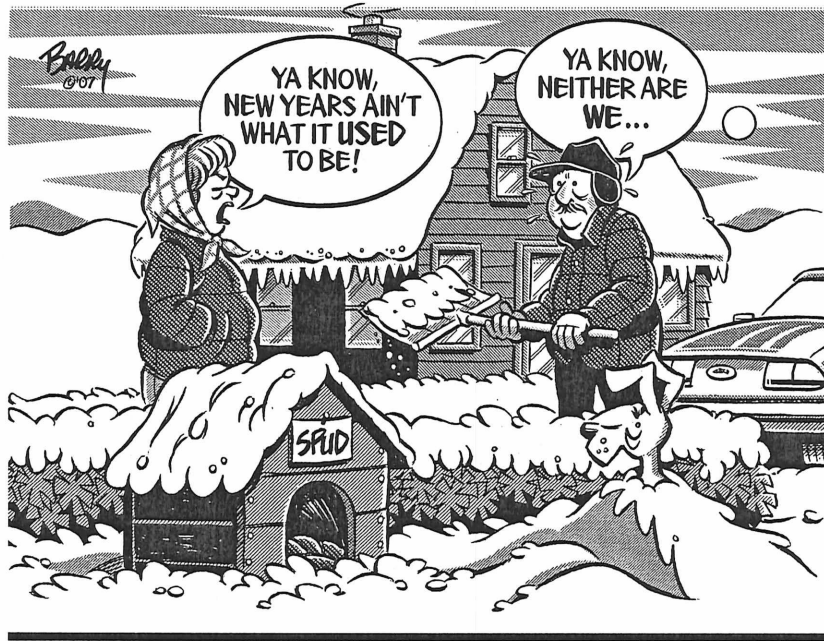
Troopers will be looking for drunken drivers, speeders and seat belt violators.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that over the same period last year, troopers made 1,253 DWI arrests and issued 27,032 speeding tickets and 1,183 seat belt citations.

TxDOT to address billboard issue

The Texas Department of Transportation plans to hear public testimony on a proposal to allow digital billboards along state roadways.

The Texas Transportation Commission—the governing body of TxDOT—will conduct the hearing in February.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

December 25, 1997

Delbert LeFevre was appointed to the Haskell Appraisals District's ARB board.

Alyssa Deshae Casillas was crowned County Supreme Princess in the 1997 Abilene Kidz Pageant.

Mr. and Mrs. B.O. Roberson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

December 24, 1987

20 Years Ago

Dusty Meeks was named the most valuable player in the Roscoe tournament. Mark Young was named to the all tournament team.

James Halliburton and Debra Coker were crowned Hero and Sweetheart of the 1987 Rule Bobcats' football team.

Airman first Class Cindy Menchaca, graduated with honors from the Air Force freight traffic specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base.

December 22, 1977

30 Years Ago

Kelly Goff of Anchorage, Alaska, is visiting his mother, Lorene Dewey and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Schnuriger of San Antonio, spent the weekend with Mrs. Buster Shelton and Herbert Clanton.

Receiving 35 year pins during the banquet of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department were Ray Lusk, Raymond Davis, Jack Spear, J.B. Gipson and Belton Duncan.

Amy Lynne Medford, a junior nursing major at West Texas State University, was inducted into Alpha Chi, a national college honor scholarship society.

40 Years Ago

December 21, 1967

Mrs. Jackie McGee and children and Mrs. John Estes spent the weekend in Lubbock with the Gerald Beck family.

Ernest Steward of Hamlin visited Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. L.B. White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Kay Newton of Weinert was elected a Totem Beauty by the student board of McMurry College.

50 Years Ago

December 26, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson of Lubbock, spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Crandall of Abilene, visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Neely and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Atkeison.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clay Brock of San Antonio, visited in the home of Mrs. Brock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Arbuckle.

Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Pitman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dick Felton of Rule has purchased the Rule Barber Shop from L.D. Trammell.

80 Years Ago

December 28, 1927

Judge Hughes of Haskell, always a familiar figure on the streets of Weinert, was visiting at the latter place Monday of this week. Judge Hughes, looking after his farming interests east of Weinert, stated that he was quite satisfied with the yields from his farm this year.

J.W. Gholson of the north side, is making considerable

improvements on the interior of his grocery store. New counters have been made, a coat of paint is being applied to all fixtures and many other changes taking place inside the store to make it more efficient. Gholson has been here a number of years and is now among the leading grocers of this city. He believes in Haskell and makes every effort possible to keep pace with the fast growing city.

The following venire of sixteen men has been summoned for Grand Jury service for the term of District Court which opens here Monday. Twelve men will be chosen from the venire to compose the Grand Jury for the term: Allen Bell, Rochester; P.H. Campbell, Rule; J.A. Couch, Haskell; J.H. Dabney, Rochester; J.W. Gammil, Haskell; S.N. Reed, O'Brien; H.N. Therwhanger, Weinert; Jno. B. Draper, Haskell; W.P. Caudle, Sagerton; W.L. Ray, Rochester; W.H. Overton, Stamford; R.V. Robertson, Haskell; Vernon Cobb, Lueders; Earl Atchison, Haskell; C.C. Cunningham, Goree.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Wair and children are spending the holidays in Fort Worth with relatives and friends.

Supt. and Mrs. J. Horace Bass are spending the holidays with relatives at Cleburne.

Claude Wheatley and wife and daughter, Nella V., are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Ellis County.

I.N. Furrh of Weinert was a business visitor to Haskell this week.

Mrs. Walter Holt of Weinert was in Haskell Friday.

Ag conference set Jan. 14 at Civic Center in Haskell

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The Central Rolling Plains Ag Conference will be held in Haskell Jan. 14 at the Haskell Civic Center. Coffee and registration will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Speakers will be Todd Baughman, Extension Research Agronomist; Stan Bevers, Extension Economist; Dana Porter, Extension Water Management Specialist; John Robinson, Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist; Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist; and Jerry Riney, representative of Sesaco Sesame.

The topics of the day will cover crop production update, cattle and wheat economics, irrigation systems management, cotton economics and management, sesame as an alternative, and an IPM update. Concluding the topics will be an update of laws and regulations by Wes Utley, Haskell Co. Extension

Agent-Ag, Justin Gilliam, Throckmorton Co. Extension Agent-Ag, and Brad Easterling, Baylor Co. Extension Agent-Ag.

A total of seven CEU's will be given: one in Laws and Regulations, one in Drift, two in IPM, and three in General. A noon meal will be served.

For more information or to pre-register, go by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D, in Haskell by

noon Fri., Jan. 10, or call Wes Utley, Haskell CEA-Ag at 940-864-2658.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

Wow! I watched my first ever six man football game Saturday when the Richland Springs Coyotes took on the Rule Bobcats. I was amazed at the precision, quickness and stamina of all the players who played. I was much impressed with the sportsmanship on each side of the ball, especially when players helped opposing team members

off the ground. With rare exception I watched and listened to fans in the stands who gave positive encouragement and support to their respective teams. Congratulations to both teams for great accomplishments this year.

Sincerely,
Russell S. Smith
Retired San Angelo
Police Chief

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

December 20, 2007

A disappointing export sales report from USDA on Thursday brought an end to a two-day run-up in cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade.

Down 62 percent from the previous week and 49 percent lower than the four-week average, USDA set a bearish tone by reporting net export sales of 133,700 bales in the week ended Dec. 13. Major buyers included Pakistan, Indonesia, Turkey and China. Net sales of 6,100 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were mainly for Colombia.

Export shipments of 150,200 bales were 45 percent lower than the previous week and 28 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 82,882 bales in the week ended Dec. 20 compared to 55,696 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 58.77 to 60.05 cents per pound versus 58.43 to 59.73 cents per pound one week earlier.

"Cotton is holding it together in the face of weakness in other commodity markets," an analyst said. "For the most part, cotton seems very content right now to trade within a 10 to 15 point range."

Prices were bolstered earlier in the week by speculation that U.S. cotton plantings in 2008 will fall even further than the 18-year low of 10.8 million acres in 2007. A private Tennessee-based analytical firm recently forecast U.S. 2008 plantings even lower at 9.18 million acres, the lowest expected for cotton since 1983. The forecast comes after a large 2007 U.S. crop and a bumper year in Texas.

"West Texas cotton farmers are completing harvest of one of the best crops many have ever taken to the gin," a cotton market observer said. "Irrigated yields pushing, and in some cases exceeding, four bales per acre are far from rare, and more than a few farmers are making dryland yields averaging better than two bales per acre."

Farmers in Central Texas and throughout the Rolling Plains also reported exceptional 2007 yields. A large crop was grown in the state despite the fact that much of the South Texas crop suffered from too much moisture early in the year through harvest. Some growers said one of the most promising crops they had seen in years deteriorated in the fields in mid to late July as almost daily rains prevented timely harvest.

Traders said it looked like U.S. cotton growers got an early Christmas gift from the U.S. Senate as it finally approved its version of the new Farm Bill on Dec. 14. After a lot of talk about big changes, the bill approved was very much in line with what the U.S. House of Representatives had voted on months ago. The two slightly different versions now are subject to the "conference" between the two in order to settle on a final Farm Bill to be presented for signature by the President, most likely in January or February.

"If no drastic changes are made to the bill in the conference, we will have a good Farm Bill for U.S. cotton, U.S. growers, and the U.S. textile industry," one analyst said.

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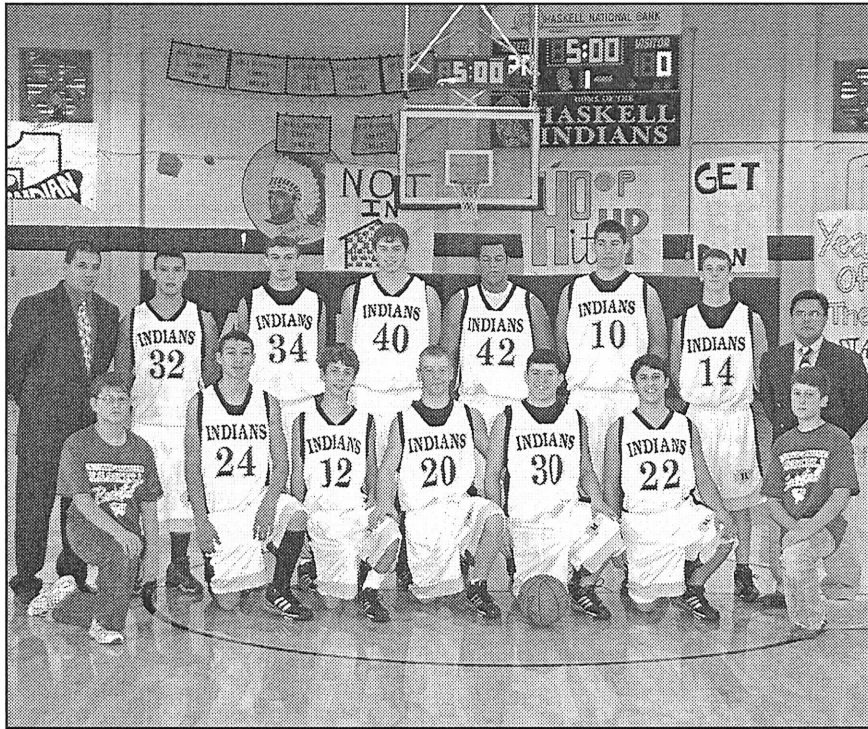




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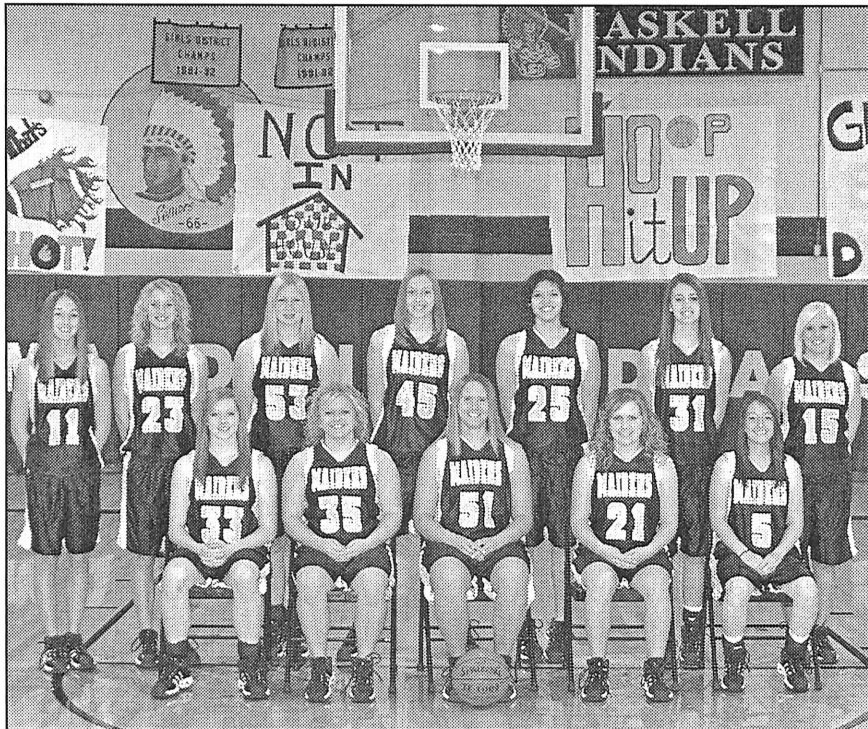


**Dec. 27-29
Varsity Boys
Eula Holiday
Tournament
at Eula**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski and Coach Toby Villa.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Hope Reid, Lauren Newton, Lacey Peiser, Paige Adams and Claire Isbell; back row, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace and Aerial Thane.

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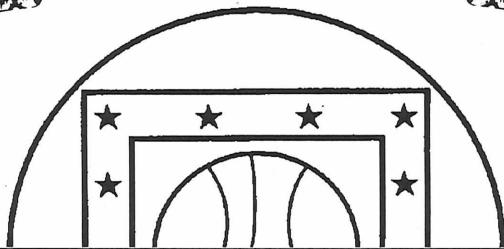
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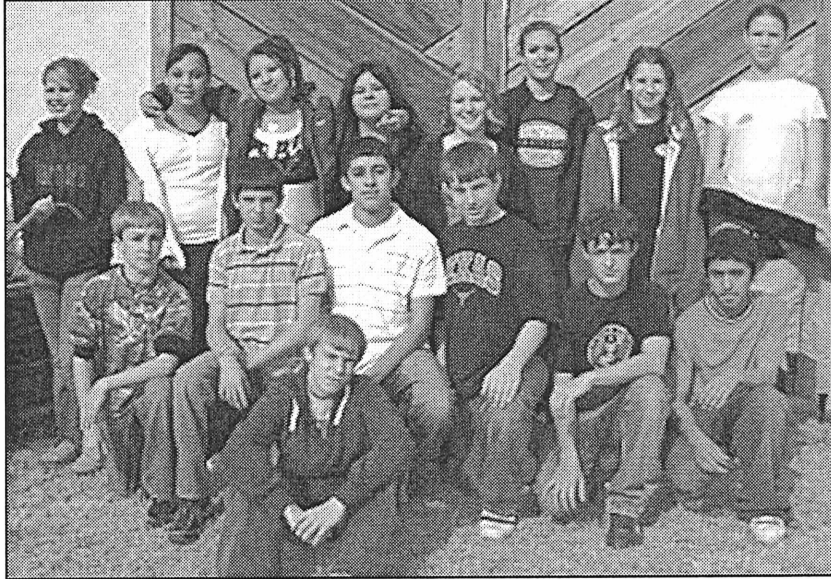
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT—Rochester Junior High band director, Mike Aston, far left, directed the band in a Christmas concert held Wed., Dec. 12



TOUR DAY—Eighth graders of Rochester Junior High were on a tour of Rochester during "Digital Photo Day." Students making the tour were, front row, Jim Young; middle row, I-r, Koby Foster, Stewart Ulrich, Adrian Hernandez, Zachary Wyrick, Ryan Baumbach and Gabriel Castorena; back row, Kymbree Kupatt, Shasta Dockins, Sonya Rodriguez, Kelli Ozuna, Mackenzie Thomas, Sara Duncan, Krista McLemore, Stacy Lowe.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 2-4 Breakfast Juice and milk are served daily.	Wednesday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Toast or cereal	
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy	Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, fruit
Friday: Donuts	Friday: Hot dogs, tater tots, pork-n-beans, carrot sticks, jell-o.
Lunch Milk is served daily.	

Jr. Livestock show schedule

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Tentative arrival times, show schedules and the sale date for the Haskell County Livestock Show include:
Arrival: Thurs., Jan. 10, by 4 p.m.: Steers, Heifers, Lambs and Swine. Show: Fri., Jan. 11, 8 a.m. Swine followed by Lambs; 2 p.m. Steers, followed by Heifers.
Thurs., Jan. 10, by 5:30 p.m.: Poultry and rabbits. Show at 7 p.m.
Sale: Sat., Jan. 12, 11 a.m.

Master Marketer program is back

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The Master Marketer program is coming back to Vernon. The program is a national award-winning risk management training that teaches participants

how to develop marketing plans, evaluate opportunities, manage production and risk, and execute their risk management and marketing plans.

Participants learn from top industry and university professionals who apply case studies and simulation exercises in the classroom. The 64-hour curriculum is the most intensive marketing and risk management training offered by Extension

nationwide. The first two-day Master Marketer session at Vernon is set for Jan. 16-17. Subsequent sessions will be held Jan. 30-31, Feb. 13-14 and Feb. 27-28.

Interested persons can contact Stan Bevers, Extension Economist at 940-552-9941, ext. 231, or contact the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 31 Lunch—Porcupine meatballs, new potatoes, corn, green beans, yeast rolls, dessert, milk,	tea, or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
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This Week's Devotional Message:



LET FAITH CONSOLIDATE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

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

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

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p>—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> | <p>Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell</p> | <p>—SAGERTON—
Sagerton Methodist Church
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton</p> | | |
| <p>—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert</p> <p>Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert</p> | <p>—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</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester</p> <p>Union Chapel Baptist Church
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester</p> <p>Faith Chapel of Rochester
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester</p> | <p>—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule</p> <p>West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> | <p>—PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek</p> | <p>—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien</p> |

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Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Rolling Plains Health Care System Corp. of Haskell, Texas (hereinafter called the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for the New Construction of a 20-Unit Assisted Living Facility. Bids are to include site work, plumbing, electrical and mechanical, and all work specified and/or shown on the drawings until: January 22, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall, 301 South 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521. Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents; including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 209 W. 8th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 817-332-6231 and other locations.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 each with the Architect for up to three (3) sets of documents per General Contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 15 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Haskell City Hall.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Owner, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the Bid Bond shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds, workers compensation and automobile liability. The bonds shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

Bidders shall provide a completed AIA Document A305, Contractor's Qualification Statement on or before the bid date. Copies of the form are available upon request. This information will be used in conjunction with the bid for the Owner

to determine best value and lowest qualified bidder.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. A rate not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Owner.

Rolling Plains Health Care Corp., Haskell, Texas.
Equal Housing Opportunity 52-1c

FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS NOTICE OF EXPLANATION
The City of Weinert, Texas has a Sewer System Improvements project in the community of Weinert. The project construction zone at the wastewater treatment plant may be partially located in the 100 year flood plain. The City of Weinert considered the following alternatives: reducing the scope of the project or no action. However, proposed sewer system implementation cannot be undertaken in any other location as relocation costs would exceed available program resources and construction activities must take place within the existing wastewater treatment plant. Failure to provide the sewer service would result in potentially unsafe and unhealthy living conditions for the community. Mitigation measures are not required for this project. The negative impacts are virtually non-existent while the positive impacts are much more considerable. The short-term problems of construction (e.g., related noise, air pollution, and erosion) will be addressed through proper construction techniques overseen by a professional engineer and mitigating measures will be employed if necessary.

It is City of Weinert's judgment that the installation of public sewer services outweighs consideration of Executive Order 11988 and 11990. A more detailed description of the project and the FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the Weinert City Hall, City of, Weinert, Texas 76388. Comments will be received until January 3, 2007. 52c

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A request has been received from Robert Tribbey to change the following described property: Block 42, Lot 1, Addition Frisco, address 1400 N. Ave. A, from residential zoning district to commercial zoning district. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for billboard.

The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on Thurs., Jan. 10, 2008 at 12 noon in the City Hall Meeting Room. 52c

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Haskell, Texas and the County of Haskell, Texas, hereby give notice of the intent to sell certain real property through a sealed-proposal procedure. The property, known as the Rolling Plains Detention Center, (RPDC) is more fully described as follows:

Approximately 42.78 acres of land, more or less, in two tracts, out of the northwest part of OutLot 100, Brown & Roberts Subdivision of the Isidro Ramos Survey, Haskell County, Texas. The property is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Highway 277, north of the city of Haskell, at a point of intersection of county roads 208 and 206.

The First Tract, of approximately 24.03 acres, more or less, is the primary property subject to this invitation and is the land the Rolling Plains Detention Center is situated upon.

The Second Tract, of approximately 18.75 acres, contains three existing structures that are owned by the Development Corporation of Haskell. This tract and the existing structures are not part of the governmental debt of the City of Haskell or Haskell County, Texas, but said land and structures were acquired with the intention of aiding and contributing to the viability of the RPDC, and are to be included in the proposed sale.

The City of Haskell and the County of Haskell jointly own the 24.03 acres of land, together with the physical structures composing the Rolling Plains Detention Center (RPDC). The Development Corporation of Haskell owns the 18.75 acres of land, together with the physical structures thereupon. The RPDC was originally financed, constructed and placed into operation in 2000, with an existing capacity of 548 beds. The RPDC is currently experiencing populations in excess of 530 inmates.

The City and County will accept proposals from all qualified proposing entities to purchase the property and improvements described herein, subject to the following procedures:

An original and six copies of the sealed proposal shall be provided to the Procurement Officer for this project:

Hon. David C. Davis
Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D
Haskell, Texas 79521
940-864-2851 Voice
940-864-5722 Fax
david.davis@co.haskell.tx.us

www.co.haskell.tx.us - Haskell County Web Site
An Invitation for Sealed Proposal package, containing the general conditions of the proposal process, may be obtained upon request from the Procurement Officer identified above.

The deadline for submitted a responsive proposal is Friday, January 25, 2008.

The County and City may reject any and all proposals submitted.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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 6168-11-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on January 16, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$117,080.00.

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: 25760

State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

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We would like to thank the generosity of the Rule people for the abundance of food that was brought to the Anderson house. We would like to thank all of the churches of Haskell who sent the card saying that prayers, which were needed and appreciated, were being said on behalf of our family.
The Agnes Anderson family

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201 N. AVE. F. This property is a "must see" and is one of Haskell's finest! The two-story beautiful vintage home is located on "Brick Street" with many desirable qualities and amenities. The downstairs floor has an entry accessing the stairway to the upstairs, a half bath, the formal living and dining rooms, kitchen and breakfast area and the family den. These areas have 10 ft. ceilings with beautiful crown molding, wood floors, a fireplace and French doors. Upstairs there is a landing at the top of the stairway, three large bedrooms, two baths and a sleeping porch. There is a basement, well and sprinkler system, detached garage and apartment and many other items too numerous to mention. Please call for an appointment.



907 N. AVE. E. NEW! NEW! Remodeled 1930's three bedroom, one and one-half bath home on a corner lot. Amenities include kitchen with all new appliances, beautiful cabinets, counter tops and laminated floors, utility room, living-dining, and beautiful decorator colors. This home has been rewired, has a new roof and decking, new C/HA, new plumbing and new porches. Don't miss this real deal.



401 N. AVE. E. Very large historical brick home with formal living room, formal dining, three bedrooms with entry off of a large hallway, one bath, kitchen and back porch. There is beautiful woodwork and crown molding throughout the dwelling with 11.8 ft. tall ceilings. Property has C/HA, water well and sprinkler system. There is a detached apartment in the rear of the main home. **REDUCED**



704 N. AVE. G. Nice two-bedroom, one bath with large living, large kitchen dining with beautiful cabinets. Property has large pecan trees, storage room and carport.



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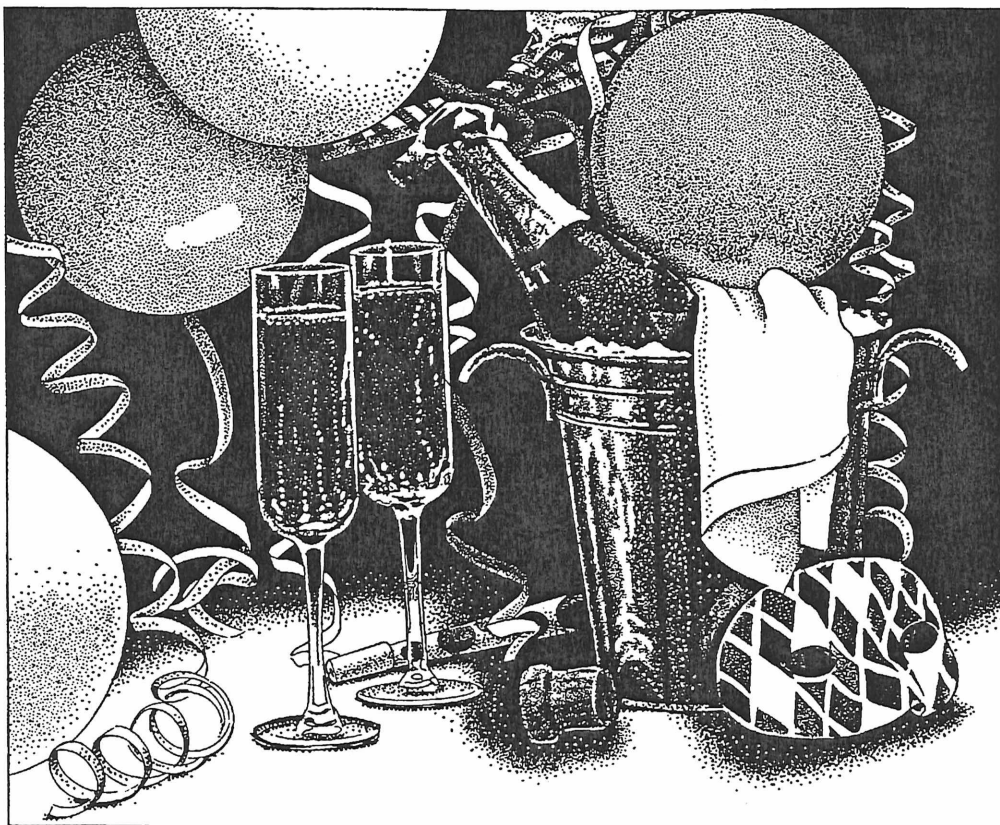
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