

Basketball

HASKELL
VG-VB Albany Tourney
 Dec. 11-13
7-8 Girls vs Stamford
 Mon., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
 at Stamford
7-8 Boys vs Stamford
 Mon., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
 at Rochester
JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Cisco
 Tues., Dec. 16, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG, VB OPEN
 Fri., Dec. 12
VG-VB vs Jayton
 Tues., Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-VB Rule Tournament
 Dec. 11-13
JHG-JHB vs Aspermont
 Mon., Dec. 15, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-JVB-VB vs Aspermont
 Tues., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
 at Aspermont

Calendar

Early deadline

The deadline for the Dec. 25 Christmas issue of The Haskell Free Press is Thurs., Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.

Early deadline

The deadline for the Jan. 1 New Year's issue of The Haskell Free Press is Tues., Dec. 23 at 5 p.m.

Candlelight service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Pam Norton home, 605 N. Ave. F in Haskell for a program on home life and financial issues. Members are to bring toys for the Noah Project, non-perishable items for Goodfellows and a family holiday recipe to share.

ECC lunch

The Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell will host a fund-raiser lunch Sun. Dec. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal will consist of chicken and dressing, and all the trimmings. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 13 and up.

PC hayride

Paint Creek PTO will host a hayride and caroling on Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school. The hayride is free. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available for purchase.

Musical

Come, worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as the churches from all over Haskell County come together Sun., Dec. 14 to present "When Love Came Down" at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Nursery will be provided.

Lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Home and Yard Lighting Contest. Judging is set for Fri., Dec. 19. Prizes are \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place and \$25 for third place. To enter, have your lights on at dark. No fee is charged to enter.

Index

Obituaries..... Page 2
 Out of the Past..... Page 4
 Menus Page 8
 Classifieds..... Page 9

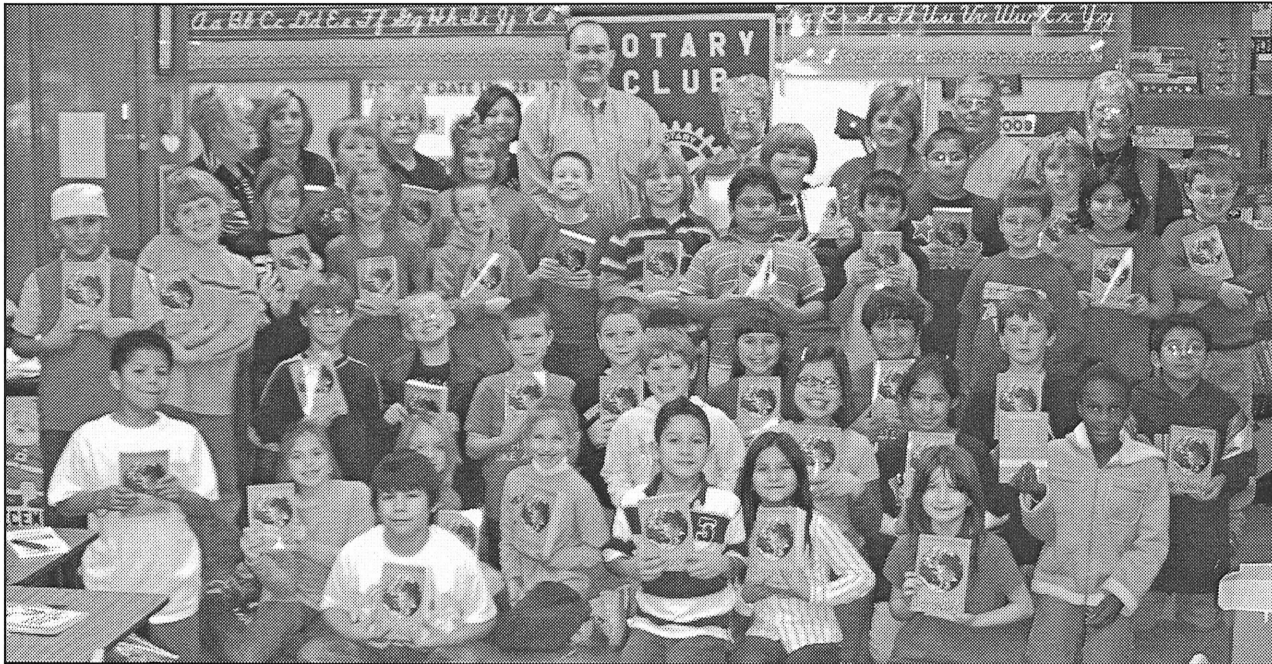
Shop Haskell first

The Haskell Free Press

VOL. 122-NO. 50, ©DECEMBER 11, 2008

"The People's Choice"

8 PAGES-ONE SECTION-75 CENTS



ROTARY GIFT-Haskell Elementary third grade students were presented dictionaries by the Haskell Rotary Club on Thurs., Dec. 4. Third graders, front row, l-r, include Michael Rodriguez, Javier Morales, Angelica Green and Ariel Wolf; second row, R.J. Chavez, Sarah Fouts, Marilyn Naylor, Moriah Gasaway, Dalton Meinzer, Natalie Contreras, Marina Salinas and Tyesha Dever; third row, Ankit Bhakta, Cody Dutton, Rocky Haggard, John Anderson, Hagen Isbell, Tanner Thomas, Ariel Martinez, Frankie Masias, Chris Hall and Servando Martinez; fourth row, Riley Hardin, Hollyn Hadaway, Kameryn Mathis, Crow Parham, Evan Wheatley, Jacob Lopez, Brandon Gonzalez, and Riley Sloan; fifth row, Turner Wade, Morgan Sanders, Griffin Buchanan, Lori Beth Rodgers, Juan Rodriguez, Kyle Hoover, Bristol Wagner and Melissa Sandoval; back row, Rotarians Ruby Turner, Penny Anderson, Pam Norton, Vera Martinez-president, Shane Hadaway, Darlene Smith, Sheila Hester, Bill Hester and Nelda Lane. Third grade teachers are Tonya Cypert and Melodee Christian.



ATTEND AREA MEETING-The local Texas Highway Patrol Area 5A04 held a meeting at the Haskell County Courthouse Thurs., Dec. 4. The area consists of Troopers stationed in five counties including Baylor, Knox, Haskell, Throckmorton and Young. Attending, l-r, were Administrative Assistant Bette Enriquez, Haskell; Corporal Bryan Little, Graham; Trooper Adrian Briseno, Throckmorton;

Trooper Nick Jimenez, Benjamin; Trooper Jason Zeissel, Seymour; Trooper Tres Lattimore, Graham; Trooper Barry Henry, Graham; Trooper Larry Blanco, Olney; Lieutenant Steve Potts, HP Mineral Wells; Trooper Garrett Ritter, Olney; Trooper Logan Porter, Seymour; Trooper Cody Pack, Benjamin; Trooper Brody Moore, Haskell; and Sergeant Jodie Tullos, Haskell.



WINS AT STATE-Paint Creek FFA took sixth place at the State Leadership Contest in Greenhand Creed Speaking. Felysha Walker, right, competed in the Preliminary Round Fri., Dec. 5 at Sam Houston State University. Only the top ten competitors advanced to the Qualifying Round on Sat., Dec. 6, where Walker received the honors of sixth place in the entire state. Paint Creek FFA Advisor Dustin Moore, left, says, "Felysha has worked extremely hard. She is a great Creed Speaker and she has accomplished a lot this year! We are very proud of her!"

Donations needed for Goodfellows

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 13, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

The project is a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Ballots available

Ballots for the 2008 Haskell Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are available at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office, 510 S. 2nd.

Haskell residents are given the opportunity to nominate their choice and list a reason for the nomination.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

In memory of Ruby Robertson	
by Elvin and Becky Smith.....	\$20
In loving memory of Truman Barbee	
by Louetta and J.W. Wallace	\$25
In memory of Dee Larned	
by Ruth Larned.....	\$50
Gwen and Jim Williams	\$200
Anonymous	\$100
Ronnie Bailey.....	\$50
Total to date.....	\$445

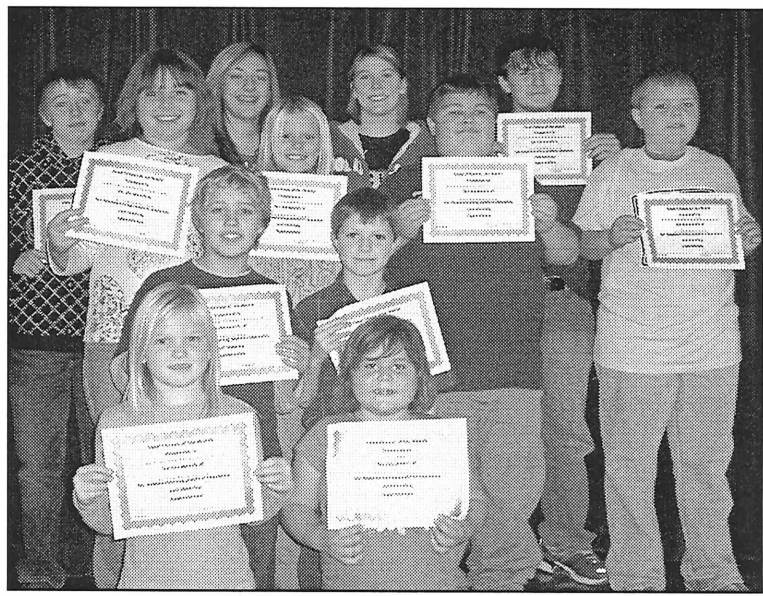
FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686



REGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING—The Big Country Library System held a day long regional meeting and workshop at the new meeting of the Haskell County Library Wed., Dec. 3. Attending were, front row, l-r, Marianne Marugg of Stamford, Marge Barnett of Stamford, Peggy Urbanczyk of Munday, Durell Wilson of Anson, Frances Moses of Throckmorton and Eva Greer of Aspermont; middle row, Nan Arnett of Rotan, Liz Sands of Sweetwater, Joan Frazier of Haskell, Linda Northam of Throckmorton and Beverly Ward of Aspermont; back row, Helen Elkins of Rotan, Becky Brock of Sweetwater, Judy Leighow of Sweetwater, Terri Blackwell of Abilene, John Pecoraro of Abilene, Necie Robertson of Aspermont and Marie Kretschmer of Haskell.



RIBBON CUTTING—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Haskell office of the Stamford Star Thurs., Dec. 4. Attending were l-r, Sally Rueffer—Chamber manager, Sammy Bitner, Jim Collins—editor, Randy Bowers, Samlee Collins, Lonnie Meredith, Barbara Wingrove—ad manager, Sheila Hester and Robert Wingrove—publisher.



CITIZENS OF THE MONTH—Paint Creek Citizens of the Month were recently selected and honored with a certificate. The character theme for November was Appreciation. Students were selected as being one of the most appreciative from their grade level. Pictured on the front row, l-r, are, Madysen Moore first grade and Danica Elias PreK; second row, Dylan Webb fifth grade and Bayden Graham third grade; third row, Melisa Rock fourth grade, Zoe Webb second grade, Chris Elias sixth grade, and Cody Mayfield seventh grade; back row, Dalton Barnett ninth grade, Brittany Waggoner eleventh grade, Amber Gilbreath twelfth and John Henderson tenth grade. Not pictured is Matthew Booe eighth grade.

USDA to conduct request for referendum on pork checkoff program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced that it will conduct a Request for Referendum Dec. 8, 2008 through Jan. 2, 2009, among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products. This process will determine if producers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should submit a request.

USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. The total number of producers and importers eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum is approximately 69,446; therefore, at least 10,417 eligible producers and importers must request a referendum. If necessary, the referendum will be conducted within one year after the results of the Request for Referendum are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not be conducted.

Producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007, and were at least 18 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible to participate.

For producers, the Request for Referendum will

be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained. For producers not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to participate will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Forms may be obtained at www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms.

In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, where applicable, such as a sales receipt, veterinary bill, feed bill, copies of grower contracts, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office by the close of business Jan. 2, 2009. Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009.

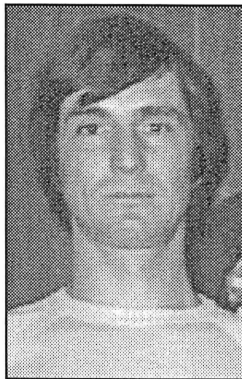
LS-54-1 and accompanying documentation, such as Customs Form 7501, can be returned in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009. It is recommended that the form and supporting documentation be mailed via an express service.

Eligible producers may obtain form LS-54-1: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Request for Referendum from the Haskell County FSA office either in person, by mail or by facsimile.

The Haskell County FSA office is location and mailing address is 607 N. 1st East Suite B in Haskell and mail is received at P.O. Box 556, Haskell, Texas 79521-0556; the phone number is 940-864-2617 ext. 2 and the fax number is 940-864-3095.

Obituaries

Kenneth Wayne Williams



KENNETH WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Kenneth Wayne Williams, 56, of Haskell were held Sat., Dec. 6 at the Assembly of God Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Williams died Wed., Dec. 3.

Born in Hope, Arkansas, he was the son of the late Joseph Clyde and Effie Bell Williams. He was the youngest of four children. He worked as a paint and body man. He was a

high tenor and bass singer and played the guitar, piano and trombone. He had a wonderful personality and liked to cut up and have a good time.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Janiee Yvonne Grayson of Tyler.

Survivors include one daughter, Natilee Williams; one son, Kendall Williams; one sister, Doris Brock of Rule; and one older brother, Jimmie C. Williams of Sulphur Springs, Louisiana.

PD. NOTICE

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Rick Rodgers, CPA



ONLY DAYS REMAIN TO CLAIM EXTRA DEPRECIATION

A valuable business tax break is scheduled to expire at the end of December. That's the special bonus depreciation allowed on the purchase of new business equipment. It was included in the stimulus legislation passed earlier this year.

Now you shouldn't run out and buy new equipment just to earn a tax break. But if you're already planning some purchases for early next year, you might want to consider accelerating the purchase date to capture the bonus.

The bonus depreciation applies to most new equipment you purchase, provided you place it in service before year-end. If your purchase qualifies, you can deduct 50% of the cost as a bonus depreciation expense in 2008. The bottom line is that you'll have an extra deduction against this year's taxable income. Most new business equipment and certain leasehold improvements qualify for the bonus.

Another expanded tax break for business purchases is scheduled to end after 2008. That's the provision that allows you to immediately expense the entire cost of some of your equipment purchases. Expensing allows you to write off the full cost against your taxes immediately, instead of deducting it as depreciation over several years. This year, you can potentially expense up to \$250,000 of business equipment, subject to certain limitations. Most new or used tangible personal property you buy for your business qualifies.

Note that bonus depreciation applies only to new property, while expensing may be taken on new or used property. Also, the two benefits can be combined; the expensing option can be taken for a purchase, and the bonus depreciation can be used on the remaining basis if the property qualifies.

These tax breaks are two good reasons to do some careful planning right now. Figure out your business equipment needs for the next year or so. Once you've determined your needs, we can help you plan the timing to maximize tax benefits. Give us a call.

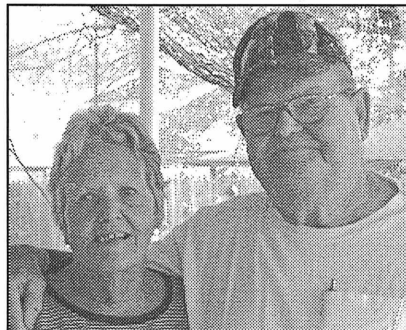
RODGERS & COMPANY

Certified Public Accountant
20 Southwest Third Street
Hamlin, Texas • 325-576-2356

Haskell Co. Cotton Gin Report

Dec. 8, 2008
Haskell

Haskell County Gin.....	3,600
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	3,675
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op	10,049
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	3,302
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	524
Weinert Gin	2,534
Total bales	23,684



TILTON AND SHIRLEY BOGLE
ARE CELEBRATING THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY
DECEMBER 13, 2008

IN HONOR OF THIS EVENT
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
COME AND GO RECEPTION
AT

HAMLIN HOUSING AUTHORITY
200 SOUTHWEST AVENUE A
HAMLIN, TEXAS
2 TO 4 P.M.

Financial aid night set Dec. 15 at Rule School

A financial aid night will be held Mon., Dec. 15, in the Rule School Library at 6:30 p.m. Don Hilton, a representative of the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Abilene, will be available to give information and answer questions about applying for financial aid to attend college. The process and standards for applying for financial aid are the same for most colleges, technical and trade schools and other post-secondary schools. The information presented is applicable no matter which school a student plans to attend.

New financial aid worksheets will be made available for the 2009-10 college school year. Filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on the

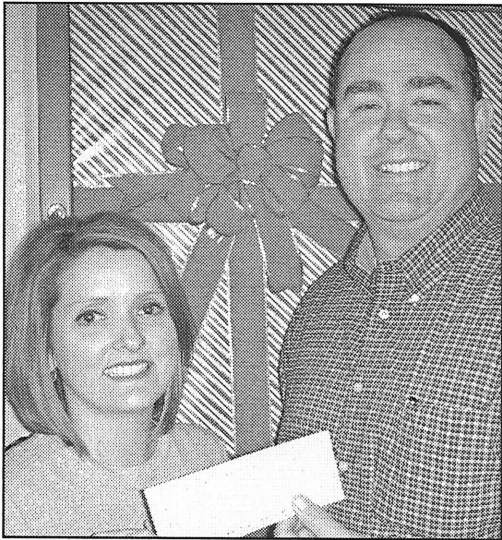
Internet will also be discussed, including how to apply for a PIN number.

Hilton will be able to give those attending the most recent updates on federal, state and college financial aid programs. Although a student may not actually apply for financial aid until January of his/her senior year, it is helpful for parents of junior students to learn about the financial aid process a year in advance. Juniors may fill out a FAFSA4caster this year in order to get a projection of possibly receiving a Pell Grant for college. This will be explained at the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Leslie Kupatt, Rule ISD Guidance Counselor at 997-2783.

Haskell office 863-1125 INC. 113 N. Ave. D.

srcaccess.net
download, talk & surf
high speed internet
call 863-1125
new extreme speeds
new anti-extreme rates
srcaccess.net



GRANT AWARDED—The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has awarded a mini-grant to Haskell Elementary teacher Amy Sloan, left. The funds provide an opportunity for approximately 40 students to travel back in time through a visit to the Buffalo Gap Historic Village, experiencing an in depth impression of life on the Texas frontier as studied in their fourth grade classroom. Presenting the award on behalf of the foundation is board secretary/treasurer, Shane Hadaway, right.



RECEIVES GRANT—The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has awarded Haskell Kindergarten teacher Kristi Gibson, left, a mini-grant to provide approximately 75 students with educational materials for at home practice of classroom activities through the Balance Literacy Program. Presenting the award on behalf of the foundation is board secretary/treasurer, Shane Hadaway, right.

Foundation awards mini-grants

In its ongoing mission of encouraging excellence and innovation in the classroom, the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has awarded six \$500 mini-grants to Haskell CISD classroom teachers.

Educators throughout the district are eligible to apply for these awards. This year's applications addressed diverse student needs covering a broad area of interest.

Over the course of its

organization, the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has awarded grants totaling almost \$20,000 to classrooms throughout the district. Through the generous contributions of its donors, and leadership

committed to educational excellence, the foundation provides additional opportunity for our students to benefit from a sound community partnership supporting all facets of education.

Peacock church to present Shiloh

Sun., Dec. 14, First Baptist Church of Peacock will host a Christmas concert when they present Shiloh at 11 a.m.

Shiloh is a group on the rise in Christian music today. With over a decade behind them, this Texas based trio is known for their unique, progressive sound that

combines inspirational, praise and worship, progressive southern gospel, and many other styles of music with a special Texas flare that Shiloh audiences have come to love.

Shiloh's trademark sound is derived from their extraordinary musical arrangements, closely-knit harmonies, and powerful

distinctive vocals. Their professionalism and quest for excellence is only surpassed by their ability to connect with an audience and share the message of God's love, grace, hope, and forgiveness. It's what Christmas is all about, "For unto us...a Savior has been born!"

Shiloh's inimitable vocals and versatility have given Shiloh special recognition with appearances at events such as the 2000 Summer

Olympic Games held in Sydney, Australia, the 2006 Pageant of Peace Christmas Program at The White House, the Southern Baptists of Texas Evangelism Conference, in addition to their heavy touring schedule over the years.

The concert will be followed by a pot-blessed fellowship dinner on-the-grounds. For more information, contact Brian Burgess at 940-864-3250.

Sanders family celebrates Christmas

Children and grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders attending the Christmas get together Sat. and Sun., Dec. 5-6 at their brother's Circle S Ranch were:

Scarlet Cole of Seguin; B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth and their son, Jacky D. Kirkland of Fort Worth; Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains; Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman; Brenda, Austin and Sallie Sartain of Omaha, Texas; Drew and Mary Cox of Omaha; David, Zane and Annah McKay of

Naples; Walter and Sue Cox of Naples;

Shawn, Kathy, Tyler and Alexis Sanders of Abilene; Rocky Sanders of Abilene; Karen and Allison Mitchell of Abilene; Kendall Mitchell and Leslie Wilson of Abilene; Jacky and Sandra Sanders of Weatherford; Jacky D. Kirkland of Weatherford; Bill and Denise Maupin of Odessa; Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elain Campbell, all of Haskell.

Austin Sartain killed a deer during the weekend.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

20% off

Large group of
Tops & Denim Jackets
with detachable faux fur collars
Personality-Slipper Shoppe
940/864-2501 • 864-3051
South Side of Square Haskell, Texas

Open by Request
Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

The remainder of the gift line is
66% off
Bassing Jewelry
404 N. 1st • Haskell

Taste 'n See
Fri. and Sat.
We'll be sampling some of our 'Party Foods.'

The Carousel Gift Shop
Erlinda Mayfield
Open M-F 10 to 5:30 • Sat. 10 to 4
Southside of the square in Haskell • 864-2069

Specials of the Week
All Dolls 20% off
All Santas 20% off

Brown Bag SPECIAL
only **\$6.99**

2 SONIC Burgers
2 Reg. Tots or Fries
2 Med. Soft Drinks



SONIC
America's Drive-In.

No Waiting
Call In Orders

864-8533

Limited Time Only!
Only at participating SONIC Drive-Ins. © November 2008
American's Drive-In Brand Properties LLC

Births

Mathew and Tammy Cunningham are announcing the birth of their daughter, Rebekah Paige Cunningham, born Nov. 6 at 12:22 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. She was 19½ inches long.

Grandparents are Donald and Denia Cunningham of Haskell and Joe and Diane Ejem of Roscoe.

Great-grandparents are Robert and Anita Erwin of Ira.

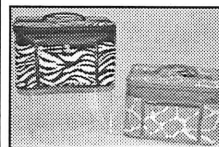
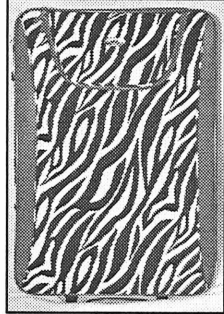
Come in to receive your
FREE 2009 Cardui Calendar & Ladies' Birthday Almanac

Luggage Sets

Pink, Lime or Brown Giraffe
Pink, Lime or Black Polka Dot Zebra

\$99⁹⁹

Reg. \$129.99



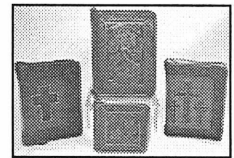
2 pc.
Cosmetic Sets
Assorted Designs

\$19⁹⁹

Reg. \$24.99

Bible Covers & CD Cases

25% off
REGULAR PRICE



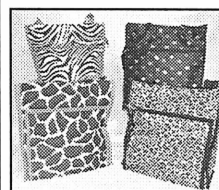
New!



Cross Long Sleeve T-Shirts



Collegiate Scrubs



Shopper Totes
Assorted Designs

2 for \$15

Reg. \$9.99

Bring in the coupon from our website
www.haskelldrugstore.com
for in-store savings Dec. 11-13 only.

Give a Gift of Fragrance

Choose from our large selection of fragrances for Men or Women. Many available in Gift sets.



When in doubt,
Give a
Gift Card!

Deck the Halls with special memories from our

Digital Photo Kiosk!

4 x 6 prints 5 x 7 prints 8 x 10 prints
Enlargements Photo Christmas Cards
DVD Creation

Medicare Part D

got you down?
If you have questions about Medicare or Medicare Part D, call The Drug Store at 864-2673. We can help.

Prices good December 11, 12 & 13.
Discounts taken off regular price.
Limited to stock on hand.
Some restrictions apply.

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THE DRUG STORE

100 S. Ave. E • Haskell • 864-2673

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Prison board seeks emergency funding

AUSTIN—The Texas Board of Criminal Justice met in Austin on Dec. 3 and decided to ask the state for \$66 million in immediate funding to purchase airport-style and mobile screening units and other surveillance equipment to stop cell phones and other contraband from being smuggled into Texas prisons.

Democrat John Whitmire of Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, and Republican Jerry Madden of Richardson, chairman of the House Corrections Committee, said they support the idea.

In the summer and early fall, Whitmire was the target of illegal cell phone calls made by a death row inmate. Gov. Rick Perry responded in October, ordering a sweep of Texas prisons that netted 144 illegal cell phones, plus weapons and other contraband.

Hutchison eyes governor's office

Texas' senior U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison on Dec. 4 filed papers with the Texas Ethics Commission and formed an exploratory committee, signaling her interest in running for governor in 2010.

Hutchison also transferred funds from her federal campaign finance account to a state campaign finance account.

A Republican, Hutchison won her U.S. Senate seat by special election in 1993. She was re-elected to full terms in 1994, 2000 and 2006. She served as Texas state treasurer 1991-92 and in the Texas House as a Houston-area representative from 1972-76.

Combs steps up transparency

Because of a slackening economy, legislative committees and teams of state number crunchers must be at their best to find money and deliver the fiscal 2010-11 budget, which could be around \$185 billion.

Meanwhile, taxpayers can learn how much of their money government is spending and what it's being spent on.

Nearly a year ago, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs launched "Where the Money Goes" a Web site that now shows all state agencies' spending in detail.

In continuing along those lines, on Dec. 3, Combs introduced openbooktexas.com, a Web site that includes "Texas Smart Buy," an online ordering system; "Texas Transparency Check-Up," an accountability study of local

governments; and "Single Set of Books," initiative examining uniform financial accounting in state government.

"It is clear that we have entered an era of great economic uncertainty, and government must make the most of every dollar, just like millions of working families," Combs said.

"Texans deserve to know their tax dollars are being used wisely. Families are cutting expenses and looking for ways to save. Government must do the same."

Ethics commission fines justice

The Texas Ethics Commission on Dec. 4 fined Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht \$29,000 for violating state campaign finance rules.

The Ethics Commission said an unreported reduction in fees Hecht received from a law firm for personal legal assistance was tantamount to a political contribution and that violates the rules.

Debt collector settles with state

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 5 resolved the state's enforcement action against debt collection firm NCO Financial Systems Inc.

NCO settled after being charged with violating the Texas Debt Collection Act.

State investigators said NCO unlawfully made harassing and threatening phone calls to purported debtors.

Under the settlement, NCO must implement policies that ensure its debt collection efforts fully comply with this law.

The settlement requires NCO to create a three-year \$150,000 restitution fund to compensate Texans harmed by its unlawful acts. The company will remit \$100,000 to the state's general revenue fund for violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, along with \$150,000 in attorneys' fees.

FEMA says mess disappearing

The Federal Emergency Management Agency rebuffed media assertions that it had been slow to remove debris from areas stricken by Hurricane Ike in September.

FEMA said as of Dec. 2 it had removed 18 million cubic yards, or 79 percent of debris, from public rights of way in Texas and called it the largest debris removal in Texas history.

FEMA estimates the Ike cleanup will cost \$800 million total. Cleanup for Hurricane Rita in 2005 totaled \$111 million, FEMA said.



AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Make Smart Decisions When Giving Gift Cards

With the arrival of the holiday shopping season, millions of Texans are expected to purchase prepaid gift cards for friends and family all across the state. Easily mailed to far-away loved ones and increasingly easy to purchase, gift cards undoubtedly simplify shopping at a very busy time of year, so they are more popular than ever. According to the National Retail Federation, shoppers nationwide spent an estimated \$26.3 billion on gift cards at retailers last holiday season.

Unfortunately, recent reports indicate that the Grinch and his cronies have their eyes on gift cards as they scheme to steal Christmas this year.

Sources from around the country have reported seeing scam artists record the numbers on not-yet-activated gift cards. Once the card is purchased and activated, the crook pounces and drains the card's value before its recipient can benefit from their gift. Unfortunately, it's often days or even weeks before customers realize that their holiday spending money was stolen.

Texans can protect themselves by asking a store clerk for gift cards from behind a counter (or that have not otherwise been accessible to the general public). Some gift cards already have built-in security measures, such as an additional scratch off code. But even then, purchasers must make sure no one has tampered with either the card or its packaging.

In addition to avoiding outright theft, Texans should pay attention to the card issuer before deciding which gift cards to purchase. Gift cards purchased from businesses that later declare bankruptcy can become worthless or worth far less than face value. In a recently reported case, one bankrupt company only honored one-quarter of the value on its gift cards. As a result, customers who thought they had \$100 to spend only got \$25.

Don't let someone get in the way of this year's holiday season. Stay vigilant and well-informed. Customers who buy or receive a gift card that lacks any portion of the pre-paid balance should immediately notify the card issuer and ask for help.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 10, 1998

Haskell High School students, Paula Harvey and Cassie McFadden, visited the Rotary Club.

The Haskell Varsity Indians and Maidens both won third place at the Cisco Junior College Tournament.

Robert Meeks was named to the President's Honor Roll at the Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

Raymond Andrada of Haskell made a trip to Ruidosa, New Mexico where he stayed at the Arrowhead Motel which is owned and operated by 92 year old, Grace Aycock, former resident of Haskell.

20 Years Ago December 15, 1988

Haskell Housing Authority members, Floyd Chenault, David Davis and Wallace Bird were reappointed to two-year terms by the City Council.

Andrew P. Gannaway was chosen as an alternate Texas delegate to the National Cotton Council.

Joy McKeever, Dusty Meeks (most valuable), Chan Guess and Missy Davis were named to all-tournament teams at the Catclaw Tournament in Wylie. The Indians won first place and the Maidens were runner-up.

Marvin and Myrtle Phemister of Weinert were voting delegates at the Texas Farm Bureau convention held at the Corpus Christi convention center.

30 Years Ago December 14, 1978

Janet Wallace, Terri Gideon, Sonja Tidrow, Sharla Drinnon, Patricia Arredondo, Mary Lou Gonzales, Julie Wallace, Katie Wooten, Sharon Gray, Tamara Sorrells, Karon Gray, Vicky Hill, Cindy Everett, Phillip Parker, Peggy Harris, Terri Therwhanger, Greg Gideon, Sharon Turner, Kim Lane and Ruth Simpson were selected for the All District Band.

Orville Barnes of Houston visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cockerell.

Twenty students of Haskell High School earned membership in the Region 11 South Zone All-District Band.

40 Years Ago December 12, 1968

James A. Davis, graduate of Haskell High School, has been assigned as a patrolman in Haskell.

Kathy Hager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hager, Jr. of Weinert, was selected District 2 4-H Council Chairman.

The Haskell chapter of the FFA met and elected Suzie Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Montgomery, FFA Sweetheart.

Specialist V Fletcher M. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrell, received the Army Commendation medal.

Clinton Herren has been named head of the Haskell operations of the H&R Block Company.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rainey was her sister, Mrs. L.D. Wilson of Abilene.

50 Years Ago December 11, 1958

"Smooth and successful" were the words used to describe the cutover from common battery to modern dial telephone operation.

Elwood and Durwood Bruton, students in North Texas State College in Denton, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Bruton.

Velton Moore and Billy Hise have opened H&M Auto Parts Store.

The Haskell Indians beat the Aspermont Hornets 61-37, to win the championship of the Hamlin Invitational Basketball tournament. Lewis Jones led the champions with 20 points.

100 Years Ago December 12, 1908

Ed Thorton killed a hog that weighed 560 pounds.

Dr. A.G. Gebhard has moved to his new residence in the south part of town.

J.L. Ferguson of Hale Center, a brother of Mrs. F.M. Morton, is visiting in Haskell this week.

N.C. Smith has closed up his affairs here and moved to Hagerman, New Mexico. Smith was interested in and promoted the first cotton gin plant ever built in this county.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Research Your Holiday Shopping Options

With the holiday season approaching, manufacturers and retailers are offering a variety of payment, rebate, and discount options as they strive to attract shoppers during difficult economic times. Though these offers can be especially attractive to families facing tight budgets, it is critical that buyers understand the details—and consequences of any financial arrangement.

Many retailers are advertising items for sale on layaway. Under this arrangement, customers agree to purchase an item, but do not immediately leave the store with their purchase. Instead, the store retains an item while the purchaser pays for it over an established period of time. Because the store retains possession of the purchase, no credit is required. As a result, layaway purchases may be increasingly prevalent in a credit-strapped economy.

Layaway can be particularly appealing to purchasers who do not have checking accounts or credit cards. Unlike credit

cards, layaway programs usually charge no interest on purchases.

Most layaway programs charge a fee for holding the purchase and require customers to pay the full purchase price within a certain time—which may last from 30 days to a year or more. If a customer is ultimately unable to afford the item, retailers will usually give a full refund, minus the layaway fee.

Since the purchases will be held at the store, layaway can also be useful to parents who want to keep their children from discovering Christmas gifts early.

Texans should carefully collect and save all records of their layaway or payment plan.

Manufacturers and retailers also are using mail-in rebates to entice shoppers. Under Texas law, a company offering a rebate must mail the rebate to the purchaser within a stated time period. If no time period is specified, the company must pay the rebate 30 days after receiving the rebate request. If a purchaser submits an improperly

completed rebate request within the appropriate time period, the company must either process the rebate as if it was properly completed or notify the purchaser that the rebate request was improperly submitted.

Texans seeking mail-in rebates should keep complete purchase records. Purchasers must follow the instructions on the rebate form carefully and submit all required documentation on time. In the event problems arise, purchasers seeking a rebate should keep a copy of all documents sent to the manufacturer or retailer.

Customers who do not receive their rebates or are otherwise concerned that a retailer has failed to fulfill a promise can file a complaint with the OAG. Complaints should include all relevant information about the vendor and should specifically state any concerns about misleading terms or conditions on rebate forms.

Texans also can file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,
Five Haskell Elementary teachers were given early Christmas presents this year by members of The Haskell Educational Foundation Board.

We applied for the mini grants to be used in our classes and on our campus. This money will assist us in purchasing materials above and beyond what the district already supplies. It's our wish list. We are so grateful for the \$500 checks Shane Hadaway and Ken Lane presented to us.

The money will be used for a cafeteria screen and projector, instruments for music class, a field trip for fourth grade, literacy books for second grade, and magnet letter sets for all kindergarten students to use.

We appreciate the board's support each year in helping our teachers and students. Haskell CISD is a great place to work, and the city of Haskell is a great place to live.

Thank you,
Debbie Miller
Pam Gibson
Kristi Gibson
Rhonda Hanson
Amy Sloan

The Haskell Free Press

Established January 1, 1886
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
420 North First Street • P. O. Box 555
HASKELL, TEXAS 79521
Phone 940-864-2686 • Fax 940-864-2687
hfp@valornet.com

John McDougalPublisher
Lisa ShawBusiness Manager
Doris McDougalProduction
Bill BlankenshipStaff Photographer

Periodical Paid Haskell, Texas 79521
(USPS 237-040)

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Haskell County, one year, \$25.00.
Outside of Haskell County, one year, \$34.00.

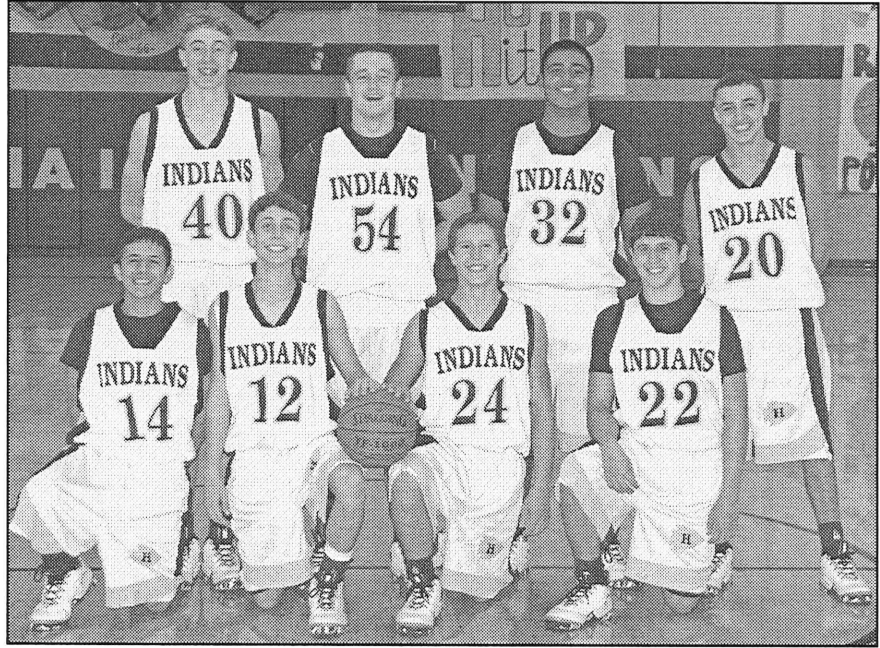
NOTICE TO PUBLIC—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, TX. 79521-0555.

This issue mailed Wed., Dec. 10, 2008



BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



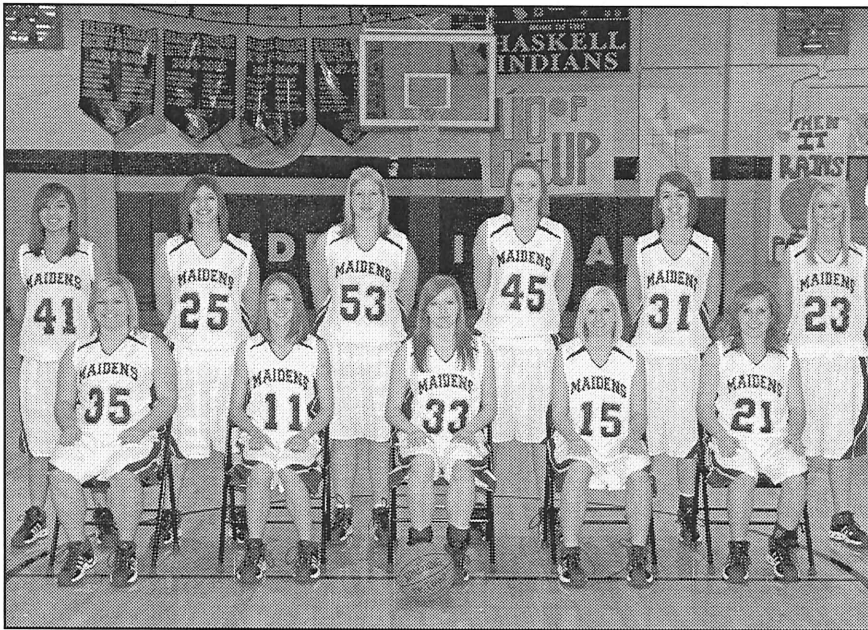
HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, D.J. Macias, John English, Christian Myers and Austin Marshall; back row, Ross Wittenborn, Cody Wyrick, Simon Rodriguez and Tyler Rodriguez.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

GO INDIANS

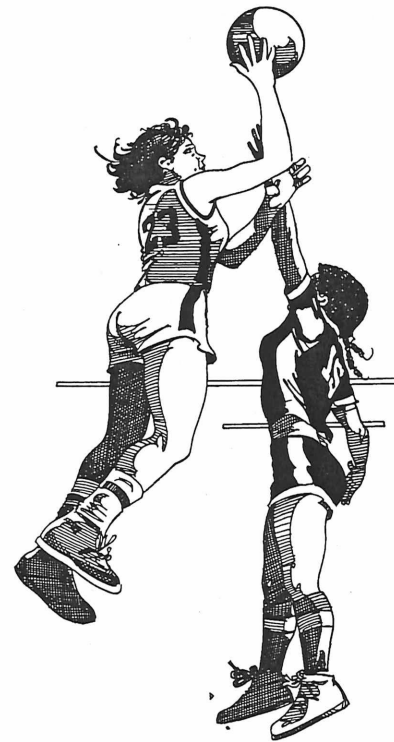
**Dec. 11-13
Varsity Boys
Albany
Tournament**

**Tues., Dec. 16 • 4 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys
vs Cisco
at Haskell**



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

Photo by Bill Blankenship



GO MAIDENS

**Dec. 11-13
Varsity Girls
Albany
Tournament**

**Tues., Dec. 16 • 4 p.m.
JV & Varsity Girls
vs Cisco
at Haskell**

This Page Sponsored By The Following Indian and Maiden Boosters

**Big Country Electric Cooperative
Cecil's Country Meat Mkt. & Grocery
Richardson TrueValue & NAPA Auto Parts
Brian Burgess State Farm Insurance
Personality-Slipper Shoppe
P&W Service Center
Haskell County Insurance Agency
Modern Way Food & Fuel
First National Bank**

**Double A Drive Inn
Haskell Co-op Gin
Haskell Free Press
Haskell National Bank
Hanson Paint and Body
Haskell Save-A-\$
Larned Sales Center
Smitty's Auto Supply
D & S Aerial**

"Through the Eyes of a Child" Haskell parade winners

The results of the Haskell "Through the Eyes of a Child" Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce are as follows.

First place, Rolling Plains

Correctional Facility, "Sleigh Bells"; second place, St. George Catholic Church, "Santa's Big Red Bag"; third place, Haskell Chamber of Commerce, "Christmas on the Square";

Most original, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, "Because Kids Matter"; Best lights, Girl Scouts, "Rockin Christmas"; Best music, State Farm, "A Christmas Play";

Best holiday spirit, First United Methodist Church, "Santa's Helpers"; Best children's entry, Haskell Elementary PTO, "The North Pole Village"; Best individual entry: Leiza

Morales. Other participants were: Richardson's TrueValue "Nativity"; 39th Judicial District Probation, "Santa's Workshop"; Steele Fire Apparatus; Haskell Volunteer

Fire Department; Haskell National Bank; Dulaney Abstract, "Cameoed Out for Christmas"; Cliff's Garage, "Plane Ole Christmas"; CCC Express, "Train to Christmas"; Bailey Toliver.



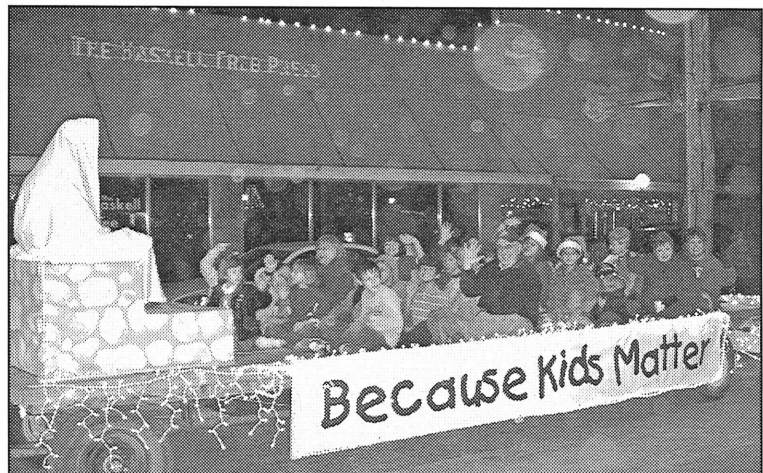
FIRST PLACE—Rolling Plains Correctional Facility, "Sleigh Bells"



SECOND PLACE—St. George Catholic Church, "Santa's Big Red Bag"



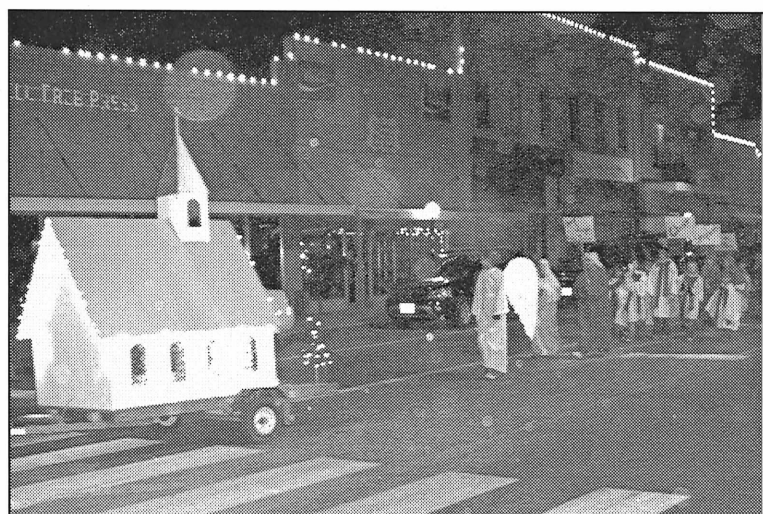
THIRD PLACE—Haskell Chamber of Commerce, "Christmas on the Square"



MOST ORIGINAL—Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, "Because Kids Matter"



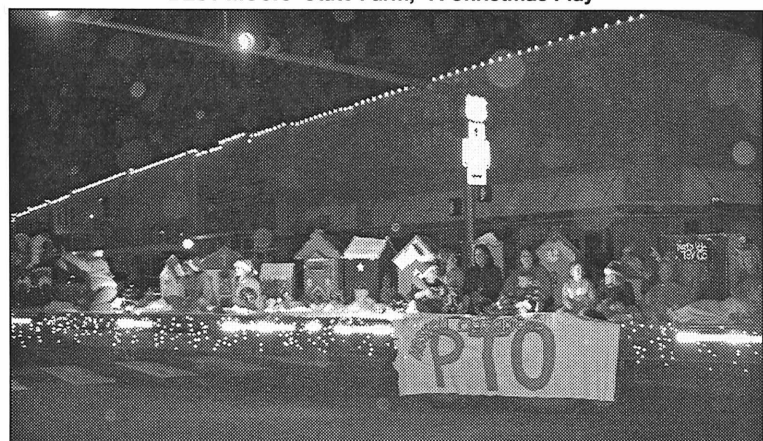
BEST LIGHTS—Girl Scouts, "Rockin Christmas"



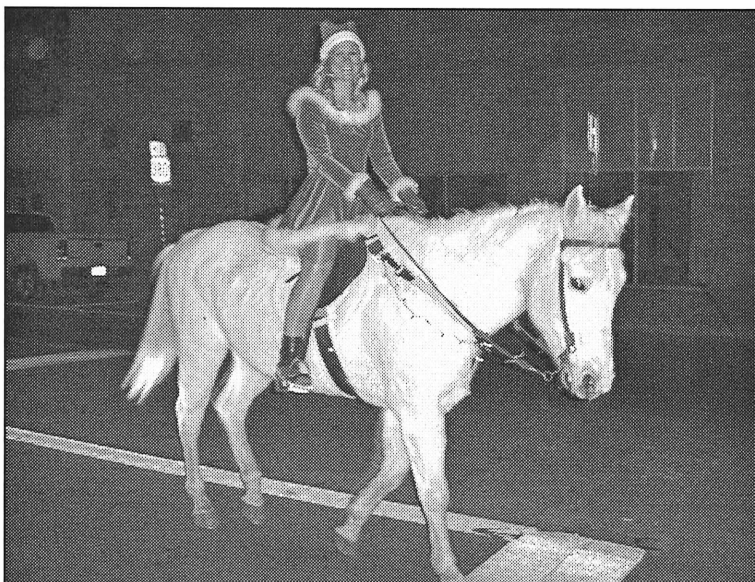
BEST MUSIC—State Farm, "A Christmas Play"



BEST HOLIDAY SPIRIT—First United Methodist Church, "Santa's Helpers"



BEST CHILDREN'S ENTRY—Haskell Elem. PTO, "The North Pole Village"



BEST INDIVIDUAL ENTRY—Leiza Morales



LIONS CLUB SERVES—Members of the Haskell Lions Club served coffee and hot chocolate during the Haskell Christmas parade Dec. 6. Haskell Lions Club members pictured with Santa are, l-r, Brian Burgess, Jennifer Burgess, Linda Haynes, Ellen Rieger, Donnie Rieger, Lela Bevel and Haskell Lions Club President John Hicks.

Local lodge celebrates 100th year of service

The Haskell Hermann Sons Lodge met in a banquet style Christmas decorated room with president Jerry Don Klose presiding at the meeting.

A welcome was extended to grand Vice President-Fraternal Lee and Bernice Vogel as special guests.

Recognition to Doris Brueggeman, Dorothea Monroe and Phyllis Klose was made for the work they did on the banquet decorations.

Milbert Opitz and Pauline Dick are celebrating birthdays and Harry Eunice Koehler are celebrating an anniversary in the month of December.

Thank you letters were read from organizations to which the lodge had made contributions.

All officers were re-elected to serve for the 2009 year at the November meeting. Jerry Don and Phyllis Klose were elected delegates at the December meeting.

Fifty year pins were to be sent to Susan Denise Roden of Pampa, Elaine Joyce Laza of Ennis and Andra Diana Jarman of Prosper.

Evelyn Moeller gave a history of the lodge with highlights of earlier days and the full activities enjoyed during those days when the lodge hall was filled to capacity. Beginning in a one room building and expanding during the years, having at



100 YEARS—Jerry Klose, president of the Haskell Hermann Sons Lodge, receives a plaque commemorating the Haskell lodge's 100 years of service to the community from Grand Vice President-Fraternal Lee Vogel.

one time a gentleman's lodge and a ladies lodge. The group grew to need the present day building to accommodate the crowds.

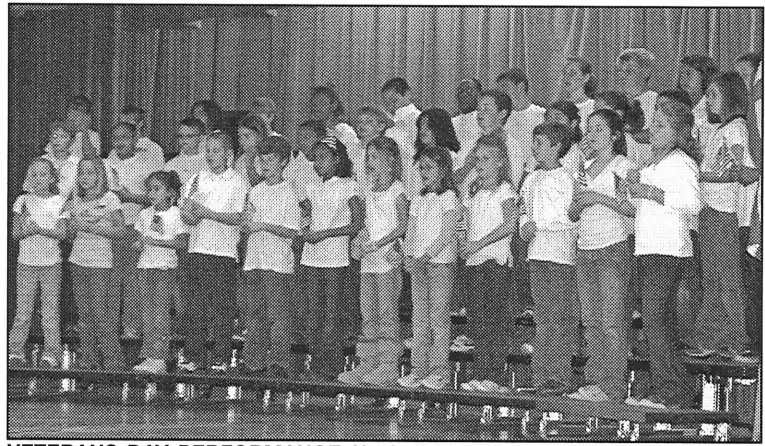
Vogel presented Jerry Don Klose with a plaque commemorating the lodge's 100 years of valued service to the community. He presented a short program on the state organization and its benefits and encouraged those attending to remember that they have access to fraternal home.

Youth members are busy helping with the needs of the community. They are serving as bell ringers for the Salvation Army, constructing fleece

blankets for the Noah Project, gathering food items for the food bank and sharing their funds and help with the needs of the community. Monroe serves with the Noah Project, which aides and assists those from battered homes and families in crisis.

An installation of officers will be held Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Rowena lodge. The local lodge will not hold a January meeting.

A Chinese Christmas exchange followed the meeting. The group enjoyed a meal of chicken and dressing with the trimmings.



VETERANS DAY PERFORMANCE—Haskell Elementary fourth graders sang Veterans Day songs to the care home and E.C.C. on Nov. 10 and at the Haskell Elementary School's Veterans Day breakfast on Nov. 11. Dressed in white shirts and carrying flags, the students proudly embraced our American pride with "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "There Are Many Flags in Many Lands," "Thank a Vet," and "America the Beautiful." Fourth grade teachers are Stacie Teague, Jennifer Roewe and Amy Sloan. Music teacher is Pam Gibson. Students pictured are, front row, l-r, Kylie Adams, Krysta Winegeart, Ashley Roque, Hayden Hudson, Alec Roewe, Gabby Mendoza, Jacee Guess, Kasie Isbell, Ashlyn Bevel, Sam Fouts, Briana Rodriguez and Katie Newberry; middle row, Payton Thomas, Lupe Olvera, Lane Burson, Victoria Hertel, Devon Barrios, Hayden Leach, Kelsey Guzman, Colton Wright, Madeline Williams, Kalyee Hardin, Austin Alsbrook, Macey Coker and Day'veon Dockins; and back row, Hannah Grand, Jonathan Primm, Chelsea Chavez, Aaron Wolf, Laura Brown, Richard Rodriguez, Tiesha Babcock, Rudy Espinoza, Alye Stewart, Chase Gibson, Amber Alexander, Kellen Parks, Bryce Rodriguez and Garrett Campbell.



VETERANS DAY PERFORMANCE—Haskell Elementary fourth graders presented a Veterans Day music program. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Ashlyn Bevel, Sam Fouts, Briana Rodriguez and Katie Newberry; middle row, Colton Wright, Madeline Williams, Kaylee Hardin and Macy Coker; back row, Tiesha Babcock, Rudy Espinoza, Alye Stewart, Chase Gibson and Amber Alexander.



VETERANS DAY PERFORMANCE—Haskell Elementary fourth graders presented a Veterans Day music program. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Kylie Adams, Krysta Winegeart, Ashley Roque, Hayden Hudson, Alec Roewe and Gabby Mendoza; middle row, Payton Thomas, Lupe Olvera, Lane Burson, Victoria Hertel and Devon Barrios; and back row, Hannah Grand, Jonathan Primm, Chelsea Chavez, Aaron Wolf, Laura Brown and Richard Rodriguez.

Burglars target unattended vehicles during holidays

This holiday season, auto burglars will shop the easy way—by stealing gifts, purses, wallets, packages, electronics, or other valuables left in plain sight inside vehicles. Every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized in Texas and the contents stolen. These crimes escalate during the holiday season when people shop more often. And unfortunately, drivers often don't take necessary precautions to avoid becoming burglary victims.

The Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), a division of the Texas Department of Transportation, offers three basic safety tips to motorists to help prevent vehicle crimes during the holidays and throughout the year: hide belongings from view, lock vehicles, and take keys. Last year, thieves committed over 262,000 acts of vehicle burglary and stole over 94,000 vehicles in Texas. In some jurisdictions, more than half of reported thefts occurred

because vehicle doors were unlocked and keys were left inside.

"We want everyone to enjoy the holiday season and not experience the violation and frustration of having their vehicles burglarized or stolen. We encourage all vehicle owners and operators to help prevent such crimes from happening by practicing simple theft prevention measures," said Charles Caldwell, interim director of the Texas ABTPA.

When vehicles are stolen, thieves have easy access to everything left inside, including items such as garage door openers, house keys, and personal information, which can all lead to additional and more serious crimes as well as further victimization of the vehicle owner.

"We know that auto burglars scout malls, shopping centers, and other retail parking lots this time of year looking for the perfect opportunity to break into vehicles. Within seconds, these criminals can get inside a car, steal the contents, and be on their way from the scene. And experienced thieves can steal a vehicle without keys in less than a minute," said Michelle Lanham, program coordinator for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) public awareness task force at the University of North Texas Caruth Police Institute in Dallas. "Texas drivers need to understand that carelessness with items left inside vehicles actually helps thieves carry out

their crimes more efficiently and potentially engage in further criminal activity."

The Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 to fund programs to reduce vehicle thefts. The passing of House Bill 1887 in 2007 expanded the scope of the agency to include automobile burglary prevention and added the term "burglary" to the Authority's title. For more information on the ABTPA, auto burglary, vehicle theft, prevention, statistics, contacts for any of ABTPA's 29 Texas vehicle crimes task forces, public service announcements, or to schedule an interview with task force personnel, call 800-CAR-WATCH or visit the ABTPA website at www.txwatchyourcar.com.

Calendar

Game admission

Admission to the Rochester Junior High basketball game on Dec. 15 will be either the price of admission or two cans of food. The Haskell Elementary fourth grade and Haskell High School Theatre classes are participating in a learn and serve grant project collecting canned goods for the area food bank.



FREE AUTO QUOTES

If we can't save you any money over your present carrier, we'll give you a FREE GIFT just for letting us try!!!

Call 940-864-2647 or come by Haskell County Farm Bureau at 508 N 1st, Haskell and ask for Tonya or Kenny for your free quote. You can't loose!!

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS



SHOP HERE for EVERYONE!


Christmas Sale
All Apparel and Shoes
on
Sale!

Super Discounts throughout the Store!
Everything 20-30% off
Just in time for Christmas!
Sale starts Today!

Where Winners Shop

Sport-About of Haskell  940-864-3891
402 N. 1st

We accept Discover, VISA, AMEX, MasterCard




We're Here For The Long Haul

We don't take short cuts. Never have. Never will. We believe in the basics. Spending less than you make. Regular saving. And keeping our word. When we make a mortgage loan, we make sure that the loan is something that the buyer can live with. We're here for the long haul. We're an equal housing opportunity lender.


First National Bank

MUNDAY - HASKELL - STAMFORD - ROCHESTER

PHONE - (940) 864-8555



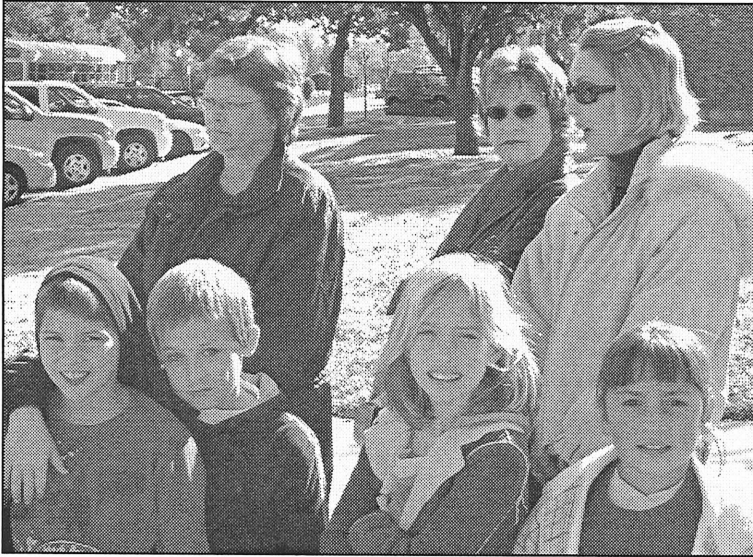
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER



FDIC
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Each depositor insured to \$100,000

"Rated one of the nation's strongest banks."



ATTENDS PRODUCTION—Haskell Elementary second graders entertained at the care home and E.C.C. with Thanksgiving songs. On Nov. 10, they performed at the PTO meeting along with fourth grade students. Second graders also attended Hardin Simmons' musical production of "Willy Wonka" on Nov. 21. Pictured are back row, l-r, Becky Gordy, Peggy Darden and Rhonda Hanson with students, front row, Zander Garcia, Kyle Weems, Hannah Stout and Ryanna Rodriguez. Their music teacher is Pam Gibson. Second grade teachers are Hanson, Darden and LaKay Caparoon.

Haskell School Menu

December 15-19
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Manager's choice
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Muffin, cheez-its
Friday: Cinnamon roll

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: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, pears

Tuesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, ranch style beans, apple crisp

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, hot bread, fruit salad

Thursday: Elementary: pepperoni pizza, corn; Jr. High and HS: Pizza pockets, baby carrots, fresh fruit, cookie

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, assorted chips, strawberry or raspberry yogurt

Students visit Rotary Club

Cidney Jordan is the daughter of Annette and Steven Stanford of Stamford.

Jordan is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

At Paint Creek High School, she is the presiding president of FCCLA, editor of the yearbook, a member of FFA, and participates in the one-act play. She was a member of the cast who advanced to Area during her sophomore year.

She enjoys watching movies and being with her friends during her spare time.

Jordan plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall.



CIDNEY JORDAN

Rule School Menu

December 15-19
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Cereal (2)
Tuesday: Pancakes (2), waffle syrup cup

Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, grape jelly, strawberry jam

Thursday: French toast sticks, waffle syrup cup

Friday: Rice, cinnamon toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Ham and cheese on a bun, baked beans, chip choice, apple

Tuesday: Homemade burritos, lettuce and tomato salad, refried beans

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, sliced carrots, green peas, brownies

Thursday: Corn dogs, pinto beans, rosie applesauce, cookie

Friday: Sloppy joe on bun, oven fries, orange half

ECC Menu

Mon., December 15
 Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, lemon cake, tea, or coffee

Wed., December 17
 Lunch—Goulash and rice, English peas, corn casserole, yeast rolls, ooey gooey cake, tea, or coffee

Fri., December 19
 Lunch—Sloppy joe on bun, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, sliced onion, strawberry cake, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Let Love Adorn Your Home with Holiday Happiness

Your favorite stores are all a-glitter with lights, ornaments, tinsel, candles, wreaths and gift wrappings. However, these seasonal adornments may not put you in a gala holiday mood, and if so, assuming that you have no major problems or sorrows, something must be wrong. Have you quarreled recently with a relative or friend? Are you normally impatient with people? Then it's time to get rid of these negative tendencies. Mend that quarrel, not matter whose fault it was. Let your house of worship put some love and kindness in your heart before you plug in the Christmas lights. Then your home and your life will be much brighter during the upcoming holidays, as well as at all other times of the year.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- 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
- 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
- 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
- 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
- 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**
 Philip Sims, 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**
 Larry White, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
 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**
 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
- WEINERT—**
First Baptist Church
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sunday 11 a.m
 Weinert
- 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**
 Joseph Barrett, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 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**
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Stephaniea Gilkey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
- RULE—**
First Baptist Church
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 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**
 Tom Long, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
 Alfa y Omegs
 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 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
 Paint Creek
 —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

Paint Creek School Menu

December 15-19
Breakfast
 Juice and Milk are served daily.

Monday: Biscuits, gravy
Tuesday: Toast or cereal
Wednesday: Pancake sticks

Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Eggs, toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Burritos, corn,

salad, cookies

Tuesday: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, chocolate pie

Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, crisp

Thursday: Chicken fajitas, rice, broccoli, salad, fluff

Friday: Sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cheese, chips, fruit

Area basketball scores

- Varsity Girls**
 Haskell 43, Eula 26
 Scoring: Bassett 12, Johnson 8, Agraz 7, Rodgers 7, Reid 4, Newton 3, Torres 2.
 JV score: Haskell 28, Eula 15.
- Merkel Tournament**
 Ponder 58, Haskell 41
 Scoring: Bassett 12.
 Merkel 48, Haskell 44
 Scoring: Bassett 21.
 Haskell 37, Cisco 20
 Scoring: Wallace 11.
 Haskell 44, Grape Creek 32
 Scoring: Reid 19, Wallace 12, Rodgers 10.
 Haskell 51
 Breckenridge 42
 Scoring: Bassett 15, Reid 15, Wallace 11.
 All Tournament Team: Wallace.
 Woodson Tournament
 Cisco JV 44, Paint Creek 18
 Scoring: Gilbreath 7, Waggoner 7.
 Lueders-Avoca 35
 Paint Creek 19
- Scoring: Waggoner 10, Gilbreath 6, Buerger 2, J. Smith 1.**
- Varsity Boys**
 Eula 68, Haskell 56
 Scoring: English 22, Marshall 11, Masias 7.
 JV score: Eula 43, Haskell 27.
 Jayton 24, Paint Creek 22
 Scoring: Blake Edwards 6, Rande Williams 6, Travis Cox 4, River McTasney 2, Dylan Huggins 2.
 Woodson Tournament
 Midway 76
 Paint Creek 32
 Scoring: Williams 12, Ramirez 8.
 Lueders-Avoca 59
 Paint Creek 24
 Scoring: Groves 15, Williams 4, Bishop 3, Ramirez 2.
 Paint Creek 37
 Woodson JV 13
 Scoring: Bishop 14, Groves 7.

Weather Whys

Lightning and Livestock
 Q: How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?
 A: No one knows for sure because record keeping tends to be very sketchy in many parts of the country, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States.

Q: How often does lightning hit livestock?
 A: At least as often as it strikes people and perhaps more often, McRoberts adds.

"Unless there is a barn nearby, livestock are out in the open during thunderstorms, so their chances of being hit are greater," he says.

"And the types of injuries are about the same. One study shows that while about 70 percent of humans struck by lightning still survive, the fatality rate of horses and cattle is much higher. This is because no one is around to treat the injured animal, plus the body mass of the animal is larger than a human, meaning more tissue damage can occur. Often, a rancher will see a dead animal on his property and not see any apparent cause. A necropsy (animal autopsy) often reveals that the animal died from a lightning strike."

Sonic Drive-In
 1402 N. Ave. E
 864-8533
 Managers: Leon & Carolyn Herring

Steele Fire Apparatus
 Hwy. 380 • 864-2208

Modern Way Food Store
 1202 N. Ave. E • 864-3763

HANSON PAINT & BODY SHOP
 207 S. 1st • 864-3631
 Professional Auto Body Repair
 Glass Installation • 24 Hour Wrecker Service

Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator
 301 Adams • Rule • 996-2421

Smitty's Auto Parts
 107 N. 1st East • 864-2607

The Haskell Free Press
 "The People's Choice"
 420 N. First
 Haskell, Texas
 940-864-2686

Serving Haskell County Since 1886

Shop The Haskell Free Press

CLASSIFIEDS

940-864-2686 940-864-2686

ALL DEADLINES MONDAY 5 P.M.

For Sale

FOR SALE: 16 ft. and 8 ft. garage doors. Doors are sectional with all hardware. \$200 for both. 3225-660-8011. 47fc

FOR SALE: Motorcycle travel back pack. \$75 OBO. 325-721-0674 or 940-864-2023. 37fc

FOR SALE: Aluminum camper shell for a short bed pickup. \$75. Call 325-721-0674 cell or 940-864-2023 after 5 p.m. 44fc

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: 940-864-8153. 45-52p

FOR SALE: Round bales hay. 940-864-8153. 45-52p

BRAND NEW queen pillowtop/orthopedic mattress, 2 pc. set, in plastic. Original warranty. \$150. 325-428-9172. 50-1c

DOUBLE/FULL orthopedic mattress set. Flame resistant, warranty. \$135. 325-428-9172. 50-1c

MUST SELL brand new king pillowtop mattress and box, in plastic. \$250. 325-428-9172. 50-1c

BODY CONTOURING memory foam mattress and foundation, still wrapped with warranty. \$375. 325-428-9172. 50-1c

WILD HORSE Trading Post is your RADA Cookware and Cutlery dealer. We're a cut above the rest! Come see our selection! 50-52c

FOR SALE: Super capacity Whirlpool dryer. Only 1 1/2 years old. White. Excellent condition. \$200. Cash only. Contact 864-2249. 50p

BRUNSWICK 8' pool table. Balls, six cues and corner cue stand included. \$1200 OBO. 940-988-4315. 50c

FOR SALE: 2009 KCHC calendars, "Churches of Knox County." \$10. Sold at Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin, Munday and Knox City Banks and community members. Make great Christmas gifts! 50c

Garage Sale

SATURDAY ONLY: Multi-family yard sale. Go-karts, furniture, boat, clothing, toys. Something for everyone. 700 S. Ave. F. 50p

Help Wanted

THE NEW SONIC Drive In in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44fc

GIBSON CARE Center, Aspermont needs CNAs for all shifts. Call Melissa Prew, ADON at 940-989-3526. E.O.E. 9fc

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS: Rolling Plains Correctional Facility is accepting applications for officers. Please come by the facility between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to fill out an application. You must have a H.S. Diploma or GED, valid driver's license and clear criminal history. Benefits include medical at no cost to the employee, PTO, 401K and optional benefits. Please contact Kimberly Hammes at 940-864-5694 for additional information. EOE. 45-50c

AMERISTAY INN & Suites is now taking applications for assistant manager. Experience in hotel management or similar is required. Pick up application at 108 N. First St., Haskell. 46fc

VACANCY: The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking applications for the position of elementary general custodian/maintenance worker with bus driving responsibilities. Applications for the position may be picked up at the HCISD Administration Office at 605 North Avenue E during regular school business hours or by logging on to the school's website at www.haskell.escl4.net and clicking on Employment Opportunities. For more information please contact Interim Superintendent David Hutton at 940-864-2602. If you need to fax your application the administration office's fax number is 940-864-8096. Haskell CISD is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants for all positions

Dodson Concrete Construction
Commercial - Residential
David Dodson
704 N. Ave. F • Haskell
940-864-2038
Over 20 Years in the Business
FREE ESTIMATES

Help Wanted

are considered without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 49-50c

THE CITY of Haskell is looking for applicants for the following job: Meter Reader/Water Maintenance. For job description and application please come by Haskell City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any weekday. The City of Haskell is an equal opportunity employer. Any questions about this job opening can be asked to Thomas Rodriguez, Director of Public Works or Brandon Anderson, City Administrator at 940-864-2333. Applications will be taken until an acceptable applicant has been located. 50-51c

Miscellaneous

HOUSE LEVELLING and foundation repair. No payments until work is satisfactorily completed. David Lee & Co. 325-675-6369. 1-888-486-8588. 6fc

SRACCESS.NET. Download, talk and surf. High speed internet. Call 863-1125. New extreme speeds. New anti-extreme rates. srcaccess.net. 33fc

Jobs Wanted

GUITAR LESSONS. Your house or mine. Call Kenny at 940-256-3739. 50-1c

Wanted

I BUY GUNS. Darrell Smith. 864-2240. 50p

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at hfp@valornet.com

For Rent

FOR RENT: Furnished rooms for rent. Nightly, weekly. Call Lone Star Lodging 864-2424. 21fc

Nanny Plumbing, Inc.
301 S. Ave. E • Haskell
940-864-3043
Sales and Service for Residential Plumbing and Heating/Cooling, Pump Installer and Sprinkler Systems.
License numbers available upon request.

NOTICE
The Haskell Free Press reserves the right to edit and/or delete all news stories and locals for length and liability and to refuse to print anything deemed not newsworthy.

EXPERT AUTO WORK
REASONABLE RATES
See us for all your auto mechanic needs. 20 years experience. We do it right the first time.
US 277 South • Haskell

RIKE REAL ESTATE
Mary Rike, Broker John Rike, Agent
411 1/2 S. First Street
Haskell, Texas 79521
940 864 2411 940 864 2332
mjrike@windstream.net
www.rikerealestate.com

RULE-510 CARDIFF. Stucco home on a large corner lot with three bedrooms, two large kitchens, and some wall unit for heat CONTRACT PENDING. The roof is only five years old. The detached garage can be used as storage, shop or parking. Priced to sell.

901 N. AVE. E. 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.

1011 N. AVE. D. Three bedroom, two bath home on two large lots. Property has a kitchen and dining, large living room and central air and heat, a detached garage, large front porch and much more.

Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.

WILD HORSE TRADING POST
Haskell's General Store and RadioShack
We have Guitars, Picks & Strings
Don't forget - We also have guns and ammo, gifts, musical instruments and ladies clothing!
419 S. 1st, Haskell • 864-2200
Hours: M-F 9-6; Sat. 9-3

Photos and Photo Pin Buttons
Available upon request. Sports Athletes Other Activities also.
Contact **Bill Blankenship**
940-864-3535

Haskell County Realty
103 N. Ave. E • 940-864-2665

Bridget Guess Broker
Chan Guess Agent
Hess Hartsfield Agent

FEATURED LISTINGS

315 ADDISON DR. NICELY UPDATED IN ADDISON ADDITION. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick home, unbelievably large bathroom with 360 degree mirrors, large living area open to kitchen and dining, unique fireplace, kitchen is large with an island and an awesome pot rack hanging above, it has been completely remodeled with new appliances, floors and cabinets, separate office area great to work from home, two car garage, fenced back yard, large covered patio, separate garage and storage in back.

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS WITH ROOM TO GROW. 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, two story brick home, large master bedroom with master bath that has a Jacuzzi bathtub, separate shower and twin vanities, large living room, formal dining room, kitchen with surrounding bar and breakfast area, separate office, upstairs is a huge open room with complete kitchenette area and bar, game room and balcony, enclosed storm shelter off of the utility room, four car garage, house sets on two acres, over 5,000 s/f under roof. THIS IS A MUST SEE!

1005 N. 3RD ST. EAST. MUST SEE. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, frame home, entire home remodeled, beautiful kitchen with new cherry wood cabinets and tile counter tops, an island sets in the kitchen for easy entertaining, living room open to dining room, large utility room, nice storage throughout home, fenced in back yard with amazing landscaping, covered patio, two car carport.

"Where we make You our #1 Priority"
Residential, Commercial, Land
www.haskellcountyrealty.com

Langford Roustabout Services, LLC
8348 U.S Hwy 277 N.
Haskell, TX 79521

Scott Langford Owner
940-256-0535

Doug Sorrells Supervisor
940-256-0536

Office 940-864-3490 Fax 940-864-3491

Basic Law Enforcement Training
The West Central Texas Council of Governments is accepting applications for the following course:
Basic Peace Officer Course-Abilene. This 750-hour course begins **January 19, 2009** and continues for approximately **30 weeks.** Classes are held from **6 p.m.-10 p.m. M-F and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on most Saturdays.** Tuition for this course is **\$1200**, plus a uniform fee. Location: **Abilene, WCTLEA.** Application deadline is **December 19, 2008.** Entry requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Sponsored by a law enforcement agency; 2. Attained 20th birthday before the first day of class; 3. High School Diploma or G.E.D.*; 4. No felony convictions; 5. No convictions of any class involving family violence; 6. Must not be prohibited from possessing ammunition or firearm by state or federal law; 7. No convictions above the grade of Class C misdemeanor within the past 10 years; 8. No military discharge under other than honorable conditions; 9. Pass physical examination; 10. Pass reading comprehension examination.
*G.E.D. has additional requirements.
Call (325) 672-1197 for application information.

Like what you're reading?

We'll send it to you each week for just \$25 a year. (in Haskell County)

Yearly Subscription Rates
\$25 a year in county
\$34 a year out-of-county

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Clip and Mail Coupon, Along with Check or Money Order to:
The Haskell Free Press
P. O. Box 555, 420 N. First, Haskell, TX 79521



TRAILER FIRE—A small two wheel trailer along with nearby debris caught on fire apparently from hot ashes spread near or in the trailer Thursday afternoon behind the Meier residence at 407 N. 2nd East in Haskell. A Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. crew took care of the blaze that threatened a nearby pasture in short order.



TEACHERS HONORED—Tues., Dec. 2, 47 teachers across Region XIV were honored for their dedication and commitment to lifelong learning and teaching science to students, as well as, their peers. The ceremony took place at Abilene Country Club with Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily, executive director from the Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, presenting awards. State Representative, Susan King, was the guest speaker for this occasion and also presented a certificate from the Texas House Representatives to these honored teachers. Haskell County teachers that were honored were Paula Everett, Haskell Elementary, and Valiene Bullinger, Paint Creek ISD. Superintendents David Hutton of Haskell and Don Ballard of Paint Creek also attended. This Texas Regional Collaborative partners with AT&T, Region XIV, ACU, HSU, Shell Oil, as well as statewide and federal agencies. These partnerships assist teachers in providing effective professional development and money to enhance science and math programs. Everett and Bullinger have been involved in this collaborative for many years and state that this collaborative has been integral part in the success of their science programs. Pictured, l-r, are, Everett, Dr. Jbeily, John Lineweaver—Region XIV science coordinator, Ballard and Bullinger.

Domestic violence happens here, too

by Caron Yates

When we hear the term "domestic violence," it may be easy for many of us to say it has no direct bearing on our lives. After all, it only happens in the cities, not in small rural Texas towns, right?

In reality, it is not just a big city problem, but a serious crime that can touch anyone's life in any part of the country. It occurs among all ages, races and religions. It happens to people of all educational and income levels.

According to information from the National Woman Abuse Prevention Project, every fifteen seconds a woman is battered in the United States. While men can also be victims, ninety-five percent of abused adults with visible injuries are women. In fact, battering is the #1 crime and cause of injury to women. Even more alarming is that seventy percent of men who batter their wives also batter their children.

The Noah Project, Inc. was organized in 1979 for the purpose of offering help to victims of abuse. Since that time, they have served more than 35,000 family violence victims. With corporate headquarters in Abilene and an outreach center in Haskell, Noah Project serves a ten-county area of the Big Country.

Services offered by Noah Project include 24-hour emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line (800-444-3551), counseling services, emergency transportation and food, legal advocacy, community education and prevention information.

The Haskell Outreach Center serves Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Donna Sue Anders is director of the center and is assisted part-time by Janis Brzozowski. An advisory committee made up of twenty-three members representing the involved counties, is also a big part of the fund-raising effort for the project.

While salaries are paid through the corporate office, all other funds must be obtained through grants or raised locally. It takes a minimum of \$29,000 annually to support these services. Each year, several fund-raisers are planned, including Tour of Homes, sale of poinsettias, dinner and silent auction

Immunizations to be given

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Dec. 18 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

and beef sale. Also generous donations from individuals aid the fund-raising.

The Haskell office sees from fifteen to thirty clients per month and are always accepting donations of toiletries, personal hygiene items, diapers, food and kids clothing.

Statistics show that abuse victims often return to the abusive situation as many as seven times before a complete break is made. Anders

emphasized that no matter how many times a victim has left and gone back, they should never be afraid or embarrassed to call for help again.

Perhaps the key to breaking the cycle of abuse is with education. The Noah Project has developed presentations that give children tools for anger management and nonviolent conflict resolution. They also have an educational program for teens with information on healthy and

unhealthy relationships and recognizing the signs of an abusive personality.

We can all help in the fight against domestic violence by becoming personally informed on the issue and then listening to and supporting anyone who may be a victim of abuse. Certainly we can lend financial support for the fund-raisers. Anders says, "It is essential that victims are aware there is help and that the services are free."

Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!

Radio Shack toys • Gift Ideas
New and Used Guns • Televisions

Don't forget—We also have guns and ammo, gifts, musical instruments and ladies clothing!

WILD HORSE TRADING POST

Haskell's General Store and
RadioShack dr.

419 S. 1st, Haskell • 864-2200
Hours: M-F 9-6; Sat. 9-3

Wishing you a Beautiful Holiday Season and a New Year of Peace and Happiness

Andy

Betty Sue

Rubie

Pam

Lina

Paula

Robbie

Carla

Meranda

Kathryn

Connie

Jam

Mary

Randy

Myra

Christmas Open House

Friday, December 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We will be open Dec. 24th and 26th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lobby and Drive-In
We will be closed (including drive-in) December 25.
We will be open December 31.
Bank and drive-in will be closed Thursday, January 1.

Officers, Directors & Employees of
Haskell National Bank
Member FDIC
601 N. 1st • 864-2631
Haskell, Texas