

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB-VB vs Petrolia
 Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
 at Petrolia
JVG-VG vs Hamlin
 Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
JH-G, JH-B vs Hamlin
 Mon., Jan. 7, 5 p.m.
 Girls at Hamlin
 Boys at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Munday
 Tues., Jan. 8, 4 p.m.
 at Munday
PAINT CREEK
VG vs Graford
 Tues., Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VB vs Highland
 Tues., Jan. 8, 8 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
JH Pirates vs Graford
 Mon., Jan. 7, 6 p.m.
 at Graford

Calendar

Cotton conference

The Haskell and Jones County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will host the Rolling Plains Cotton Conference in Haskell Jan. 17 at the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Multiple CEU's will be available. For more information, call the Haskell Co. Extension Office. For questions about the conference, contact Wes Utley at the Haskell County AgriLife Extension office at 940-864-2658 or Steve Estes at the Jones County AgriLife Extension office at 325-823-2432.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

TeamKid

TeamKid "Character Challenge" is held Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center for children 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2581.

Burn ban lifted

The burn ban for Haskell County has been lifted. Those conducting controlled burns are asked to report the information to the Sheriff's Office dispatch.

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WHITE CHRISTMAS-A dusting of snow was enjoyed in Haskell on Christmas Day. Temperatures remain in the normal range for this time of year. **Hopes of rain dot upcoming days. Any chance is a welcomed one, as towns in the county continue with water restriction concerns.**

Jr. Livestock Show and Sale set Jan. 10-12

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 10-12 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival and weigh in time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 10 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 10 by 5:30 p.m. Show time schedules are

Thurs., Jan. 10 at 7:00 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 11 at 8:00 a.m. for lambs followed by swine. The steer show will begin at 2 p.m., followed by the heifer show. Judging the lambs,

swine, steers and heifers will be Bill Binder of Abilene.

Judging the rabbits and chickens will be Chris Beard, AST-Albany.

Auctioneer and announcer for the sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Sat., Jan. 12 are TBA at a later date.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand set up serving food and drinks on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday they will serve drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 104 participants entered a total of 183 animals. The sale brought a total of \$88,550. Lance Sloan of Rochester is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

Rule lists lighting and poster contest winners

Winners in the Home and Yard Lighting Contest sponsored by Rule Chamber of Commerce are:

Vernon Bailey, first place; Bill Jones, second place; and Francell Hamelett, third place.

Winners in Children's Christmas Poster Contest are:

First grade: Shelby Saffel, first place; Geneva Pauley, second place; Astrid Guzman and Wayland Isbell, third place; Timothy Moore and Sirena Baiza.

Second grade: Cory Mathis, first place; Sean Gatlin, second place; Kelly Lowack, third place; Taaron Scrogum, Trinity Pittman, Austen Sanford, Julian Trevino, Tavon Scrogum and Karleigh Hertel.

Third grade: Lenzi Manske, first place; Macy Roger and Alfonso Ramos, second place; Abigail Ortiz, third place; Bryson Silvas, Jillian Herrera, Daena Diaz, Patrick Lightfoot, Kendale Smith, Jaella Alvarez, Kurt Leek and Hanna Ervin.

Fourth grade: Christian Speck, first place; Jysela Alvarez, second place; Ariel Cortinez and Carlos Cassas, third place; Tommy Spells, Fette Jackson, Taylor Silvas, Dean Kreger, Kayla Hollingsworth, Michael Medford and Yesenia Moreno.

Fifth grade: Madalyn Navarrette, first place; Kiya Bailey, second place; Danny Kreger, third place; Cheyenne Kreger, Jessica Ramos, Tray Spells, Kennedy Fritzler and Lauryn Crane.



NATIVITY SCENE-Carl Milburn, left, of Richardson's presented J.W. and Louetta Wallace a nativity scene on Mon., Dec. 17.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 24-30:

Edmond David Spottedcorn, motion to revoke theft, fail to identify (Fugitive from justice).

Brandon Scott Isbell, unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

Santana Altiz Guzman, possession controlled substance less than 4 grams, 2nd, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., possession drug paraphernalia.

Essie Christina Alvarez, possession of controlled substance less than 4 grams, possession marijuana less than 2 oz., possession drug paraphernalia.

Iseal Ibarra, possession controlled substance less than 4 grams, possession

of marijuana less than 2 oz., possession drug paraphernalia.

Jason Lee Mendez, possession controlled substance less than 4 grams, possession marijuana less than 2 oz., possession drug paraphernalia.

Forty-nine calls were made to 911.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 27, 2012 Haskell	
Haskell County Gin...	1,492
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	1,872
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	9,463
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	6,724
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	594
Weinert Gin.....	706
Total bales.....	20,851



GOODFELLOWS-The Haskell Lions Club and their families gathered Dec. 23 and packed 53 Christmas boxes filled with food and other items. On Dec. 24, the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, with the Lions Club, delivered the Christmas packages to needy families in Haskell. Helping pack the boxes were, l-r, Tom Bassett, Kim Meredith, John Hicks, Crissy Bassett, Linda Haynes, Bree Shaw, Tyler Shaw, Sydney Berra, Brian Burgess, Ellen Rieger and Donnie Rieger. Not pictured were Garrett Brueggeman and Nathan Meredith.

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

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Haskell, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2013**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Garden checklist

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

- Roses often put on some of their best displays in the November-December period of cooler weather. Encourage them at this time with plenty of water during dry spells and good cultivation, finishing with a topping of fresh mulch to save moisture and ameliorate temperature changes.
- Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want. In addition to ordering seeds that you are already familiar with, try a few new kinds each year to broaden your garden contents.

- Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.
- Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid-March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well lighted window.
- Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.
- Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in an easily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.
- November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until February or early March.
- Continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as Pansies, Violas, Stock, Snapdragons and Dianthus.
- Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark, and similar materials mixed with existing soil.
- Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.
- Protect your lawn from excessive winter damage by providing irrigation during dry periods.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so. Be sure to refrigerate Tulips and Hyacinths for 6-8 weeks prior to planting.
- Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.
- Take advantage of good weather to prepare garden beds for spring planting. Work in any needed organic matter, and have beds ready to plant when needed.
- Don't forget Tulip and Hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator. They can be planted any time in December if they have received 60 or more days of chilling.
- Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas Cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 to 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 2 to 4 weeks.
- Don't spare the pruning shears when transplanting bare-rooted woody plants. Cut the tops back at least one-third to one-half, to compensate for the roots lost when digging the plant.
- Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogs as well as good gardening books.



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Obituaries

Martha Jean Everett



JEAN EVERETT

Memorial services for Martha Jean Everett, 81, of Dallas were held Mon., Dec. 17 in the Living Room of Highland Springs Retirement Community in Dallas.

Mrs. Everett passed away Mon., Dec. 10.

Born Feb. 24, 1931, she was the daughter of Willie R. Harmon and William Joel Bullock. She was raised in Rule. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1951 with a BS degree in Elementary Education. As a University co-ed, she

enjoyed the college life and met her future husband, Dr. Richard H. Everett, Jr. After her graduation, she taught elementary education in Belton, San Angelo and Austin.

She married Richard H. Everett, Jr. of Austin upon his return from the Korean War in December 1953. In 1960, Richard joined the U.S. Air Force and she began her 28-year military life. She managed over 32 household moves across Texas and the world. She was very active and was an officer in the Officer Wives' Club and hosted numerous teas and parties.

She loved a party and hosted many throughout her years. She was also a member of bridge, garden, sewing and arts and craft clubs everywhere they lived. Additionally, she found time to be a Super Mom, being a teacher, homeroom mother, little-league mom, Girl Scout cookie chairman, swim team mother. She was an excellent

seamstress.

In retirement, she remained very active in her community board, teaching computer classes at the senior citizen's center and bridge clubs.

In 2008, she moved to Dallas to be near her son and his family. She loved her grandchildren and was an avid fan of their sports endeavors. She was a very proud mother and grandmother and kept her friends abreast of their activities and accomplishments.

Survivors include her sister, Betty Ann Smith of Austin; her son, Richard H. Everett, III and his wife Theresa and three grandchildren, Richard H. Everett, IV, William Clay Everett and Katherine Jean Everett of Plano; her daughter, Barbara Everett and her husband, Robert Hindman of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Memorials may be made to the wounded Warriors Project. PD. NOTICE

Albert Zelisko



ALBERT ZELISKO

Funeral services for Albert Zelisko, 91, of Bryan, a Haskell native, were held Wed., Jan. 2 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Zelisko died Thurs., Dec. 27 at a Bryan nursing center.

Born May 13, 1921, he

was the son of William and Mary Zelisko and was raised in the Irby Community, east of Haskell, along with four sisters.

During the later years of the Great Depression, he worked in a National Youth Administration work program to help support his family. During World War II, he served in Co. B in the 160th Engineer Battalion of the U.S. Army in Europe. After the war, he returned to Haskell County, where he farmed. The drought of the 1950s encouraged him to find another line of work and he became a heavy equipment mechanic for Amis Construction Co., based in Oklahoma.

In 1955, he married Alma Steinfath, also of the Irby Community. They had three children.

The family lived in various places in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, while he worked on highway, airport runway and dam construction projects. In 1967, the family settled in Waco, where he worked for a local construction company. He later worked for Foster-Wheeler Inc., in its McGregor shop until his retirement.

He enjoyed collecting coins, buying antique guns

at flea markets and restoring them, fishing and hunting, playing dominoes, and visiting with friends and family. A farmer at heart, he enjoyed gardening and tended to an assortment of plants outside his room at the assisted living center where he stayed until November. He was a Lutheran.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alma; and two sisters, Ella Howard and Lillie Lehnert.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Nancy Zelisko of Abilene; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Rob Adams of Spring; and Carole and Ted Oplinger of Bryan; two sisters, Frances Weise of Haskell and Dora Kretschmer of Wichita Falls; eight grandchildren, Matt and Amanda Zelisko of Pearland, Melanie Zelisko of Stephenville, Gary and Laurel Adams of Spring, and Johanna, Russell and Nathan Oplinger, all of Bryan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests donations be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1001 Woodcreek Drive, College Station, Texas 77845, or the American Diabetes Association. PD. NOTICE

Randolph 'Randy' Gary Wiseman Sr.

Memorial services for Randolph 'Randy' Gary Wiseman Sr., 63, of Haskell will be held Thurs., Jan. 3 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell. Services are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Wiseman died Fri., Dec. 28 in Haskell.

Born Nov. 19, 1949 in Haskell, he was the son of Roy D. and Mayre Lena (Tubbs) Wiseman. He attended school in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1968. He attended Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Arlington where he earned his Bachelors Degree. He married Bobby Kimbrough in March of 2008 in Haskell. Wiseman worked as a Chartered Life Underwriter, living in Lubbock, Arlington, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Tyler, and Denver, Colorado, before returning to Haskell six years ago. He was a member of Fain Presbyterian Church

in Wichita Falls. He was a former Eagle Scout, Mason and Shriner. He enjoyed music, playing trumpet, baseball, golf and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy D. Wiseman and a brother, James Roy Wiseman.

Survivors include his wife, Bobby Wiseman; mother, Mayre Lena Wiseman; one daughter, Meg Hoskison and Bill Shuttleworth; one son, Gary Wiseman and wife Annique; one grandson, Tyler Gray Wiseman; and numerous cousins, family and friends.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Organ Fund, Haskell, Texas; Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 305, Haskell, Texas, 79521; or to your favorite charity.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Opal Faye Turnbow Therwhanger

Graveside services for Opal Faye Turnbow Therwhanger, 82, of Seminole, formerly of Haskell were held Wed., Dec. 26 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Seminole.

Mrs. Therwhanger passed away Mon., Dec. 24 in Seminole.

Born March 18, 1930 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of George Alfred and Mabel Brown Turnbow. She retired from Midland National Bank after 30 years of employment. She had been a resident of Seminole since 2000.

Survivors include her son, Al Therwhanger

of Seminole; two daughters, Karen Barnett of Tulsa and Cathrine Therwhanger of Albany; one sister, Ima Jean Aycock of Haskell; ten grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and several nieces, nephews and special friends.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Eugene Therwhanger, Monroe Therwhanger, Tobby Therwhanger, Chad Barnett, Kyle Barnett and Brent Barnett. Honorary pallbearers were great grandsons, Ricky Therwhanger and Michael Therwhanger.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. PD. NOTICE

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Texas launches campaign to reduce infant deaths

The Texas Department of State Health Services has launched its Someday Starts Now campaign aimed at reducing the number of infant deaths and preterm births by promoting healthy lifestyles for people who may someday decide to have a baby.

The new campaign offers

resources geared toward expectant parents and women who may one day want to have a baby. A key component is the website SomedayStartsNow.com, which has a downloadable life planning tool to help women set health goals and work toward them. Parents-to-be can create a

birth plan by using a guide on the site that helps them think through decisions about the birth process. The campaign also includes interactive outreach events at college campuses and community gatherings, videos and resources for providers, and information tailored toward new dads and dads-to-be.

"We want people to be thinking about their health now, years before they may want to start a family," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS commissioner. "Living a healthy lifestyle before pregnancy can be critical to the health of the baby."

Someday Starts Now is part of the state's Healthy Texas Babies initiative that focuses on reducing prematurity and decreasing the number of babies who die during their first year of life. The Texas Legislature provided \$4.1 million for the initiative during the last legislative session. Local coalitions are using some of those funds to reduce the factors that play a role in unhealthy birth outcomes. These factors include poor pre-pregnancy health, lack of prenatal care, cigarette smoking and poor nutrition during pregnancy, and electing to induce delivery before 39 weeks.

"We want to have

healthier Texas babies and a healthier Texas, but the numbers show we have room for improvement," Dr. Lakey said.

Texas has experienced a slight increase in the percentage of preterm babies, from a low of 12.6 percent in 2000 to 13.2 percent in 2010. The Texas rate is higher than the national rate of 12 percent for 2010. Babies born too early are often too small and underdeveloped to thrive or survive. Infants with low birth weights are at a greater risk for adverse health outcomes, including death.

The infant mortality rate has remained relatively constant in the United States and in Texas. In the United States in 2010 there were 6.2 deaths per 1,000 live births. The rate was similar in Texas, with 6.1 deaths per 1,000 live births that year. African-Americans carry a disproportionate burden of poor birth outcomes in Texas.

To help improve birth outcomes, the SomedayStartsNow.com website offers information and tips to help people make healthy lifestyle choices in the years before starting a family, including:

- Manage stress.
- Exercise daily.

- Take vitamins with at least 400 mcg of folic acid. Folic acid has been proven to help prevent birth defects.
- Stop smoking.
- Don't drink alcohol or abuse drugs.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Develop a support

system to help motivate good health.

Information about the Someday Starts Now campaign is available at www.SomedayStartsNow.com.

Information about the Healthy Texas Babies initiative is available at www.dshs.state.tx.us/HealthyTexasBabies.

Agency offers help for stressed caregivers

Some parents call it a flash-forward—that anxious moment when a son's cracking voice or a daughter's joy over her first job hints at dawning adulthood and permanent changes in family relationships.

Years later, those children often face their own anxious moment when they see the first signs of aging in their parents. How will they manage the shift—gradual or sudden—to caring for those who once cared for them?

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) can help. Its caregiver-oriented programs and resources are designed specifically for busy Texans who are looking after family members and other loved ones.

The help comes from both public and private sources and can be anything from home-delivered meals and care coordination to benefits counseling, medication management, information about caregiver and Alzheimer's disease support groups, caregiver training, transportation, basic housekeeping, local volunteer groups and more.

Many of these programs are available through DADS' network of 28 area agencies on aging. "Eligibility requirements vary from service to service, and we can help you figure out which ones your family member can access," said DADS' Patricia Bordie.

If you're a caregiver, contact the area agency on aging nearest you at 800-252-9240. In addition to help for your loved one, they also can link you up with National Caregiver

Support Program (NCSP) services to make your duties more manageable.

Another option is to directly contact the NCCSP online. Just go to the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) website at www.aoa.gov and type caregiver support into the search box at the top of the page. AoA's site also has a useful Elders and Families section.

DADS' additional caregiver resources include the Take Time Texas website (www.dads.state.tx.us/taketimetexas/index.html)

Bordie added that caregivers should never forget to take care of themselves. Caregiver stress can lead to insomnia, changes in eating habits, periods of irritation or anger, headaches, stomachaches and loss of interest in favorite activities. To avoid these and other problems, DADS advises:

- Talk with friends or family members who may be able to share your caregiver responsibilities.

- When you're talking to your area agency on aging, ask about nearby adult day care centers that can provide temporary care in a community setting.

- Share your feelings with family, friends or co-workers—or join a support group.

- Take time for yourself. Bordie said the most important step of the caregivers' journey is the first one: Clearly and honestly recognizing the changes in our loved ones and our relationship with them.

"Every family handles the transition in its own way. We're here to make it a little bit easier."

Phelps enjoys lunch with family

Visiting Lona Mae Sanders Phelps of Haskell, daughter of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, formerly of Weinert, during Christmas and taking her to lunch were her brothers, Travis Sanders of Coleman, Andrew of Cross Plains, Jacky Sanders of Haskell and Rocky Sanders of Abilene.

Her brother, Omar

was unable to attend this year, as he was celebrating Christmas with his family at his house.

Sisters include Ethel Slade of Eager, Arizona, Eva Herdman of Irving, Martha Maupin of Odessa, both deceased, Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth, Sue Cox of Omaha, Texas and Scarlet of San Antonio.

Calendar

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library meeting room for a program on "Service Dogs," to be presented by Sandi Griffin. Also, Federation News will be discussed. Members are asked to bring toiletries for the Noah Project and a free will offering for Heifer International. Education, Homelife and Public Issues will be the topics for the meeting.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

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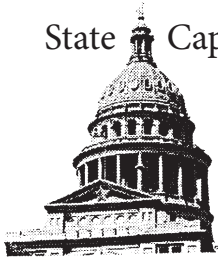
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Budget questions hover above Capitol

AUSTIN—As Congress jousts with itself and the White House in the closing days of 2012 over the federal budget, the Texas Legislature and other state legislatures can only guess what federal dollars will be coming when budget-writing time comes.

Every two years, the Texas Legislature's main job is to write and pass a state budget. Now, with the governor signaling his intention to stick with an austerity plan that won't necessarily be in step with the state's rapidly growing population, historically bad drought and a long list of other critical concerns, suspense about the budget increases day by day. The budget-adoption process is a session-long affair, and the 140-day session commences on Jan. 8, at high noon.

In 2011, the 82nd Texas Legislature adopted a 2012-2013 budget (the General Appropriations Act) featuring across the board spending cuts, per governor's directives. Texans can see a roadmap to those cuts, and may imagine the debating that went on before the budget ultimately was called to a vote, signed by the governor and certified by the comptroller. Actually, the debating does not have to be imagined. It is preserved at legis.state.tx.us.

Texans with access to a relatively recently manufactured personal computer updated with the current software for viewing archived video, can—if they pay for a speedy Internet connection or visit their local library—download, view and hear the parts of the budget-writing process conducted in Capitol committee rooms and on the floors of the state House and state Senate.

Furthermore, to provide Texas taxpayers "with a more complete understanding of how their tax dollars are being used," the staff of the Legislative Budget Board has posted a 668-page document, titled "Fiscal Size-up" for the current 2012-2013 budget. Anyone with a library card or a relatively recently manufactured personal computer, updated with the current software for viewing documents, can, with a fast-enough Internet connection, download the lengthy document and read it at their leisure.

But owing to the lack of space here, and in deference to readers who choose the printed-page version of their community newspaper, let's skip to the summary of the "Fiscal Size-up." It says the 2012-13 budget included appropriations for state operations that total

\$173.5 billion—an amount composed of \$81.3 billion from General Revenue Funds, \$54.7 billion from Federal Funds, \$31.2 billion from Other Funds and \$6.4 billion from General Revenue-Dedicated Funds.

Although the Fiscal Size-up was published only months after the end of the 2011 legislative session, it foretells something that has remained true since its publication: revenue then was above expectations. See the paragraphs labeled "Recent Trends and Fiscal Horizon" at the end of the summary. They contain information that forms a more complete picture.

And much more recently, on Dec. 21, Comptroller Susan Combs said, "Job growth, sales tax collections—both from business and consumer purchases—as well as automobile sales, signal that the Texas economy has emerged from the recent recession. Another indicator that the state's economy has been comparatively healthy was the U.S. Census Bureau report that Texas added more people (421,000) than any other state from 2010 to 2011. Although Texas has only 8 percent of the nation's population, the state added nearly 19 percent of the nation's population growth for the year."

Looking back a full year ago, Combs said: "By December 2011, Texas employers replaced all 427,600 jobs shed during the recession as our economy rebounded more quickly than the U.S. as a whole, and continues to add jobs." And finally, Combs said, "Texas and the nation returned to economic growth in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, Texas real gross domestic product grew by 2.4 percent, compared with 1.6 percent GDP growth for the nation."

These official analyses may point to a healthy fiscal condition for the state as 2013 begins, but as elders among us warn, you never know what's going to happen when the Texas Legislature is in session.

14 receive clemency

As is customary at the end of each year, the governor grants clemency to a list of Texans who were convicted of certain offenses.

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 21 announced he had granted clemency to 14 individuals after each of their cases was recommended for clemency by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. A description of each is available at governor.state.tx.us.

Black's Law Dictionary defines clemency as "Mercy or leniency, especially, the power of the President or a governor to pardon a criminal or commute a criminal sentence."

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 2, 2003

Bill Steele and Ronnie Frierson were among the group of members of the Haskell Fire Department, Haskell Lion's Club and Haskell County Child Welfare Board, which packed and distributed Goodfellows boxes on Christmas Eve.

The Haskell Maidens won the Hawley Hoops Classic by defeating Hawley 48 to 39 in the championship game. Leading the scoring was Monica Buerger with 12 pts., Whitney Wallace with 10 pts., and Brittany Rutkowski with 7 pts. Buerger was named Tournament MVP.

Joseph and Caroline Toliver of Ballinger are happy to welcome home their newest son, Eric Joseph Toliver. Grandparents are Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell.

20 Years Ago January 7, 1993

David Middleton has assumed duties as manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Wanda Dulaney, who retired after serving twelve years as chamber manager.

Fred Barnett of San Angelo has been elected president of the Texas Society of Emergency Medical Technicians. A 1984 graduate of Haskell High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paul Barnett of Haskell.

Betty Weise has been named by District Judge Charles Chapman as Haskell County auditor. She has served over eleven years as assistant to recently retired auditor Alene Collins.

30 Years Ago January 6, 1983

Receiving the Oath of Office from District Judge Joe Williams, were Carolyn Reynolds, District Clerk; Woody Frazier, County Clerk; Bud Turnbow, Commissioner

Prec. 4; Ronnie Chapman, Commissioner Prec. 2; Emette Cross, J.P. Prec. 5; Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer; Geraldine Hise, J.P. Prec. 1; and John Wayne McDermett, County Judge.

New directors of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, will soon be elected by chamber members. Directors rotating off are Gene Long, Von Marr, Lois Richardson, Donnie Rieger, Joe Alves and Bill Lane, Jr.

About seven inches of snow fell on Haskell during the New Year's weekend. This was one of the largest snowfalls in recent history.

40 Years Ago January 4, 1973

Charles Chapman was administered the Oath of Office as County Attorney, by his father, District Judge Ben Charlie Chapman, who took the same oath as County Attorney in 1933.

Mrs. Vern Foreman of

Odessa, formerly Charlotte Redwine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Redwine of Haskell, has been nominated for the Outstanding Citizen Award of Odessa.

A luncheon and glassware shower honoring Pam Colbert, bride-elect of Barry McDonald, was hosted by Mrs. Brooks Middleton and Nancy, along with Mrs. Darold Roberson and Denise.

50 Years Ago January 3, 1963

Five outstanding students have been chosen for "Who's Who of Haskell High School," by the high school faculty. They are Pamela Baird, Bobby Herren, Sandra Letz, Bassett Owens and Lowell Wallace.

Jetty Clare, publisher of the Haskell Free Press, has named Porter Oakes as editor. He is a former city editor of the Wichita Falls Record News.

First Lt. Don Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Smith of the Mattson community, has completed requirements for a PhD in Agronomy at the University of Wisconsin. He reports to Brook Aerospace Medical Laboratories for military duty as a biological scientist.

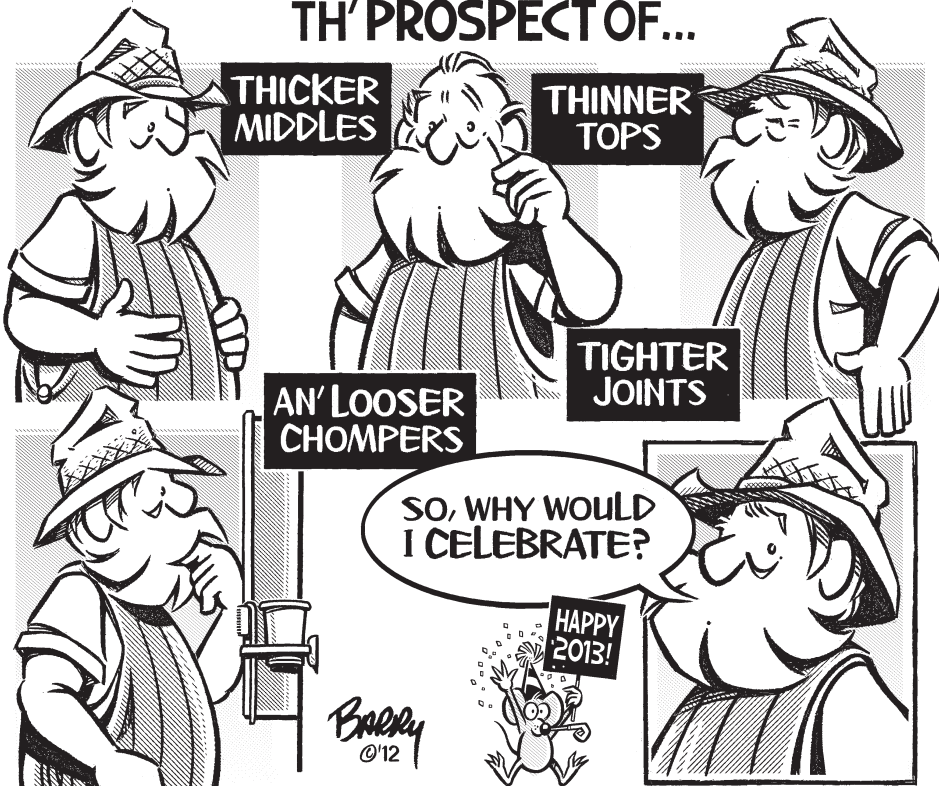
100 Years Ago January 4, 1913

Mrs. R.B. Hart, of Colbert's Ranch, and Lola Smith of Aspermont, visited their sister, Mrs. W.A. Carlisle.

Fannie Jack Baldwin left for Waxahachie to visit with friends until the TCU at Fort Worth convenes, when she will return to that institution.

Miss Ruby Fitzgerald came home from Burkburnett, where she has a class in music.

EVERY NEW YEARS BRINGS TH' PROSPECT OF...



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

The wife and I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We certainly did with both of our children and their families plus our niece and nephew and their families—in other words we had a house full. Ages ranged from 3 to 71 years. It is so much fun to sit back and watch their faces as they unwrap their presents and you hear exclamations such as 'wow,' 'this is wonderful,' 'just what I've always wanted,' and finally 'what in the world is this?' Plus we had the 'big meal' with very good turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, then the huge selection of desserts followed by the much-needed nap. But to me there are several things that are very important about Christmas: we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we have the pleasure of having the majority of our families together, we share stories and tales about things that have happened over the past year—all are fun and enjoyable. We reminisce when my parents and my in-laws and a lot of other family members who have all gone to their resting place were still with us—lots and lots of wonderful memories.

Just an aside: For those of you who do computers...I had a good outline for this article going and minimized on Open Office. Then the grandkids hit and it vanished. I need to visit with Randy Bowers and see if there is a simple way of locking the computer up and out of their reach; however, I feel sure the "darlings" would find a way

to override!

If you missed the Vince Vance and the Valiants show, you missed a really good night of entertainment. He picked several people from the audience to participate in his show which always makes for a lot of fun even if you are one of the ones he picks on. (Once again he teamed me up against Kenny Thompson in a sing-off! Isn't losing to him in the pecan pie competition enough for you folks?) He and his group sang songs from the 50's and 60's era which all in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy. I would be in favor of bringing him back next year and he said he would love to come back so we will see if we can make it happen.

The dust storm we had last week was awful and is a reminder of just how dry we are, (but aren't you glad you don't live in Lubbock). We are about to get into a dire situation, but all I know to do is keep praying for rain. If you haven't read The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan, you should. It tells the story of those who survived the Great American Dust Bowl... makes our experience pale in comparison.

Our population of stray dogs is diminishing, but I hope that the animal control officer has been able to find homes for all of them so none will have to be put down. I absolutely do not understand people who just decide to dump an animal or turn it out. (Like the man from Sagerton expressed in last week's paper). I would hope if you are thinking of doing

such a cruel deed you would strive to find a good home for your animal. People who do not take care of their pets are...never mind. There has been a really pretty yellow lab running loose for some time and he appeared in our yard the day after Christmas. The wife said, "Oh, I hope he doesn't get caught by the dog catcher...we need to find a good home for him." He'd have one here with us if we didn't already have three and the Catahula is not dog-friendly.

The Abilene Reporter News has started a new series entitled Everyday Heroes. Charles Swinson was highlighted in this series on Dec. 26 and he is definitely one. He was nominated by Louetta Wallace. Thanks, Louetta for taking the time and effort see that this good man got the accolades he deserves. He has been offering his free shaves to hospital patients as well as some homebound folks since 1980. I well remember when our Mom was in the local hospital and Charles would stop by for a visit. He would ask Mom if she wanted her legs shaved and she would reply with a chuckle to which he would tell her if she did he would have to go get his pear burner. That always brought a good laugh to all. (The wife says I've told you that before, but it bears repeating). Charles Swinson is truly a hero in my eyes and he and his lovely wife of 71 years, Leatrice, are examples of what marriage commitment is all about.

The other article I

referenced concerned the unemployment rate in many of the counties in the Big Country. The rate for Haskell County was not the lowest but it was close. This is somewhat puzzling to me because I always hear of employers who are looking for employees. Seems to me our employment rate should be even lower if everyone needing some help could find someone to hire.

It is once again time to make all of those New Year's resolutions—I wish I had kept a running total of how many I've made over the years and how many I have kept. I feel certain I would be sorely disappointed, but I had the best intentions. Oh well, you know what is paved with good intentions.

I am looking forward to getting this new year of 2013 underway. When one has the opportunity to work with a truly dedicated and competent group of city employees as well as the individuals who serve on our city council who have only the best interest of the citizens of Haskell at heart, it is an honor to serve as your mayor. I have heard of cities whose city council meetings turn into screaming sessions. Their news media is full of complaints and gripes among the city employees—what a disaster. We don't have such here, and I would be very surprised if it ever happened—rational folks don't act that way. And, as your mayor, I just want to do things that will make Haskell an even better place to live.

Happy New Year—Let's make it a good one!

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BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #10 Dakota Silvas, #14 Matthew Martinez, #24 Dylan Hanson, #20 David Newton; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #22 Kade Colley, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Henry Smith and #12 Kelby Bell.

GO INDIANS

JV-V Indians vs Petrolia
Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
at Petrolia

JV-V Indians vs Munday
Tues., Jan. 8, 4 p.m.
at Munday



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #32 Dana Rodriguez, #23 Crissy Bassett, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #5 Jacie Klose; back row, #11 Taylor Burson, #43 Caitlan Johnson, #41 Carson Hadaway, #31 Maci Colley and #21 Myra Rodriguez.



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Haskell School Menu

Jan. 7-11 Breakfast
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: 2 pigs in a blanket, apple juice
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, orange juice
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick, apple juice
Friday: No school
Lunch
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available

at every meal.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, pudding cup
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit cup, baked chips, fresh orange
Thursday: Corn dog, mustard, baked chips, baby carrots, ranch, apple slices
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 7-11 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy
Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, fruit cup
Tuesday: Taco salad, salad, corn, applesauce
Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapples
Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, beans, baby carrots, oranges
Friday: No school

Protect your skin during the winter

As winter season and holiday vacations begin, many children and adults will be heading outdoors for some snowy fun. Although the temperature may be frigid, the sun's damaging ultraviolet (UV) rays are still very strong. Snow reflects about 80% of the UV light from the sun, further increasing the risk for skin cancer and premature aging during the winter months. Yet, statistics show that fewer than 33% of Americans routinely use sun protection.

"Skin cancer is not just a summertime concern," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "It is important to protect your skin all year-round."

For outdoor enthusiasts, follow these important sun protection tips from The Skin Cancer Foundation:

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply sunscreen liberally and evenly to all exposed skin. Don't forget areas such as underneath the nose and chin where skin is exposed to snow reflection.
- Reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours, and more often

after sweating or exposure to wind and snow.

- Cover often-missed spots: lips, ears, around eyes, neck, scalp and hands. Keep lips moist and protected with an SPF 15+ lip balm.

- Wear protective clothing such as a hat, gloves and UV-blocking sunglasses with wraparound or large frames.

- Take a few breaks indoors to reapply sunscreen.

For everyday sun protection, remember to:

- Apply a moisturizer containing an SPF 15+ sunscreen, or moisturizer followed by a separate SPF 15+ sunscreen.

- Apply makeup last. More and more cosmetics; foundation, lipsticks and powder contain an SPF, making sun protection even easier. A powder with an SPF 15+ is a great way to reapply protection without ruining makeup.

Remember to be mindful of time spent in the sun, regardless of the season. Sun protection is a must all year-round.

To find out more about how to protect your skin this winter, visit www.skin.cancer.org.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Sweepstakes Cafés Lose Gamble against Texas laws

Historically, gambling in Texas has been outlawed. As early as 1861, the Texas Constitution prohibited most types of gambling. Since 1980, the constitution has been amended to allow bingo, charitable raffles and a state lottery under specified circumstances. Pari-mutuel racing of horses and greyhounds has also been legalized. But the Texas Penal Code prohibits most gambling, including betting money or other things of value on games played with cards, dice, balls, or other gambling devices.

In recent years, however, some individuals have attempted to use technology to circumvent the State's anti-gambling laws. In each of these cases, the gamblers' bets backfired when they were prosecuted for illegal gambling offenses.

In August, for example, two Internet "sweepstakes" promoters lost their bids to overturn criminal convictions when a federal appellate court rejected their appeals. The defendants operated Internet cafés where gamblers played simulated, slot-machine style "sweepstakes" games. In an attempt to bypass the State's gambling prohibition, the defendants claimed they were merely selling Internet access at the cafés. But in reality, their Internet cafés resembled miniature casinos where gamblers won or lost online games of chance while consuming free food and drinks.

The Texas Attorney General's Office is fortunate to have one of the State's most experienced prosecutors on our team—Assistant Attorney General David Glickler. A veteran prosecutor with a deep understanding of the State's anti-gambling laws, AAG Glickler has coordinated multiple statewide crackdowns on illegal gambling establishments. With Internet cafés proliferating across Texas, AAG Glickler works closely with local law enforcement authorities who contact the Texas Attorney General's Office seeking assistance prosecuting Internet cafés and similar establishments that are violating state anti-gambling laws.

Although the State's gaming laws may seem complicated, the prohibition basically boils down to this: It is illegal to charge someone for an opportunity to win a prize that is decided on the basis of sheer chance.

In the Internet "sweepstakes" case decided in August, the defendants claimed that their customers paid for Internet time—not a chance to win a prize. But the federal appeals court saw through the defendants' scheme and rejected their argument, ruling that "there is legally sufficient evidence... that the sale of Internet time at the defendants' cafés was an attempt to legitimize an illegal lottery." The court

found that the defendants' customers did not use or value the Internet time they purchased—but were instead simply paying to participate in the online, slot-machine style "sweepstakes" games. In fact, trial testimony revealed that the defendants' customers only played the "sweepstakes" games and never actually surfed the Web.

As technology continues to advance, it is particularly important that state and local authorities work together to prevent the proliferation of illegal gambling. Thus far, the Texas Legislature has not authorized the Texas Attorney General's Office to independently prosecute gambling and most other criminal offenses.

Unlike many other states, in Texas, the attorney general's office can only prosecute crimes like gambling if a local district attorney seeks our assistance or grants our prosecutors authority to pursue a case that is in the DA's jurisdiction. As a result, we work closely with local prosecutors and help coordinate multi-county cases against unlawful gambling operations. In recent years, these state-local efforts have yielded significant results.

In August, for example, AAG Glickler coordinated a multi-jurisdictional operation with the DAs of Tarrant and Anderson counties as well as the FBI and Secret Service. State, local and federal law enforcement officers arrested several senior executives with HEST Technologies Inc., a Haltom City-based software company that markets online "sweepstakes" games. During the joint operation, search warrants were executed at HEST's headquarters and at the residences of five executives. The defendants face felony gambling, money laundering and organized criminal activity charges.

The HEST operation follows on the heels of a statewide investigation and prosecution of Aces Wired Inc. Four of its executives pleaded guilty to gambling related charges. Prior to the investigation, Aces Wired operated game rooms across Texas that offered slot-machine style gambling.

Multistate cooperation is another important factor. With new technology, illegal games can be run through the Internet. For example, someone gambling on a device in East Texas may be using electronic information transmitted from another state. As a result, AAG Glickler is coordinating with other states' law enforcement officials and prosecutors who are facing similar gambling problems, such as Florida, California and Ohio.

By working together, state and local authorities in Texas can help keep their communities safe and prosperous by ensuring compliance with the State's anti-gambling laws.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your resolutions can't help you unless you keep them

A brand new year is underway,
And just one week ago you say
You made a comprehensive list
Of what temptations to resist;
Along with projects to be done,
Including those not yet begun:
Like writing letters you've postponed,
To people whom you should have phoned.

You'll clean that closet out for sure,
And give those things to help the poor.
But most of all, you've vowed to heed
The lessons of your chosen creed,
And each and every Sabbath day
Attend the services and pray;
Then thank the Lord with all your heart
You gave this year a flying start.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Sun. 10:45 a.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**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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**
Phillip 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
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Bishop Helsley, interim 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**
Clovie 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**
Stephania 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., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
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Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovie Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Rochester water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for nitrate at 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on single sample, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for nitrate indicates a compliance value in quarter four 2012 of 11 mg/L for Epool. Infants below the age of six months who drink

water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

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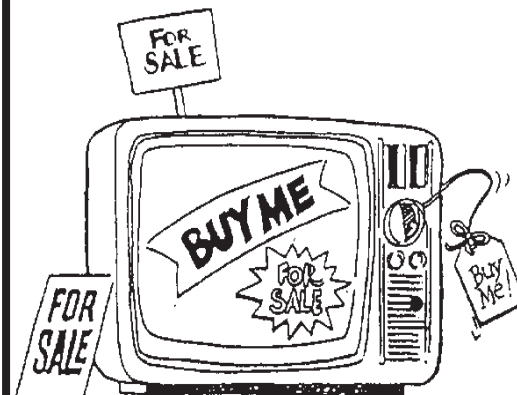
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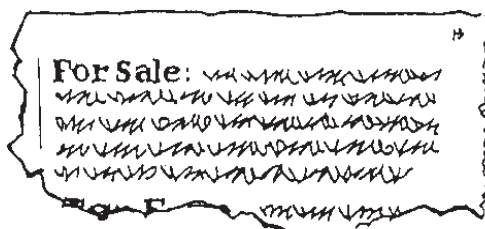
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Maidens win Consolation at Jayton Holiday Classic

After not playing for twelve days, the Maidens went back to work and competed in the Jayton Holiday Classic last weekend.

Thursday, Haskell battled Lockney in a back and forth game, falling short in the final seconds 41-38. The Maidens offense was led by Carson Hadaway with 12 points, Reagan Hadaway 9 and Crissy Bassett 6. R. Hadaway had a team high 15 rebounds while Bassett had 8 and C. Hadaway 7. Leading the team in steals was R. Hadaway with 5 and Jacie Klose 2. Caitlan Johnson, R. Hadaway and Klose lead the team in assists with 3 each.

Friday, Haskell had an impressive shooting performance from long range going (7-13) from behind the three point line against Jayton. The Maidens dominated the Lady Jays early to win 64-29. R. Hadaway had a season high 27 points and set a tournament record at Jayton for most made three pointers in a game with 5. "Reagan is a special player and she did a great job knocking down three point shots against their zone," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

C. Hadaway had 18 points,

Klose 5, Taylor Burson 5, Johnson 5, and Bassett 4. Bassett also had a season high 11 rebounds while R. Hadaway had 8, C. Hadaway 7 and Klose 6. Leading the team in assists was Klose with 5 and Bassett 3. C. Hadaway and Johnson lead the team in steals with 4 each.

Saturday, Haskell went (11-15) from the free-throw line to help win the consolation game over Guthrie 49-38. "I was really proud of our free-throw shooting. We have spent a lot of time working on free-throws throughout the school year and it is nice to see that hard work begin to pay off. It is going to be so important that we shoot a high percentage from the free-throw line during district," coach Eddleman said. Helping lead the team to victory was senior C. Hadaway who recorded a double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds. R. Hadaway had 12 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Johnson had 12 points and 6 rebounds.

"Overall, I thought we did a pretty good job at the Jayton tournament. I think our non-district basketball schedule has helped prepare us for district play and we are all

looking forward to starting that on Jan. 4 at home against Hamlin," head coach Blake Eddleman said. Sophomore R. Hadaway was named to the All Tournament Team at the Jayton Holiday Classic.

Lockney	14	5	10	11	41
Haskell	10	9	13	6	38
Scoring:	C. Hadaway 12,	R. Hadaway 9,	Bassett 6,	Klose 5,	Johnson 4,
	D. Rodriguez 2.				

Jayton	6	10	3	10	29
Haskell	21	21	14	8	64
Scoring:	R. Hadaway 27,	C. Hadaway 18,	Klose 5,	Burson 5,	Johnson 5,
	Bassett 4.				

Guthrie	17	9	3	9	38
Haskell	15	15	6	13	49
Scoring:	C. Hadaway 21,	R. Hadaway 12,	Johnson 12,	Bassett 2,	Klose 2.

Area Basketball scores

Boys
Howley 42, Haskell 39
 Scoring for Haskell: Bell 14.

Haskell County Junior Livestock Show schedule

The tentative arrival times, show schedules and the sale date for the Haskell County Livestock Show is listed below. Please mark your calendar for these important dates.

Steers, heifers, lambs

and swine should arrive and weigh in Thurs., Jan. 10 by 4:00 p.m.

Poultry and rabbits should arrive Thurs., Jan. 10 by 5:30 p.m. The show will start at 7 p.m.

The livestock show will be held Fri., Jan. 11

beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the lambs followed by the swine. At 2:00 p.m., the steer show will begin followed by the heifer show.

The sale will be held Sat., Jan. 12 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Protect the elderly from financial exploitation

Texas Adult Protective Services (APS) reminds all Texans to make it their business to protect people who are elderly or have disabilities from financial exploitation.

APS, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), confirmed 1,187 victims of exploitation in Texas last year. It's likely many more cases went unreported.

Financial exploitation is when a caretaker, family member, or anyone with an ongoing relationship improperly or illegally uses the money or property of a person who is elderly or has a disability for personal benefit or profit.

"This crime is devastating to victims both financially and emotionally," said Beth Engelking, DFPS assistant commissioner for Adult Protective Services. "We want everyone to watch out for signs of financial exploitation."

Warning signs of financial exploitation include:

- Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices.
- Unexplained or unexpected withdrawal of large sums of money.
- Adding names to someone's bank signature card.
- Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.
- Unauthorized withdrawal of funds using ATM cards or sudden transfers of assets.
- Sudden changes in financial documents.
- Unpaid bills despite having enough money.
- Previously uninvolved relatives who suddenly

claim rights to a person's affairs and possessions.

• Abuse of power of attorney.

If you suspect exploitation, call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS and law enforcement can investigate. You can

also report online at TxAbuseHotline.org.

Find out more at Everyone's Business.org, including tips on how Texans can protect themselves from financial exploitation and about events in your area.

Collisions with deer are a challenge for drivers

Each year, car collisions with deer account for more than 150 human and nearly one and a half million deer fatalities. Fall and winter are the high seasons for the crashes, since it is a time for both wandering deer and shortened daylight hours.

Most collisions with a deer occur during this time of year when deer are mating and migrating. Drivers need to be particularly cautious with the season's shortened daylight and deer foraging near roadsides. It's a very dangerous combination. To compound it, more drivers are on the road at dawn and dusk, the very time of day when deer are most active.

An adult deer can weigh more than 200 pounds and a car striking one can not only result in the death of the deer, but also incur,

on average, two thousand dollars in damage to the vehicle. Listed are a few basic cautions for drivers:

- Scan a wide swath of the roadside. Slow down when approaching a deer standing near the side of a road and be prepared. If startled, the deer can bolt onto the roadway and into your path. If necessary, honk your horn and flash your lights to try to scare it away.
- Be alert for more deer than you may see at that moment. Where there is one deer, there are often more nearby.
- In many instances, it is best not to swerve around the deer since the deer may move in the same direction. You may also inadvertently hit another vehicle, or go off onto a dangerous shoulder. Unless certain of those road factors, it is often best to simply brake and

continue in your lane of traffic.

- Be particularly careful at dawn and dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use your high beams to give you a greater area of visibility and allow you to see the deer's eyes sooner.
- Deer whistles or ultrasonic deer avoidance systems attached to vehicles have never been proven to work by independent studies and may give drivers a false sense of security.
- Take deer crossing signs seriously, particularly those installed specifically for this time of year. Be particularly cautious in wooded and agricultural areas where there is little distance between the road and the woods.



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 by Kim Hutto, Regional Sales

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