

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
 Fri., Feb. 5, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
JV-B, V-B vs Rotan
 Tues., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Rule
 Fri., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-B vs Woodson
 Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Woodson
RULE
VG-VB vs Paint Creek
 Fri., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-VB vs Lueders-Avooca
 Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Softball

HASKELL
JV vs Merkel/Stamford
 Fri., Feb. 5, TBA
Scrimmage at Haskell
V vs Merkel/Stamford
 Sat., Feb. 6, 2 p.m.
Scrimmage at Haskell
JV-V vs Albany/Seymour
 Tues., Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m.
Scrimmage at Seymour

Calendar

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Nelwyn Beakley of Rule, a club member, will present the program. Using various ideas and techniques, each club member will create their own original Valentine. Everyone is welcome.

Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will host their annual banquet Mon., Feb. 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The fifth grade choir will perform and political candidates will speak. Tickets sold in advance are \$10 and will include a meal. Tickets at the door are \$10 with limited meals available. Contact the Chamber office Mon.-Fri. from 9 to 1 to purchase tickets.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to observe Education and National Heart Month. Members are to 'Bring Your Sweetheart.' Cheryl Lewis will present a book review on 'Twelve Mighty Orphans' by Jim Dent. Reports will be given on Meals on Wheels, the nomination committee and the parliamentarian advisor. Members should bring pocket change for the Heifer Project.

Skywarn

The National Weather Service will present a Skywarn class Mon., Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. All who are interested in weather watching, including area firemen, law enforcement officials and citizens, are invited to attend.

Cotton meeting

The Haskell County AgriLIFE Extension will host a cotton seed meeting with All-Tex Seed Feb. 9 at the Bobcat Den in Rule from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Extension office at 940-864-2658 to reserve a place at the meeting.

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Haskell students pay tribute to their teachers



TEACHER TRIBUTE HONOREE—Haskell science teacher, Randy Waggoner, left, was nominated by Haskell High School student Sonya Camacho. Camacho wrote a letter stating why Waggoner was such an outstanding teacher to her. The winners were revealed in an assembly last Wednesday at the school.

by **Caron Yates**
 In the fast paced world of lesson plans, mounds of papers to grade, preparations for state mandated tests and the day to day duties of teaching, it can be easy to lose sight of the most important reason for being there, the students.

Two Haskell High School teachers were recently

recognized as winners of the Teacher Tribute Program sponsored by KTXS, Arrow Ford, KEAN 105 and Abilene Reporter-News.

Randy Waggoner, who teaches IPC (integrated physics and chemistry) and physics at the high school was nominated by senior student Sonya Camacho. To be selected, a student must

submit a nomination letter to the Teacher Tribute selection committee. The nomination describes to the committee, specifically how their teacher has made a positive impact in their lives.

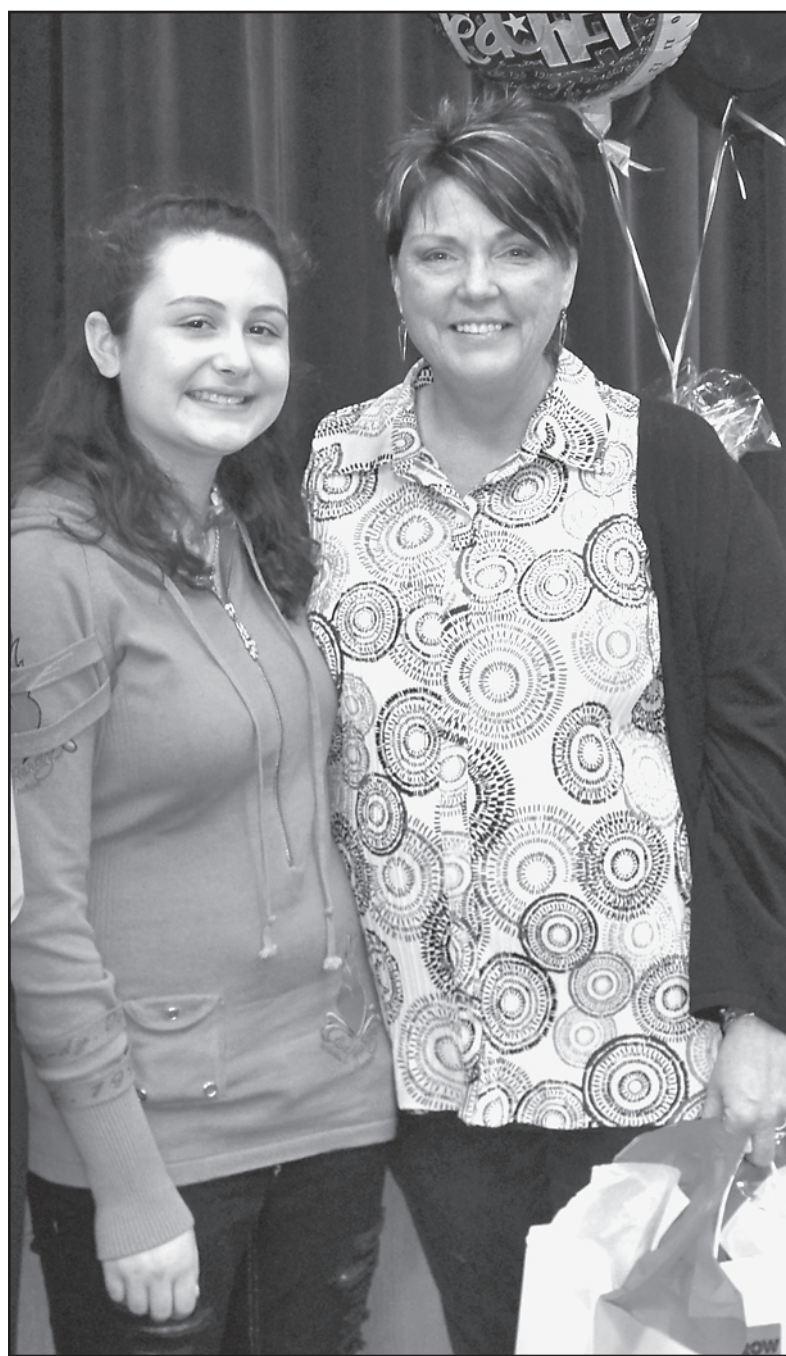
Waggoner, who has twenty years teaching experience, graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in

Secondary Education. He has also earned a Master's of Education degree with a principal certification from Abilene Christian University. Waggoner taught and coached five years at Ferris ISD, two years at Munday ISD and the remaining 13 years at Haskell CISD.

Waggoner, who graduated from Munday High School,

was born in Abilene, and lived several places before his family settled in Munday. He is involved in his church, serves on the Weinert city council and is active with the Boy Scouts. He is married to Donna (Griffis), an elementary teacher, and they have two sons, Aaron and Garrett.

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TEACHER TRIBUTE HONOREE—Haskell ASPIRE teacher, Judy Foster, left, was nominated by Haskell High School student Leah Tibbets. Tibbets wrote a letter stating why Foster was such an outstanding teacher to her. In an unusual turn of events, both of this month's winners were nominated from Haskell High.

Haskell, Paint Creek, Rule see new UIL alignments

by **Caron Yates**
 For many athletic directors and coaches, Feb. 1 couldn't get here soon enough. For some, however, it may have gotten here too soon.

Every two years the all powerful UIL, or University Interscholastic League, realigns districts for all competition under its control.

Depending on your perspective, it can be good news or bad. For the 2010-2012 school years, the tentative football and basketball district assignments have been released. Haskell County schools were on the receiving end of some of these changes.

Schools are classified from 1A six-man through 5A. In October, each school must submit enrollment numbers, and from these numbers classifications are made. For the upcoming two year alignment, schools with

199 and below membership are considered 1A. The cutoff for 6-man football is 99 or below. There are 130 six-man football schools listed, including Paint Creek which moved into Division I, District 9 with Gordon, Knox City and Throckmorton. Rule is assigned to Division 2, District 9 in a district which includes Benjamin, Jayton and Lueders-Avooca.

There are 167 1A eleven-man football schools and 382 basketball schools in this classification. Haskell will compete in Division 1, District 4 football with Albany, Olney, Seymour and Stamford.

The District 9 basketball schedule includes Haskell, Hamlin, Munday, Roscoe, Rotan and Stamford.

A modest number of schools changed classifications, moving both up in classification as well as down. In our part of the

world, Olney moved from 2A to 1A, Breckenridge moved from 3A to 2A and Abilene Cooper moved from 4A to 5A.

Class 2A has a membership range of 200-429 and

includes 229 schools. The range for 3A is 430 to 989, with 190 schools listed in this classification. Membership for 4A is 990 to 2064 and includes 246 schools, while 5A includes the 245 schools

with enrollment over 2065.

With the announcement of the realignment, coaches will quickly begin scheduling games and making plans for the much anticipated upcoming season.

Pirates Adkins and Garcia receive honors

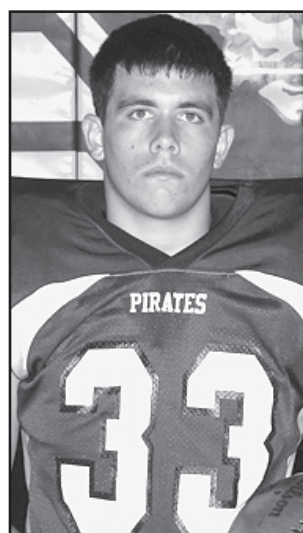
Two Paint Creek Pirates football team members played outstanding and received several honors this year, Jordan Adkins and J.J. Garcia.

Adkins, a junior, played very solid at the cornerback position for the Pirates. He received two honors, First Team All-District Cornerback and Second Team All-Region Cornerback for Region III.

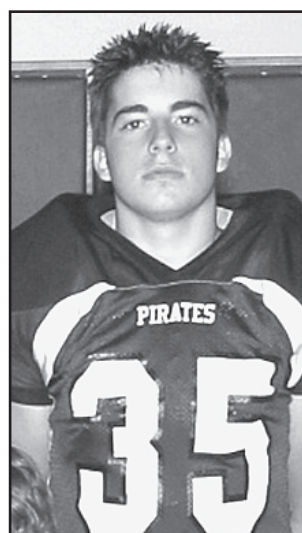
Garcia, a senior, played an integral part of the team in many aspects, but shined in the area of punting this season. He received several honors including, First Team All-District Punter, First Team All-Region Punter for

Region III, Second Team All-State Punter, and earned a place on the Six-Man All Big

Country Team as a punter. Pirates coach is Cody Blair.



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TEACHER'S TRIBUTE—Sponsors of the Teacher's Tribute and teachers honored by Haskell students during the assembly at Haskell High School auditorium on Wednesday include, l-r, Fearless Rudy Fernandez of KEAN radio, Cheslie Hackney of Abilene Reporter-News, Haskell High science

teacher Randy Waggoner nominated by student Sonya Camacho, Haskell High principal Larry Howe, Haskell student Leah Tibbets who nominated Haskell ASPIRE teacher Judy Foster, Tracie Willyard, Marketing Director of Arrow Ford and Mark Rowlett, Chief Meteorologist of KTXS.

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Nominated by senior student Leah Tibbets, Judy Foster was also selected for the Teacher Tribute award. She teaches in a relatively new state accredited program called ASPIRE. This is a self-paced, computer based credit recovery program.

Foster graduated from Midwestern University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences, and later earned her teaching certification. She is currently working toward a Master's Degree in counseling from Sul Ross University.

Haskell CISD has long been a part of her life, having graduated from HHS and having worked for the school

for fourteen years, seven as a teacher. Foster is active in her church, the Progressive Study Club and helps each month with the Food Bank. She is married to Randy (Nat) Foster, who farms in the area.

According to Tracie Willyard, the Arrow Dealerships were the driving force in the creation of the now renowned Teacher Tribute Program. With the help of its founding partners, the awards program first started in the 1997-98 school year, and has continued to grow over the past ten years. The purpose of the program is to give students of the Big Country an opportunity to recognize and say, "Thank

you" to the teachers who have inspired and motivated them to do their best.

The selection committee, which is flooded with nominations week after week, meets monthly and selects no more than four and no less than two honorees per month for the presentations. It is quite unusual to have teachers from the same school selected the same month. In addition honorees are featured on KTXS in a 6 and 10 o'clock news story, featured in a 30 second commercial that runs during the week, get to be a guest D.J. on Kean 105.1, receive \$100 cash, have their picture and story published and get to drive a brand new Ford for two weeks, courtesy of

Arrow Ford. In May, they will be featured in a 30 minute TV show on KTXS along with other winners, at which time they will have the opportunity to enter to win \$500 for their school and \$500 for themselves.

Foster and Waggoner both described the recognition as a complete surprise, as well as an humbling experience. It's always a good thing to be reminded that the focus must always be on the students. It also doesn't hurt to be reminded that as teachers, you do touch the lives of your students. How rewarding it is, when they not only appreciate your efforts, but acknowledge it to others.

Obituaries

Thomas Wayne Davis

Thomas Wayne Davis, 57, of Haskell died Sunday morning, Jan. 24 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following heart surgery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements were made by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Born Nov. 15, 1952, he was the son of Thomas 'Tommy' and Betty Davis of Haskell. Following high school graduation, he attended McMurry College, Tarrant County Jr. College and Stephen F. Austin University. He worked in various fields serving as an oilfield equipment salesman. He later worked in Houston and San Antonio

in the real estate industry. He certified as a corrections officer for three years. He settled in Haskell to engage in the family farm interest. His favorite life endeavor and love was his family farm, outdoor activities and fishing. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Richard Davis.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Davis of Haskell; aunt, Catherine Schultz of Richardson; first cousin, Phil Thomas Schultz of College Station; and several other cousins.

PD. NOTICE

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting Jan. 25 with County Judge David Davis, Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith in attendance.

The minutes were approved and all bills were paid.

Steve Alsbrook and Wes Utley met with the Court to discuss and take possible action on contracting with Texas Wild Life Services in controlling hogs and coyotes, etc. that can be funded by local government, landowner or both at \$2,400.00 per month. This will be discussed further at the next Commissioners' Court meeting.

Cameron Price met with the court and gave a report on repairs and improvements that he is doing at the Courthouse and on other

County property.

A resolution to support authorizing the submission of a Home Program Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Home Funds and authorizing that County Judge Davis act as the County's Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the program passed.


The Indigent Defense Grant was approved.

Rule Chamber banquet set Feb. 16

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their 56th annual banquet Tues., Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. The meal will be catered by the Junior class and their parents.

Entertainment will be by Sagebrush. Door prizes will be given.

Tickets are \$9 and may be purchased from a chamber member or at the door.



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We, as a County Court, have had to look at many issues including; funding for County/Communities/City projects, employment opportunities for the Citizens, community safety issues, i.e.: pandemic flu outbreak, providing assistance during natural disasters in our County and look for ways to keep our property taxes as low as possible.

As your Judge, my responsibility includes:

- Oversight of the County Budget
- To continually work on the County's Emergency Management Plan and to evaluate the Homeland Security issues.
- To be aware of National and State legislative issues that can be passed on to the County to implement without funding.

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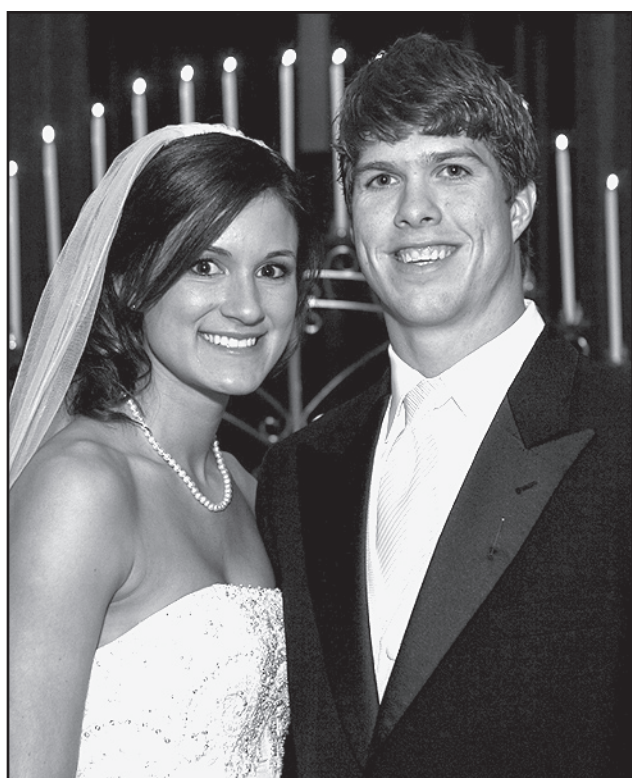
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Evening ceremony unites Young, Blanks

Callie Reagan Young and Bradley Alan Blanks were married Sat., Jan. 2 during an evening ceremony in the First Christian Church in Brady.

Jody Team, brother of the bride, and Randy Young, former McCulloch County judge and father of the bride, officiated over the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Joy Young of Bastrop. Grandparents are Ken and Claudette Young of Brady.

The groom is the son of Terry and Susan Blanks of Haskell. Mary Lou Gilleland is the groom's grandmother. Amy Ruf, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Racheal Team, sister-in-law of the bride, high school and college friends Lauren Pittman, Jessica Hopkins, Elizabeth Buyse, Macy Young and Kendale Rice.

Nieces of the bride Emma, Hannah and Haley served as flower girls and lined the aisle with rose petals from vintage teacups.

Serving as his brother's best man was Matt Blanks of San Antonio. Groomsmen were Jeff Blanks of Abilene,

brother of the groom, Brady Young, brother of the bride, and college friends Derrick Bibb, Reece Rhoden, Josh Lovelady and Parker Ferrell.

Ushers and candlelighters were high school and college friends Ronald Chapman, Jon Dulaney, Jace Rhoden and Kendall Ferrell.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at The Depot where guests enjoyed an enchanted winter evening with hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and dancing.

The couple was escorted from each event in a black 1936 Ford convertible chauffeured by the bride's grandfather.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple resides in Abilene where the bride, a 2009 graduate of Abilene Christian University, is employed by the Taylor County Appraisal District.

The groom, also an ACU graduate, completed his Master of Accountancy in December 2009 and is employed by Randy Bibb, CPA. They will move to Dallas in June where Brad has accepted a position with Weaver.

Study Club learns recycling tips

The Haskell Progressive Study Club members met Thurs., Jan. 14 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room and brought toiletries for the Noah Project. President Dorothy Hartsfield welcomed members and guests.

"Helping the Environment, Who Me" was the theme for the program presented by Judy Burnett of Munday.

Burnett spoke of ways of reducing waste. One was going to DirectMail.com which will let persons join the National Do Not Mail List for free. She suggest going to OptOut Prescreen.com to eliminate pesky pre-approved credit cards and insurance offers.

She also suggested recycling clean containers, cardboard, aluminum cans and clean bi-metal cans, composting cardboard rolls, coffee grounds and filters, cotton and wool rags, eggshells, fireplace ashes, grass clippings and yard trimmings, hair and fur, hay and straw, sawdust and wood chips, tea bags, shredded newspaper, decreasing electricity bills, non-toxic cleaner, insect control, fuel consumption savings, work on weed and insect control, and water conservation.

Members were reminded to bring their pocket change for Heifer Project. Volunteers for delivering meals on wheels for various months were selected. Reading of the Constitution was by Kathryn Schonstedt. Reading of the By-Laws was suspended.

Jeannie Richards was nominated to the nominating committee to replace Bettie Wainscott, who had resigned. Kim Hutto expressed

appreciation to club members for the donation of scarfs, hats and monetary donations to the cancer project during the October meeting.

A letter from Nancy Toliver asking to be moved to an Associate Membership was read and granted.

Due to an error according to Roberts' Rules of Order, the nominating committee report was incomplete and will be given during the February meeting.

Parliamentarian advisor Susan Turner suggested changes in Constitution and By-Laws. These will be presented during the February meeting.

The finance committee submitted recommendations for proposed donations for the coming year which included Noah Project, Boy Scout Jamboree, Seniors All Night Party, Haskell County Library, Civic Center and scholarship for graduating seniors among others.

Susan Turner reported one letter mailed to JoAnn Wheeler pertaining to the Haskell Progressive Study Club project of a Wall of Honor for Veterans of Haskell County to be built on the courthouse square.

The name of Kim Hutto was submitted for membership by Lynn Dodson. Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel invited members to their 75th anniversary to be held Sat., Jan. 30 in the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Hostesses for the evening were Evelyn Cobb, Ruby Turner, Tinka Nelson and Eva Dunnam.

Twenty one members were present with three guests, Belia Abila, Rhonda Moeller and Kim Hutto.

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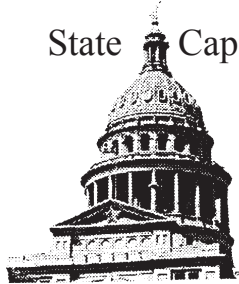
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Top officials mum about possible security improvements at Capitol

AUSTIN—Security concerns ballooned on Jan. 21, after a man fired pistol shots outside the south entrance of the state Capitol building.

Fausto Cardenas, the shooter, was quickly apprehended by authorities and no one was injured in the incident.

On Jan. 28, leaders met to discuss how Capitol security might be improved. Checkpoints and surveillance cameras were mentioned, but officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Joe Straus and others did not give deeper details after their closed-door meeting.

Visitors, employees, lawmakers and other public officials have enjoyed minimal scrutiny in their Capitol comings and goings, but the time for more stringent measures may have come.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has a force of trained officers stationed at the Capitol and the nearby Governor's Mansion. Still fresh in mind is the June 8, 2008 fire, ruled as arson, that destroyed much of the mansion, prompting worries about security.

Tax relief program to benefit many

In 2009, more than 2.3 million Texans claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit and received more than \$5.3 billion in EITC refunds, State Comptroller Susan Combs said Jan. 29. "That's an average of \$2,313 per qualifying household, bringing financial relief to families and a boost to the Texas economy," she said.

This year, more Texas families will be able to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit because of the slow economy, Combs said.

EITC refunds are based on family size and income. Families with three or more children and less than \$48,279 in earned income during 2009 may qualify for a tax credit up to \$5,657. Families with two children and an earned income less than \$45,295 can claim a tax credit up to \$5,028. Families with one child earning less than \$40,463 may qualify for a tax credit up to \$3,043. For a childless family earning less than \$18,440, a credit up to \$457 is available.

Call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-1040 for details.

Unemployment rate increases

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent in December, up from 8 percent a month ago, the Texas Workforce

Commission reported Jan. 21. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 10 percent.

In other labor news, on Jan. 25, Tom Pauken, Texas Workforce Commission chief, released new federal labor statistics showing Texas created more private sector jobs than any other state in the nation over the last 10 years and has the lowest unemployment rate among the 10 largest states in the nation.

Current Employment Statistics for December 2009 show Texas created 724,300 more net private sector jobs as compared to December 1999, the largest private sector job gain nationwide over the last decade.

Debates slated for gov candidates

Incumbent Gov. Perry, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina of Wharton County, all Republican candidates for governor, have debated twice before a large broadcast audience, first on Jan. 14 and again on Jan. 29.

The second and final debate for the Republicans was staged at WFAA-TV, a Dallas station owned by Belo Corp. Reporters peppered the three candidates with questions on jobs, taxes, health care and transportation.

Now it's the Democratic candidates' turn. Former Houston Mayor Bill White and hair products millionaire Farouk Shami of Houston will square off in their own debate to be broadcast live on Feb. 8.

Former Commerce chief dies

Gov. Perry directed Texas flags to be flown at half-staff at state buildings on Jan. 27 in memory of Texas businessman Robert Mosbacher Sr., U.S. Commerce Secretary from 1989 to 1992.

Mosbacher, 82, died of pancreatic cancer on Jan. 24 at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in his hometown of Houston.

Magazine rates Texas near top

Forbes magazine, in a special "Global Debt Crisis" report published Jan. 20, ranked Texas as having one of the lowest debt burdens in the country compared to the other 49 states.

Texas ranked fourth overall behind Utah, New Hampshire and Nebraska. Conversely, California, Connecticut, New York and Illinois ranked 47th through 50th, respectively.

Early voting to begin Feb. 16

Feb. 1 was the last day to register to vote in 2010 primary elections on Tuesday, March 2. The first day of early voting is Feb. 16 and the last day of early voting is Feb. 26.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 3, 2000

For the second year in a row, Brittany Bartley of Haskell showed the Grand Champion Steer at the Haskell County Livestock Show.

The Tanner/Kittley farm in Haskell County was honored during the Texas Department of Agriculture's 25th annual Family Land Heritage ceremony. Farms recognized have been in continuous family operation for 100 years or more.

Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell celebrated her 75th birthday all week long with friends and family stopping by. As a special treat, her brothers and sisters planned a surprise party for her in Coleman.

20 Years Ago February 1, 1990

Top popcorn salesman for Boy Scout Pack 136 which entitles them to paid Summer Camp fees are Greg Rodriguez, Chris McSmith, Joshua Roysdon and Jason Shaw.

John and LaVern Mayfield of Weinert were in Abilene to attend a dinner celebrating the 90th birthday of an aunt, Mary Furrh.

The Haskell Indians basketball team, currently ranked 6th in Class AA, have clinched a playoff spot.

The brother-sister team of Justin and Heather

Stewart have repeated their performances of 1989 to win the steer competition at the Haskell County Livestock Show.

30 Years Ago January 31, 1980

Charles Andress, president of the Haskell County Jaycees, was presented with two awards for excellence in the area of membership retention.

Two Haskell Indians, Monnie Hise and Giles Kemp, were named to the defensive unit of the Abilene Reporter-News All-Area football team.

A "grandteacher" has entered the lives of the students in Mrs. Pam Gibson's third grade class at Haskell Elementary. They are participating in Weekly Reader's new Adopt-A-Grandteacher program.

40 Years Ago January 29, 1970

Five new directors will officially be installed at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. They are Pat Hale, Hale Farm Supply; R.V. Black, Black Gulf Station; Don Perry, Farmers Home Administration; Mrs. Gerald Fincher, Fincher's Ready-to-Wear; and George Fouts, Fouts Dry Goods and Variety.

Darlene Abbott of Haskell, and Edwin Roberson of Rochester, placed second and third chair respectively in the All-

Area Band competition.

Mike Gholson of Haskell has completed requirements for a bachelor of business administration degree at Texas Tech University, with a major in accounting.

50 Years Ago February 4, 1960

Store manager, Bill Gattis, and other store personnel of Perkins-Timberlake in Haskell were informed that the local business will be closing after twenty-eight years of operation.

Winners in the Future Farmers of America talent show for the elementary division were vocalist Millie Holden, first place; vocalist Diane Hester, second place; and choral group, The Sonettes, third place.

J.C. (Carl) Wheatley, real estate dealer and oil lease broker announced his decision to enter the race for State Representative.

100 Years Ago January 29, 1910

C.D. Grissom & Son have rearranged their store and now have the grocery department in the front of the east building.

Maurcie Durst of near Rochester was in town Monday with a bale of boll cotton.

The Mother's Club of Haskell will sponsor a basketball game between Haskell and Stamford girls.

NCRS LWG meeting seeks input Feb. 11

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Haskell County Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at the Haskell National Bank Community Building at 600 S 1st St. in Haskell, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Haskell County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations about resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used while implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Haskell at 864-8516 extension 4. These service center locations and conservation program information can be found on the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov for the public.

AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Advance Fee Fraud Targets Haitian Americans Trying To Bring Relatives To U.S.

According to the Haitian Embassy in Washington and the Greater Washington Haiti Relief Committee, Haitian Americans who hope to transport family members from the earthquake-ravished island should be cautious of an emerging scam.

The fraudulent scheme appears to offer Haitian Americans the documents they need to bypass the official government process for bringing family members from Haiti to the United States. Potential victims, who are reportedly handed fliers or reached by telephone, are told to wire \$500 in exchange for the documents and a confirmation number that will allow them to fly to Haiti to extract five relatives.

The promised documents and flight in return for advance cash are entirely fraudulent. Haitian Americans seeking to relocate kin from the island and bring them to the U.S. should contact the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 800-375-5283 or online at www.uscis.gov.

Is whole genome selection ultimate answer to genetic improvement in beef cattle?

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

The concept of whole genome selection is being advanced by some as the ultimate answer to genetic improvement of beef cattle. This subject was addressed in a recent research paper.

The beef cattle industry is characterized by a diverse assortment of breeds, division of production segments, and little vertical integration of those segments. Beef cattle genetic evaluation programs are operated by breed associations, using data provided by producers who register seedstock. Seedstock producers react to the needs and desires of their customers, primarily commercial cow-calf producers buying bulls. Many of the traits of economic importance to feeders, processors, and retailers have little if any economic importance to cow-calf producers.

Effective whole genome selection could provide

genetic information on all traits. This would require development of base phenotypic and genotypic populations involving thousands of animals. And genomic prediction equations would need to be validated under different

production conditions and for various breed combinations. Costs for all of these functions must be borne by someone. Time will tell if the potential of whole genome selection will be realized in the beef cattle industry.

Watch for winter weeds in wheat

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

Extension agronomist Brent Bean, Amarillo, notes this is shaping up to be a very bad year for winter weeds.

Producers might consider applying herbicide as they go over the field applying topdress nitrogen. Keep in mind that when mustard weeds are small and in the rosette stage they are much easier to control than after they bolt.

Also, the longer the weeds are there, the more soil water they are using. Many herbicides will

control the most common mustards in wheat. But the tougher-to-control weeds like prickly lettuce and kochia will require special attention when it comes to herbicide selection.

In general, choose a herbicide based on how long you want it to last in the soil, Bean says. For example, 2,4-D will generally do a good job of controlling small mustard weeds but has no soil residual.

Other weeds can emerge after the application that will not be controlled.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tyrone Neskorik, Christian Myers, Austin Marshall, Kelson Aguero and Clint Howard; back row, Austin Nanny, Ross Wittenborn, Kosta Mahlelis, Simon Rodriguez and Sterling Bird.

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Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Marissa McGhee, Aubrey Bassett, Briè Torres, Kayce Wilcox, Cheslee Hearn; back row, Jordan Burson, Ashley Short, Lisa Rodgers, Miranda Johnson, Harley James and Lonnie Alvarez.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Jan. 25 with Mayor Bob Smith and Councilmen Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance.

The invocation was given by Robert Tribbey.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

The resolution ordering the general election was approved.

In a public hearing, Mayor Smith swore in the witness, Herb Beslanowitch, who testified in the substandard structure public hearing.

The Council approved the

case involving the property located at 910 N. 3rd, (Block B, Lot 12, McConnell #85 Addition. Lien Holder USA, Abstract of Judgment: Texas Workforce Commission. Jackie Isbell, owner), finding the structures dilapidated, substandard, unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare; that the property be repaired, removed, demolished, any holes filled, lot cleared; any wells capped and cesspools filled within 30 days.

The Council approved the case involving the property

located at 206 N. Ave. B, (Block 69, Lot 3, W. 120,' Original Addition. Teresa Torres, owner), finding the structures dilapidated, substandard, unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare; that the property be repaired, removed, demolished, any holes filled, lot cleared; any wells capped and cesspools filled within 30 days.

The Council approved the improvements to the property at 1308 N. Ave. G (Block 2, Lot 3, NWC 50x140, Robertson & Day Addition, Herb Beslanowitch, owner). The roof has been repaired, windows repaired and doors secured. The case will continue at the April 26 council meeting.

Budget amendments were approved.

Police Chief Steven Grand gave the December police report.

In the Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson reported:

•A variance request has been received from Allsup's to allow them to sell beer and wine. The store is inside the required 300 ft. The request will be heard at the next meeting Feb. 8.

•The city has torn down five or six properties that were either on the tear down list or had been ordered to be demolished by the City Council in the last few months.

•The Arrowhead Motel has been torn down and removed. The site will be prepared for a new business.

•Some progress on the Stripes location on the highway should be noticed in the next few months.

•The filing dates for the City election to be held on May 8 are Feb. 8 through March 8. Two council member seats and the position of mayor will appear on the ballot.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.



LADY PIRATES—The Paint Creek Lady Pirates played Woodson Fri., Jan. 15 at Paint Creek. Shown on defense are Pirates, l-r, #22 Shana Armstrong, #12 Brittany Martinez, #10 Katy Bosnjak and #15 Brittany Waggoner.



PAINT CREEK VS WOODSON—The Paint Creek Pirates played Woodson recently. Pirates playing defense include, l-r, #12 Jimmy Abner, #1 Jordan Adkins, #3 J.J. Garcia, #25 Hunter Hall and #10 Curtis Bishop.

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Announces Candidacy for Haskell County Clerk

To Haskell County, I am Erin McLellan and am excited to announce my candidacy for Haskell County Clerk. I have lived in Haskell County for 8 years, lived in Haskell Texas for 4 years, and am currently in my 3rd year as Deputy Clerk in the Haskell County Clerks office. I am married to Ricky Dunnam and together we have 5 children: Colin, Shelby, Morgan, Dakota and Raelea and 1 grandchild Brayden. I am encouraging the population of Haskell County to exercise their right to vote, March 2, 2010 for me, Erin McLellan, for Haskell County Clerk. I am eager to serve Haskell County as Clerk for numerous reasons. I have first hand knowledge and experience to all the job duties, functions and responsibilities as required by this exciting position. I am duly eager to fulfill these duties for the citizens of Haskell County in a respectful, and productive manner. Furthermore, I am fully aware of all changes that affect the operation of the office and am prepared to implement and carry out necessary changes. If given the opportunity to serve Haskell County as County Clerk, I pledge to work hard and efficient, treat everyone with respect without regard, be equal with everyone without discrimination, and perform all duties with high integrity.

Again, I encourage everyone to vote March 2nd, and in asking for your vote of confidence I will dedicate myself to serve Haskell County to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Your vote will be Greatly Appreciated!!

Thank you,
Erin McLellan

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Wear red day proclaimed Fri., Feb. 5

by Caron Yates

Haskell County Judge David Davis has proclaimed Friday, Feb. 5 as Wear Red Day in Haskell County, and encourages all citizens to wear red to unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease.

This marks the sixth year for the annual National Wear Red Day or Red Dress Day. What's a Red Dress got to do with it? According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, a simple red dress works as a visual red alert to get the message heard loud and clear: "Heart Disease Doesn't Care What You Wear- It's the #1 Killer of Women."

Extraordinary progress has been made in women's heart health, but more needs to be done to safeguard women's health for generations to come. Statistics show that heart disease is the #1 killer of women and one in four American women die as a result of heart disease.

Unfortunately, many women do not realize that, in addition to men, heart

disease is also a women's problem, so they don't take it seriously.

Women can promote their own heart health and prevent disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control the heart disease risk factors. Among these risk factors are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, family history of early heart disease and age.

The Heart Truth campaign and its Red Dress symbol are building awareness of

women's heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease.

Women of Haskell County, take action to make heart health a priority for yourself and your family, become aware of your personal risk factors for heart disease, and take positive action to lower that risk.

Kick off your personal commitment to a healthier heart for yourself or someone you care about, by joining Haskell County for the Wear Red Day.

4-H Photography workshop set Feb. 8

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

A 4-H photography workshop will be held Mon., Feb. 8 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Rule ISD Library. The program is being offered free of charge and is open to the public.

Speaker for the evening will be Krista Spitzer of Old Glory who will be sharing her knowledge and expertise

of photography with those in attendance. Among the topics to be covered will be: Camera Selection, Basics of Picture Making, Managing Digital Photos, and Photography as a Business.

4-H Photography rules and guidelines will be distributed and tips for mounting photos for competition will be demonstrated. Photography contest opportunities will also be discussed.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Rule 4-H Club. For more information contact Renee Dudensing, Rule 4-H Club Manager, 996-2738 or Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, 864-2658.

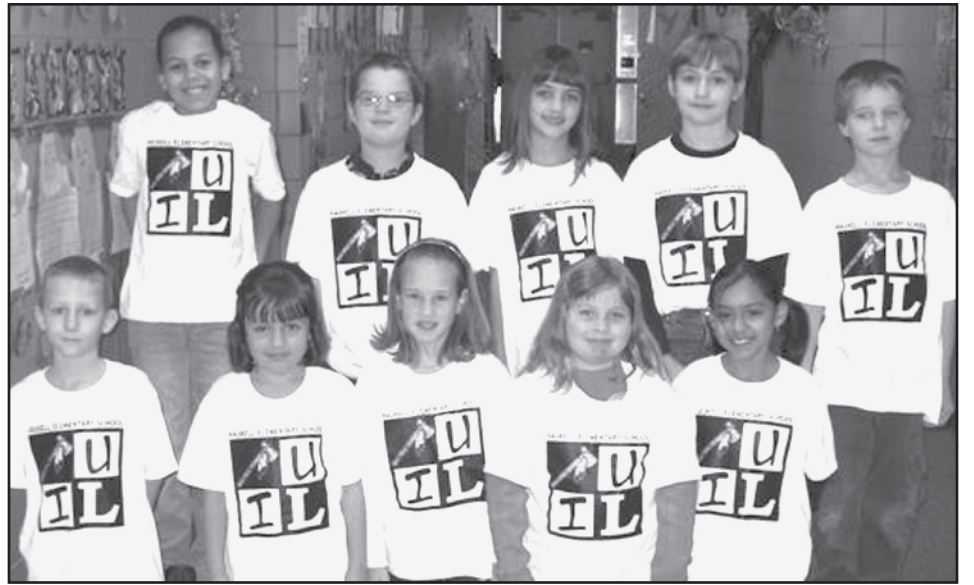
Alzheimer's workshop set Feb. 11 in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter and Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center will present a free educational program entitled "Making the Change: Moving a Relative with Memory Loss" Thurs., Feb. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The program will be held at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, 6050 Hospital Drive, in Abilene.

For many families living with Alzheimer's disease, there comes a time when the person with memory loss needs more care than can be provided at home. This session will help caregivers identify housing and service options, assess their loved one's ability to live at home, and offer them strategies for making the transition from home to care community smoother. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.



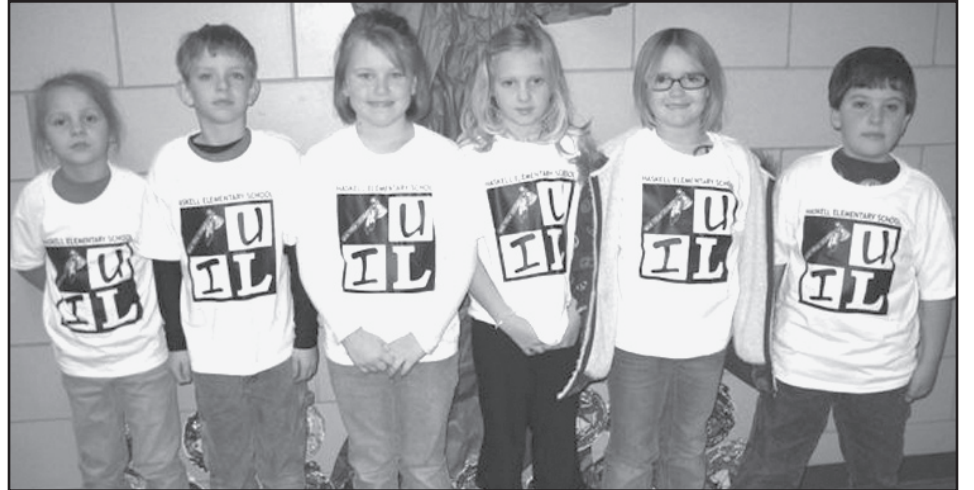
UIL PARTICIPANTS—Fifth grade students participating in UIL at Haskell Elementary include, front row, l-r, Lupe Olvera, Sam Fouts, Kasie Isbell, Jacee Guess, Ashlyn Bevel and Kylie Adams; middle row, Payton Thomas, Jonathan Primm, Amber Alexander, Katie Newberry, Briana Rodriguez, Bryce Rodriguez, Kellen Parks and Alec Roewe; back row, Hayden Hudson, Colbie McCoy, Colton Wright, Rudy Espinoza, Alye Stewart, Vicky Hertel, Chase Gibson and Lane Burson.



UIL PARTICIPANTS—Third grade students participating in UIL at Haskell Elementary include, front row, l-r, Braden Payne, Aubrey Olson, Kaelyn Bevel, Tristen Swinney and Areli Torres; back row, C'era Taylor, Tyler Newberry, Grace Colley, Katelyn Hudson and Taylor Tatum.



UIL PARTICIPANTS—Fourth grade students participating in UIL at Haskell Elementary include, front row, l-r, Riley Sloan, Dalton Meinzer, Tanner Thomas, McCaila Walker, Ariel Martinez and Sarah Fouts; back row, Crow Parham, Kyler Hoover, Cody Dutton, Kameryn Mathis, Hollyn Hadaway and Ankit Bhakta.



UIL PARTICIPANTS—Second grade students participating in UIL at Haskell Elementary include, l-r, K'Lee Pace, Logan Burson, Braelyn Bevel, Landry Hanson, Kourtney Gibson and Garrett Waggoner.

Haskell Elementary wins first place in UIL contest

Haskell Elementary hosted the 2009-10 UIL academic meet for District 13A Zone 1 Thurs., Dec. 10. Approximately 225 second through fifth grade students from Haskell, Hamlin, Roscoe, Rotan, Stamford and Albany competed in numerous UIL events.

Haskell won first place with a total of 374 points, followed by Stamford with 348 points, Albany 332 points, Roscoe 161 points, Rotan 148 points, and Hamlin 98 points.

"The students, coaches and parents are to be commended for their hard work preparing for this meet. The students were 'shining stars' representing our school well. Also, the Haskell Elementary staff, PTO, and community volunteers did an amazing job hosting the meet. Thank you to everyone for helping make this meet a great success," commented Tonya Cypert, UIL director.

The results are as follows:

Second grade:
Creative Writing: Kourtney Gibson, K'Lee Pace and Garrett Waggoner participated.

Oral Reading: Braelyn Bevel, third. Other participants were Logan Burson and Landry Hanson.

Third grade:
Music Memory: Katelyn Hudson and Tyler Newberry, tied for first; and Braden Payne, sixth. Kaelyn Bevel and Tristen Swinney also participated. These five students placed first as a team.

Oral Reading: Kaelyn Bevel, Tyler Newberry and Taylor Tatum participated.

Ready Writing: Katelyn Hudson, Aubrey Olson and C'era Taylor participated.

Spelling: Areli Torres, third. Grace Colley and Braden Payne also participated.

Fourth grade:
Art: Kyler Hoover, tied for first. Sarah Fouts and Riley Sloan also participated. These students placed third as a team.

Music Memory: Dalton Meinzer, third. Sarah Fouts, Ariel Martinez and Tanner Thomas also participated.

These students placed second as a team.

Number Sense: Tanner Thomas, first and Hollyn Hadaway, fourth. Ankit Bhatka also participated. These students placed second as a team.

Oral Reading: Cody Dutton, sixth. Ariel Martinez and McCaila Walker also participated.

Ready Writing: Sarah Fouts, Ariel Martinez and Kameryn Mathis participated.

Spelling: Tanner Thomas and Kameryn Mathis, tied for first. Dalton Meinzer also participated. These students placed first as a team.

Fifth grade:

Art: Kellen Parks, tied for first and Hayden Hudson, fourth. Kylie Adams, Kasie Isbell and Alec Roewe also participated. These five students placed second as a team. Brianna Rodriguez was an alternate.

Dictionary: Sam Fouts, sixth. Katie Newberry and Brianna Rodriguez also participated. These three students placed third as a team. Bryce Rodriguez was

an alternate.

Listening: Jacee Guess, Jonathan Primm and Colton Wright participated with Amber Alexander as an alternate.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Payton Thomas, fourth, Katie Newberry, fifth and Sam Fouts, sixth. These three students placed second as a team. Bryce Rodriguez was an alternate.

Music Memory: Hayden Hudson, first, Chase Gibson, second, Lane Burson, third, Sam Fouts, fourth, Ashlyn Bevel, fifth. These five students placed first as a team.

Number Sense: Chase Gibson, first, Bryce Rodriguez, fourth, and Payton Thomas, fifth. These three students placed first as a team. Ashlyn Bevel was an alternate.

Oral Reading: Ashlyn Bevel, Lane Burson and Alye Stewart participated.

Ready Writing: Hayden Hudson, first. Sam Fouts and Chase Gibson also participated.

Social Studies: Rudy Espinoza, first, Lane Burson,

third and Lupe Olvera, sixth. These students also placed second as a team. Vicky Hertel was an alternate.

Spelling: Payton Thomas, third. Chase Gibson and Alye Stewart also participated earning third place as a team. Colbie McKay was an alternate.

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Secondly, I would like to ask for your vote in my bid to continue serving as your Justice of the Peace. **MY EXPERIENCE** includes having worked in the **legal field for 22 years, over 14 years in Justice Court**. Being a legal assistant, plus 5-1/2 years as the JP Clerk, provided me with a vital foundation for becoming Justice of the Peace.

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- Mon., Feb. 8**
Lunch—Chili Wieners, mac and cheese, au gratin potatoes, pork and beans, cornbread, lemon cake, tea, or coffee
- Wed., Feb. 10**
Lunch—Pork steaks with gravy, pinto beans, cream potatoes, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee
- Fri., Feb. 12**
Lunch—Chicken and spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, brownie, pears, tea or coffee



WINS TOURNAMENT—The Rochester seventh grade boys basketball team won the Munday tournament recently. Team members, l-r, are Coach Harvey Davis, #53 Dakota Baumbach, #4 Angelo Pena, #32 Warren Flye, #22 Justice Dever, #21 Riley Meinzer and front, #14 Kade Colley.

Rieger uses iPod in classroom

Reported by Priscilla Luong and reprinted courtesy of Big Country Homepage.com

Jessica Rieger teaches Algebra at Albany High School, all her lessons on power point and smart boards help keep her classroom interactive, but this year,

she's bringing in something new: the iPod Touch. "Albany's been pretty good about keeping us up to date," said Rieger, "so I'm thankful for that." Under a special grant, each teacher at Albany Junior Senior High School received their own iPod Touch and some training on how to integrate this technology into their classroom.

"Sometimes you're gone from class during sports," said Stetson Hobbs, a freshman, "and you can get on the pod bins and get the lessons that you missed." And for some classes, like Carson Wilson's biology class, the students also create Facebook pages for their classmates to help each other out.

"It's something that we've had to work at because it changes the structure of a classroom," said Kevin Hill, Assistant Principal. "It takes a lot of focus off the teacher and puts it in the kids' hands which they've bought into."

"Sometimes we just all get together and start studying with them and our class actually has a Facebook page," said Wilson, "where we put all our tests and stuff that we have for the whole week."

For teachers like Jessica and her students there seems to be an app for just about everything!

"I just think that if you're standing in front of them and talking, I think that you lose them," said Rieger, "but I think if they just have that interaction with their iPods or they're listening to music or just that constant interaction, I think helps them out a lot."

"There's a formula app where they can just have the formulas right at their hands," Rieger explains, "and it has a good calculator on it too!"

When we asked district officials about giving students their own iTouches, school officials tell us, they're just waiting to see what Apple comes up with next...

The kids say these special apps are pretty cool, many have these handy on their own iPod touches and iPhones, but there's something else all students can get even if they don't have access to that technology: their teacher's podcast.

Rieger is the daughter of Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 8-12 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Blueberry muffin, animal crackers
Tuesday: Croissant with egg and cheese
Wednesday: Cereal, buttered toast
Thursday: Breakfast pocket
Friday: Pig in a blanket
Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato

with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, cherry shape-ups
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, applesauce
Wednesday: Chicken quesadillas, garden salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, queso, fresh fruit
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, breadstick, green beans, Valentine's Day cake
Friday: BBQ on a bun, pickles, onions, curly fries, Gogurt

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 8-12 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Toast or cereal
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, bread, apple crisp
Tuesday: Stew, cornbread, salad, strawberry cake
Wednesday: Burritos, corn, salad, cookies
Thursday: Pizza, corn, salad, pudding
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, chips, fresh fruit

Speech contest set

The Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) Government in Action Youth Tour contest will be held Mon., Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roby High School Auditorium. Area high school students will be competing in a speech contest that will give up to three winner(s) an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to see our "government in action."

The contest is open to high school students who live in the BCEC service area. Winners and one runner up will each receive an academic award. For more information, contact your local BCEC office: Roby 325-776-2244, Stamford 325-773-3684, Snyder 325-573-3161. Attendance is open to the public.

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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**
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. 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., 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
 - 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**
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
 - God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
 - WEINERT—**
 - First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
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 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
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Public Notices

NOTICE
A wine and beer retailer's off-premise permit by Quenchers Inc., dba Quenchers, Inc. at 903 South Avenue E, Haskell, Haskell County, Texas 79521 has applied for to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. James K. Markey-president, Johnny Fuentes-vice president, Bennett Shortes-sec. 4-5c

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0264372 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Austin, Texas
January 29, 2010
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF KINDER MORGAN PRODUCTION CO LLC TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR ITS PROPOSED KATZ (STRAWN) UNIT

KATZ (STRAWN) FIELD HASKELL, KING, KNOX AND STONEWALL COUNTIES, TEXAS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on MARCH 5,

2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Kinder Morgan Production Co LLC, to consider unitization and secondary recovery authority for its proposed Katz (Strawn) Unit in the Katz (Strawn) Field, Haskell, King, Knox and Stonewall Counties, Texas. A plat of the proposed unit is attached to this notice. Applicant advises that 99.97% of the working interest and 77.07% of the royalty interests have agreed to unitization at the time the application was filed with the Commission. In addition, applicant requests entity-for-density authority for the Katz (Strawn) Unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Brian Sullivan, at (512) 327-8111. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

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PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the

Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES of those persons receiving notice of this hearing is contained in the Commission's file on this proceeding and is available for inspection at the Railroad Commission's offices in the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. 5-8c

PUBLIC HEARING
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Hester named Chief Appraiser

by **Caron Yates**

On Jan. 7, the board of the Haskell County Appraisal District appointed Wanda Hester of Weinert, as Chief Appraiser for the county.

Hester brings a great deal of experience to the appointment, as she has worked in the Haskell County Appraisal District office for the past twenty-five years.

Working her way up through the ranks, she began as a collections clerk, advanced to field appraiser and then became Deputy Chief Appraiser in 1991.

Upon joining the staff in May 1984, she immediately began pursuing necessary certification and training. After many hours of intense classes and testing, she earned her State Certification for Tax Assessor/Collector in

1990. In 1993, she completed requirements for state certification as a Registered Professional Appraiser or RPA.

After the State Legislature passed legislation requiring county appraisal districts, Haskell County's first board met, organized and established the Haskell County Appraisal District office in 1980. The primary purpose was to ensure fairness, equality and market values for all taxpayers.

Hester says that while they are bound by the guidelines of the Texas Property Tax Code to achieve equity and market value on property appraisals, she and her staff want the taxpayers of the

county to know that they are encouraged to talk with them about any concerns relating to property taxes. The appraisal district, also serves as the collection office for all the taxing entities of Haskell County. She looks forward to working with the administrators and boards of the taxing entities of Haskell County.

As is true in many offices, the appraisal district has come "a long way" with the help of computers. From the early days where most of the work was done by hand, to the brand new computer system recently installed, to the soon to be installed GIS or Geographical Information System, the staff at the

appraisal district is prepared to serve Haskell County.

Hester who has lived in Haskell County most of her life, has been married to her husband Jerry, for forty-four years. They are parents of a daughter, Laurie Irby, and a son, Stacy. They are proud grandparents of Ashton, age fifteen, and Seth, age twelve.

Hester, along with her staff of, Jamie Weaver, Betty Hook and Melanie Grindstaff, foresees the office continuing with "business as usual." She emphasizes a desire to have an open door policy in order to work closely with taxpayers and taxing units, to the benefit of all concerned.

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Seymour 54, Haskell 39

Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 17, Torres 9, Short 6, Rodgers 5, Burson 2.

JV: Seymour 29, Haskell 14.

Haskell 42, Munday 39

Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 19, Short 10, Rodgers 7, Torres 6.

JV: Munday 51, Haskell 29.

Rule 41, Woodson 38

Scoring for Rule: Polk 15, Lyon 12, Benavides 6, Rowan 5, Petty 3.

Jayton 58, Rule 38

Scoring for Rule: Polk 17, Lyon 11, Rowan 4, Petty 2, Benavides 2.

Boys

Seymour 51, Haskell 38

Scoring for Haskell: Marshall 12, Rodriguez 9, Llewellyn 8, Myers 4, Howard 3, Bird 2.

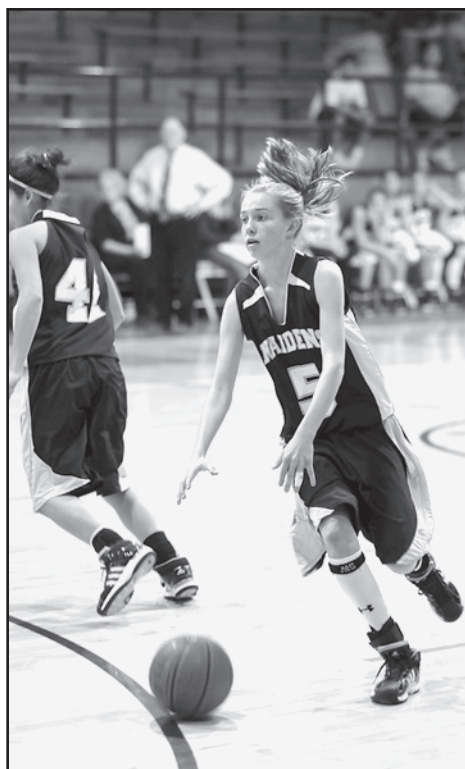
Student in the News

Kade W. Kittley of Rule, a junior and Sports/Exercise Sciences major, has been named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the fall 2009 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.



MAIDENS VS YELLOWHAMMERS—The Haskell Maidens played Rotan Fri., Jan. 22. Maiden #35 Lonnie Alvarez, left, waits on a pass. Maiden #5 Marissa McGhee, right, brings the ball down the court for Haskell.



INDIANS VS ROTAN—The Haskell Indians played the Rotan Yellowhammers Fri., Jan. 22. Haskell Indian #44 Tyrone Neskorik, left, avoids a steal by a Yellowhammer. Indian #12 Austin Nanny, right, goes to the basket for Haskell.



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What is the nanny tax? It's simply employment taxes on the wages you pay to certain domestic workers, such as baby sitters or housekeepers. If you paid a domestic worker more than \$1,700 in 2009, you may be required to report and pay social security and Medicare taxes on their wages. You could owe federal unemployment tax if you paid all your employees more than \$1,000 in any calendar quarter.

To whom does the tax apply? It doesn't matter what type of work is performed (gardening, baby sitting, nursing, or general household chores). What does matter is whether your worker is considered to be your employee or an independent contractor. Independent contractors are typically self-employed and, therefore, exempt from the nanny tax. Generally, if you control how and when workers do their jobs, they're probably your employees. Independent contractors operate their own businesses. For example, a nanny who takes care of your kids in your home is probably an employee, but a day care provider who cares for many children is not.

Some employees are exempt. For example, you generally don't have to pay nanny taxes on wages paid to your spouse, your child under age 21, or any employee under age 18. But there are exceptions, so you should check the rules carefully.

Avoid penalties and interest. If you fail to pay the tax, you could be liable for interest and penalties on the tax owed, and possibly even a penalty for underpaying estimated taxes. You might also have obligations to pay state employment taxes.

If you hire someone to work in your home, it's worth contacting our office to discuss your tax obligations. February 1, 2010, is the deadline for sending W-2 forms to your workers if the nanny tax applies for 2009.

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