

Happy Valentine's Day

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## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
JV-B, V-B vs Seymour  
Fri., Feb. 12, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Softball

**HASKELL**  
JV-V vs Baird  
Fri., Feb. 12, 4:30 p.m.  
Scrimmage at Baird  
JV-V vs Hawley  
Tues., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.  
at Hawley

## Baseball

**HASKELL**  
Haskell vs Merkel  
Tues., Feb. 16, 4 p.m.  
Scrimmage at Haskell

## Calendar

### Chamber banquet

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.

### 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.

### Potato lunch

The youth of the First Baptist Church in Haskell will host a potato luncheon at noon Sun., Feb. 14 at the church. Proceeds will benefit the youth's camp fund.

### Pizza benefit

CiCi's Pizza in Abilene, will donate a percentage of one's purchase on their food items to Rule High School Wed., Feb. 17, between the hours of 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., including all the pizza, pasta, salad, garlic breadsticks and desserts. To go orders also count. All one needs to do is mention Rule High School. All proceeds will go toward the Rule Senior prom.

### ECC dinner

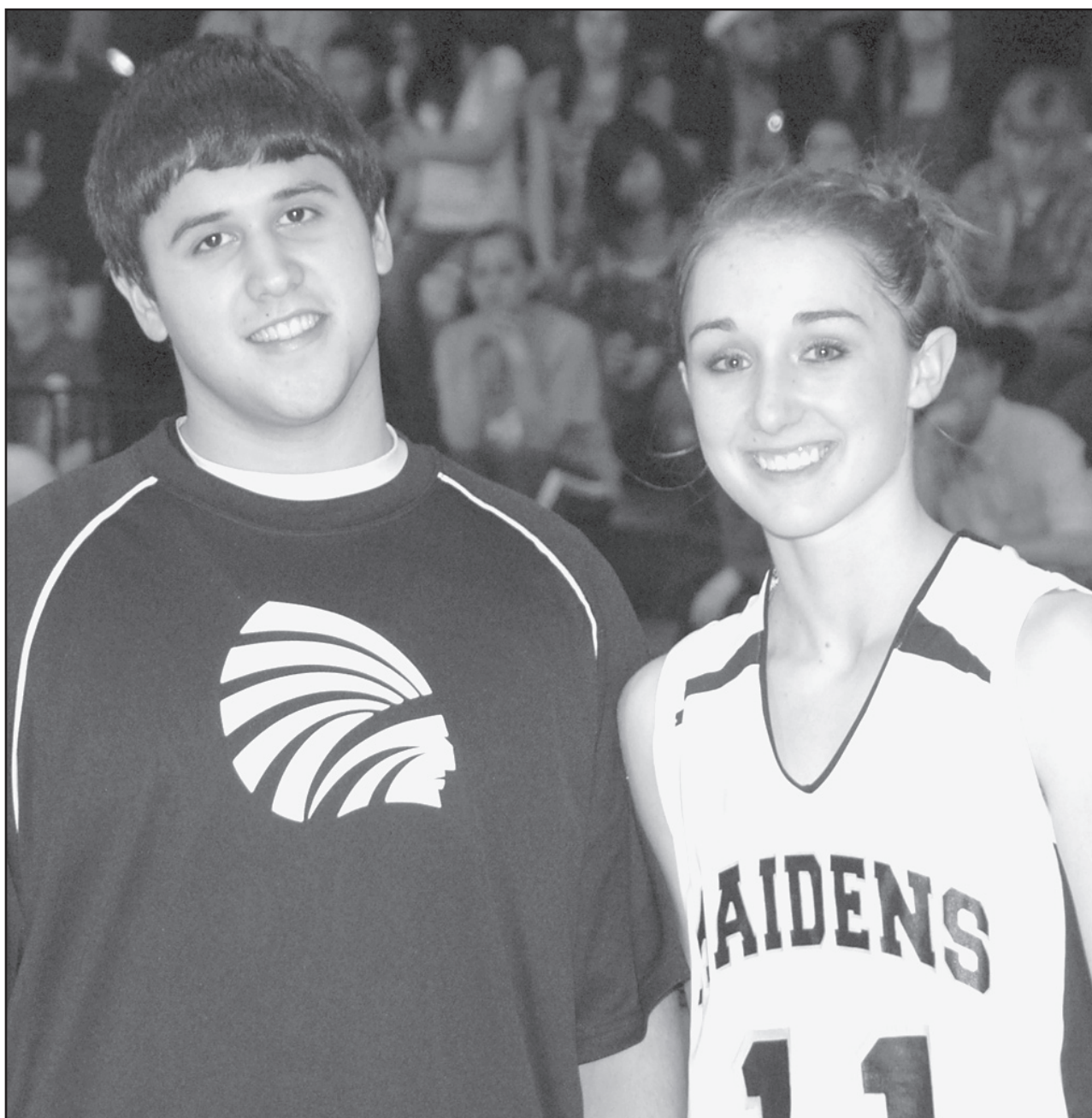
The Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell will host a fund-raising dinner Sun., Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center. The menu will be chicken and dressing, cranberries, giblet gravy, green beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler and tea or coffee. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 13 and up and under 13 free.

### Mexican lunch

A Mexican Stack lunch will be served Sun., Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. The meal will be Mexican Stack served with beans, dessert and drink. Donations will be accepted. Carry outs will be available. Proceeds will benefit the fund to pay the insurance premiums for the church.

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**HASKELL INDIAN BASKETBALL BEAU - AUSTIN MARSHALL**  
**HASKELL MAIDEN BASKETBALL SWEETHEART - AUBREY BASSETT**

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Voters must choose primary for March 2 election

by Caron Yates  
Tuesday, March 2 is the date for both the Republican

and Democratic primaries in Texas. Registered voters, however, must make a choice

as to which primary they prefer to cast their vote. According to Sharon

Mullino, Haskell County Democratic Chairman, federal law prohibits citizens from voting in more than one party primary. Voters who cast votes in the Republican primary may vote in a Republican runoff, likewise those who voted in the Democratic primary are eligible to vote in a Democratic runoff. The purpose of the primary election is to narrow the parties' choices for the general election in November.

Statewide, there are heavily contested races in both primaries. On the local level, most of the contested races will appear on the Democratic ticket, although the County Judge race has a Republican opponent.

The Republican voting location for all boxes will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse kitchen on the 3rd floor. Democratic voting locations are: Box 1, St. George's Catholic Church; Box 2, Assembly of God Church; Box 3, Extension building; Box 4, Experienced Citizens Center; Box 5, Rule High School Library; Box 6, Rochester Fire Department; Box 7, O'Brien City Hall; Box 8, Weinert School; Box 9, Paint Creek School Library; and Box 10 Sagerton Community Center.

Ballots by mail may be requested through Feb. 23, with early voting by personal appearance taking place Feb. 16 through Feb. 26. Early voting will be held at the courthouse, near the west end of the hallway, in the Crime Stoppers office.

Texans have always been proud of their state and their heritage. Everyone is encouraged to take pride in their county as well, and come be a part of the full day of activities as we Celebrate Texas Independence, Haskell Style.

## Celebrate Texas Independence, Haskell Style set Sat., March 6

by Caron Yates  
Texas has a very colorful history. An important part of that history includes March 2, 1836, better known as Texas Independence Day.

This is the day Texas adopted the Texas Declaration of Independence, declaring itself free from Mexico.

With that theme in mind, the Committee to

Help Haskell County has planned a Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style day.

Activities for the day, March 6, will begin at 10 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony conducted by the Haskell Boy Scouts, and will include a bugler from Fort Griffin.

Events throughout the day

## 3 Indians named to All-State team

The awards just keep coming for three Haskell Indian football players.

In addition to the all district and All Big Country designations previously received, seniors A.J. Benton and Tyler Rodriguez, as well as junior Simon Rodriguez, were named to the honorable mention All-State team for

Class 1A by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Simon Rodriguez was named to both the honorable mention offense, as a guard, and defense as a linebacker. Benton was selected as an honorable mention tackle on the offense. Tyler Rodriguez was listed as an honorable mention running back.

## City officer under investigation

In respect to an ongoing investigation of Haskell City Police Officer Bill Glass being conducted by the City of Haskell, City Administrator Brandon Anderson offered the

following statement:  
"Officer Glass is on Indefinite Administrative Leave With Pay pending our investigation of possible violations of the City of Haskell Personnel Policy."

## Filing opens for city, school positions

by Caron Yates

City and school board elections for the county have been set for Sat., May 8. Filing applications for city elections in Haskell, Rule, Rochester and Weinert are currently being accepted, as well as applications for school board positions in Haskell and Rule.

Filing for placement on any of the city or school board ballots began Feb. 8 and continues through Mar. 8. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 26 and ends May 4. Applications may be picked up at the respective city hall offices and at the administration office of each school district.

In the Haskell city election, the mayor and two councilmen are up for election. The councilmen are two year at large terms. Early voting will take place at the city hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Extended hours on Tues., April 27 and Wed., April 28 will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Haskell CISD will have two single member districts on the ballot. Single member district 1, is now held by Felix Rodriguez and single member district 6 is being served by Joey Kimbrough. Anyone living in the district may file for a seat, however you must live in the single member district for which you are voting.

Information as to which member district you are eligible to vote in, is found on your individual voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member districts is available at the school administration office.

In Rule's city election, the mayor and two council seats are to be determined. Three 3-year terms on the school board for Rule ISD are up for election. Places held by Norva Smith, Teresa Stryker and Elaina Mathis will expire.

Voters in Rochester will be deciding on two city council seats currently held by Darryl McGhee and John Hicks.

The City of Weinert will be voting on mayor and two council seats. Presently serving as mayor is Julian Estrada, while Randy Waggoner and Angela Kirkland are council members up for re-election.

For your vote to count, you must present your voter certificate, drivers license or personal identification. You may also present a form of ID containing a photograph or birth certificate, passport, or copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

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# Haskell Elementary to host Book Fair Feb. 22-26

Haskell Elementary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Mon., Feb. 22 through Fri., Feb. 26 for students in pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. The book fair will be held at the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.,

and until noon on Friday. High students will have an opportunity to purchase books as they visit the book fair with their classes during the week.

This year's theme is "Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read" and it will be a

fun-filled event for students and their families, teachers and the community.

The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books and current bestsellers from more than 100 publishers.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, a special family night will be held in the library from 4:30 until 6 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students and families to shop together, enjoy refreshments and let students register for book fair door prizes. Book fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List.

The Scholastic Book Fair helps promote literacy by encouraging learning and turning students into lifelong readers. For more information call 864-2654, extension 309.



**NELLIE BIRD**

Funeral services for Nellie Pauline Bird, 97, of Haskell were held Sun., Feb. 7 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under

the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Bird passed away Thurs., Feb. 4.

Born June 16, 1912 in Haskell, she was the daughter of the late William Jepsey Carruth and Johnnie Emma Johnson. She married Thomas Martin Bird Oct. 18, 1930 in Haskell. He preceded her in death in 1984. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church and of the Sunshine group.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughters, Betty Jean Schuermann and Mary Sue Smith; four grandsons, David Holmes, Larry Michael Bird, Gilbert Lee Tidwell and Chris Klare;

two great grandsons, Steven Marlatt and Neal Holmes and a brother, Crawford Carruth.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Bird Jr. and wife Norma of Haskell and Wallace Bird and wife Margaret of Haskell; daughter, Marie Soloman of Haskell; brother, Ocie Carruth of Elmore City, Oklahoma; sisters, Dora Holley of Haskell, Callie Moore of Haskell, Frances Hutchinson of Pomona, California, Mattie Abbott of Arlington and Helen White of Breckenridge; sixteen grandchildren, forty-nine great grandchildren, sixty-six great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. PD. NOTICE

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## Students in the News

Matthew Bowers of Haskell, a senior Business and Computer Information Systems major, was named to the Dean's List at Howard Payne University in Brownwood for the fall 2009 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must have a 3.65-3.99 grade point average while carrying a minimum of 12 undergraduate semester hours.

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L.J. McCulloch of Haskell was named to the Honor Roll at Howard Payne University in Brownwood for the fall 2009 semester.

To be named to the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5-3.64 grade point average.

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## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Feb. 8 in a regular meeting with Mayor Bob Smith, Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford was absent.

The invocation was given by Guess.

A budget amendment was approved by the council.

A variance request from Convenience Beverage, Inc./Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc. as presented by Megan Suarez, Allsup's attorney was approved. Councilman Hall abstained from the vote

due to a conflict of interest.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson said:

•Candidates for the offices of Mayor and two open council members are open to file from Feb. 8 through March 8. The City Election will be held May 8.

•A customer brought a large amount of construction debris to the City's Landfill from Stamford. Haskell is working with TCEQ to make sure that everything is in order as there was a concern that the debris could contain asbestos.

•The code enforcement efforts will be slowed down until next fall. This fall and winter six properties were targeted and five or six were torn down to help beautify the city. The process is long and tedious and the City will remain diligent when efforts are resumed in September. Approximately \$2200 was spent on the Code Enforcement Officer to get those six properties legally demolished.

•The annual audit report will be received from Castagna and Gregg at the Feb. 22 meeting.

## Calendar

### 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.

### Report cards

Parents/guardians of Rule School K-12 students are encouraged to come to the school Mon., Feb. 22 to pick up their children's fourth six weeks report card. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 3:05 to 5 p.m. to discuss their student's progress. For more information, contact the Rule ISD principal's office at 997-2246.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

### Rochester homecoming

Plans for Rochester homecoming are being made for Friday and Saturday Oct. 8-9.

### Medical fund

A fund to help with medical expenses for Glen Hutto has been established at Haskell National Bank.

### Celebrate Texas

Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style will be held Sat., March 6 around the Haskell courthouse square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of displays, reenactments groups and vendors will be available.

### 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.

### Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBER**—Jerry Don Klose, left, president of Haskell Lodge #241 received his official badge recognizing him as a member of the Grand Lodge Law Committee from Allan W. 'Buddy' Preuss, FIC, Grand Vice President-Marketing. The presentation was made during the February meeting of the organization.

## Klose elected to Lodge committee position

The Haskell Lodge #241 of the Hermann Sons held their February meeting with Allan Preuss, the Grand Vice President-Marketing of Hermann Sons Fraternal Insurance present.

Following the opening ritual and pledge to the United States flag, the meeting continued with installation of officers, with installing officer, Allan Preuss. All officers were present and the order of business followed the installation.

The local lodge president, Jerry Don Klose has been elected to a position on the Grand Lodge Law Committee, and Preuss presented Klose with his official badge.

Preuss demonstrated the contents and mailing package of the 'Hugs from Home' care packages, which are being prepared to send to those persons deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Members are encouraged to submit names of individuals from the area who are

currently serving, including their date of deployment.

These care packages can be purchased by members individually, or by each lodge as a group. The packages will be prepared and shipped from the home office in San Antonio.

Also of interest, Preuss announced that the chili/beans cook-off at the retirement home in Comfort will be held March 13. This annual event, provides funds to the home.

The birthdays for the month of February are Elton Klose, J.R. Merchant and Evelyn Moeller.

Door prizes were given to Elton Klose, Milbert Opitz and Evelyn Moeller.

Members following the business meeting enjoyed games of dominoes and 'Chicken-foot,' and the day ended with a brisket meal. Next meeting will be March 7 at Pit 'n Grill beginning at 2 p.m. for games followed by business meeting at 3 p.m.

## Rochester Woman's Club 'tours Mexico'

The Rochester Woman's Club met Wed., Feb. 3. Roll call for the day was "Would you visit Mexico now." Most of the members said they would not want to visit in this day and time. A lot of the club members had visited years ago and enjoyed it.

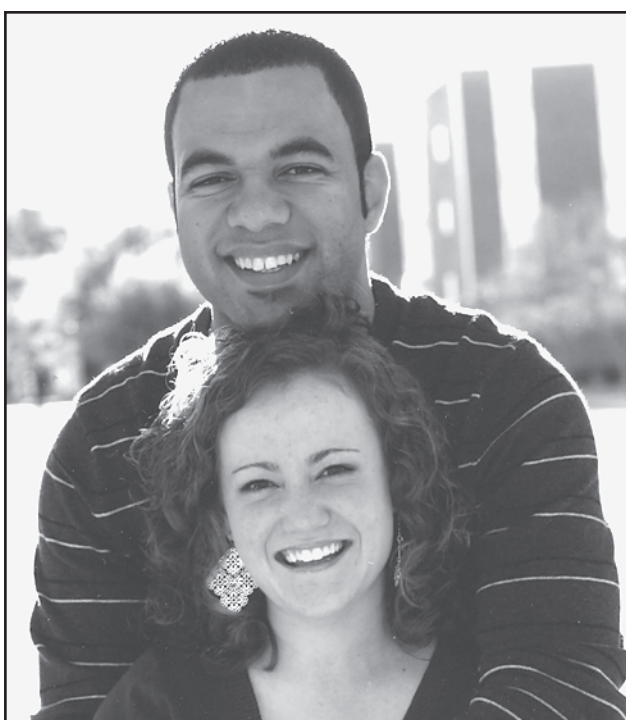
Program for the day was Ada Pope's mission trip to Mexico in 1975 before things became so disturbed there. Many interesting facts about the people and their habits as well as a side trip to an Indian village was given. The group had taken a lot of school supplies, baby clothes and soft goods. The recipients were so

appreciative of the items donated. The children were especially thrilled with all of the school supplies. Pope said that all the people were happy even though they didn't have a lot of material things that many people take for granted.

Hostess for the day was Modelle Barton. Refreshments were served to Barton, Marguerite Gauntt, Elaine Glover, Mary Johnston, Gerri Newberry, Verlene Stegemoeller and Pope.

The next meeting will be March 3 and will include a book review brought by Susan Turner.

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**L.J. McCULLOCH - BETHANY ELMORE**

## Elmore, McCulloch plan March wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Elmore of Abilene announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bethany Elmore, to L.J. McCulloch, son of Donna

McCulloch of Haskell and grandson of Dan and Rita Hoover, also of Haskell.

The couple plans a March 20 wedding at Southside Baptist Church in Abilene.

## Support group to meet

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group will meet Tues., Feb.16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. Anyone affected by cancer is invited to attend. The group is available for the patient, family and friends of anyone with cancer and can help by supporting each person, trying to make each day as normal as possible. However, being normal is so different with cancer, so a patient's thoughts, needs and feelings are so different.

Many guest speakers have attended the meetings and each area of fighting cancer has been discussed. March 2, Dale Morrison will speak on his beating cancer through

nutrition. Morrison is now in Haiti helping with the destruction.

The meeting on Feb. 16 will also honor Mae Lou Yeldell and Glen Hutto on their birthdays. Yeldell cooks all the meals for the entire group. Hutto was told he would never reach 50 and he is now turning 51. They both deserve the honor! Yeldell told her age but you'll have to attend the meeting to find it out.

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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Homeland security chief briefs lawmakers on various threats

AUSTIN—Transnational gangs fueled by Mexican drug cartels are the biggest threat to security in Texas, said the state's homeland security chief at a Feb. 1 hearing at the Capitol.

Steve McCraw, director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, told members of the House Transportation Committee and the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee that his office and partner agencies are battling the gangs' multi-billion dollar criminal enterprise through multi-jurisdictional "fusion centers."

These fusion centers are tasked with "connecting the dots" to prevent acts of terrorism, drug and human trafficking, and serial crimes by pooling the intelligence efforts of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Texas is home to several of the 70 fusion centers that report to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

McCraw said roving wiretaps would help law enforcement track gangs that use throwaway cell phones.

McCraw also addressed security in the Capitol complex. He said the Department of Public Safety has a plan that includes X-ray machines and metal detectors to increase protection and does not turn the Capitol into an armed fortress.

And, McCraw addressed the estimated 3,000 Texas highway traffic deaths in 2009. About 15 percent of those deaths involved commercial trucks and tractor trailers.

Regarding the new federal law banning commercial truck operators from typing and sending text messages while driving, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Dallas, pointed out the difficulty in enforcing the ban. She brought up the line-of-sight issue: drivers in truck cabs are hard for troopers in sedans to catch in the act of texting. Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said enforcement would be after the fact, by comparing the time of the accident with cell phone records.

The House and Senate committees also had questions about "Real ID"—the authentication system that ties together a Texas driver's license, voter registration and citizenship. McCraw said the state is getting better at detecting fake licenses and other forms of false identification.

**Ag chief calls for Haiti help**  
State Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples

on Feb. 1 asked farmers and ranchers to help Haiti, with more than 2 million people in need of food and water after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"Texas is a state large in geography and even larger in heart and compassion," Staples said. "Texans have always responded to those in crisis, and right now, the Haitian people desperately need our assistance."

"Whether it's a surplus food commodity, a volunteer service or a monetary donation, I know the Texas agriculture community and citizens of Texas can find ways to mobilize resources and offer assistance."

The Texas Peanut Producers Board already has responded and is working to deliver peanut butter.

Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board, said Texas peanut farmers have combined efforts with the entire U.S. peanut industry to raise more than \$75,000 to purchase peanut butter for Haiti.

#### Work program features incentives

"TexasBacktoWork," a two-year, \$15 million employment program promoted by Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and funded by the state Legislature last session, will offer employers incentives such as subsidized-wage reimbursements or retention bonuses for hiring qualified out-of-work Texans.

Grants under the program are available to employers through the 28 Texas local workforce development boards, which also provide employers with workforce recruitment assistance, pre-screening of qualified applicants and training programs.

More than 1.8 million customers were served in more than 240 workforce centers across Texas last year, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

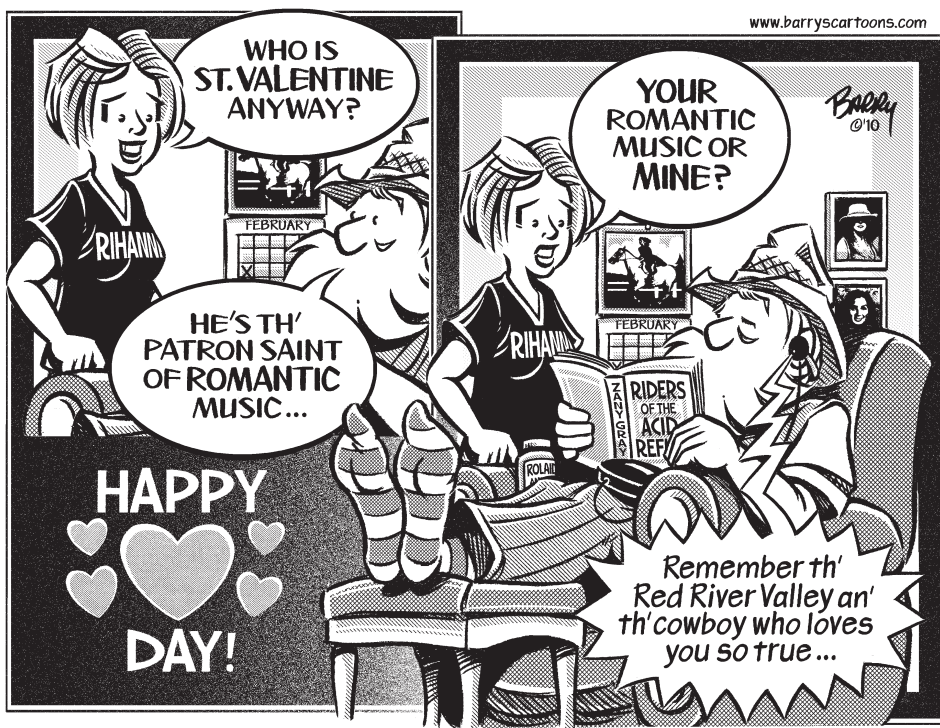
#### Computer recycling figures in

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in late January announced first-year results in its computer recycling program.

The agency reported manufacturers collected for reuse or recycling 12.4 million pounds of computer equipment in Texas from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2009.

The program, which helps conserve reusable materials including copper, lead and steel, requires computer manufacturers that sell in Texas to offer consumers convenient, free recycling for their brands of computer equipment.

Currently, 81 manufacturers representing 116 brands are participating in the program.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago February 10, 2000

Bandit Motor coaches, Haskell's new manufacturing company, holds an Open House to showcase the process involved in producing the custom made recreational vehicles.

Cody Kretschmer, sixth grade student of Debbie Earles, was awarded a certificate for his participation in a statewide project with his essay on school violence.

Mamie Adams, oldest member of the Paint Creek Baptist Church, will be honored at the church with a 100th birthday celebration.

Josh Mickler, son of Jim and Pat Mickler of Austin, formerly of Haskell, has signed a Letter of Intent to play Division I football for the United States Naval Academy.

### 20 Years Ago February 8, 1990

District grand champion of the Pinewood Derby was Cory Wood of Weinert. Wood had the fastest car in the competition with 62 other Boy Scouts.

Robert Sanders, grandson of R.S. and Betty Sanders of Weinert and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffith of Paint Creek, has won the title of #1 chess player of Northern New Mexico.

Grand Champion winners at the Haskell County Livestock Show were Kayla Allison, barrow; Heather Stewart, steer; Jennifer Comedy, wether; and Jennifer Shaver, heifer.

### 30 Years Ago February 7, 1980

More than \$20,000 was raised from the sale of 114 handmade quilts and afghans donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Donating quilts this year were Haskell Experienced Citizens Center, The Hobby Club of Rochester and Mrs. M.L. Powell of Rule.

Mrs. Jack Speer has accepted the Chairmanship of the Spring Bike-A-Thon on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Truman Therwhanger and Ricki Russell have filed for the office of Haskell County Sheriff against incumbent Garth Garrett.

Winning scouts in the Pinewood Derby are Kyle Darden, B.J. Mitchell, Wayne Geilhausen, Bo Watson, Chris Jennings and Marty Decker.

### 40 Years Ago February 5, 1970

Senior Terry Kay Diggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry M. Diggs, has earned the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award at Haskell High School.

Abe Turner, president of the Haskell National Bank, will serve as finance chairman of the 1970 Heart Fund Campaign for Haskell County.

Tim Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Everett, has received a football scholarship at North Texas State University in Denton.

Named to the Dean's List at McMurry College for the Fall Semester were Sherry Adams, Joe Harper, Dennis Opitz and Jimmie Weinert.

The Rule Bobcats improved their district record to 9-1 with a 98 to 52 victory over O'Brien. Kent LeFevre paced the Bobcats with 23 points.

### 50 Years Ago February 11, 1960

The Rotary Club honored Virginia Pittman, a checker at M-System Super Market, as "Most Courteous Sales Person of 1959" at their recent meeting.

Alton Hester has purchased the White Auto Store from Jay Weaver, owner and operator of the store for the past four and one-half years.

Army specialist four Horace W. O'neal, son of County Clerk Horace O'neal of Haskell, is participating with the 24th Infantry Division in Exercise Winter Shield at a training area in southern Germany.

### 100 Years Ago February 5, 1910

Paul Zahn, one of Haskell County's leading farmers, sold a hog weighing 625 pounds, in the city for \$40.60.

R.W. Herren was in from his ranch to receive two yearling Hereford bulls, for which he paid \$100 a piece.

The Mother's Club has taken up a movement to ornament the school grounds by setting out shade trees.

## USDA seeks ARMS info

Farmers and ranchers will soon have the opportunity to speak out on the costs, returns, and management practices used to produce the world's safest and most abundant food supply. Helping to ensure that policies and programs are based on accurate, real-world data is the goal of the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

ARMS is USDA's primary source of information on production practices, resource use and economic well-being of America's farm operations and farm households. A special focus of this year's study will be management practices and production costs for wheat operations.

"Just about every federal policy and program that affects U.S. farmers and farm families is based on information from ARMS," said Doug Rundle, director of the NASS Texas Field Office. "This information is used not just by USDA and Congress, but also by producer organizations, commodity groups, university researchers and others who contribute to policy and program formulation."

From January through early April, NASS field offices will contact nearly 35,000 farmers and ranchers nationwide by mail or personal contact to complete the survey. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, management practices, and household characteristics.

"Farm and ranch operators need good information, useful research, and sound policies and programs to be successful. That's why participation in ARMS is so important," Rundle explained. "Producer participation in ARMS ensures that decisions affecting farmers, their families, and their communities are based on the facts, straight from the source."

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified. All NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

## DSHS issues fish advisory for Alan Henry Reservoir

The Texas Department of State Health Services today issued an advisory warning people to limit their consumption of blue catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, largemouth bass and spotted bass from Alan Henry Reservoir in Garza and Kent counties.

The advisory was issued after laboratory testing showed elevated levels of mercury in fish samples from the five species taken from the reservoir. Other species such as channel catfish, common carp and freshwater drum were sampled and are not included in the advisory.

Adults should limit consumption of the five fish species from Alan Henry Reservoir to no more than two 8-ounce servings per month. Children under 12 years old and women who are nursing, pregnant or who may become pregnant should not consume the five fish species from Alan Henry Reservoir.

Regular ingestion of methylmercury, the mercury compound in the fish, can harm the human brain and nervous system. Young children are especially at risk. The brain and nervous system in a developing fetus can be permanently damaged if the mother-to-be eats foods containing elevated levels of mercury during pregnancy.

Mercury is a naturally occurring element that gets into air and water from the weathering of the earth's crust, from the burning of fossil fuels and from some industrial discharges and emissions.

Elevated levels of mercury in fish do not pose a health risk for people swimming, fishing or participating in other water recreation activities in the Alan Henry Reservoir.

Alan Henry Reservoir is a 2,884-acre body of water

about 45 miles south of the city of Lubbock.

## Alzheimer's workshop

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.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Windcrest is a state-of-the-art community that specializes in the care of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center was designed and developed after careful study and research regarding the need for Alzheimer's care in the Abilene area and has been serving the community since 1995.

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## Happy Valentine's Day Sun., Feb. 14

# BASKETBALL '10

## Indians

### Haskell Indians

JVB, VB vs  
Seymour

Fri., Feb. 12, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell



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.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## 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.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

### Haskell Maidens District Runners-up

Playoff game TBA  
either Mon., Feb. 15  
or Tues., Feb. 16

Possible opponent  
either Archer City,  
Era or Windthorst

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**BASSETT DRIVE**—Haskell Maiden #11 Aubrey Bassett heads out with a drive to the basket against a Seymour Lady Panther during a game played Jan. 26.



**HEARN DELIVERS**—Haskell Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn delivers the ball down court during the Stamford game Feb. 5.



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**MARSHALL RULES**—Haskell Indian #22 Austin Marshall demands attention during a drive against the Stamford Bulldogs on Feb. 5.



**HEADS FOR BASKET**—Haskell Indian #14 Isaiah Llewellyn goes to the basket against the Stamford Bulldogs Feb. 5.

*Good luck  
Indians and  
Maidens!*

**Area basketball scores**


Girls	Boys
<b>Haskell 52, Hamlin 33</b> Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 18, Rodgers 10, Short 6, Torres 5, Wilcox 4, James 4, Alvarez 2, Johnson 2, Hearn 1.	<b>Haskell 52, Hamlin 40</b> Scoring for Haskell: Rodriguez 15, Myers 12, Agüero 7, Howard, 6, Llewellyn 4, Marshall 4, Wittenborn 2, Neskoriak 2. JV: Haskell 40, Hamlin 21.
<b>Haskell 54, Stamford 29</b> Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 17, Rodgers 10, Torres 9, Wilcox 7, McGhee 5, Short 4, Johnson 2.	<b>Throckmorton 55, Rule 32</b> Scoring for Rule: Large 9, Short 8, Brown 6.
<b>Aspermont 84, Paint Creek 41</b> Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 12, Bosnjak 11, Armstrong 9, Waggoner 5, Martinez 4.	<b>Aspermont 63, Paint Creek 36</b> Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 24, Garcia 5, Barnett 5, Abner 2.
	<b>Rule 35, Paint Creek 25</b> Scoring for Rule: Large 17, Shelton 10, Turner 3, Stewart 3, Brown 2. Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 14, Abner 5, Adkins 4, Edwards 3, Hall 3.

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**I want to continue to serve as your County Judge**

For the past 13 years my record reflects:

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- As Emergency Management Coordinator for the County, I participate in ongoing training classes, plan and implement exercises for preparedness within Haskell County and look for ways to be prepared for any emergency in any part of the County.
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**WORDS OF WISDOM**—Haskell Maiden Coach David Middleton, center, offers game strategy and advice to the Haskell Maidens during a game time out.

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Pagando una cuenta de utilidades?  
Obteniendo anteojos o oyuda con los dientes?  
Comprando ropa escolar o necesidades para sus hijos?  
Pagando una noticia de expulsión o desconector?  
Determinando metas a realizar autosuficiencia de energia o triunfar pobreza?  
Está Viejo o tiene inhabilitación, probando a vivir en unos ingresos fijados?

Si contesta si a uno de las preguntas y vive en los condados de Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall o Throckmorton, es posible usted puede elegible para ayuda del **Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.** El **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** y los fondos del **Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)** están usado por ASBDC, INC. para suministrar servicios a las familias con ingresos bajos. Hay un proceso de application a determinar elegibilidad para ayuda. Llame usted ASBDC, INC. para mas información o si tiene preguntas.

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Wallar Overton

**Wolf:**  
Brett Patterson

**Pack Committee Members**  
Patrick Pace  
Leland Terry

**Webelos Leaders:**  
Joey Thomas  
Brian Patterson

**Asst.: Tyke Meinzer**  
**Webelos I:**  
Bayden Graham  
Chris Hall  
Kyler Hoover  
Dalton Meinzer  
Devery Reed  
Tanner Thomas  
Caleb White

**Chartering Organization**  
Lions Club

**Chartering Organization Rep**  
Tom Watson

**Cubmaster**  
Sherri Morrow

**Webelos II:**  
Rudy Espinoza  
Jonathan Primm  
Payton Thomas

**Asst. Cubmaster**  
Allen Morrow

## Boy Scouts

### Troop 136

**Chartering Organization**

First United Methodist Church

**Chartering Organization Rep.**

Deanna Jordan

**Troop Committee**

Kay Smith, Chairman  
Connie Benton  
Chris Tatum  
Randall Waggoner

**Scoutmaster**

Leland Terry

**Asst. Scoutmasters**

Craig McCormick  
Tyke Meinzer  
Patrick Pace  
Luke Terry

**Youth Members**

Braeden Alves  
A.J. Benton  
James Bowers  
Kyle Fraga  
Reed Lee  
Seth McCormick  
Tucker McCormick  
Riley Meinzer  
Preston Morrow  
Ryan Pace  
Trevor Reese  
Tyler Reese  
Josh Starr  
Pryce Stewart  
Garret Tatum  
Zachary Tatum  
Micah Thomas  
Aaron Waggoner  
Max Weise

## Venturing Crew 136

**Chartering Organization**

First Christian Church

**Executive Officer**

Leland Terry

**Chartering Organization Rep.**

Connie Benton

**Venturing Crew Advisor**

Leland Terry

**Venturing Crew Assoc. Advisors**

Craig McCormick

**Crew Committee**

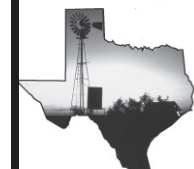
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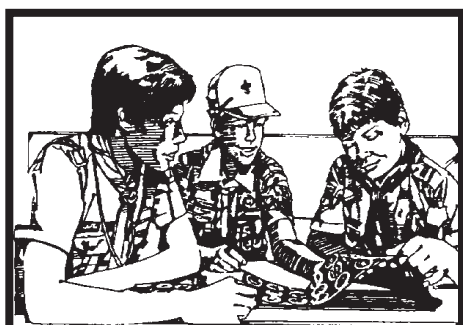
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## Venturing Crew

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## Rutkowski receives company honors

Brittany Rutkowski of Haskell was awarded the 2009 Rookie of the Year and 2009 President's Club (Top seven percent of the Sales Reps in Pediatric Division) during the National Sales Meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada by Shionogi Pharmaceuticals.

Her award includes a five day all expense paid trip for two to the J.W. Marriott Guanacaste Resort and Spa



**BRITTANY RUTKOWSKI** in Tamarindo, Costa Rica.

Rutkowski is the daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski and granddaughter of Joy Chapman, all of Haskell.



**MIRANDA JOHNSON**



**LISA RODGERS**

## Students visit Rotary Club

Miranda Johnson is the daughter of Michelle Johnson and Phil Johnson.

She attends First Baptist Church in Weinert.

At Haskell High School, she is involved in FFA with Ag Issues and Range, basketball, FCS, UIL, Spanish Club and National Honor Society.

She served as FFA Chapter president and has been an honor student all through high school.

She enjoys watching movies, reading and hanging out with her friends.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in Ag Communications with a focus in public relations.

Lisa Rodgers is the daughter of Mike and Cindy Rodgers of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she plays basketball, runs track, works on the Chieftain staff, and is a member of FCS, National Honor Society and Quill & Scroll.

She was named the basketball offensive MVP, and is on the Academic A team.

She plans to attend Angelo State University, major in chemistry and attend and graduate from pharmacy school. She would like to live in a big town.

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## Haskell School Menu

### Feb. 15-19 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Banana nut muffin, Cheez-It crackers  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, Ritz Bits  
**Thursday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Friday:** Bean/cheese burrito

### 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:** Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot roll, peaches  
**Tuesday:** Chili cheese hot dog, pickle spears, celery sticks, tater tots, apple crisp  
**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato slices, assorted chips, grapes  
**Thursday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, banana pudding  
**Friday:** Choice: Hamburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked fries, Gogurt

## Paint Creek School Menu

### Feb. 15-19 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** French toast  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** Breakfast burritos  
**Friday:** Donuts

### Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, brownies  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, refried beans, salad, jello  
**Wednesday:** Baked potatoes, ham, salad, bread, fruit  
**Thursday:** Chicken patty sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, rice krispies  
**Friday:** Corndogs, carrots, fries, cobbler

## ECC Menu

### Mon., Feb. 15

Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, lemon cake, tea or coffee

### Wed., Feb. 17

Lunch—Barbeque sausage, scalloped potatoes, onion

slice, English peas, garlic bread, coke cake, tea or coffee

### Fri., Feb. 19

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onion slice, chips, pickles, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

## This Week's Devotional Message:



We're observing a special occasion Sunday, With our love the emotion we try to portray, On a beautiful card, where the verses combine With some cupids and hearts in a lacy design. Yet true love isn't simply delivered by mail; It's the service to others we do without fail, When we lend our assistance to someone in need, And we worship our Father, whose lessons we heed, To encourage the sick and give aid to the poor. So obey the instructions of faith, and be sure That your love is a thing you can never convey Just by sending a greeting on Valentine's Day.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Jim McCurley, pastor  
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.m.  
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  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephanie 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.  
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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.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

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.

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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

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Patton, E.N. Oil Company, Inc. P.O. Box 296, Abilene, TX 79604 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Formation, Joe Francis Clark lease, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles NW of Sagerton in the Cricket (Strawn) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4957 to 5032 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 6c

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**WEAR RED DAY OBSERVED**—Haskell County employees observing Wear Red Day Fri., Feb. 5 included front row, l-r, Terri Fillmon, Erin McLellan Dunnam, Bette Enriquez and Donna Sue Anders; second row, Lynn Dodson, Linda Josselet, Debbie Gressett and Susan Cockerell; third row, Janis McDaniel, Rhonda Moeller, Tammy Mickler, Elaine Gomillion, Belia Abila and Deborah Mayfield; and back row, Stacia Leach, Connie Benton, David Davis and Kitsie Drinnon. The observance 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.

## Completion near for new Haskell High School science complex project

by Caron Yates  
As you've passed by the Haskell High School campus, you probably have noticed the tell-tell signs of construction. The high school is getting a major update.  
According to HCISD Superintendent Bill Alcorn, the process began when the school district hired Steve Ellinger from CADCO Architects, to design the renovation of the north wing of the current high school, as well as to design the new

science complex. The science complex will consist of two lecture rooms and two labs. The next step was to contract with W.B. Kibler Construction Co., who is the Construction Manager at Risk. W.B. Kibler prepared all the bid information from the architect's drawings and specifications. After bidding was complete, W.B. Kibler Co. gave Haskell CISD a guaranteed maximum price of \$1,684,886.00. Included in the price was a complete renovation of over 13,000

sq. ft. in the existing high school, plus the new double science lab. To date, there has been only one change order for the amount of \$14,870 that was necessary to fix some plumbing issues. The entire project will be paid for through several sources. \$272,000.00 was made available through stimulus money for which HCISD applied. \$789,000.00 will come from money built into the 2009-10 school budget. The remaining

\$638,756.00 will be paid using the designated construction fund balance of HCISD. Alcorn expressed his appreciation for the professionalism exhibited by W.B. Kibbler Co. From their communication skills, and quality of contracted subs, to the working relationship between Kibler, Steve Ellinger as architect and Alcorn, the experience has been near perfect. The completion of this project, about March 15, is just one more way HCISD is striving to provide the best possible education for its students.



**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**—Haskell High School is currently undergoing a renovation project and construction of a new science complex complete with two lecture rooms and two labs. The picture shows a worker walking down the hall which includes newly painted lockers and new ceramic tile on the walls. The bottom picture is an outside shot of the new windows in the renovated north wing of the school.

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## Bassett named AR-N Player of the week

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To give a little background on myself, I am the daughter of A.A. and Jo Tate and am married to Ben Benton, who is employed by North Central Texas Municipal Water District. I'm the mother of two grown daughters, Penny and Tara, one son, A.J., who is a senior at Haskell High School, and the very proud grandmother of eight. Having lived in Haskell for the past twenty years, I consider this my home and have much love for this community and county. I am actively involved in my church here, as well as The Progressive Study Club, Committee to Help Haskell County and the Haskell Boy Scouts. For the past two years, I have been employed as the Justice Court Clerk for Haskell County.

Thirty-five years of experience in accounting and office management is the primary asset that I propose to bring to this office. The office of Tax Assessor/Collector has a wide range of obligations to the public, including acting as the agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the county. Another important duty of the office is that of voter registrar, accepting applications for voter registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office. Like any other county office, working with the Commissioners Court on reporting and budgetary matters is essential to the smooth operation of our county's business.

If elected, I plan to maintain the level of efficiency established for this office, as well as staying informed and educated on changing laws and procedures in order to improve and better serve Haskell County citizens.

I would like to encourage everyone to vote on March 2nd, and in asking for your vote of confidence and support, promise to serve you as your Haskell County Tax Assessor/ Collector to the best of my ability and experience.

Thank you,  
Connie Benton

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Connie Benton