

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
 Fri., Feb. 4, 4 p.m.
 at Stamford
JHG-JHB vs Hamlin
 Mon., Feb. 7, 5 p.m.
Boys at Rochester
Girls at Hamlin
JVG-B, VG-B vs Rotan
 Tues., Feb. 8, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Woodson
 Fri., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.
 at Woodson
JH District Tournament
 Sat., Feb. 5
 at Throckmorton
VG-VB vs Lueders-Avoca
 Tues., Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-VB vs Aspermont
 Fri., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
JH District Tournament
 Fri., Feb. 4
 at Throckmorton
VG-VB vs Throckmorton
 Tues., Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.
 at Throckmorton

Softball

HASKELL
JV-V vs Hawley/Wall
 Sat., Feb. 5, TBA
 at Hawley
JV-V vs Breckenridge
 Tues., Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
 Scrimmage at Breckenridge

Calendar

Skywarn

The National Weather Service will present a Skywarn class Mon., Feb. 7 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.

Bible conference

"God of Miracles, Move Among Us" Bible conference will be coming Feb. 4-6 to Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Feb. 4, at noon, in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room. All members are encouraged to attend to help plan Noah's annual dinner and auction that will be held Sat., March 26 at the Haskell Civic Center. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Mon., Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Chamber office. Entertainment will be by the Haskell Elementary School.

Fund-raiser

To raise money for Relay for Life, gourmet coffee and a doughnut will be available for \$1 at the CitiBank lobby in Haskell each Friday through March 25.

Relay for Life

An informational meeting for Relay for Life will be held Mon., Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at the courthouse. Call Regan Baker at 940-691-2482 for more information.

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Skywarn Class Mon., Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Fire Station

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Memory Lane plans Feb. 21 opening date

by Caron Yates

In just a few weeks, Memory Lane of Haskell, an assisted living facility, will open its doors. The date for the grand opening celebration will be announced later, however John Cheney, CEO of Southeast Senior

Care Management Group, commented that the final touches are being applied and they will soon be ready to receive residents.

Feb. 21 is the official day for the facility to open for business. Cheney says, "We will begin moving residents

a few at a time into the Transitions unit." This twenty-seven bed unit provides two levels of assistance, and has available both private and semi-private rooms. Staff will assist with activities of daily living for residents, tailored to their specific needs.

The Reflections wing, which consists of twenty-five rooms that provide a secure area for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care is scheduled to open March 1.

Memory Lane is located in the building that was once Rice Springs Care Home.

They will offer nutritious meals and snacks, laundry services, housekeeping services, emergency call system, transportation to doctor's appointments and a hair salon.

Another important part of their services is an informative support group for family of their residents. In addition to resident care, they also have available respite, or short term stays, as well as Senior Day Care by the hour.

Cheney emphasizes, "We see socialization and community involvement as an essential part of life for seniors. Our goal is to keep residents involved with daily activities, while maintaining a sense of awareness, encouraging independence and increasing self-esteem."

Representatives of Southeast Senior Care Management Group will be in Haskell on site at Memory Lane on Feb. 11. For more information, a tour, or to reserve a room, contact Southeast Senior Care at 770-876-3127, or email them at memorylanealf2009@yahoo.com.



MEMORY LANE-The assisted living facility in Haskell is scheduled to open Feb. 21 for business. A grand opening celebration will be announced at a later date according to John Cheney CEO. Pictured is one of the great rooms in the facility's Transitions Unit.

Relay for Life fund-raiser set Fri., April 1

by Caron Yates

"You have cancer," dreaded words that none of us ever want to hear.

Haskell traffic stops lead to drug seizures

Friday afternoon, Jan. 21, Sergeant Jodie Tullos made a traffic stop in Haskell. During the contact Sgt. Tullos noticed that the driver had what appeared to be something in his mouth, making his cheek bulge out like he was chewing tobacco.

When the driver was asked to open his mouth some, Sgt. Tullos noticed what appeared to be clear plastic with a white substance inside. Sgt. Tullos told the driver to spit out the substance, but the subject swallowed it before the officer could stop him from doing so.

Haskell County Sheriff Chief Deputy Winston Stephens arrived and helped put the subject in custody.

The driver was taken to the emergency room and treated for swallowing a hazardous drug, later the illegal drug was produced.

The driver from Wichita Falls was arrested and booked into the Haskell County Jail on the two warrants and the new Haskell County charge of possession of a controlled substance.

cocaine. The subject made a \$50,000 bond.

Wed., Jan. 26, Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton and Chief Deputy Stephens made a traffic stop on a known wanted felon from Young County. He was wanted for a judgment nisi, for criminal conspiracy in delivering drugs from Young County, with a bond of \$100,000. He also had a parole violation warrant and no bond. After he was arrested, his vehicle was moved to the Sheriff's Office and Haskell City Police K-9 Officer Jeff Caparoon used his dog and went around the vehicle. The dog alerted on the vehicle and during the search of the vehicle several small clear plastic bags were found. Inside the bags was an off white powder that was meth and a clear crystal like substance that was crystal meth.

The subject was booked into the Haskell County Jail on the two warrants and the new Haskell County charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Along with traffic stops that lead to illegal drugs that are coming into the community, it takes information from Haskell County citizens to help stop the sale and use of drugs in Haskell County.

Citizens who have any type of information should call the Crime Stoppers tip line or contact the Haskell Sheriff's Office.

Unfortunately, the reality is that virtually every Texan has been or will be touched by cancer, be it personally, a family member, a co-worker or a friend.

We all have an opportunity to join in the fight against this deadly disease. The Haskell-Knox County Relay for Life is scheduled for April 1 at Haskell Indian Field, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature, overnight fund-raising activity. It is a fun-filled event that allows communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and empower others to fight back against a disease that takes too much.

Regan Baker, Community Manager of Development for the American Cancer Society, says teams for the upcoming Relay for Life are needed. "This event unites, friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools and churches...people from all walks of life," says Baker.

An informational meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 7, at the Haskell Courthouse.

Teams can be organized in support of a specific individual or individuals, or simply to help in this fight. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay, conduct fund-raisers and otherwise work to raise money, all with the goal of supporting a cure for cancer. Teams are encouraged to sign up early for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Baker adds, "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting community event, as a volunteer or as a participant, have made a commitment to fight back against cancer."

While the fund-raising begins immediately, the day of the Relay for Life, teams will gather with tents to participate in the largest fund-raising walk in the nation. Cancer survivors are also encouraged to come be a part of the activities, as they make a victory lap.

All Haskell-Knox County residents, will want to mark their calendars for April 1 and come join the fun, as there will be many activities and entertainment going on throughout the evening, as well as items for sale.

"This event raises awareness about the progress being made against cancer while also raising funds to fight the disease," adds Baker. For more information contact Leigh Sims at lasims54@hotmail.com or Regan Baker at (940)691-2482. You can also visit www.relayforlife.org/haskellknox to connect with other Relayers in your community.

The opportunities are many: be a team captain, join a team, conduct a fund-raiser, give a generous donation, volunteer to help at the event, or come support the event. Until cancer has been eliminated, we all have a stake in the fight, because cancer does not discriminate in whom it attacks.



LARGE TURNOUT-Over 100 citizens attended the first of two public forum meetings held to help Haskell determine its plans for the years to come.

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Haskell High students win UIL events

Haskell High School begins the UIL academic year with several wins this past weekend. Twenty-seven students competed in various events against both 1A and 2A schools. Results include:

Journalism team: first place overall.
 Calculator team: first place overall.
 Spelling team: first place overall.
 Accounting team: second place overall.
 Mathematics team: third place overall.
 Individual results:
 Dawn Skinner: second place Editorial Writing, fourth place Feature Writing and fifth place News Writing.

Leslie Crosson: first place Editorial Writing, sixth place Headline Writing and first place News Writing.
 Morgan Frierson: sixth place News Writing and fourth place Computer Apps.

Ashley Adams: third place Editorial Writing.

Angelica Gonzales: fourth place Current Events and third place Spelling.

Phillip Coleman: seventh place Current Events.

Zach Tatum: fifth place Spelling.

Ashlee Short: sixth place Spelling.

Meagan Kimbrough: eighth place Spelling.

Garrett Brueggeman: first place eleventh grade Calculator, third place overall Calculator, first place eleventh grade Mathematics and second place overall Mathematics.

Codi Foster: first place twelfth grade Calculator, first place overall Calculator,

third place twelfth grade Mathematics and fourth place overall Mathematics.

Cailey Foster: fifth place tenth grade Calculator and third place Computer Apps.
 Maci Colley: sixth place tenth grade Calculator.

Aaron Waggoner: sixth place ninth grade Number Sense.

Ryan Baumbach: sixth place Computer Science.

Nathan Meredith: fifth place Accounting.

Andrew Rodriguez: sixth place Accounting.

Manuel Deleon: seventh place Accounting.

Doug King: eighth place Accounting.

The journalism teams also competed in the Winners' Circle Fall Writers' Classic recently and took first place out of a field of seventeen schools.

Individual results include:

News writing: Dawn Skinner, second place; Leslie Crosson, third place.

Feature writing: Leslie Crosson, second place; Dawn Skinner, third place.

Editorial writing: Dawn Skinner, first place.

Headline writing: Leslie Crosson, sixth place.

The mathematics and calculator teams also competed at another Texas Math & Science Meet in October against 1A and 2A schools. After a night of band and football in Olney, they traveled overnight to Lubbock to compete the next morning at Coronado High School.

Their results include:
 Mathematics: Madison Mayfield, fourth place, tenth grade; Garrett Brueggeman, second place eleventh grade and second Overall; Codi Foster, fourth place twelfth grade.

Calculator Applications: second place team; Cailey Foster, second place tenth grade; Madison Mayfield, eighth place tenth grade; Garrett Brueggeman, first place eleventh grade and second Overall; Codi Foster, first place twelfth grade and first place Overall.

Haskell High School hosted its annual Pow-Wow UIL Invitational Meet Sat., Jan. 29. A total of thirteen area 1A and 2A schools

competed in the academic contest.

Sweepstakes championships were won by double HHS's: Haskell in the 1A competition and Holliday in the 2A competition. Proceeds from the meet go towards the Haskell High Pow-Wow Scholarship Fund, which rewards graduating seniors who have excelled in UIL Academic competition while in high school.

Individual results are as follows:

Social Studies: Ricky Barrett, fifth place; team of Barrett, Zach Tatum and Morgan Frierson, third place.

Current Issues & Events: Angelica Gonzalez, fourth place.

Computer Applications: Cailey Foster, third place.

Accounting: Nathan Meredith, third place; A.J. Rodriguez, sixth place; team of Meredith, Rodriguez and Doug King, second place.

Informative Speaking: Pamela Walker, fifth place.

Ready Writing: Frierson, fourth place.

Feature Writing: Leslie Crosson, second place.

Headline Writing: Leslie Crosson, first place; Ashley Adams, second place; Denise Hibbitts, fifth place; and

Dawn Skinner, sixth place.

Editorial Writing: Crosson, fifth place; and Adams, sixth place.

News Writing: Skinner, first place; Crosson, second place; and Adams, third place.

With points from the four previous writing events, Haskell won first place Journalism Team.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Gonzalez, third place; Krista McLemore, sixth place; team of Gonzalez, McLemore and Ashlee Short, second place.

Computer Science: Amber Allen, third place.

Number Sense: Garrett Brueggeman, sixth place; team of Brueggeman, Madison Homeyer and Jasmine Klose, third place.

Mathematics: Brueggeman, second place; Codi Foster, third place; Madison Mayfield, sixth place; team of Brueggeman, Foster and Mayfield, first place.

Calculator Applications: Brueggeman, first place; Codi Foster, second place; Maci Colley, fifth place; team of Brueggeman, Foster and Colley, first place.

Kendra Bevel is the UIL Academic Coordinator and Math Dept. Head at Haskell High School.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 7-11 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Banana nut muffin, Cheez-it crackers

Tuesday: Hormel breakfast bar

Wednesday: Cereal, buttered toast

Thursday: Cherry strudel sticks

Friday: Sausage, biscuit

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. 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: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, rosy applesauce

Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, garden salad, bread stick, peaches

Wednesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, apple wedges

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, Italian green beans, garden salad, bread stick, banana pudding

Friday: BBQ on a bun, pickle spears, curly fries, orange slices

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 7-11 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: French toast

Tuesday: Biscuits

Wednesday: Waffles

Thursday: Muffins

Friday: Pigs n blanket

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, apples

Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, cake

Wednesday: Turkey, gravy, sweet potatoes, bread, salad, pudding

Thursday: Tacos, refried beans, salad, jello

Friday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, fries, cookies

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 7

Beef a roni, au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 9

Sloppy Joe on bun, northern beans, onion, pickle, chips, lemon glazed cake, tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 11

Hamburger steak, club spinach, Texas potato, yeast roll, Coke cake, tea or coffee

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

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

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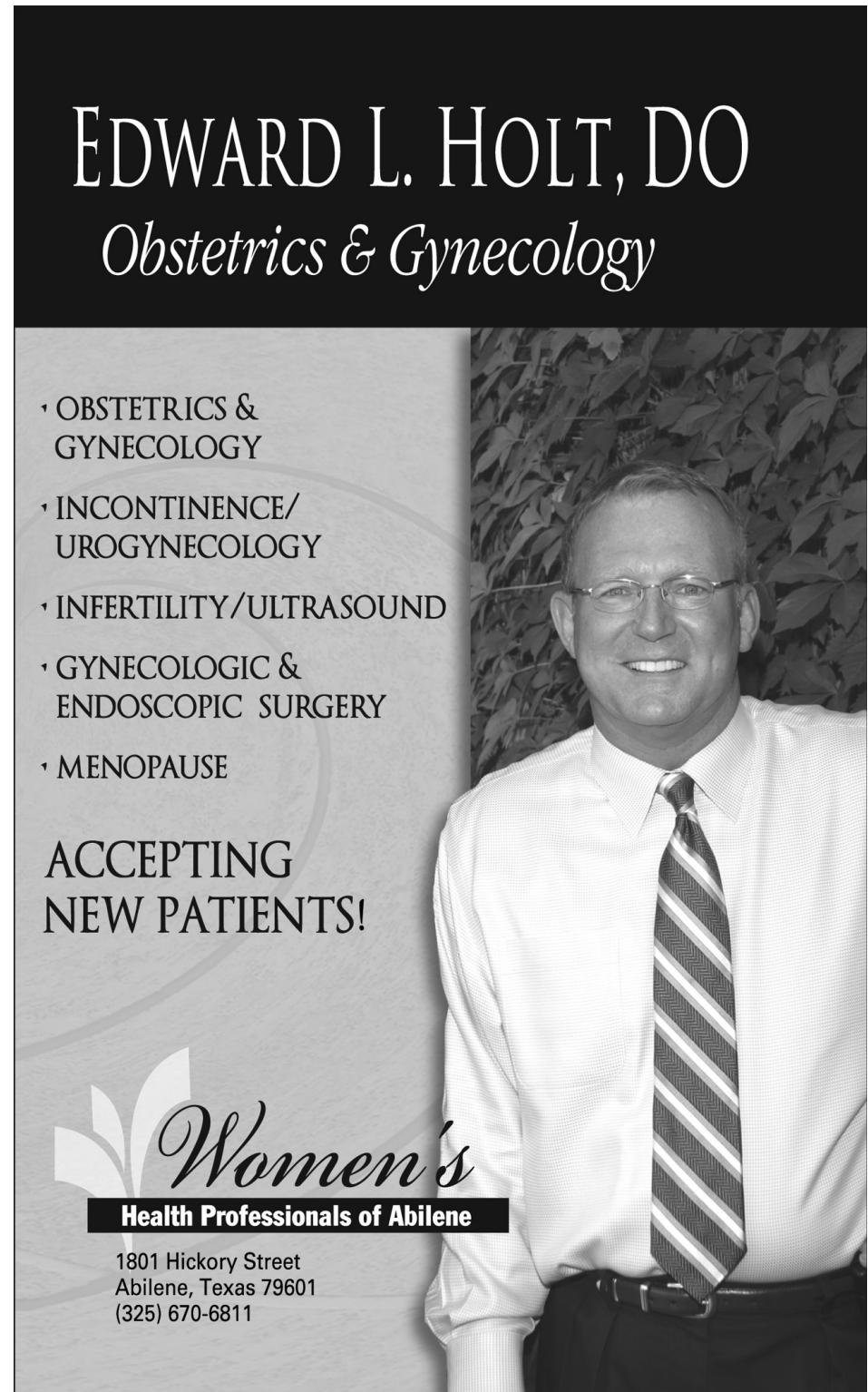
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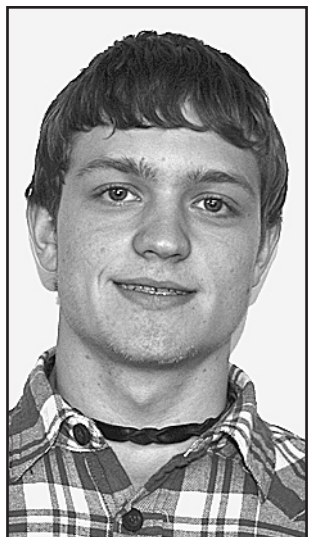
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NATHAN EDWARDS



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Students visit Rotary Club

Nathan Edwards is the son of Stacy and Garland Medford.

At Paint Creek High School, Edwards has been a member of FFA all four years and has served as an officer for three of the years. He plays basketball for the Pirates, has been both a cast and crew member of One Act Play, and has served on Student Council for four years.

His hobbies include playing his guitar, riding his horse, hanging out with friends, and working. He has been elected as Class Favorite three of the four years and has received various FFA awards.

After graduation, Edwards plans to attend Tarleton State University.

Hunter Hall is the son of Dale and Leona Hall.

At Paint Creek High School, his extracurricular activities include FFA and athletics. Hall has played football four years serving as captain for the Pirates his senior year. He earned the distinction of First Team All-District Spreadback and Second Team Cornerback for his final season. Hall is a captain for the basketball team, plays golf and runs

track.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends, and playing basketball.

After high school, Hall plans to study taxidermy in Snyder.

Richard Keith Barrett is the son of Melissa and Abel Gallegos of Haskell.

He is a Baptist.

At Haskell High School, he plays baseball and enters UIL Social Studies events. He was voted 'Best Sense of Humor' and received the Black and Blue award at the sports banquet. He was listed on the 2nd team as an All District third baseman.

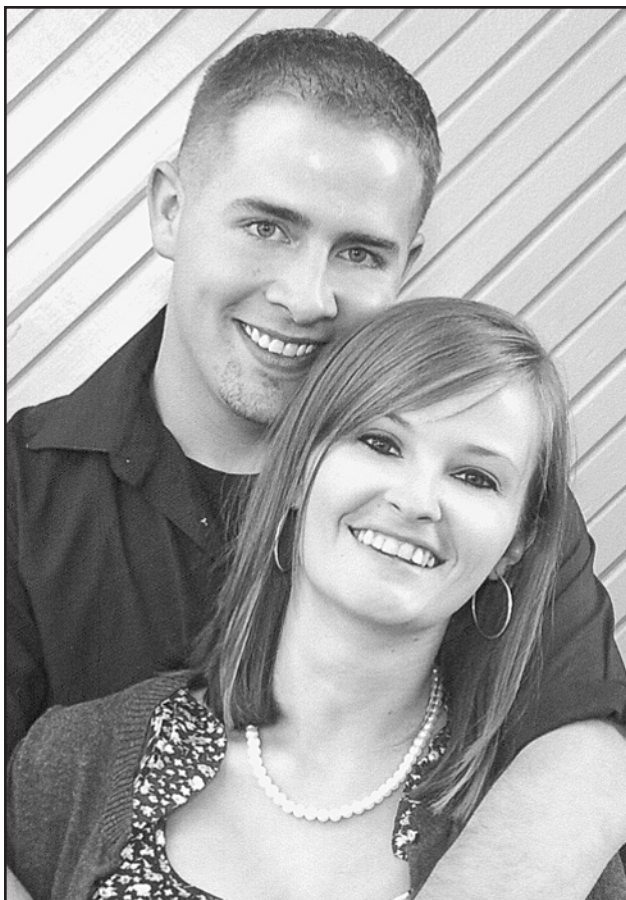
He enjoys playing baseball and Xbox, fishing and hanging out with the wolf pack.

He plans to attend Tarleton State University in pursuit of a degree in athletic training.

Oren Maggard attends Haskell High School and is a member of First Baptist Church.

He enjoys work, playing football, running and lifting weights.

He plans to attend college, but is undecided about his college choice at this time.



DAVID WAYNE CUSTRED-EDÉN BROOKE THOMAS

Thomas, Custred plan July wedding

Gary and Reda Thomas of Haskell are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Edén Brooke Thomas, to David Wayne Custred, son of Sheree Custred of Abilene and Daryl Custred of Kunkletown, Pennsylvania.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Haskell High School and plans to graduate from Abilene Christian University in 2012 with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education.

She is the Site Director of PrimeTime Kids Care.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of Eula High School and attends Allied American University with a major in Business Administration. He is the Assistant Manager of Buffalo Wild Wings in Abilene and serves in the Army National Guard.

The couple plans to marry in July of 2011 and reside in the Abilene area.

Around Town

Matt Langford of Seattle, Washington was in Haskell recently visiting his mother, Wanda and Gerald Cheek; his father, Harley and Opal Langford of Buffalo Gap; and his brother, Scott and Betsy Langford and

family of Haskell. He met his grand niece, Chloe Graven of Abilene, for the first time. He also told of his recent tour of Europe, mentioning its beauty and deep history, along with lots of snow.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Voter ID bill passes in state Senate

AUSTIN—With a \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall boring a hole into the state's fiscal years 2012 and 2013, it was generally assumed that both houses of the Texas Legislature would move with all possible speed to devise a budget to maintain state government functions on slimmer rations.

But the Senate put that task on hold last week and instead devoted the time to passing a voter identification bill, SB 14. Democrats lost a battle to keep the bill from advancing to floor debate, and lost again on a final 19-11 party-line vote. The bill was written by Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, and coauthored by the other 18 Republican members of the body. It passed with nine amendments and now moves to the House for consideration.

During the Senate floor debate, when pressed as to why voter ID should take precedence over the state budget this early in the 140-day session, the answer given by Fraser and other coauthors was that they consider the matter high priority because their constituents believe voter fraud is widespread and they wish to protect the integrity of the voting system.

Democrats argued that voter fraud is rare, that few if any cases of it have led to conviction and that enhanced identification requirements pose an unfair burden on the poor, the aged and on citizens who are not white. But no Republican senator was persuaded to change their vote.

SB 14 features a new public awareness campaign and other requirements, but in brief, it would require election judges to post a list of identification options outside of voting polls, and to vote, a citizen would be required to present their voter registration card in addition to a state-issued photo ID card.

The forms of official photo ID include these: an unexpired Texas driver's license or Texas personal identification card, an unexpired U.S. military ID card, an unexpired U.S. passport, a certificate of U.S. citizenship, a Texas Department of Public Safety-issued concealed handgun carry permit.

List of Senate candidates grows

Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams last week resigned from his seat and declared himself a candidate for the U.S. Senate seat that will be vacated

by Kay Bailey Hutchison. On Jan. 13, Sen. Hutchison said she would not seek another term. Her current term expires on Dec. 31, 2012.

Williams, who is a Republican and the fourth African-American to hold a statewide office in Texas, joins a field of other Republicans who would like to be Hutchison's successor, including Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones; Ted Cruz, a former Texas solicitor general; and Roger Williams, a former Texas secretary of state. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he is exploring a run for the Senate seat and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Lake Jackson, reportedly has indicated interest in seeking the seat, too.

Hutchison, a former Texas state treasurer and state representative, has held the Senate seat since 1993.

DPS: Avoid travel to Mexico

Baptist missionary Nancy Davis, 59, was killed last week as she and her husband attempted to escape from gunmen in the state of Tamaulipas, about 70 miles south of McAllen.

The incident prompted the Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 28 to warn against travel to Mexico, and Gov. Rick Perry to reiterate the need for increased border security.

DPS Director Steve McCraw said, "If violence does occur, we cannot guarantee that anyone will be brought to justice for those acts."

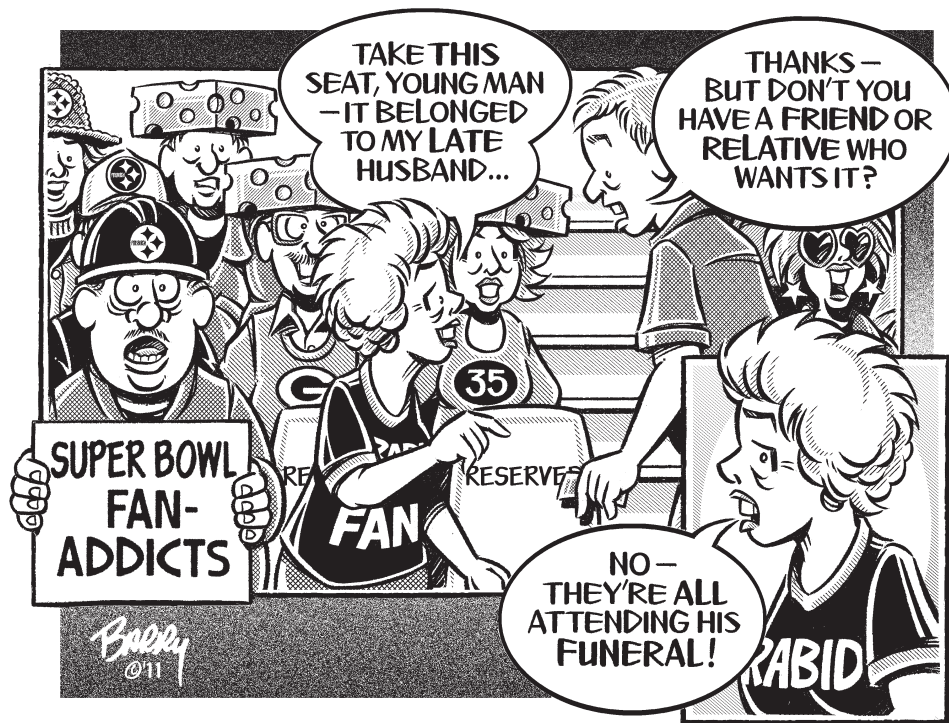
This was the fourth time in the past year, because of spikes in violence, that the DPS issued a warning against travel in Mexico.

AG promotes financial literacy

When most students graduate from college, the debt for years of tuition, books, fees and living costs comes home to roost in a big way. Even with a college diploma attesting to their fitness for an array of life responsibilities, how to pay off the debt can be a daunting conundrum.

That's why Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was in San Antonio Jan. 27: to provide credit card and debt education materials to the University of Texas at San Antonio.

This was a gesture in support of a new law that requires state colleges and universities to educate their students about personal financial management. The attorney general's office developed the money-management materials.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 1, 2001

Haskell Elementary School was one of only 54 campuses in the entire state of Texas to receive an award from the Migrant Division of the Texas Education Agency.

Amy Turner, a 4-H member from Rochester, exhibited a first place Hereford in the Junior Heifer Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth.

Amber Bingham showed the Grand Champion Steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

20 Years Ago January 31, 1991

Stephanie Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Browning, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education during fall commencement exercises at Texas Tech University.

Official census figures for 1990 have been released. Haskell's population is 3362, while Haskell County has a population of 6820.

Marine Lance Corporal Matthias Mercer is now serving in Operation Desert Storm. He is the son of W.N. Mercer Jr., who served during the Vietnam War and the grandson of Dude Mercer, who served his country during World War II.

30 Years Ago January 29, 1981

Haskell County Appraisal District began operation

with local board of directors Donald Griffis, Delbert LeFevre, W.M. Reid, Billy Middlebrook and Pat Hale. Kyle Wilfong has been appointed Chief Appraiser.

Ten students at Haskell High School have become charter members of the local chapter of the International Thespian Society. They include Sheila McAdams, Karen Koehler, Kim Griffith, Sharla Drinnon, Carl Mayfield, Steve Livingston, Kerry Therwhanger, Wilton Weise, Tommy Croft and Phillip Parker.

Pat Hale, owner of Hale Farm Supply, recently donated to Haskell ISD, a new scoreboard for use in the high school gym.

40 Years Ago February 4, 1971

J.H. Strain of Haskell, and his Halfmoon Cattle Co. were named winners of the President's Trophy for best breeder following the junior steer show in Ft. Worth.

Willard Mullins and Ken Lane of Haskell, represented the Haskell County Farmers Union in Austin, where they participated in the Texas Farmers Union Legislative Day.

Katie Darnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Darnell, has been named Haskell High School's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

A timely and thought-provoking program was presented by County Judge B.O. Roberson to students

and others at the Weinert School as he challenged them to be prepared for any disaster that might befall them.

50 Years Ago February 2, 1961

Announcement has been made of the re-opening of the Haskell Bowling Lanes with all new equipment, including automatic pin spotters.

State Representative Carl Wheatley of Haskell, has been named to five permanent committees in the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Felker and son Stevie, are returning from Colorado City to make their home in Haskell. He recently resigned as manager of the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce.

100 Years Ago February 4, 1911

There were 2404 poll tax receipts issued by the Tax Collector through January 31.

Mrs. J.L. Baldwin has returned from a visit to Fannin County, where she was called to the bedside of a sister. She reports the drought in that section was more severe than in West Texas.

Hardy Grissom left Wednesday for St. Louis and Chicago to purchase the spring stock of goods for C.D. Grissom and Son.

Elmer Wall has accepted a position in the post office as delivery clerk.

USDA sets Office Day meeting Feb. 3

USDA Rural Development representatives will hold an Office Day in Haskell Thur., Feb. 3 from 12 noon to 2:30 pm to provide housing loan and grant program information and applications to the public. The office day will be held at the City Hall Courtroom, 301 S. 1st, Haskell. Representatives will be available to answer questions and assist individuals with applications.

USDA Rural Development offers home loans that allow very-low and low income residents in rural areas to purchase a home. These no down-payment loans can be used to purchase existing homes or to build new modest homes. The program finances loans for up to 100 percent of the home's appraised value with a repayment period of 33 years at a fixed interest rate, currently 4.25 percent. Mortgages may be subsidized to lower the monthly payments and will vary based upon an applicant's household income.

Applicants must meet income limits, and have adequate and dependable income, an acceptable credit history, and sufficient repayment ability, along with other eligibility criteria. The property must be located in an eligible area and meet other requirements.

USDA Rural Development also has loan and grant programs for home improvements and repairs for very-low and low income home owners. These funds may be used to make home repairs, handicapped accessibility, or remove health and safety hazards.

We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about these, or any of our programs, to come by and visit with us.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Abilene Office at 325-690-6162, ext. 4 or by visiting our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

The turnout at the forum on Jan. 24 was excellent. I've received the lists of where we have been and where we want to go—and the ideas that were expressed about how to make our town better were very insightful. I have gotten worlds of very positive comments about the forum. By the time you read this, the meeting on the 31st will have taken place, and I hope that we all feel even more positive about Haskell and its future. We're hoping for more response from young adults and students.

I wish I could have been at the meeting on the 24th, but it was important that I be in College Station to attend the funeral of my best buddy in college. One of the wonderful things that I will always remember about Sam was his infectious laugh. He could make one laugh when there was obviously no reason to laugh at all. He was one of a kind. The world would be a better place if we could learn to laugh at and with life.

The first round of notices concerning the junk cars have been sent. If you received one, you need to contact Brandon Anderson at City Hall. He will give you the specifics

about who to contact to have the vehicle removed. If you have received one of these notices, I strongly suggest that you not ignore it because there will be consequences to your inaction. We are not trying to pick on anyone or make anyone mad, we just want to clean up our town and getting rid of the junk cars will be a tremendous accomplishment. That will be Phase I of our cleanup efforts and then Phase II will start.

There are homes in Haskell that do not have house numbers on them or the curbs. This is a safety issue that is imperative that we handle. Firemen and EMT personnel need to be able to identify the houses where the problem is. Either put the number on your mailbox, on the house or on the curb—just make sure that it is visible from the street. When you're having a heart attack or stroke or you have a fire, you don't want the rescue personnel pouring over a map considering which is the proper location. This is for your benefit.

Several of us met at the park this week to discuss ways to beautify it as well as improve the looks of the

RV park. The Betterment Committee has received notice that Mr. Unger will give the city some of the big stones like you see on the grounds of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. These should really enhance the look of these two parks. Thanks, Mr. Unger for being a supporter of Haskell.

While at the park, we also talked with master gardener, Melyn Wittenborn about places for flower beds, the addition of a few more picnic tables, mulching around the existing park benches so there would be no need to mow or weed-eat under them, possibly putting in another amphitheater with a stage—we had lots of ideas. If you have any ideas about things that would improve the looks of our park, please let me know. I am open to any and all suggestions that are pro-Haskell.

Brandon Anderson has been in contact with some of the suppliers of the fountains that we want to put in the creek. The ones that we are considering will spray to a height of 5 feet and a diameter of about 15 feet. In our windy climate the ones that spray higher into the air would be,

most likely, a futile effort. These fountains also will have lights and, upon completion, will add to the beauty of our town. The estimated cost is about \$1,900 per fountain. We've been promised three by citizens. If you would like to help, please let me know.

Thomas Rodriguez was making his list and checking it twice to see just what all was needed to repair the damaged weirs. When the weather is suitable, he wants to be ready to get on this project and get it finished. He also has the materials ready to paint the doors at the Fire Station—the reason that they have not already been painted is that the temperature has not cooperated. It has to be above 60 degrees (I think) before you paint or there will be problems.

I feel certain that many of you were beginning to wonder if anything was being done or was I just talking (or as they used to say, 'All hat and no cattle'). As you can see, things are happening, positive things, things that are good for Haskell. So as the saying goes, "I love it when a plan comes together." Thanks for your help because we are making a difference.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #44 Tyrone Neskorik, #20 Clint Howard, #10 Kelson Aguero and #24 Christian Myers; back row, #14 Isaiah Llewellyn, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Ross Wittenborn, #34 Sterling Bird, #12 Austin Nanny and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Indians

JVB, VB vs Stamford

Fri., Feb. 4, 4 p.m.

at Stamford

JVB, VB vs Rotan

Tues., Feb. 8, 4 p.m.

at Haskell



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #23 Sidney Cassidy, #5 Marissa McGhee, #15 Cheslee Hearn, #21 Myra Rodriguez and #35 Delecia Garcia; back row, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #31 Maci Colley, #55 Ashlee Short, #41 Carson Hadaway and #11 Taylor Burson.

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Go Indians! Go Maidens!

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting and public hearing Mon., Jan. 24 with Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers and Councilmen Chan Guess, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jason Hall present. Absent was Mayor John Gannaway.

Bowers called the meeting to order. Medford gave the invocation.

The council recessed to a public hearing to discuss calling an election to allow the Development Corporation to do Type B Corporation Projects as allowed. Randy Hise spoke on behalf of the DCOH which is now a 4A Corporation and has limited options. This election would give the DCOH five additional options which would enhance the quality of life for the city.

The council reconvened to the regular meeting.

An ordinance calling an election to authorize the Development Corporation of Haskell to undertake Type B Corporation Projects pursuant to Subchapter D of the Chapter 504 of the Texas Local Government Code was approved.

A resolution ordering the general election was approved.

A resolution authorizing the signators of John Gannaway, Mayor; Randy Bowers, Mayor Pro Tem, Brandon Anderson, City Administrator and Louetta Wallace, City Secretary, as required to implement the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Fund was approved.

The bid received by the Haskell County Appraisal District from bidder Kay Smith of \$202.65 on property described as Parsons Addition (OL 88) Town of Haskell, Block 4, TR#1 (NEC 150x168) was approved.

The council entered into an executive session to discuss deliberation regarding economic development negotiation GC 551.087 and deliberation regarding real property GC 551.072.

Returning to general session, no action was taken.

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

•Two community forums

will be held on Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

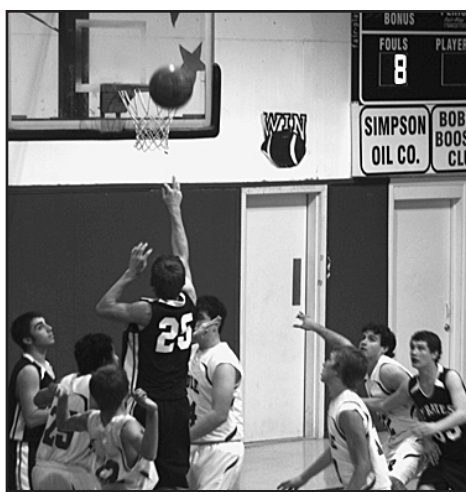
•The City will have a new electric provider beginning Jan. 1, 2012. Star Tex Power of the Houston area will be the provider and the option to renegotiate the rate every six months will be available. Electricity is at a very low rate right now and as citizens of Haskell it would be very beneficial to go to powertochose.org and look at available rates. Anderson can help citizens with questions about the rates.

•The city will have a Code Enforcement Officer from Munday working on a trial basis one day a week to help focus on beautification and compliance with ordinances. He will be driving a City of Munday patrol car.

•The first round of letters on junk vehicles has been sent. A junk vehicle as described under the statute is one that does not have its registration and inspection stickers current and has been inoperable or not moved in 30 days. To receive copies of the statute, come by City Hall.



LADY PIRATE BASKETBALL—The Paint Creek Lady Pirates fell to Throckmorton 83-17. Lady Pirate Tarah Trotter, left, looks for an open teammate for a pass. Lady Pirate Kadie McCord, right, is ready to make a play against Throckmorton during the game.



PIRATE WIN—The Paint Creek Pirates defeated Rule 64-44. Paint Creek Pirate #25 Hunter Hall, left, goes for two against the Bobcats. Pirate #2 Caleb McCord, right, makes a lay up during the game.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith reveals the unlimited facets of love

To many of us, the word 'love' usually signifies romantic adventure, happy marriage or the care and anxiety of a parent; but while all of these are good examples of it, they by no means tell the whole story. Love is an act of kindness for one's neighbor; an anonymous donation to a worthy cause; food and supplies sent to starving native children or the victims

of a disaster; a regular visit to the sick, the elderly or the lonely of any age; and so on indefinitely. Whatever form it takes, the main ingredients of love are thoughtfulness and unselfishness, and you will find the recipe for it at the church of your choice. It will be served with a generous portion of happiness for you as well as for the recipients of it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. 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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Pirate basketball

The Paint Creek Pirates 2 and Katie Bosnjak 1. The Lady Pirates also fell to Throckmorton Tues., Jan. 25, with a score of 61-43. Scoring was Hunter Hall 13, Nathan Edwards 10, Curtis Bishop 10, Caleb McCord 4, Jimmy Abner 3, Bryson Young 2 and Jordan Adkins 1.

The Pirates defeated Rule Friday night 64-44. Points were made by Bishop 21, Hall 20, McCord 8, Abner 8, Adkins 4, Blake Edwards 2 and Damien Pannell 1.

The Lady Pirates were defeated by Throckmorton 83-17. Points were made by Felysha Walker 10, Shana Armstrong 4, Katrina Buerger

The junior high boys fell to Woodson 52-22 Mon., Jan. 24. Scoring for the Pirates were Micah Waggoner 18, Tyeler Anderson 2 and Dustin Wyrick 2.

The junior high girls defeated Woodson 28-24. Points were made by Paige Ramirez 14, Stormy Darnell 6, Caitlyn Mengwasser 4, Kellie Jenkins 2 and Hanna Colley 2.

Miracles

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NOW HAVE OPENINGS for house cleaning and or sitting with the elderly. Can work Monday through Friday at anytime. Contact Stacy at Carpet Express in Haskell, 864-8128. If not available, leave message with B or Kathy Andrada. 5-7p

Wanted

WANTED: Small two-seater garden bench, white wrought-iron, ornate. Will pay up to \$100. Call Jan Gannaway, 864-2227.5-6c

For Rent

HOUSES FOR RENT: Call Shane 940-256-2930. 4-5c

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THE KING COUNTY Appraisal District Board of Directors is seeking applicants for the position of Chief Appraiser. Please call 806-596-4588 or email kingcad@caprock-spur.com for the application and a more detailed job description. Applications are due by February 4th. 3-5c

WANTED: Reliable babysitter. Please call for more information. Must have references. 940-256-3418 or 940-256-3433. 4tfc

Help Wanted

L I C E N S E D VOCATIONAL NURSE. Brazos Valley Care Home is now taking applications for Charge Nurse. Please apply in person at 605 S. Ave. F, Knox City. 4-5c

ECCNEEDS: Experienced, clean, cook. Mon., Wed., and Friday. 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Must work well with others. Call Jennabeth at 864-3875 or apply at 1404 S. 1st St., Haskell. 5c

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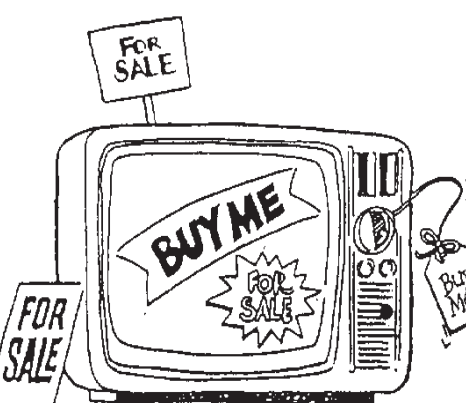
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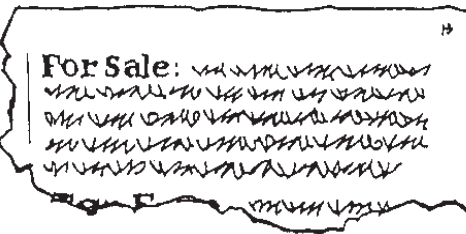
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MAIDENS WIN—The Haskell Maidens defeated Roscoe 42 to 26. Haskell Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn, left, sets up a play during the game. Maiden #55 Ashlee Short, right, gets a rebound for the Maidens. Short posted twelve points for Haskell.

INDIANS VICTORIOUS—The Haskell Indians pulled off a win against Hamlin 48-47. Haskell Indian #12 Austin Nanny, left, makes two points for the Tribe. He posted four points during the game. Indian #24 Christian Myers, right, makes a three pointer. He scored nine points during the evening.



MAIDENS IN COMPETITION—The Haskell Maidens fell to Hamlin 50-34 in a game played in Hamlin. Haskell Maiden #41 Carson Hadaway, left, gets off a shot during the game. Hadaway had four points on the night. Maiden #11 Taylor Burson, right, also make a shot during the game.

VA Outreach Clinic open at Stamford Hospital

The Stamford VA Outreach Clinic will continue to be located within the Stamford Memorial Hospital campus, 1601 Columbia Street in Stamford.

With the additional space, the West Texas VA Health Care System will be allowed to see patients two days per week on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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JV: Haskell 33, Hamlin 28.	
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Throckmorton 83, Paint Creek 17	
Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 10, Armstrong 4, Buerger, 2, Bosnjak 1.	
Rule 54, Paint Creek 41	
Scoring for Rule: Polk 32, Petty 11, Burgess 5, Starr 2, Foreman 2, Holland 2.	
Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 26, Bosnjak 5, Buerger	
Boys	
Haskell 48, Hamlin 47	
Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 26, Myers 9, Nanny 4, Aguero 4, Newton 2, Shelton 2, Leach 1.	
Haskell 51, Roscoe 32	
Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 19, Leach 10, Myers 9, Bird 6, Shelton 4, Aguero 3.	
JV: Haskell 55, Roscoe 17.	
Throckmorton 51, Paint Creek 43	
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A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're *65 years old or older*—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the *65 or older or disabled exemption*, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2011 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2010, you won't need to reapply for 2011 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2011. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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