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HASKELL JVB, VB vs Hamlin Fri., Feb. 11, 5 p.m. at Haskell **PAINT CREEK** VG-VB vs Throckmorton Fri., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Paint Creek RULE **VB** vs Woodson Fri., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Rule

oftball

HASKELL JV-V vs Wall/Junction **Scrimmage** Sat., Feb. 12, 10 a.m. at Wall JV vs Rotan Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m. at Haskell V vs Merkel Tues., Feb. 15, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL V vs Albany Scrimmage Thurs., Feb. 10, 4 p.m. at Albany

Calendar

Black History

A Black History Program will be held Sun., Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. at Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St. in Haskell. Speaking will be Elder Gene Ward of Liberty Church of God in Christ of Knox City using Exodus 6:6 'No one is hopeless where hope is in God' as the theme.

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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Paul Friske, well-known Abilene artist, will bring the program. Guests are welcome.

Potato lunch

A baked potato fundraiser lunch will be held Sun., Feb. 13 at the First Baptist Church. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds benefit summer youth activities.

Fish fry

A fish fry will be held Sun., Feb. 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church to raise funds for the youth group from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$8. The menu will be fried fish, slaw, french fries, hush puppies, beans, dessert and tea. Take outs will be available.

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students are holding the trophy Haskell High School won for 1A Sweepstakes Champion and the plaques won for first place Journalism team, first place Calculator team and first place Mathematics team. Competitors include, front row, I-r, Madison Homeyer, J.T. Schmegner, Zach Tatum, Ashley

UIL POW WOW PARTICIPANTS-In the front row, Colley, Caitlan Johnson, Madison Mayfield, Kalyn Wheatley and Shelby Dunnam; third row, Doug King, Garrett Brueggeman, Jasmine Klose, Krista McLemore, A.J. Rodriguez and Manuel Deleon; fourth row, Angelica Gonzalez, Codi Foster, Sara Weise, Cheslee Hearn, Leslie Crosson, Dawn Skinner, Pamela Walker and Amber Allen; and top Adams, Morgan Frierson and Cailey Foster; second row, Meagan Kimbrough, Nathan Meredith, Ashlee row, Carson Hadaway, Jasmine Wilson, Maci Short, Denise Hibbetts and Ricky Barrett.

Relay for Life to feature Survivors' Lap

than one million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year, Haskell and Knox County residents are invited to take a stand and fight Football Field April 1. back while celebrating life Society Relay For Life.

Teams camp out, eat and play games. This year's Relay Haskell High School Indian

Society Relay For Life is a ceremony begins with a pass the torch of hope on to For Life T-shirt. unique fund-raising event cancer survivors' lap at 6 where teams of participants p.m. This emotional lap take turns walking or honorsthecourage of all who

In a nation where more in an effort to fight cancer. survivors are introduced, those still battling cancer or For Life will be held at the the opening lap-unified in victory and in hope.

and participants walk, run or use a wheelchair during

The atmosphere of Relay The message of the For Life is one of camaraderie of Haskell/Knox County, call at the American Cancer event is cancer can be and celebration, providing Susan Cockerell at 940-256conquered. This theme of an opportunity for cancer 3296. All survivors receive a The American Cancer hope is illustrated as the survivors and caregivers to free commemorative Relay

those that might be touched by cancer in the future.

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to take part in the Relay For Life

Haskell High School recognized by NCEA

The National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA), a department of ACT, Inc., recognized Haskell CISD for having one school in their district make the 2010 NCEA Higher Performing Schools List. Haskell High School received the honor and Higher Performing (HP) recognition in the areas of Math and Reading.

The Higher Performing Schools (formerly known as Just for the Kids Schools) are identified by two measures: consistent improvement in student achievement from previous years (growth) and/or absolute student achievement using the school's Commended Performance results on the spring 2010 TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test.

NCEA's higher performing methodology controls for school and student demographics to allow for an apples-to-apples comparison of school achievement and to demonstrate that with the commitment of educators, all schools can have success no matter the zip code. NCEA provided award certificates to each Higher Performing

Haskell Rotarians present running the track overnight have defeated cancer. The dictionaries to students **Elementary School to** Haskell Elementary third The solar system? The human from Rotary members is host Scholastic Book graders have a bit more of body? This life cycle of a an edge in their education

Haskell Elementary for book fair door prizes, eighth grade. The book fair will be held at the Haskell day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through

Fair Feb. 21-25

noon on Friday. High students will have an opportunity to purchase books as they visit the book fair with their classes during the week. The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books and interactive software. "Book Fair Carnival, Your Ticket to Read!" is this year's theme and it will be a fun-filled event for students and their families, teachers, and the

community. A special family night in the library will be held Thurs., Feb. 24, from 4:30 until 6 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to shop with their families, register

School is hosting a Scholastic and enjoy refreshments Book Fair beginning Mon., while they are browsing Feb. 21 through Fri., Feb. the book fair. Customers 25 for students in pre can help the school build kindergarten through classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books Elementary library each through the Classroom

The Scholastic Book Thursday, and will close at Fair helps promote literacy by encouraging learning Elementary and Junior and turning students into lifelong readers. For more information please call 940-864-2654, extension 309.

this week after receiving free dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Haskell.

This is the fourth year that every third grade student has important it is to be able received a dictionary to call their own.

An estimated 4,170,598 third graders in the United Stated are enrolled this school year. An almost mind-boggling number, it is important to bear in mind each individual student represented. Mostly 8 to 9 year old students are fairly new to the world of writing and books, but are still excited to learn about the world. Do you remember what you learned in the third grade?

plant? All of these subjects introduce new ideas to young learners, and with new ideas comes new vocabulary.

Adults realize how to read and write well in order to share knowledge. Rotarians want to help young people succeed in school and in life and know that third grade is a crucial time for students to learn to read

effectively. The object of the Rotary Dictionary Project is to give every third grade student a personal dictionary of their very own that will serve them at least through elementary and middle school.

Receiving the dictionaries

beneficial to students as well. The young people meet successful adults in their community who care enough about them to purchase these dictionaries and come to their school to present them personally.

Forty-eight students were presented dictionaries Thurs., Feb. 3 by Rotarians Ken Lane, Nelda Lane, Jimmy Lisle, Larry Howe, Bill Alcorn, Ruby Turner, Tammy Cunningham, Penny Anderson, Myra Rainey, Mike Guess, Kris Fouts, Mike Fouts, Shane Hadaway, Wallace Emerson and Bob

Third grade teachers are Tonya Cypert, Patsy Blakley and Donna Waggoner.



RECEIVE DICTIONARIES-Forty-eight Haskell a dictionary of their own Thurs., Feb. 3 by Haskell Elementary third grade students were presented Rotarians.



PLAY IN TOURNAMENT-The Haskell seventh grade girls basketball team, coached by Melissa Burson, went 1-1 in the Stamford Basketball Tournament. Team members are, front row, I-r, Harley Foreman, Hannah Foster and Celicia Rodriquez; back row, Jolene Navarrette, Destiny Pierce, Kourtney Howard and Morgan Nava.

Tammy Cunningham promoted to manager

CPA, of Davis Kinard &

TAMMY CUNNINGHAM

and dedication to public

Tammy and Jennifer," said Jeff Gregg, CPA, shareholder over Davis Kinard's Haskell and Seymour offices. "They have demonstrated their dedication to excellent client service and expansion of their knowledge base in their respective service areas in the ever-changing field of accounting."

Tammy Cunningham, CPA, has eight years of public accounting experience. She was promoted from

Tammy Cunningham, Co, PC, were promoted to supervisor to manager, and CPA, and Jennifer Shahan, managers for their hard work also serves as our resident manager for the Haskell office. Cunningham has a practice "I am extremely proud of concentration in individual, corporate and partnership tax return preparation planning, with an industry emphasis in agriculture and oil and gas.

> Cunningham holds membership with the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) and its Abilene chapter and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She is also on the board of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Haskell Rotary Club and treasurer of the Haskell County Relay for Life, associated with the American Cancer Society.

Jennifer Shahan, CPA, has nine years of public accounting experience. She was promoted from supervisor to manager in our Seymour office. Shahan has a practice emphasis in individual, corporate and partnership tax return preparation, as well as reviews and compilations. She also has experience in financial statement audits for school districts, cities, counties, appraisal districts, not-for profits and agriculture.

Shahan holds membership with the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) and its Wichita Falls chapter and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She is also secretary for the local Farmers Mutual Protective Association (RVOS) lodge and a member of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (KJZT). Shahan is a member of St. Joseph's Church of Rhineland and Saint Anne's Mother Society.

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Obituaries

Lydia Bertha Ivy Tues., Feb. 1 in Plainview.



LYDIA IVY

Funeral services for Lydia Bertha Ivy, 96, of Plainview, formerly of Stamford, were held Sat., Feb. 5 in Kinneywith Fred Selby officiating. Interment was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under #241 and a past member the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home Auxiliary V.F.W. Post 9179. of Stamford.

Mrs. Ivy passed away Orient St. Church of Christ

Born Aug. 15, 1914 in Haskell, she was the daughter of the late Herman C. and Mary Stienfath Kretschmer. She married Lem S. Ivy Aug. 12, 1945 in Haskell County. To this union, a son, Danny Carl Ivy was born. Lem preceded Lydia in death Nov. 23, 1979. She enjoyed quilting and cooking for family and friends and at one time worked in the cafeteria for the Stamford schools. She was a lifetime resident of Haskell and Jones County; a member of the Texas Underwood Funeral Chapel Cowboy Reunion Oldtimers Association in Stamford, Sons of Hermann Lodge

in Stamford.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son, Danny Carl Ivy; and brothers, Herbert Kretschmer and Alfred Kretschmer.

Survivors include her daughter in law, Valerie Ivy of Lubbock; two grandsons and their families, Jon, Minde, Jaleigh and Kenley Ivy of Greenwood and Kevin and Courtney Ivy of Lubbock; brother, Walter Kretschmer of Haskell; three sisters, Helen Dudensing of Stamford, Bettie Bittner of Haskell and Lena Halfmann of San Angelo; and special friend, Nancy Morales of

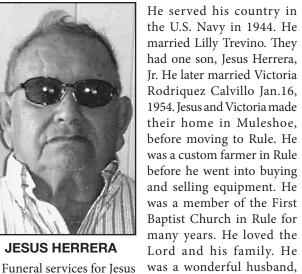
Memorials may be made to Orient Street Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1031, Stamford, Texas 79553.

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Jesus Herrera

of the Stamford Woman's

Mrs. Ivy was a member of the



grandkids.

He was preceded in death Bob Bishop. in Rule Cemetery under the by his parents, seven brothers and three sisters. direction of Smith Family

father and great popo to his

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Victoria of Rule; sons, Jesus Herrera, Jr. and wife Lupe of Jourdanton, Paul Calvillo and wife Ester of Fort late Ynez and Rosa Herrera. Worth, Juan Herrera and wife

He served his country in Yolanda of Rule, Raymond Herrera and wife Amelia of Abilene; daughters, Maria Calvillo of Frisco, Helen Jr. He later married Victoria Perez and husband Johnny of Breckenridge, Linda Flores and husband Israel of Little Elm; 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren; one sister, Clara Olivarez of San Antonio; one brother Ynez Herrera of California and a host of dear friends.

Pallbearers were Lord and his family. He grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Patrick Pace, Joe Harold Cloud, Kenny Tanner, Manuel Flores and

> A very special thank you to Dr. Finley and all the staff at Munday Nursing Center for their diligence and compassion in caring for Jesus and to all our friends for all the prayers during his illness. PD. NOTICE

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Faye Murrell McMillin Jetton



Herrera, 87, of Rule were held

Fri., Feb. 4 at First Baptist

Church in Rule. Burial was

Mr. Herrera went to be

Born Feb. 5, 1923 in

with the Lord, Tues., Feb. 1.

Sequin, he was the son of the

Funeral Homes of Rule.

FAYE JETTON Murrell McMillin Jetton, 96, of Haskell, a retired farmer/ rancher and former director life members of Church of nurses, were held Sat., Feb. of Christ, and she was 5 at the Church of Christ instrumental in creating the in Haskell. Burial was in Haskell Experienced Citizens Willow Cemetery in Haskell. Center. Her husband was the Arrangements were by Smith mayor of Weinert for 25 years croxfordfuneralhome.com. Family Funeral Homes and and she involved herself in a

Croxford Funeral Home. Mrs. Jetton died Sat., Jan. 29 at her home from

complications of a stroke. Mount Springs, she was raised and educated in Cooke County until the tenth grade. She then continued on to go to LVN school and became the Director of Nurses at a care home for 25 years. She married James Edward Jetton Dec. 24, 1931 in Haskell County. She spent 20 years Funeral services for Faye in Haskell as a nurse, and was a farmer for 50 years. She and her husband were

lot of clubs and charity work. She enjoyed sewing, family photos, art and music. She enjoyed baking and won Born Nov. 6, 1914 in many a contest at fairs and gatherings.

She is preceded in death by her husband James Edward Jetton in June of 2000 and son, Willard Robert "Bill" Jetton in November 2009.

Survivors include her daughters, Jimmie (Claude) Young of Seymour, Jackie Frantz and Sandra (Donald) Stafford of Great Falls; 14 grandchildren, 38 greatgrandchildren and 17 greatgreat grandchildren and daughter-in-law Dorothy Jetton of Brownwood.

Condolences to the family can be left at www.

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Terressa Michelle Barnett



MICHELLE BARNETT

Funeral services for Terressa Michelle Barnett, 48, lifetime resident of Stamford, were held Mon., Feb. 7 at Trinity Baptist Church in Stamford with the medical records and as

Graveside rites were held Monday in Miles Cemetery in Miles under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Thurs., Feb. 3 in Abilene.

Born Jan. 27, 1963 in Stamford, she was the daughter of Johnny Jr. and Pat Bogle. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church. She worked as the dispatcher for about six years for the Stamford Police Department and then for the Jones County 911 dispatch. She worked for a couple of years for Hendrick Medical Center in

Rev. Jessie Morton officiating. a medical transcriptionist. Her children were the love of her life and she enjoyed the times they had playing games at home.

Survivors include her Mrs. Barnett passed away husband, Joel Barnett of Stamford; two sons, Dustin Barnett and wife Nicole of Stamford, Dalton Barnett of Stamford; one daughter, Samantha Barnett of Stamford; three grandchildren, Dawson Barnett, Dillon Barnett and Sabrie Barnett, all of Stamford; one brother, Ricky Bogle and wife Annette of Farmersville; and her parents, Johnny Jr. and Pat Bogle of Stamford. PD. NOTICE

Students in the News

graduated with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in mathematics from the HSU Irvin School of Education and Abby Dudensing of Sagerton graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in physical therapy of Haskell, were recognized

Kaycie Sorrells of Haskell from the HSU Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics during fall commencement ceremonies held in December.

Lealonnie M. Alvarez and Ashley M. Meier, both

by Angelo State University in San Angelo as being named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0

Alzheimer's seminar to be held Feb. 25 in Abilene

the annual Alzheimer's Patient Outcomes Through Understanding." The daylong event will be held from

Association-North Central Church of Christ, 3666 behaviors. Understanding Partnerships for Health, Texas Chapter announces Buffalo Gap Rd., in Abilene. why people do what they do a company providing

Dementia Care: Improving therapist Heather McKay dementia. Caregivers will describe the changes that also learn strategies and take place in the brain of someone with dementia and 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Fri., how these changes manifest

practical skills they can apply immediately.

Haskell Lodge #241

Super Bowl Sunday found members of Haskell Lodge #241 in attendance at the monthly meeting held at the Pit 'N Grill.

Phyllis Klose led the group in a memorial in respect for Lydia Ivy, who became a member on Jan. 4, 1994 and passed away Feb. 2, 20ll at the age of 96.

The group missed Leona Seelig, as she has moved to Fredericksburg. We wish her well, but we enjoyed playing the domino game of chicken-foot with her.

There were no anniversary attendees but two birthday attendees, J.R. Merchant and Elton Klose.

One new application has been received from Alan Merchant of Stamford.

Two 60 - y e a r pin recipients were acknowledged. Genelle Weeks, a member since Jan. 14, 1951 and Roger Moeller, a member since Jan. 20, 1951 were recognized.

Installation of officers shall be in March. Inclement

Valentine boxes of candy were presented to all in attendance and door prizes were awarded to T.J. Brueggeman, Jerry Don Klose and Phyllis Klose.

After games of dominoes and an evening meal, the group adjourned, some to go home and cheer their team on to a Super Bowl win, and all looking forward to their March meeting with installation of officers and a chicken fried steak meal at

offered restricted foods. select

•Introduce new foods 11

to 12 times to allow children

ample time to warm up to

unfamiliar foods •Create a positive mealtime atmosphere by not commenting about food not eaten or making negative

statements about the child • Are good role models.

The Texas AgriLife free and low-cost nutrition and health classes and other events. To find out what is available in your area, contact Jane Rowan–County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 940-864-2546 or visit the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Avenue D in Haskell.

interdisciplinary certificate

McKay earned high praise for her lively presentation style and useful content when she spoke at the Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Seminars in Arlington and Waco in 2010. Her presentation is rich with examples, anecdotes and practical information designed to help people be more effective caregivers.

Registration is required for all participants, and includes lunch. The program cost for professionals is \$35, and there is no charge for family caregivers. Continuing education credit is available for activity professionals, assisted living managers, long-term care administrators, social workers and nurses. Respite assistance is available for qualifying family caregivers through the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.; walk-ins will be admitted space permitting.

For more information about the Caregiver Seminar or to request a brochure, call 325-672-2907 or toll-free at 1-800-272-3900, or visit http:// www.alz.org/northcentraltexas/ in_my_community_caregiver_

Professional and family helps caregivers better handle high-quality training and ordained as a deacon at Association Caregiver caregivers are invited to hear the everyday challenges consultation for health Greater Independent Baptist Seminar, entitled "Enhancing award-winning occupational of caring for people with care professionals, families, in Haskell. students and community organizations in a variety of settings. She also serves as Dementia Care Program McKay, dementia care Manager of Hospice of Alamance-Caswell and Life Path Home Health, Burlington, North Carolina. She holds a Masters degree in occupational therapy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also received an

in aging.

seminar.asp.

weather is the cause for the mealtimes anaging

by Jane Rowan CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

When it comes to managing mealtimes-What kind of a parent are you?

Managing what food to put on the table is challenging enough without having to manage who is around the table. According to Dr. Sharon Robinson, Associate Professor and Nutrition Specialist, with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, "There are three approaches to parenting that influence children's eating behavior: parent centered, child centered and balanced."

If you take the parent centered approach, or authoritarian, then you may restrict the type and/ or amount of food your child can eat. For example, you might have a no junk food policy at your house. Another clue you may have a parent centered approach is if you stick to strict meal and snack times. Also you may expect your child to is that children often desire

Children who are required to finish all of the food on their plate may develop a habit of overeating which could lead to unwanted weight gain over time. The child centered

approach (also known as permissive) to mealtime is very unstructured. Children decide what they want to eat and when they want to Extension Service offers eat. They will often forage in the kitchen for food. This approach to parenting can be a problem when children pick foods that are not very healthy resulting in overall decrease in nutritional intake. Also children may not learn proper table manners and how to make dinner conversation.

The balanced approach to managing mealtimes is also called authoritative. It can be thought of as a happy median between the parent and the child approaches. Parents with a balanced approach:

•Offer meals and snacks

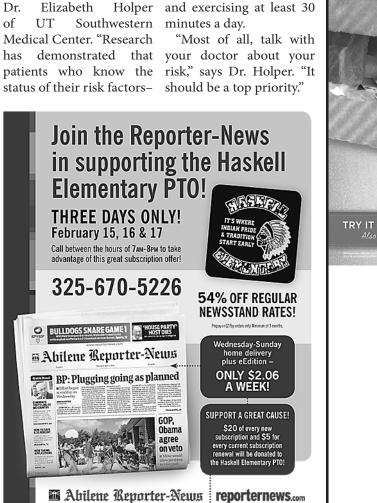
eat all of the food on their regularly throughout the day plate-a clean plate rule. One thereby allowing children to problem with this approach feel secure •Provide a variety of the foods they cannot have healthful foods from which and will often overeat when children are allowed to Women beware: Heart disease

is a lady-killer to avoid Heart disease is the No.1 including cholesterol levels killer of women in the and blood pressure-and U.S., claiming nearly twice who control these risks-do

of cancer combined. as to why women have risk of heart disease a higher mortality rate include quitting smoking, from heart disease," says lowering the amount of interventional cardiologist saturated fat in their diets of Medical Center. "Research

as many lives as all forms better in the long term."

Other steps women "There are many theories can take to reduce their



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Pastors officiating at the ceremony were Pastor Crystal King of Odessa, James Ray of Odessa and Rev. Henry Flint of Abilene.

Civic Center donations

Recent donations to the Haskell Memorial Civic Center include:

Jim and Delorise McMillen, Kay Wiseman Cheatham, Chester Jones and Rob and Suzanne Starr.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Storm knocks Texas hard but state business continues

AUSTIN-Wind, snow, sleet, ice, record-low temperatures, road closures and power blackouts made the second half of last week unusual for most of Texas, even for winter.

Power grid manager ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, ordered providers serving the bulk of the state to implement rolling outages to compensate for electricity shortages. Gov. Rick Perry was out of state while the Arctic cold front raged, but he had this to say about the outages:

"Because of winter weather conditions that have created an unprecedented demand on the state's energy grid, many Texans across our state are experiencing power outages today," Perry said. "Texas power and emergency management experts are working very closely with ERCOT and various utility providers to ensure power is restored as quickly as possible. Until that happens, I urge businesses and residents to conserve electricity to minimize the impact of this

For millions of Texans, minimizing the impact of the event translated to work and school closures or late starts, and for those who did get out on the road, strandings and accidents were all too common.

Heavy demand for electricity even prompted the purchase of needed power from Mexico. The Public Utility Commission said it would investigate how ERCOT's power management decisions affected ratepayers. The PUC, which oversees ERCOT, may revise procedures on how to handle such events in the future.

3 Senate committees meet

With bad weather hitting or threatening to hit, the Senate managed to assemble Feb. 1-3. Three of the body's committees conducted hearings: Finance, chaired by Steve Ogden, R-Bryan; Education, chaired by Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine; and State Affairs, chaired by Sen.

Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. The powerful Senate Finance Committee, which met Feb. 1, 2 and 3, heard budget presentations from agencies and non-profits that provide food, health care, shelter and other services.

Prompted by the projected \$27 billion state revenue shortage, the Senate

Education Committee heard testimony focusing on the possible effects of altering the 22:1 students-to-teacher ratio mandated by state law.

Protecting private property rights and addressing eminent domain issues are on Gov. Perry's list of emergency issues. The Senate State Affairs committee laid out and considered SB 18, an eminent domain bill authored by Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls. At the conclusion of testimony the committee voted favorably for the bill. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said the bill would protect homeowners and landowners, but others said that as currently written, the way the bill is worded may still put landowners at risk in eminent domain takings.

House committees to be named

Meanwhile, the House met each day, Feb. 1-4, adjourning after a short 30 minutes in session on Thursday Feb. 4, with abnormally rough weather continuing to spread across the state.

Before adjourning, Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, had not yet named committee chairs and members. The lack of committee assignments to date, however, has had no sullying effect on this aspect of every House member's job: bill filing. As of Feb. 3, House members had filed 1,132 bills, not including some 300 resolutions of various types.

AG seeks to send **EPA** packing

On Feb. 1, Attorney General Greg Abbott publicized a letter he wrote to President Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker John Boehner, urging them to reverse the U.S. **Environmental Protection** Agency's recent stepping in to police greenhouse gas (carbon dioxide) emissions at smokestack industries and power plants in Texas.

"I can think of no better way for the White House to demonstrate its commitment to ending job-killing regulations than by rescinding the EPA rules Texas has challenged. Congress, too, has the opportunity to act now to save jobs and increase confidence in the future of our economy by ordering the EPA to cease its efforts to regulate carbon dioxide emissions through the ill-suited means of the Clean Air Act," Abbott

Abbott said he wants the Texas Commission on Environment Quality to resume its enforcement role.

I REALIZE YOU WERE JILTED AGAIN - BUT YOU CAN'T LET YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AFFECT YOUR WORK! Happy Valentine's Day

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago **February 8, 2001**

Deshea Phemister and Kyle Hunt were named Basketball Sweetheart and Basketball Hero during the last home game.

Cub Scouts placing at the Pinewood Derby were Brennan Medford, first place; Darren Wilson, second place; and James Williams, third

Haskell Elementary first grade teachers Doris Watson, Marijane Cunningham and Trish Johnson, along with their students, celebrated 100 days of school through a variety of activities revolving around the number 100.

20 Years Ago February 7, 1991

Haskell teacher Christie Stapleton has been nominated for the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers which is given annually by the Ex-Students' Association of the University of Texas.

Sam Powell, a 1972 graduate of Haskell High School, has been named managing editor of the Vista, the student newspaper at Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he is a graduate student.

Roy T. Everett, Haskell Justice of Peace, recently completed a twenty hour seminar in Wichita Falls, conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training

Haskell's Rusty Stocks scored twenty points as the Indians defeated Stamford, 59-53, in a district 7-2A

30 Years Ago February 5, 1981

Four directors recently elected to the Haskell Chamber of Commerce include Charles Thornhill of Thornhill Insurance Agency; Jerry Hunt of Hunt Ford Tractor Co.; Raja Hassen of Hassen's; and Bobby Simpson of Simpson's Electronics.

Joy McKeever and Sheree Dumas of the Big Country Bluebonnets Gymnastic Association, have qualified for the United States Gymnastic Federation state

Representatives of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department assisted Frankie Hodges, Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, in the disposal of several containers of hazardous chemicals. They were taken to the city dump where they were exploded.

40 Years Ago February 11, 1971

Clifford Campbell, number 72 for the Haskell High School Indian football team, signed a letter of intent to play football for Texas Tech University.

Gena Lynn Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fisher of Paint Creek,

was top money winner with her pigeons at the Fort Worth Stock Show. The Fishers Pensom Rollers.

"H" Club at Haskell High School are Keith Everett, vice-president; Johnny Fouts, secretary/reporter; Guy Davidson, treasurer; and Wayne Davis, Sgt.-at-Arms.

50 Years Ago February 9, 1961

Haskell attending the All-Texas Beauty Show in Dallas, were Sue Guess, Mary Sears, Geraldine Hise, Christene Greene, Ethel Kirkpatrick, Quilly Lackey and Lottie

Thos. E. Wilson, a veteran in the U.S. Air Force, was promoted to the rank of major. Major Wilson is the

son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Adams of Haskell.

John Haskell Stone, a raise purebred Birmingham Haskell graduate and an agricultural major at Texas Officers to head the Tech, made a week-long tour of the South Texas vegetable industry, as part president; Gary Mayfield, of a requirement toward his

100 Years Ago February 11, 1911

A meeting of all Confederate soldiers in Hair dressers from Haskell County has been scheduled.

> The Mothers' Club has purchased a new piano for the high school auditorium at a cost of \$382.50, payable on the installment plan.

A.G. Jones has returned from Corpus Christi to stay. He says he had a severe attack of asthma there and had to

Letter to the **Editor**

Dear editor,

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that works at our local TxDOT. They do such a great job of keeping our roads drivable.

I work in Abilene and am on the roads a lot and I can always count on our Haskell County roads to be passable. They have done a great job for several years and I was once again reminded of just how good of a job they do last Wednesday as I was driving to Abilene. Highway 277 South was great until I got past Stamford and after that it was pretty icy and treacherous.

I know they are out at all hours of the day and night and they should be commended.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work.

Michelle Moore

Calendar

Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

Homecoming

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

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

little disappointed in the demographics of the group: two ministers, one teacher, two students, not enough 30-40 year age group, but a lot of concerned citizens.

The Economic Development group discussed a covered arena, and a new Senior Citizen Center out of a total of 11 suggestions.

The Community 15 suggestions but the popular demand dictated discussion of improved housing/apartments, downtown beautification and promotion of the city golf course/country club.

Under Ag and Natural Resources wind farms and hunting was discussed.

In Education and Youth new lights for the baseball fields and a youth center were discussed.

optometrists.

Each one of these groups had citizens who were interested in that particular item; names were listed as being on the committee, contact person listed and lists turned into moderator. So if these groups fail to get action, we know where you live. It was a good endeavor and I applaud all of you who cared enough to come and help us out.

The ice and severe temperatures pointed out several things: We have a really good group of TxDOT employees in her introduction into West Haskell County plus the Texas and thank goodness, County Commissioners she loves it. She cites the our team.

The weather was a sifter and also our city employees. especially when compared to other counties. Thanks, folks. Secondly, we had some water pipes that broke in the city (I know many had home problems as well). Sometime in the future, although it is massively costly, we have to address aging water and sewer lines in our community.

Some wailing and gnashing of teeth over the Development group had green cards received by citizens who have failed to comply with warnings about their junked-up property. Warnings and coercions have been issued repeatedly these past eight months and there is a Day of Reckoning.

The city has a responsibility as well...in touring through some of the old abandoned buildings we found much junk/trash, Under Health Care: if we're asking citizens to veterans' doctor to the clean up their own property. area and more physicians, We will shortly arrange physicians' assistants and to have these old metal machines, etc., hauled off.

> I would like to introduce vou to Dr. Justine Bolyard, the pretty veterinarian who has been working these past few months with Dr. Gober. We're really glad to have you, Dr. Gober, but you're just not as easy on the eyes as your colleague. Dr. Bolyard got her BS from West Virginia University and DVM at the University of Georgia. Part of her vet school training was in Guthrie at the 6666 Ranch for three weeks. This was

atmosphere and the people. for the last forum, but still we They managed to keep Shegrew up in West Virginia had about 85 brave persons our county and city roads and likes large animal work. who ventured out. I was a in fairly good condition However, she has charmed our catahoula, rescue dog, demonstrating a gentle manner with small animals as well. An interesting aside: When we got Sadie, Dr. Gober assured us, "She'll make a good pet for you." I told him the other day," I'm thinking the only good she's done is sweeten your kids' college funds."

Which leads me to

another truism: There is no such thing as a free dog. My brother, Andy, and his wife, Christye, can testify to that. They now have in addition to the two who live in the house, Gracie and Lil, four who have found a tender heart and a warm barn at the home place. For years people either have dumped their un-wanteds out by the Gannaway home place or they've found their way to this haven. Let's etc., that we need to handle see, now in addition to the "babies" there is Belle, Barkley, Wolfgang, formerly known as Double because he was Double Ugly, but once you become attached, you can't be derisive, and the newest is a chow/collie mix puppy. The trouble is once you've named them you can't get rid of them. But maybe to a really good home...I'm thinking Andy has succumbed to Lewis Grizzard's belief: "When God sends you a dog, you gotta take him in." The Gannaway pack is getting close to rivaling The Dog Whisperer's in size.

> All that to say, Dr. Bolyard, welcome to Haskell. There's lots of work to be done here and we are glad that you have joined

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HASKELL INDIANS-Front row, I-r, #10 Kelson Aguero, #24 Christian Myers, #14 Isaiah Llewellyn, #20 David Newton; back row, #12 Austin Nanny, #30 Brett Shelton, #34 Sterling Bird, #22 Brady Leach and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Indians

JVB, VB vs Hamlin Fri., Feb. 11, 5 p.m. at Haskell





HASKELL MAIDENS–Front row, I-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.



Haskell Maidens

Go Indians! Go Maidens!



TAHC officials urge awareness of global foot and mouth disease threat

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

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reminds Texas producers, marketers and veterinarians that maintaining a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free U.S.A. requires constant awareness and vigilance. people's clothing, footwear Anyone involved with livestock needs to recognize the general signs of FMD

symptoms. FMD is not much internationally, we producers, added Dr. Ellis. contagious to people, but the viral disease that affects cattle, hogs and other cloven hoofed animals is characterized by the presence of vesicles in the mouth, or on the muzzle, teats and feet. The FMD virus can accidently be carried on and vehicles from one farm location to another.

need to remember that the Texas livestock is an ongoing threat. Producers should always be aware of who's coming in contact with their livestock and where those people may have been previously," said Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas' State Veterinarian. The introduction of FMD would "In today's world where create severe economic and and how to report suspicious people travel and trade so trade implications for Texas

introduction of FMD to States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) have created state and national response plans for dealing with high consequence animal diseases such as FMD if introduced. The TAHC and USDA routinely partner with other federal agencies as well, to help prevent the intentional or accidental introduction of foreign animal diseases or foreign pests into the United States. the various Texas livestock industries also, to maintain viable contingency plans in

than a security interest,

in agricultural land in the

United States is required by

law to report the transaction

no later than 90 days after the

date of the transaction," said

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Farm

Service Agency County

Foreign investors must

file Agricultural Foreign

Investment Disclosure

Act (AFIDA) reports with

the FSA county office that

maintains reports for the

county where the land is

Executive Director.

sound biosecurity practices Africa and Asia, with recent The TAHC and United are the best first-line of defense against FMD.

Good practices include:

•Understanding the foreign countries when visiting farms or ranches

disinfection of footwear and other clothing after foreign

•Following USDA APHIS and US Customs & Border Patrol restrictions for import of animal products Controlling international

agriculture facilities

case FMD was introduced number of continents goats, equine animals and into the state. Vigilance and including South America, exotic livestock.

Foreign persons must report

outbreaks occurring in South Korea, Japan and Bulgaria. FMD was last diagnosed on U.S. soil in 1929.

Suspicious symptoms can animal disease status of be reported to the TAHC year-round, 24-hours-a-day by calling 1-800-550-8242. •Thorough cleaning and For more information on FMD or other infectious diseases, producers are encouraged to contact their veterinary practitioner, call their local TAHC office, or visit the TAHC website.

Founded in 1893, the Texas The TAHC works closely with visitor contact with Texas Animal Health Commission livestock species and works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: FMD is present in a cattle, swine, poultry, sheep,

USDA announces dates of sorghum checkoff referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has finalized continue, the Sorghum requires a simple majority procedures for the upcoming referendum on the continuation of the Sorghum Checkoff Program and is announcing the dates it will

Promotion, Research, and Information order requires that a referendum be 3 years after the start of assessments, which began

For the program to on July 1, 2008. The order vote in the referendum for the program to continue.

USDA will conduct the conducted no later than referendum Feb. 1-28, 2011, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices for producers and the Agricultural Marketing Service office, referenced below, for importers. Ballots may be obtained in person, by mail or facsimile at county FSA offices, or via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/ sorghumpage.

Any eligible person engaged in the production of importation of sorghum from July 1, 2008, to Dec. 31, 2010, is eligible to participate. Individuals are required to provide documentation such as a sales receipt or remittance form that shows they engaged in the production or importation of sorghum.

The Sorghum Checkoff Program, and its 13-member board, is authorized by the Commodity Promotion Research and Information Act of 1996. The mandatory program is funded at the rate of 0.6 percent of the net market value on grain sorghum and 0.35 percent of the net market value of sorghum forage.

Sorghum Checkoff is a national, coordinated, selfhelp marketing program designed to strengthen the position of sorghum in the market place, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sorghum, and develop new markets and uses for sorghum.

The final procedures were published in the Nov. 18, 2010, Federal Register. The notice announcing the dates of the referendum were published in the Jan. 4, 2011, Federal Register.

For more information,

contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2628-S, STOP 0251, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; by calling 202-720-1115; or faxing 202-720who acquires, transfers or result in a penalty with holds any interest, other fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Brzozowski. For AFIDA purposes,

U.S. agricultural land holdings

agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more. Disclosure reports are

also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes regarding AFIDA and from nonagricultural FSA programs, contact the to agricultural or from agricultural to at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or "Failure to file a report, nonagricultural. Foreign visit the USDA Web site at filing a late report or filing investors must also file http://www.usda.gov.

"Any foreign person an inaccurate report can a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from nonforeign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information Haskell County FSA Office

conduct the referendum.

FSA announces general signup period for CRP

announced a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup March 14, 2011 through April 15, 2011. This is the second consecutive year that USDA has offered a general CRP signup.

available through CRP afford farmers and ranchers a low risk opportunity to implement a variety of conservation practices that will benefit the environment in a number of ways," said Brzozowski. "Over the past 25 years, CRP practices have improved water and air quality, increased wildlife habitat and prevented soil EBI data on all of the offers. erosion," he said.

the CRP program receive annual rental payments ongoing. and cost-share assistance to conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP

Glenn R. Brzozowski, can be offered during sign-up Executive Director for the if all eligibility requirements Haskell County USDA are met. CRP participants Farm Service Agency (FSA), with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective Oct.

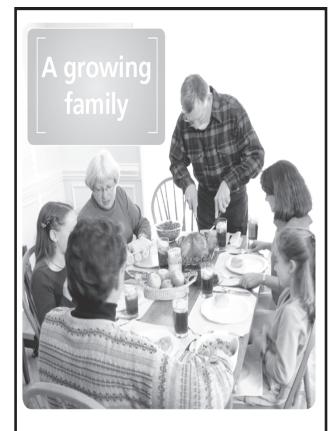
1, 2011.

All CRP offers are "Financial incentives evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the signup period and after analyzing

In addition to the general Landowners enrolled in sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be

For more information, establish long-term, resource contact the Haskell County FSA Office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit http://www.fsa. usda.gov/crp.

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State committee reappointed for USDA's Texas FSA

Juan M. Garcia, Executive committee are: Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee is responsible for the oversight of farm programs, county committee operations, appeals, federal farm policy determinations and provides FSA program information to the general public and other Agency stakeholders.

state committee members were reappointed and can continue their involvement with Texas FSA," said Garcia. 'Their contribution to the Agency has had a positive impact on our programs, producers and employees, and I am certain that we will have another successful year of delivering federal farm programs," he said.

The individuals FSA Committee. reappointed to serve on this

East 🖶 Side

BAPTIST CHURCH

Beginning this February:

(Chairperson) of Muleshoe in Texas, announced the hasover 46 years of experience Committee. The State currently farming in Parmer County.

Debra Barrett of Edroy is a fourth generation cotton farmer, and has been farming cotton and grain sorghum since 1981. Barrett served as a member of the San Patricio County FSA Committee six years prior to "I am grateful that our her appointment in January of 2009.

Armando Mandujano of Coyanosa owns Mandujano Brothers, a partnership with his three brothers. The farming operation consists of 4,000 acres producing watermelons, cotton, onions, pumpkins, and peppers in Pecos and Reeves County. Mandujano has served as an advisor to the Pecos County

Wesley Ratcliff of Oakwood has been involved in agriculture for most of supply for all consumers.

his life, and has owned and Jerry Don Glover operated his current ranch for over 10 years.

Glen A. Rod of El Campo reappointment of the in Agriculture policy. Glover owns and operates Rod Grass current five-member State is a third generation farmer Farm LLC and Jones Creek Farm JV growing rice, row crops and turf grass.

"In Texas, the State Committee has a tremendous responsibility to be accountable for the use of taxpayer dollars as our Agency allocated more than \$1.6 billion in federal farm program benefits to producers statewide in fiscal year 2010," said Garcia. "These appointed individuals have proven they can be both fair and effective in their service to Texas farmers and ranchers," he said.

Through the efficient and equitable administration of price support, conservation, disaster assistance and farm credit programs, FSA promotes and protects agricultural practices to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant and nutritious food

He Loves Me He Loves Me More

"God is love" (1John 4:8)

At the cross is where we were given a permanent place in our Father's heart. So why is it we question that love? When everything is going smooth "He loves me" and when the trials come "He loves me not." It's time to throw those daisies aside. He loves us through those tough times too. Without those tough times we would never discover who He really is. We've been captive to thinking we've failed and are not worthy of His love too long. We need to embrace His love so we can love Him back. Love will take us further than living in fear and doubt ever could. By being in the loving arms of our Father, feeling secure in His love is when He can start on that transformation. In John 8:32 it says "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." It's time for us to be set free! Be filled up with His love. It's here right now for

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WEEK FEBRUARY 6-12



Haskell Cub Scouts Pack 136

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Pack Committee Members

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Chartering Organization Haskell Lions Club

Chartering Organization Rep. Tom Watson

Cubmaster

Sherri Morrow

Tiger Cubs:

Josh Damron, Leader Joshua David Blake Brayden Lee Brzozowski Grayson Michael Cloud Wayland Blake Damron Tyler Dean Howard Taylor Wade King Bryson Silvas

Webelos I:

Jodie Tullos, Asst. Leader Mateo Gabriel Aguilar **Brison Wyatt Tullos**

Bear:

Randy Waggoner, Leader Christian Mychael Cardenas Braxton Isaak Jackson Joseph Lebrone Pryor Julian Joel Rubio Garrett Keefer Waggoner

Webelos II:

Tyke Meinzer, Leader Kyler W. Hoover Dalton M. Meinzer **Turner James Wade**

Wolf:

Steven King, Leader Nathan Wesley King Dylan Gage Souther

Boy Scouts Troop 136 Chartering Organization Asst. Scoutmasters

First United

Methodist Church

Executive Officer

Tom Long **Committee Members**

> Carmel Pace, Chairman Youth Members Connie Benton Randell Bowers Kay Smith

Chris Tatum Gary Thomas Randall Waggoner Terry Weise

Wilton Weise

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Tyke Meinzer

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James Bowers

Seth McCormick

Riley Meinzer

Pryce Stewart

Garret Tatum

Zachary Tatum

Micah Thomas

Max Weise

Aaron Waggoner

Ryan Pace

Josh Starr

Kyle Fraga

Reed Lee

Luke Terry

Tucker McCormick

Venturing Crew 136

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Chartering Organization Rep. Connie Benton

Scout Parents Unit Coordinator

Kristen Grand **Committee Member** Craig McCormick

Committee Chairman Sam Pace **Venturing Crew Advisor**

Leland Terry

Luke Terry

Youth Members A.J. Benton Clay Funderburg Kathryn Grand Tucker McCormick Brennan Medford Tyler Reese

Boy Scouts Troop 148

Chartering Organization Paint Creek ISD

Chartering Organization Rep. Donald Lynn Ballard

Youth Members

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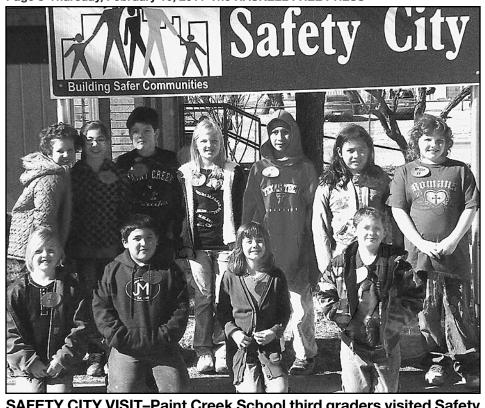
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Venturing Crew is a Scouting organization in Haskell for boys and girls, ages 14 and out of the eighth grade through age 21. The high adventure program can include such adventures as skiing, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing and shooting sports. To join, call anyone listed on the Venturing Crew staff.





SAFETY CITY VISIT-Paint Creek School third graders visited Safety City in Abilene on Jan. 18. The class worked very hard preparing for the trip by learning about bus, pedestrian, bicycle, fire and auto safety. When they arrived, they went to the Safety City Fire Station. Real firemen taught them more about fire safety, and they got to practice their kitchen skills as well as be in a simulated fire with smoke. After visiting the fire station, they had a picnic lunch. The second half of the visit included traffic safety where they rode bikes, drove cars and were pedestrians in the mini city of Safety City. It was a great learning experience that will last a lifetime. The class includes front row, I-r, Adaline Utley, Bobby Jo Nieto, Jaclyn Snelling and Austin Roysdon; back row, I-r, Kayla Bosnjak, Larissa Villarreal, Tanner Booe, Madyson Moore, Augi Moreno, Desiree Acosta and K'Lee Lampe.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County from personal funds. Commissioners' Court Kenny Thompson and Neal portions of it were read. Kreger present.

was genetic.

The bid from the Appraisal District in the amount of \$202.65 for 516 S. 1st was accepted.

The court discussed the audit of the Tax Assessor Collector's office. In the spring of 2010 a shortage of funds was found when the Tax Assessor Collector's books were being balanced.

The auditors for Haskell county, Castagna and Gregg were contacted to audit the account. The account was audited and found not only a shortage but also several thousand dollars had been deposited to the account

In the fall of 2010, met in a regular meeting another audit firm, Martin Tues., Jan. 25 with County Forensics, was hired to Judge David C. Davis, and continue the investigation. Commissioners Johnny Their report was presented Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, to the Commissioners and

There is not an answer as Sheriff David Halliburton to when the thefts occurred reported the drug dog or who the thief is. There was had to be put down. The alengthy discussion as to why kidneys were checked to the auditors had not found see if the cause of death was the shortage of monies that antifreeze poisoning or if it may have occurred starting in the 1990's and why was

there an account that was not audited.

The Commissioners' Court is consulting with the District Attorney and the audit firm to get answers and make a decision that is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Haskell County. No action was taken and the item was tabled.

A motion not to do any additional auditing this year due to the extra audit on expenditures for 2010 passed.

Haskell School Menu

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 14-18 **Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Breakfast on a

Wednesday: Cereal, manager's choice Thursday: Cheese omelet, buttered toast Friday: Pig in a blanket

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

Feb. 14-18

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served

Tuesday: Biscuits, sausage,

Thursday: Breakfast

Lunch

Mon., Feb. 14

Taco and trimmings,

Wed., Feb. 16

Chicken fritters, cream gravy,

green beans, salad, cheese

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in

Haskell is hosting an open

gym for volleyball every

Thursday night at 7:30

Monday: Pancake sticks

Wednesday: Cereal

Friday: Donuts

Milk is served daily.

daily.

gravy

pockets

cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, Valentine's Day cake

Tuesday: Chalupas, salsa, cheese, garden salad, corn, peaches

Wednesday: Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, orange slices

Thursday: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, pineapple tidbits

Friday: Pepperoni HotPockets, baby carrots, ranch dressing, choice: fresh fruit or fruit cup

Monday: Tater tot casserole,

green beans, salad, apple

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas,

beans, salad, peaches,

Wednesday: Chicken patty

Thursday: Pork roast,

broccoli, rice, bread,

Friday: Pizza, corn, salad,

sandwiches, salad, chips

strawberries, bananas

cobbler

ECC Menu

onion, pickles, pinto beans, Beef stew, tuna and pimento

strawberry cake, tea or sandwiches, onions, pickles,

rice krispies

biscuits, tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 18

pears, cookies, tea or coffee

Announcements begin

at 11:45 a.m. followed by

his Week's Devotional Message:



True love is much more than cards on Valentine's Day

Just for a few hours now Today marks a special day For which we all have made a vow To send what will portray How much we love someone we know, In words that will combine With lacy hearts and cupid's bow In red and white design.

But love extends beyond a card For someone else to read; It's meant to show our deep regard For helping those in need. Our Bible lessons underscore Their messages divine: That love is infinitely more Than just a Valentine.

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 Wilis, 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. **Faith Chapel of Rochester** Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester

-SAGERTON-**Sagerton Methodist Church** Stephania Gilkey, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton **Faith Lutheran Church**

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sagerton •---RULE---•

First Baptist Church Russell Stanley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor

First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule **Church of Christ**

John Greeson, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule

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Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule **Sweet Home Baptist Church**

Russell Stanley, interim pastor Sunday 9 a.m. Gladstone Ave.. Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. 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

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-O'BRIEN---O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.

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 Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Deadlines

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

Speech contest The Big Country

Electric Cooperative

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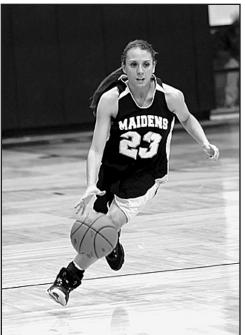
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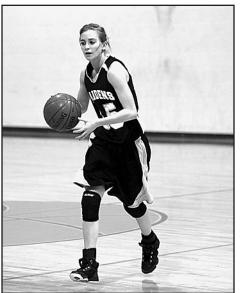
INDIANS VS MUNDAY-The Haskell Indians dropped a game to Munday 68-51. Haskell Indian #10 Kelson Aguero, left, gets a shot off and Indian #24 Christian Myers, right, gets a lay up during the game. Myers was the top scorer with 17 points, Aguero had 9.



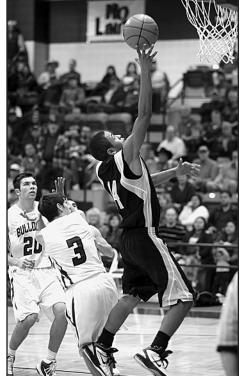


MAIDENS VS STAMFORD-The Haskell Maidens came up short against Stamford 42-34. Maiden #5 Marissa McGhee, left, goes to the basket and Maiden #23 Sidney Cassidy, right, brings the ball down court during the game.





MAIDENS WIN-The Haskell Maidens defeated Munday 45-40. #31 Maiden Maci Colley, left, drives to the basket and #15 Cheslee Hearn, right, brings the ball down court during the game. Colley scored six points and Hearn was top scorer with 16 on the evening.





INDIANS VS STAMFORD-The Haskell Indians were defeated by the Stamford Bulldogs 67-65. Haskell Indian #14 Isaiah Llewellyn, left, makes a shot and Indian #22 Brady Leach brings the ball down court during the game. Llewellyn posted 13 points and Leach had 10 points on the night.

Area basketball scores

Girls

Stamford 42, Haskell 34

Haskell 45, Munday 40 Scoring for Haskell: Hearn 16, Hadaway 10, Johnson 7, Colley 6, Short 3, Garcia 2, McGhee 1.

Aspermont 52, Rule 26 Scoring for Rule: Polk 15, Foreman 6, Petty 5.

> Woodson 53, Paint Creek 12

Scoring for Paint Creek: Bosnjak 4, Buerger 2, Lopez 2, Armstrong 2, Trotter 2. **Boys**

Stamford 67, Haskell 65 Scoring for Haskell: Myers 17, Llewellyn 13, Leach 10, Aguero 9, Shelton 7, Bird 7, Nanny 2.

Munday 68, Haskell 51



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Woodson 46, Paint Creek 40

Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 13, McCord 7, Edwards 7, Bishop 7, Adkins 4, Abner



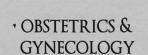
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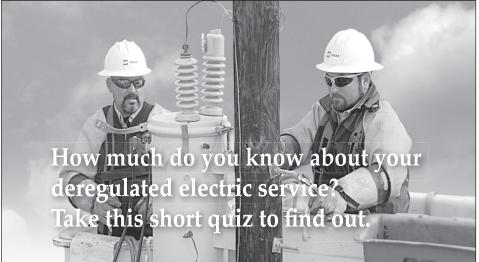
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