

Happy Valentine's Day

The Haskell Free Press

VOL. 126—NO. 6, ©FEBRUARY 9, 2012

"The People's Choice"

10 PAGES—ONE SECTION—75 CENTS

Basketball

HASKELL
JV-B, V-B vs Hamlin
 Fri., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
 at Hamlin
PAINT CREEK
VB vs Throckmorton
 Fri., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
 at Throckmorton
RULE
JVB-VB vs Woodson
 Fri., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
 at Woodson

Softball

HASKELL
Anson/Sweetwater
Scrimmage
 Thurs., Feb. 9, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
Wall/Junction Scrimmage
 Sat., Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-1p.m.
 at Wall
Iowa Park Dbl. Header
 Mon., Feb. 13, 4:30-6:30 p
 at Iowa Park

Baseball

HASKELL
Jim Ned Scrimmage
 Mon., Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell

Calendar

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. for a program by Kim Meredith on Haitian mission trips. Guests are always welcome. Members are asked to wear red in observance of February Heart Health Month.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Feb. 10 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to discuss the dinner/silent auction to be held Sat., April 21 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Softball sign up

Haskell Girls Softball will be taking registration Sat. Feb. 11 and Sat., Feb. 18 at the High School Gym. Girls must be ages 5 and up as of Jan. 1, 2012. Cost is \$25 and the final deadline to register and pay is Fri., Feb. 24. No late registrations will be accepted.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church of Christ annex for their Valentine program. Nelwyn Beakley of Rule will bring her bag of tricks (cards, flowers, stickers, lace, ribbon, etc.) and each of us will artistically decorate an original Valentine. If anyone has other components, bring them also, to be incorporated into your masterpiece. All guests are welcome—do come and have a fun experience.

Cantata rehearsals

Community wide Easter cantata rehearsals will be held Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church. Child care is provided. For more information, call 864-2738.

Enchilada lunch

An enchilada lunch will be held Sun., Feb. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell. Adult plates are \$7 and plates for children age 10 and under are \$3.50. Take outs will be available.

Medical account

A medical expense account for Felix Cassidy of Haskell has been established at Haskell National Bank.

Index

Obituaries..... Page 2
 Out of the Past.... Page 4
 Menus Page 8
 Classifieds..... Page 9



LADY PIRATES MAKE PLAY-OFFS—For the first time in several years, the Paint Creek Lady Pirates have made the play-offs. After defeating Woodson on Friday night with a score of 62-23, the Lady Pirates finished third in district play behind Throckmorton and Aspermont. Scoring for the Lady Pirates against Woodson were Walker 21, Buerger 16, Bosnjak 10, Trotter 8, Darnell 3, and

Lopez 2. The Lady Pirates will more than likely play Vernon Northside on Tuesday night with the site not yet determined. Team members are, front row, l-r, Katie Bosnjak, Dalinne Reed, Felysha Walker, Baleigh Lopez and Tarah Trotter; back row, Coach Lauten Escobedo, Danielle Oliver, Kellie Jenkins, Kadie McCord, Katrina Buerger, Layne Petty and Stormy Darnell.

Filing for city, school elections underway

by Caron Yates

City and school board elections have been set for Sat., May 12. Filing applications for city elections in Haskell, Rule and Weinert are currently being accepted, as well as applications for school board positions in Haskell and Rule.

Filing for a place on the ballot began Feb. 6 and will continue through Mar. 5. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 30 and ends May 8 at 5 p.m.

Applications may be picked up at the respective city hall offices and at the administration office of each school district.

There will be two city council positions up for election in Haskell. The council seats are two-year at large terms. These positions are currently held by Jill Druessedow and Dan Hoover. Also up for election is the office of mayor, now held by John Gannaway. Early voting will take place at the City Hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Extended hours on Tues., May 1 and Wed., May

2 will run from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Haskell CISD will have three single member districts on the ballot. Single member district #4, is now held by Thomas Parks, and single member district #5, is being served by Roger Roewe. Also up for election is single member district #7, filled by Mark Stewart. Anyone living in the school district may file for a seat, however you must live in the single member district for which you are voting.

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

In Rule's city election, the mayor and two council seats are to be determined. Two year terms now held by Bobby Robinson, Patrick Pace, and Mayor W.O. Wolf, are on the ballot. The two Rule ISD school board places

held by Rod Petty and Norva Smith will also expire.

The City of Weinert will be voting for a mayor and two council members. Those seats are currently being served by Mayor Julian Estrada, Randy Waggoner and Angie Kirkland.

For your vote to be counted on May 12, you must have an acceptable form of identification. This

can include your voter certificate, drivers license or personal identification.

Other options are some form of ID containing a photograph, birth certificate, passport or citizenship papers, or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check or government document that shows name and address of voter.

Rule FD receives donation

Following a very dry year with many fires, the Rule Volunteer Fire Department is in need of extra funds to purchase new protective clothing and repair some of its trucks. Russell Beakley, a farmer in Haskell County, recognized this need and recently designated \$2,500 to the Rule Volunteer Fire Department through America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM.

Beakley chose the Rule Volunteer Fire Department because it works hard to keep the community safe.

"We have had a lot of fires in the last year and the

volunteer firefighters did a lot of work keeping things from burning up around here," Beakley said.

Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, in 1,245 eligible counties, farmers can win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization. In a ceremony held Feb. 2 at the Rule fire station, Beakley presented the department with its \$2,500 donation.

"We really appreciate the Grow Communities program," said Jeff Sorrells, Fire Chief. "With the donation, we will be able to buy much needed equipment to keep our

Celebration set March 3

It's almost that time again—time to celebrate "Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style." This year's celebration will be held Sat., March 3 around the Courthouse and city square.

All the old favorite attractions, a Native American flint knapper with his Tepee, the different forts with Calvary, the cannon and soldiers, Drummer Boy Ice Cream will be back. Also back will be Native American games, which were a big hit with the kids last year and many others. This year some new attractions and even some contests are planned.

One new attraction is the Dig N for Gold event for kids ages 8 and under. Coins will be scattered through a pile of sand and kids will be given 2 minutes to dig for gold. Each child will only be allowed to win one gold dollar coin but there is no limit on other coins. Haskell National Bank is sponsoring Dig N for Gold. This activity and many others will begin at 10 a.m. around the courthouse square.

Applications are now being accepted for vendor registrations for food or crafts. All food vendors must have food handler safety certificates. Applications can be picked up in the County Judge's office or by calling Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or 940-256-3296.

School districts see UIL realignments

by Caron Yates

Every two years the UIL, or University Interscholastic League, realigns districts for all competition under its control. New alignments and assignments came down on Feb. 2, the day athletic directors and coaches across the state of Texas caught a glimpse of school classifications and district lineups.

Haskell County schools, while not changing classes or divisions, will see some changes in their district competition. Schools are classified from 1A six-man through 5A. In October, each high school must submit enrollment numbers, and from these numbers

classifications are made.

For the upcoming two year alignment, schools with 199 and below membership are considered 1A. The cutoff for 6-man football is 99 or below. There are 138 six-man football schools, up from 130 just two years ago. Division I six-man schools must have at least 53.5 high school students. Paint Creek will remain in Division I six-man, while Rule ISD is classified as Division II.

Paint Creek High School will represent District 8, in Region II. They will compete against Bryson, Crowell, Knox City and Throckmorton in football. Rule will be a part of District 10 in Region continued on page 2



RECEIVES CHECK—Rule Volunteer Fire Department was the recipient of a \$2500 donation from the Monsanto Fund. Russell Beakley of Haskell County was the winner of the America's Farmers Grow Communities award which gives farmers the opportunity to win the money for their favorite local nonprofit organization. Receiving the check from Monsanto were, l-r, Neil Kreger, assistant fire chief; Jeff Sorrells, fire chief, and Beakley.

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



LODGE MEETS—Jerry Don Klose, standing, president of Haskell Lodge #241 conducts the local monthly meeting for the group.

Haskell Lodge #241

Haskell Lodge #241 met in regular session with their president, Jerry Don Klose, presiding over the meeting. There was a good attendance which included Kelly Klose, a member who now lives in Burleson. A warm welcome was extended Kelly, and wishes for him to return to meetings anytime.

Several members are now living in assisted living facilities and care homes, and our best wishes are sent to them, as they are missed

at our meetings. Those in attendance with a birthday in February were Elton Klose with his birthday being Feb. 7, and Evelyn Moeller whose birthday is Feb. 15.

Correspondence was read from the Paint Creek Volunteer Fire Department, stating thanks for the contribution from the Lodge, which was made in December.

Some members have attained 50-year membership, and will receive

their 50-year pin. Those members are Robert C. Curd of Burleson, and Kathy Ann Hoerle of N.Richland Hills. Also, Hugh Peiser of Keller is to receive his 60-year pin.

Next month, the installation of member officers will be held.

Door prizes were awarded Evelyn Moeller, Ruth Ann Klose and Harry Koehler.

Members will meet March 4 at Pit 'n Grill for a meeting, fellowship and officer installation.



PUPPET SHOW—Rule ISD seventh grade students in the Family & Consumer Science class performed sock puppet shows for elementary students. In groups of three, students were to find a story that taught a lesson, write a script to reenact the story and design their puppets to look like the characters.

Obituaries

Annie Mae Butler



ANNIE BUTLER

Funeral services for Annie Mae Butler, 86, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 3 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was at Roberts Cemetery in Haskell

under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Butler passed away Mon., Jan. 30 in Abilene.

Born Nov. 18, 1925 in Dickens, she was the daughter of Genie and Lillie (Biggs) Carroll. She married William Butler in Dickens Feb. 5, 1944. They lived in Lubbock and Crosbyton prior to moving to Haskell where she has resided for the past 50 years. She was a housekeeper for Haskell Memorial Hospital for 15 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Butler; her parents, Genie and Lillie Carroll; two sons,

Gene Butler and Gwynn Butler; her grandson, Jimmy Joe Butler; and one brother, Cecil Carroll.

Survivors include her daughter, Patsy Hickox and husband James of Abilene; daughter-in-law, Doris Butler of Haskell; six grandsons, Terry Butler and wife Joy of Knox City, Eugene Butler and wife Nikki of Germany, Tommy Butler of Haskell, Mickey Butler of Brownfield, Jordan Hickox of Abilene, and Cameron Hickox also of Abilene; and nine great grandchildren.

Memorials may be given in Annie Mae Butler's name to Hendrick Hospice of Abilene. PD. NOTICE

Anna Lou Shaver



ANNA LOU SHAVER

Funeral services for Anna Lou Shaver, 92, of Rochester, were held Fri., Feb. 3 at First Methodist Church in Knox City with Rev. Dolan Brinson and Rev. Tom Carter officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery in Rochester under the direction of Smith Family

Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Shaver passed away Wed., Feb. 1 in Knox City.

Born July 21, 1919 in Jones County, she was the daughter of W.C. Church and Lena Mashburn. Once graduating from McMurry University, she moved to Rochester to begin teaching school. She taught in Rochester from 1938 to 1941. She married R.A. Shaver, Jr., June 1, 1940 in Jones County and they resided in Rochester their entire life. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rochester until its closing, then joined the Methodist Church in Knox City. She was very dedicated to her church and was the organist in Rochester for over 50 years. She was also a member of the Women's Literary Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.A. Shaver, Jr.; her parents, W.C. and Lena Church; two brothers, Clarence Church and M.C. Church; and two sisters, Mattie Willingham and Clara Dwiggins.

Survivors include her son, R.A. Shaver, III and wife Jinx of Rochester; a daughter, Marsha Clinton and husband Bill of Houston; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a brother-in-law, Bill Shaver and wife Sunny of Lubbock; sister-in-law, Evelyn Trimmier of Hale Center; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in her name to the First United Methodist Church of Knox City or McMurry University. PD. NOTICE

Tom 'Toby' Yates



TOBY YATES

Funeral services for Tom 'Toby' Yates, 84, of Weinert were held Wed., Feb. 8 at

Weinert First Baptist Church in Weinert with Dan Bullock officiating assisted by Steve Peace. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Mr. Yates died Mon., Feb. 6 at a Haskell nursing facility.

Born August 24, 1927 in Knox County, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He moved to the community in 1950. He married Alice Cypert Sept. 21, 1947 in

Haskell. He was a member of the Weinert First Baptist Church and served on the Weinert School Board and Weinert Gin Board. He was a farmer for 58 years.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Yates of Weinert; two daughters, Mary and Ed Murphy of Weinert and Linda and Ricky Wade of Bryson; one son: Joe and Caron Yates of Weinert; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Realignment

continued from page 1
10 in Region III, along with Benjamin, Chillicothe, Harrold and Vernon Northside. Paint Creek and

Rule will meet up again in basketball as they are both listed in District 11, Region II, Division II. They will encounter competition

from Bryson, Graford, Newcastle, Throckmorton and Woodson.

There are 168 class 1A eleven-man football schools. Haskell CISD will remain in Division I, Class 1A. They will however, see some new faces in the district lineup. Anson and Forsan have both dropped from Class 2A to 1A. These two schools, in addition to Stamford, Winters and Haskell will make up District 4 in Region I. 390 1A basketball schools have been listed on the new alignment schedule. Haskell remains in Division I, and will see district play against Albany, Anson, Hamlin, Munday and Stamford in District 9, Region II. Announcement of other UIL competition alignments will come at a later date.

A modest number of schools changed classifications, moving both up in classification as well as down. Class 2A has a membership range of 200-449 and includes 235 schools. The range for 3A is 450-1004, with 190 schools listed in this classification. Membership for 4A is 1005 to 2089 and includes 250 schools, while 5A lists 245 schools with enrollment over 2090. A look at classification data dating back to 1976, shows a steady increase in the numbers for each classification cut-off. In fact, 1980 was the first year for Class 5A to be used, requiring 1310 students or more. Class 1A cutoffs were 134 and below.

With the announcement of the realignment, coaches will quickly begin scheduling games and making plans for the much anticipated upcoming season. The UIL has set Aug. 30 as the first day football games may be played. So mark your calendars now, and be ready to support all our local teams.

"Home Town Service You Deserve"

- Oxygen •Wheelchairs •Hospital Beds
- Trapeze Bars •Walkers •Canes
- Bedside Commodes •Lift Chair
- Diabetic Supplies •Nebulizers
- Power Mobility •Ten Units •So Much More!

Seymour Medical Supply, Inc.

Hardeman • Foard • Wilbarger • Wichita • King
Knox • Baylor • Archer • Haskell • Throckmorton
Young • Jack • Cottle

110 W. Reiman, Seymour, TX 76380
940-889-6060 • 866-889-1076
Call 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week!

Billy Wayne Hester
for
Haskell Co. Commissioner Precinct 1

My name is Billy Wayne (Bill) Hester. I am running for the office of County Commissioner Precinct 1 in Haskell County. I am a life long resident of Haskell County and have resided in Precinct 1 for the last thirty seven years. I am a former Commissioner, as I served as Precinct 1 Commissioner from Sept. 1991 until December of 2000.

In January 2001, I went to work for Hale Mills Construction, as the assistant building supervisor building the Rolling Plains Detention Center. We completed construction on the prison February 2002 and I stayed on at Rolling Plains as the Maintenance Supervisor. I have been in that position for the last 10 years supervising all maintenance and construction done at the facility. I also hold a certification as a jailer in the state of Texas. I have been a part of the administrative staff of Rolling Plains since February 2002.

I am running again because I feel the people of Precinct 1 deserve to have someone who will better represent them and their needs on the Commissioners' Court. I feel I have both the knowledge and experience to serve the people of Haskell County well. I will strive to bring honesty and integrity to the office of Commissioner and will work closely with the other Commissioners to best serve the public's needs.

A vote for Bill Hester will be a vote for the most experienced candidate, with the proven performance record and the person who genuinely cares for the people he serves.

Thank you for your consideration.
Bill Hester

Paid for by Billy Wayne Hester

The Lodge STEAKHOUSE

**STEAKS
CHICKEN
HAMBURGERS**

Weekly Specials
Open Friday & Saturday only
6:00 - 10:00 PM

Private Parties & Catering Available

940 743-3493

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

SANTA ROSA Telephone Cooperative
Haskell office 863-1125 INC. 113 N. Ave. D.

SRTV now has FREE on screen Caller ID when you subscribe to Calling Name & Number.



CHOSEN QUESTION—C'Era Taylor, Haskell Elementary fifth grader, was chosen to present a question to Former First Lady Barbara Bush, during an interactive video conference last week.

Students participate in "Reading Discovery with Barbara Bush"

by Caron Yates

If you haven't sat in on a public school classroom in recent years, you might be quite surprised at the changes. Chalk boards are just one of the things that have been replaced with up to date technology.

The Haskell Elementary fifth grade classes of Jennifer Roewe and Tammi Wallace, had the opportunity last week to tap into this technology. With the help of Region XIV, Debbie Miller, elementary computer teacher, arranged for the fifth grade classes to be a part of a video conference featuring Former First Lady Barbara Bush.

This is the fifth year for the "Reading Discovery with Barbara Bush" video conference, however it is the first time Haskell has been chosen as an interactive site. Some 25,000 school children from all over the United States and Canada

were tuned in to hear Mrs. Bush discuss the importance of reading.

Twenty schools including one from Alberta, Canada, eleven from Texas, and one each from Idaho, Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and North Dakota, were chosen as the interactive sites. While being featured on television, these schools were allowed to ask Mrs. Bush a question, as well as see and hear her response.

Haskell fifth graders submitted five possible questions, and after being approved, they drew to determine who would get to ask the question. C'Era Taylor was the lucky student. Her question to Mrs. Bush was, "What was your favorite fun activity as First Lady?" Mrs. Bush responded with, "The Christmas Season was the most wonderful time. I loved the decorations and all the music that went along

with it."

Broadcast from the George Bush Library on the campus of Texas A&M University, the theme of the conference was, "The Election Process." Mrs. Bush opened the conference by reading a portion of the book, "The People Pick A President," published by Scholastic Inc. While most of the questions centered around the election and the presidency, she answered the students questions, while stressing the importance of being a friend and being a reader. All schools participating will receive copies of the book for each their students.

Mrs. Bush considers one of her most important contributions during their administration to be The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Since its launch twenty-two years ago, the foundation has awarded over \$42 million to support the development and expansion of family literacy programs across the United States.

Mrs. Bush was asked for her best advice for children today. Without hesitation she said, "Love your family, be kind to others, don't do drugs and be a good friend." That's pretty sound advice for all of us. She believes America was built on the strength of the American family, which must be preserved.

What a wonderful learning experience to be in the "classroom" with thousands of students from so many different states and have a former First Lady as the teacher.

Holden celebrates 100th birthday

Relatives and friends of Geneva Holden celebrated her 100th birthday Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3-4. Holden, a long time resident of Munday Nursing Center in Munday, turned 100 Tues., Feb. 7.

In honor of the momentous occasion, a party was held Friday afternoon with the residents of the nursing center. A second party was given Saturday at the Perry

Patton Community Center in Munday with about forty relatives in attendance.

Born Feb. 7, 1912 in Swenson, she was the daughter of Albert and Lulu Robinson. She married Leo Holden (1909-1984) in 1928, and they had four daughters, Inell Henson of Irving (1929-1975), Wanda Lees of Rule (1931-2008), Menza Fleming of Roswell, New Mexico and Louetta Vines of Fort Worth.

Holden has ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren, many of whom were able to attend the festivities.

Attending were relatives from Houston, Amarillo, Midland, Fort Worth, Saginaw, Dallas, Kempner, Tilden, Kingwood, Rule, Rochester; Roswell, New Mexico; Edmond, Oklahoma; Chester, Oklahoma; and Hillsboro, Oregon.



GENEVA HOLDEN

McGuire retires from Paint Creek School

After 30 years in education with 23 of these at Paint Creek, Phoi McGuire has officially retired. While at Paint Creek, McGuire has taught 3rd-5th grade English Language Arts; 1st, 3rd and 4th grade reading and social studies; 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade self-contained; 6th, 7th, and 8th grade reading, language arts and social studies; 6th, 7th, and 8th grade fine arts.

She has taught dyslexia classes, was a reading coach, served as UIL Coordinator, conducted numerous elementary musicals, directed many One-Act Play performances, implemented the 504 program, facilitated Spanish classes, and performed other duties as assigned or just did them out of the goodness of her heart.

Students, staff, family and friends filled the school gymnasium Tues., Jan. 31, to honor McGuire at a "Golden Apple Awards" presentation. She stole the show by winning each and every category. Some of the categories were Best Supporting Teacher, Best in a Drama Series, Best Costume Design, Best in a Reality Series, and Best Director.

Following the awards presentation, attendees were entertained by a video that included pictures of McGuire through the years.

Superintendent Don Ballard presented her with a plaque and thanked her for her outstanding years of service. She was also presented a token of friendship from her colleagues and a collection of thank you cards from her current and former students.

McGuire has been a true blessing to the education world and is wished a happy and restful retirement.



McGUIRE RETIRES—Paint Creek School Superintendent Don Ballard, right, presents longtime teacher Phoi McGuire with a plaque for her outstanding years of service.

KERI STOUT
Stylist - Skin Specialist
Manicures & Pedicures - Reflexology

HAIR INC.
MERLE NORMAN & SPA
1020 North Commercial · Anson, Tx 79501
940-256-5595

LIQUIDATION SALE

50% off
entire store

Displays and Fixtures also for sale.

The Carousel Gift Shop

Erlinda Mayfield
Open M-F 10 to 5:30. Sat. 10 to 4
Southside of the square in Haskell • 940-864-2069

Valentine's Day
is Tues., Feb. 14!

Roses, Fresh Arrangements,
Balloon Bouquets, Homemade Fudge,
Stuffed Animals

Order Early!
Sue's Flowers
Teleflora & Gifts

Still locally owned for 30 years
www.suesflowersandgifts.com
Phone 940-864-2204 • Haskell

Texas celebration

The Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style celebration will be held Sat., March 3 around the Courthouse and city square. Applications for food vendor and craft booth registration may be made by visiting the County Judge's office or by calling Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or 940-256-3296.

TUESDAY is Valentine's Day!

Find the PERFECT GIFT and CARD at

THE DRUG STORE

Candy
Russell Stover Candy in Heart shaped or plain boxes

Jewelry
New shipment of Jewelry...Lots of BLING!

Trendy Clothing
New tops, t-shirts, leggings, camisoles and more!

Balloons
Give a Beautiful Balloon Bouquet

Stuffed Animals
Add one to a balloon for a great gift!

Purses and Wallets
Latest Styles and Colors

Gifts
Yankee Candles, Crosses and MUCH MORE!

Words from the Heart
Send a Valentine's Day message to that special someone with an *American Greetings*

Valentine's Day Card

Bridal Shower Registry
Ariel Ingram & Judson McDonald

Baby Shower Registry
Destini Cooke
Shanna and Jason Daniels

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
www.haskelldrugstore.com

THE DRUG STORE
Haskell • 864-2673

CRANK IT UP WITH
CHILI & CHEESE

Chili Cheese Coney

Jr. Chili Cheeseburger

Med. Chili Cheese Tots

1.99 each plus tax

PILE IT ON ANY ITEM
ADD CHILI & CHEESE*



No Waiting • Call In Orders
864-8533

*See menu for pricing. Add-ons cost extra. Excludes Footlong Quarter Pound Coney. Only at participating SONIC® Drive-Ins. TM & ©2012 Jan.-Feb. America's Drive-In Brand Properties, LLC.

This Is It!
Begins Thurs., Feb. 9
Final Reductions
Fall and Winter
Sale Shoes
(Values to \$128.00)
\$9.90 \$19.90 \$29.90 \$39.90
Clark Boots & Brighton
\$49.90

UP TO 60% OFF
Fall and Winter
Sale Clothes
Personality-Slipper Shoppe
940/864-2501 • 864-3051
South Side of Square Haskell, Texas

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

More weeks of deliberation expected in redistricting

AUSTIN—On Feb. 1, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals signaled that the Texas House, Senate and U.S. congressional district maps drawn by the state Legislature last spring could take weeks worth of scrutiny in testing for compliance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Act provides the basis to cure racial discrimination in elections and election-related processes. Section 5 of the Act requires Texas, among other states and smaller jurisdictions, to obtain preclearance of redistricting maps by the D.C. Circuit Court.

Meanwhile, in San Antonio on Feb. 2, the three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, indicated it would proceed with the task of revising the three sets of maps, as directed by the U.S. Supreme Court. In January, the high court threw out the San Antonio district court panel's attempt to revise the Texas Legislature's enacted maps and ordered the three judges to follow more closely the Legislature's intent in its next remedial effort.

Furthermore, on Feb. 2, the San Antonio district court instructed plaintiffs (Shannon Perez et al. v. defendants State of Texas et al.) in each of the three redistricting cases to present their arguments in court on Feb. 15. Parties have until Feb. 10 to file their legal briefs.

Although a court order issued in mid-December set April 3 as the date for the Texas primaries, court actions put on the calendar last week could bump them later in April or even May or June.

TSTA calls for special session

Pressure on the governor to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to address shortages in school funding is increasing.

Public education absorbed a multi-billion dollar hit when the Legislature, in its January through May 2011 regular session, made across the board spending cuts to address the state's estimated \$20 billion budget deficit for the 2012-2013 biennium. Then, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst who presides over the Senate, and House Speaker Joe Straus steered fiscally conservative majorities in the Senate and House to approve the use of about \$3 billion of the state's \$9 billion Economic Stabilization

(also known as "Rainy Day") Fund. The tapped amount was applied to the public education and health and human services budgets.

Texas State Teachers Association last week urged Gov. Rick Perry to call lawmakers to Austin to appropriate \$2.5 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund "to head off another round of harmful cuts in local public school budgets for the 2012-2013 school year."

TSTA President Rita Haecker, at a Feb. 1 Capitol news conference, pointed out the effects of the governor and the legislative majority's cutting of \$5.4 billion from public education for the current, two-year budget period, including \$4 billion in formula funding obligations to school districts and another \$1.4 billion in Texas Education Agency grants to districts.

An estimated 32,000 school employees including 12,000 teachers already have lost their jobs, and more than 8,200 elementary classes are larger than the cap set by state law. "Ultimately, these cuts and crowded classrooms harm our students' learning environment," Haecker said. TSTA is circulating a petition calling on the governor to call a special session, she added.

A year ago, the office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported that \$7.2 billion of the Rainy Day Fund came from oil and gas production taxes.

Oil & gas figures take shape

These days, oil and gas industry trucks are seen moving up and down roads and highways in many parts of Texas and setting up shop here and there on sites visible from public rights of way.

Many Texas newspapers routinely report this information, but in light of the current call for a special session and the Rainy Day Fund's tie to oil and gas production taxes, here are figures reported by the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry.

On Jan. 30, the Texas Railroad Commission reported it issued 1,630 original drilling permits in December 2011. "The December total included 1,480 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 35 to re-enter existing well bores, and 115 for re-completions. Permits issued in December 2011 included 479 oil, 186 gas, 902 oil and gas, 48 injection, two service and 13 other permits," according to the report.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 7, 2002

Aubrey Bassett and horse, One Terrific Journey, came away with two first place wins, one second place win and one fifth place win in the Western Pleasure Walk-Trot Class at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Named to the Dean's List at McMurry University were Kristy Arellano, senior Biology major; Keith Medford, senior Multidisciplinary Studies major; and Kelli Moeller, senior Multidisciplinary Studies major.

Winning the Grand Champion Broilers division at the Haskell County Livestock show was Eden Thomas. Ryan Burgess won Reserve Champion Broilers.

20 Years Ago February 6, 1992

Sheree Smith, an Angelo State University student from Haskell, hopes to break through and conquer a \$50,000 prize in the American Gladiator competition. Smith won the San Angelo competition.

Winners in the Scouts Pinewood Derby races were Tigers' Ross Bullinger, Eddie Loyd and Derrick Tribbey; Bears' Matthew Fleetwood,

Angel Silvas and Levi Terry; Wolfs' Loren Cole, Zach Collins and Zac McGuire; and Webelos' Ethan Brown, Jason Trammell and Travis Garrison.

Two students from Haskell qualified for academic honors lists at Texas Tech University. Kirk High, senior, was named to the President's List, while Wayne Geilhausen, senior, was on the Dean's List.

30 Years Ago February 11, 1982

Kristi Alves, a senior at Haskell High School, was selected as the first alternate to the All State High School Band.

Faye Mullino, Michelle Scoggins and Chad Ballard, all of Rochester, have been accepted as junior members of the American Hereford Association.

Rick Messenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Messenger of Haskell, has been promoted from drilling technician to drilling superintendent. He works for Exxon Company USA in the Mid Continent Production Division.

40 Years Ago February 10, 1972

Pam Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, and a senior at Haskell High School, has been named

to Merit's Who's Who in American High Schools. Students are selected based on their scores on the ACT college entrance exam.

Lesley Wootan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wootan of Haskell, has accepted the job as Comptroller of the City of Sweetwater. He is a certified public accountant.

Chosen as class favorites at Rochester High School were Pam Speck and Buddy Gauntt, senior class; Lisa Grindstead and Kenny Cockerell, junior class; Cherri Townsend and Mac Hearn, sophomore class; and Susan Mullino and Larry Short, freshman class.

Feb. 10 was declared Woody Woodard Day by Mayor Belton Duncan and the Haskell City Council, in recognition of his many years and accomplishments in serving the City of Haskell.

50 Years Ago February 8, 1962

Members of Boy Scout Troop 36 receiving the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor, were Eddie Smart, Eddie Hester, Tommy Hester, Barry O'Neal, Bill Perry and Jimmy Bynum.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Druessedow, Sr. were honored by their children with a

reception in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary. They have lived and farmed in the Roberts community for forty years.

Oscar Helweg, owner and operator of O.J. Helweg and Son Implement Co. here since 1951, has sold the establishment to Jones County Implement Co. of Stamford. The new name will be Haskell Farm Store.

100 Years Ago February 10, 1912

A.C. Hinkle of the northeast side was in town and reports that a heavy acreage of oats is being sown in his vicinity.

Henry Johnson left Wed. for the American Colony at Santa Lucretia on the Mexican Isthmus. B.A. Barnes is to join the excursion on Thursday.

Crime of the Week

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 2011, a theft of copper wire occurred at Irby Construction Company on Hwy 180 in Anson. The thieves stole several thousand dollars worth of wire.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Jones Co. Sheriff's Department, is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible. Anyone with information is urged to call the tipline at 800-222-TIPS or text CFCS at CRIMES.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information about crimes committed in Jones, Shackelford, Fisher, Haskell, Kent and Stonewall counties. All callers remain anonymous.

Remember—We want your information—not your name. See something—say something.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Our weather is—well, somewhat confusing. You wake one morning to a day when the temperature reaches into the 70's, no wind—a beautiful spring day. Then the next one consists of a high near the 50's, a blustery north wind that is plenty chilly. Then included in the mix are several days where the low is only down to the 40's with an occasional dip into the 30's—not too cold. Lo and behold, here come some days where the temperature is freezing. With temperature fluctuations like ours, I am surprised that everyone is not sick. Our weather may be a little erratic, but if it were perfect, we would have way too many people here. Pardon my obsession with the weather.

When I was gainfully employed with cotton and farmers, the weather was always a topic of conversation. It still is a topic of conversation among the Gannaway brothers much to my bride's dismay. She calls it "turning-row" prattle.

Same song, fourteenth verse. Do not put tires, your old furniture such as couches and chairs or your worn out appliances by the dumpster. They will not, repeat, will not be picked up by our employees who drive the trash trucks. Let me explain why. First of all, we are not allowed to put tires in our landfill. Secondly, the worn out appliances can be taken to the collection site for the Wall of Honor. Thirdly, the individual who drives the trash truck is not on the city's payroll for the purpose of putting your trash into the dumpster. I don't mean to be ugly, but if it's your trash, it's your responsibility—handle it.

And if it's been setting there for a year or so, chances are no one else is going to take care of it for you. No one appreciates it except the rats, mice, opossums and snakes.

I read an interesting article about web sites this week. It was titled 'Five Common Mistakes On City Web Sites'. Some of the advantages of a good web site mentioned are increased efficiency, better communication, and wide exposure. This article also states, "poorly designed and managed city web sites litter the Internet and frustrate citizens and visitors alike." The first mistake listed is 'failure of city leaders to monitor the site.' It can be and is quite embarrassing when someone who has looked at our web site comments about something they have seen and our city leaders, one of which is yours truly, have no idea what they are talking about—Ouch. Our web site (and there are several) is oftentimes our initial exposure to the outside world and this is where many people will form their first impression. Remember the oft stated adage: You only have one chance to make a good first impression. We need to address this and all sites need to be current. The second of the five common mistakes will be discussed next week.

Our Texas Independence Day Celebration is Sat., March 3. There is quite a bit of planning that goes into this celebration and it sounds to me this one is going to be bigger and better than last year. So mark your calendar and plan to be there and participate. As an added attraction, I have written

letters to the Art Departments at Midwestern, Tarleton, ACU, Hardin-Simmons, McMurry and Angelo State inviting the art students to come exhibit their works as well as offer them for sale. Haven't received any responses yet but am waiting to hear.

It is also my understanding that many of our local citizens and some from surrounding towns will have their antique cars available for us to see. I was not aware of just how many people in our community are very interested in and possess antique cars. This will be a good addition to the celebration. Plus, if there is a great interest in the antique cars, we probably should have a show featuring these vehicles in the near future. Perhaps a 'cruise' from Haskell Sonic to Stamford Sonic as I understand these antique car owners love to get them out on the highway.

I was in Lubbock this past Monday to attend the visitation for a past boss. I also took the opportunity to visit some of my colleagues at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center. They all wanted to know about being mayor but the main topic of conversation concerned water and its availability. I told them that our water supply was excellent which surprised everyone. (Although we do need rain like the rest of the state.) I told them that we had some very forward thinking individuals many years ago who had the foresight to develop a reservoir for residential water use. I know that those individuals and their families took some major 'heat', but thank goodness for their

persistence.

During one of our mayoral runs this week, we noticed a young couple cleaning up a house and yard that had been notoriously messy. We stopped and visited briefly, I introduced myself as the mayor and I told them we appreciated what they were doing and to keep up the good work.

We've noticed strangers in town walking around the square looking at buildings. Kind of makes you wonder what's going on...maybe something you're not aware of. So we parked the car and we began looking inside vacant buildings. There are some that are rent-available, just need some cleaning up and someone to put a business in them. Others, sad to say, have ceilings that have caved in with mold aplenty. These are the ones that will be condemned as soon as our Code Enforcement Officer gets things lined up and ready to write the tickets. Wouldn't it be better for the owners to be pro-active and do the cleaning and at least offer a good prospect for some business to buy or rent rather than waiting for that condemnation notice?

Love driving around and seeing all the old structures that are now history. I noticed some sheds on some of the lots where there used to be houses...guess they don't qualify for tear down since they're not houses. If we have to, we may have to activate some volunteers to manually clean them—hopefully the city will offer a trailer to haul the junk off.

Hope you had a super Super Bowl Sunday!

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

The Haskell Free Press

Established January 1, 1886
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
420 North First Street • P. O. Box 555
HASKELL, TEXAS 79521
Phone 940-864-2686 • Fax 940-864-2687
hfp@valornet.com

John McDougalPublisher
Lisa ShawBusiness Manager
Doris McDougalProduction
Caron Yates.....Editor

Periodical Paid Haskell, Texas 79521
(USPS 237-040)

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Haskell County, one year, \$25.00.
Outside of Haskell County, one year, \$34.00.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, TX. 79521-0555.

This issue mailed Wed., Feb. 8, 2012





Haskell Indians ★ Maidens Basketball



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #20 David Newton, #32 Gabriel Torres, #14 Mathew Martinez and #12 Kelby Bell; back row, #34 Sterling Bird, #30 Brett Shelton, #22 Brady Leach, #24 Isaiah Llewellyn and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Indians

**JVB-VB
vs Hamlin
Fri., Feb. 10
5 p.m.
at Hamlin**

Haskell Maidens

At press time, the Maidens have a one game lead for third place, which qualifies them for a playoff spot. If they win Tuesday night, Feb. 7, they will play Seymour at a site to be determined on Feb. 13 or 14.

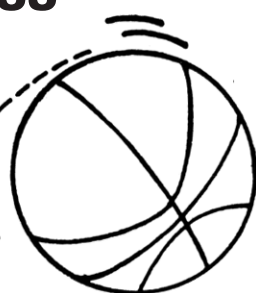


HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #35 Delecia Garcia, #25 Ashley Adams, #21 Myra Rodriguez, #5 Jacie Klose and #23 Sidney Cassidy; back row, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #31 Maci Colley, #33 Dana Rodriguez, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #11 Taylor Burson, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #41 Carson Hadaway.

This Page Sponsored By The Following Indian and Maiden Boosters

**Big Country Electric Cooperative
Richardson TrueValue & NAPA Auto Parts
Tom Bassett State Farm Insurance
Smith Family Funeral Homes
Communication Connection/Verizon Wireless
HTS Services-KP's Lunch Bar
The Movie Store/Lewis Construction
Haskell County Insurance Agency
Haskell Free Press**

**Personality-Slipper Shoppe
Modern Way Food & Fuel
First National Bank
Haskell Co-op Gin
Haskell National Bank
Hanson Paint and Body
Haskell Save-A-\$
Larned Sales Center
Smitty's Auto Supply
Matlock & Associates
West Electric**



First Baptist Church kicks off 40 Days of Purpose

First Baptist Church of Haskell kicks off its "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" this Sat., Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. with a Dessert Potluck Fellowship and Video Worship Service in the Family Activity Center where everyone present will receive their free copy of The Purpose Driven Life book.

From Sun., Feb. 12 through Sun., March 25, everything the church does will be focused on "What on Earth Am I Here For?" Everyone in the area is welcome to participate in this life-changing six weeks. First Baptist Church members are excited about this opportunity for individual and church growth and would like to extend an invitation to all who are searching for God's purpose in their lives.

Inspired by remarkable stories of spiritual renewal and growth, an estimated 30,000 churches from over 60 denominations have experienced the purpose-

driven phenomena inspired by the best-selling book, The Purpose Driven Life, which quotes over 700 scriptures. This book is the fastest-selling hard cover nonfiction book in history and has sold more than 30 million copies since the book's release in 2002.

During the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign at First Baptist Church, the truths about God's five purposes for people—worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism—will be communicated repeatedly in six ways:

1. A Dessert Potluck Kick-Off and Video Worship Service on Sat., Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Activity Center.
2. Weekly Sunday morning Bible studies at 9:45 a.m.
3. Messages from the pastor every Sunday morning at 10:55 a.m.
3. A brief daily personal devotional reading—a free book provided by the church.
4. A weekly Scripture memory verse.

Valentine supper

The Aspermont Chamber of Commerce will host a Valentine's Supper Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Aspermont. A meal of steak, baked potatoes and dessert will be served. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting an Aspermont Chamber member.

5. Weekly video driven Bible studies in small group home meetings.

6. A daily e-mail of encouragement.

People will hear about God's purposes for their lives in many different formats. This will allow for the truths to sink deeper into hearts, which is essential for any permanent life change. Come discover God's purpose for you!

For more information, call the church office at 940-864-2581 or check out our website fbchaskell.org or our Facebook page.

Box Tops drive

The Haskell Elementary PTO and students are collecting Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are found on many grocery and other items. Each box top turned in equals 10 cents for our school. Over \$500 in box tops for the fall semester were turned in. Box tops from anyone will be accepted to help us beat the amount collected in the fall semester. If any businesses would like a collection jar for Box Tops, one can be provided. For more information, email haskellelementarypto@gmail.com or leave a message with the elementary school secretary.

Deadlines

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



PIRATES IN ACTION—Paint Creek Pirate Caleb McCord, left, uses his height to his advantage against a Woodson Cowboy. Pirate River McTashey, right, goes straight up to block a Woodson shot.

Farm Bureau announces Food Check-Out Week

Concern about the cost of a healthy diet being out of reach remains on the minds of many Americans as the nation continues to work through serious economic woes. However, according to an Agriculture Department study, the cost of eating healthy hasn't changed as much as some less-healthy alternatives. Eating healthy food while on a budget does require strategic shopping. Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 19-25 focuses on helping Americans learn how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food.

America's farmers and ranchers are committed to producing safe, healthy and abundant food. And they share a common concern with consumers when it

comes to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget.

The good news is that a recent USDA report favorably supports the economics of healthier eating. Recent food price data show that prices for unprepared, readily available fresh fruits and vegetables have remained stable relative to dessert and snack foods, such as chips, ice cream and cola. Therefore, as defined by foods in the study, the price of a "healthier" diet has not changed compared to an "unhealthy" diet.

Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is aimed at helping American consumers learn how to shop strategically to put nutritious meals on the table with fewer dollars. "Learning to use your grocery dollars wisely

helps ensure that nutrition isn't neglected," according to Charles Gibson, president of Haskell County Farm Bureau.

"Fruits and vegetables—along with whole grains, low-fat dairy products, lean meats, fish, beans, eggs and nuts—are an important part of a healthy diet. Buying fresh produce when it's in season and costs less, while buying frozen fruits and vegetables when they're not in season, is a smart way to stretch that dollar," says Gibson.

Farm Bureau has developed Food Check-Out Week educational materials dedicated to helping consumers make healthier food purchases. Information on several topics including "Tips for Better Nutrition on a Tight Budget," "How Much Should I Eat?," "Understanding Food Labels" and "Understanding What MyPyramid Means" is available.

Additionally, the Haskell County Farm Bureau will sponsor a food drive activity or donation amount or pounds of food items) to help the local food bank, recognizing the need everyone has to find solutions to feeding families healthful foods on a tight budget.

Now in its 14th year, Food Check-Out Week also highlights America's safe, abundant and affordable food supply, made possible largely by America's productive farmers and ranchers. According to the most recent (2009) information from the USDA's Economic Research Service, American families and individuals spend, on average, less than 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food.

Relay for Life to hold 5K event

The Camo Chicks Relay For Life team is having a fund-raiser 5K run/walk in conjunction with the Texas Independence Day Celebration in Haskell. The 5K run/walk will start at 8:30 a.m. on the Haskell County Courthouse square Sat., March 3.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Haskell County Courthouse. Forms will be on a table on the first floor of the Courthouse. Pre-registration fee is \$20. Registration fee on the day of the event is \$25, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. To receive a registration form by email, contact Terri Fillmon at 940-256-0259 or Stacia Leach at 940-256-0685. First 100 participants will be guaranteed a t-shirt. A registration form may be downloaded at www.abilenerunners.com.

All proceeds of the event will go towards the Knox-Haskell County Relay for Life.

WILD HORSE TRADING POST
Haskell's General Store and **RadioShack** dir.
Music CDs Buy 1 Get 1 Free of same or lesser value
Select a special gift for your Valentine!
Bath & Spa Sets
Don't forget—We have guns and ammo, gifts and musical instruments!
419 S. 1st, Haskell • 864-2200
Hours: M-F 10-6; Sat. 10-3

TRANSFORM YOUR ANSWER TO LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT!
You were created by God for five purposes, and until you understand them, life will not make sense.

Over 30,000 churches worldwide have participated in a spiritual journey called 40 Days of Purpose. Over the course of 40 Days, we'll explore God's amazing plan for you—both here and now, and for eternity. Knowing God's purpose for creating you will reduce your stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions, give new meaning to your life, and most importantly, prepare you for eternity.

BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND! FEB. 12—MARCH 25
You're invited to be a part of this important series on Sundays and one evening a week in a small group home setting. Each of the six weekly video lessons is led by Pastor Rick Warren. By participating in a 40 Days of Purpose group, you'll receive a free copy of The Purpose Driven Life book and a personal study guide. We invite you to join us—there's no cost to participate.

Discover God's purpose for you! Join us for...

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

First Baptist Church – Haskell

February 12 – March 25

- Kick-Off Event – Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dessert Potluck and Video Worship Service
- Every Sunday—Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:55 a.m.
- Small Groups Meeting once weekly

• For more details, call 940-864-2581
Check out our website—fbchaskell.org
Go to our Facebook page

"Make sure you're not missing the point of your life – read this book! The Purpose Driven Life will guide you to greatness – through living the Great Commandment and the Great Commission."
BILLY GRAHAM AND FRANKLIN GRAHAM

"Destined to be a classic... Timeless, profound, and compelling, this is the book we've all been waiting for!"
BRUCE WILKINSON
AUTHOR, THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

NATIONAL BOY SCOUT WEEK FEBRUARY 5-11



Haskell Cub Scouts Pack 136

Pack Committee Chairman
Wallar Overton
Pack Committee Members
Patrick Pace
Leland Terry

Chartering Organization
Haskell Lions Club
Chartering Organization Rep.
Tom Watson

Cubmaster
Sherri Morrow

Bears:
Steven King, Leader
Nathan Wesley King
Reese Edward McBroom

Webelos I:
Randy Waggoner, Leader
Braxton Isaak Jackson
Joseph Lebrone Pryor
Garrett Keefer Waggoner

Venturing Crew 136

Chartering Organization
First Christian Church

Executive Officer
Leland Terry

Chartering Organization Rep.
Connie Benton

Scout Parents

Unit Coordinator
Kristen Grand

Committee Member
Craig McCormick

Committee Chairman
Sam Pace

Venturing Crew Advisor
Leland Terry

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

Boy Scouts Troop 136

Chartering Organization
First United Methodist Church

Executive Officer
Dustin Wilhite

Committee Members
Carmel Pace, Chairman
Janet Bowers
Randell Bowers
Melissa Tatum
Chris Tatum
Misty Reed
Randall Waggoner
Terry Weise
Wilton Weise

Chartering Organization Rep.
Don Ballard

Scoutmaster
Patrick Pace

Asst. Scoutmasters
Wilton Weise
Randy Waggoner

Youth Members
Braeden Alves
James Bowers
Reed Lee
Ryan Pace
Josh Starr
Garret Tatum
Zachary Tatum
Aaron Waggoner
Max Weise

Boy Scouts Troop 148

Chartering Organization
Paint Creek ISD

Chartering Organization Rep.
Donald Lynn Ballard

Committee Members
Allen Morrow,
Chairman
Shawn Jordan
Nicole Jordan
Kendall Medford
Leiza Morales

Scoutmaster
James McTasney

Asst. Scoutmasters
Laura Rock
Michael Waggoner

Youth Members
Justin Bailey
Bryant Booe
Dalton Einhouse
Bayden Graham
Billy Jones
Johnny Jones
Hunter Jordan
River McTasney
Preston Morrow
Shawn Myers
Tyler Phelps
Seth Rock
Gabe Todd
Micah Waggoner

Being self-reliant is important in life and one of the things a Scout learns. We proudly support Scouts in all their endeavors.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA
550 S. Second • 864-8565
Haskell, Texas 79521

Making good things grow—in nature and in life—is what Scouting is all about. Keep up the good work, Scouts!

Larned Sales Center
864-2749 • Haskell

Scouting builds confidence and self-reliance. That's why Scouts go on to become leaders in all walks of life.

Kay's Cleaners
516 N. 1st • Haskell

Scouts learn skills they'll enjoy for a lifetime. We're proud of the contribution Scouting makes to America's youth.

Rule Banking Center
A branch of Hamlin National Bank
P. O. Box 10 • Rule, Texas • 940-997-2216
Member FDIC

"To help others at all times" is an important part of the Scout Oath. Thanks, Scouts, for setting a fine example.

Haskell National Bank
Haskell • Abilene
Member FDIC

Scouts from around the world share the satisfaction of meeting new challenges. We support these leaders of tomorrow!

First National Bank
MUNDAY-HASKELL-STAMFORD
PHONE - (940) 864-8555

FDIC
"Rated one of the nation's strongest banks."

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Learning is always at hand in Scouting, as boys get the chance to take an active part in new and different fields of interest.

Big Country Electric Cooperative
Stamford • Roby • Snyder

Scouts of all ages are the pride of our community. We congratulate them on all they do to make our lives better.

Hanson's Paint & Body
864-3631 • Haskell

Scouting opens new worlds of learning and exploration. You're our hope for the future, Scouts, and we salute you!

M & M Auto Plus
864-5228 • Haskell

Outdoor adventure teaches Scouts the value of teamwork and instills admiration and respect for the environment.

WAL-MART
325-773-2775 • Stamford

Scouting at any age is an opportunity to experience many things and have a great time, too. We heartily support them.

The Haskell Free Press
864-2686 • Haskell
'The People's Choice'

Venturing Crew

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.

Rule School Menu

Feb. 13-17 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits with sausage gravy, Berry Puffs cereal, red applesauce
Tuesday: Cinnamon Toast, sausage, Lucky Charms cereal, pears
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with sausage, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup, Cocoa Puff cereal, mixed fruit
Friday: No school
Lunch
 Milk and slushy are served daily.
Monday: Lasagna with roll, sweet corn, green peas, fresh fruit, applesauce
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak with roll, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, crackers, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Chicken fajita tacos, Mexicali corn, pinto beans, fresh fruit, lettuce and cheese
Thursday: Cheeseburger, glazed carrots, crackers, mixed fruit, lettuce and cheese
Friday: No school

Rule ISD Employee Spotlight



SARA HODGIN

Sara Hodgkin of Haskell has taught at Rule ISD for 28 years in third grade and is a first year second grade teacher.

She has been married to husband Lonnie for 40 years. He is a farmer. They have three grown children, Wayne, John Mark and Jamie; three grandchildren and are expecting another grandchild.

She has two pets, Peedy and Ginger.

She enjoys her grandkids, music, cooking and

Facebook.

Her favorite scripture is, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will direct your path," Prov. 3: 5-6.

Her favorite quote is, "I was a Kindergarten dropout! I might write a book about teaching someday. I would call it 'Grils an Forgs!'"

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 13
 Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, Parmesan toast, peach cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 15
 Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 17
 Ham and beans, club spinach, seasoned corn, lemon cake, tea or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



DAMIEN PANNELL



BRYSON YOUNG

Students visit Rotary Club

Damien Pannell is a senior at Paint Creek School and the son of Dayna and Chad Pannell.

While in high school, Pannell has participated in football and basketball. He has also served as a class officer.

His hobbies include free running, hanging out with friends and working.

After graduation, he plans to move to Georgia and attend Georgia Community College.

Bryson Young is a senior at Paint Creek School and the son of Sharon and Wes Strickland.

Young plays basketball and has been involved in FFA and FCA and a class officer.

His hobbies include playing basketball, working, cooking and running.

He plans to attend Cisco College to become trained as a certified welder then continue to work at Strickland Bridge.

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 13-17 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Hot pockets
Thursday: Pigs n blanket
Friday: Breakfast burritos
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Corndogs, carrot sticks, chips, fruit
Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, pudding
Wednesday: Hamburgers, cheese, salad, chips, fruit
Thursday: Pizza, corn, salad, bananas
Friday: BBQ on bun, pickle spears, fries, Rice Krispies

Haskell School Menu

Breakfast
 Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Pork sausage biscuit or Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit, apple juice
Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal, peaches, orange juice
Wednesday: Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, sour green applesauce, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, majestic pears, apple juice
Friday: Breakfast biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, original applesauce, orange juice
Lunch
 Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich and a cookie.
Monday: Choice of one: Chef Boyardee ravioli with roll or Italian antipasto salad or energy meal with bologna and cheese; Choice of up to three: sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, peaches, red slushy
Tuesday: Choice of one: Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; Choice of up to three: glazed carrots, whole wheat crackers, fresh honeydew, lettuce and cheese, red slushy.
Wednesday: Choice of one: Beef and bean burrito or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce, majestic pears, red slushy.
Thursday: Choice of one: Steak fingers with roll or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; Choice of up to three: scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe, whole wheat crackers, red slushy.
Friday: Choice of one: Tony's pizza or chef salad or energy meal with po-boy; Choice of up to three: tater tots, baked beans, original applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, red slushy.

This Week's Devotional Message:



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

In just about a week from now
 There'll be 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**
 Frank Slayton, minister
 Sun. 10:45 a.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Church of God**
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
 Rev. David White, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
 Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
 Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
 Father George Roney
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
 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
 - First Baptist Church**
 Rev. Jim McCurley
 Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
 Morris R. Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
 - God Loves You Ministries**
 Mark Wallace, pastor
 Church Service 10 a.m.
 West side of square, Haskell
 —WEINERT—
 - First Baptist Church**
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 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

Students in the News

Meredith R. Harvey, a resident of Haskell, was among the degree candidates at the 2011 fall commencement ceremonies at Texas State University, San Marcos. Harvey received a bachelor's degree in English.

Cheslee Hearn of Rochester was recently named to Tarleton State University's A Honor Roll List for the fall 2011 semester at the university's Stephenville campus. Hearn is majoring in Agronomy and Range Management.

Students making the list have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Tarleton State University has released the Distinguished Students list for the fall 2011

semester. Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C,' and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C.' All must be in good standing with the university.

Students making the list include Kellye Tidrow of Haskell who is enrolled at Tarleton's Online campus and majoring in Business Administration; Dawn Skinner of Haskell who is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Art; and Marissa McGhee of Rochester, who is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Agronomy and Range Management.

Haskell alumni game set Sat., March 10

Individuals who attended Haskell High School or a consolidated school with Haskell CISD or who have a son who played baseball for the Indians are eligible to play the 2012 Haskell Indians in an Alumni game Sat., March 10 at 4 p.m. at Indian Field. Entry fee is \$20. All alumni playing will receive a t-shirt.

for practice at 1 p.m. March 10.

Hamburger meals will be available throughout the game.

All proceeds go towards scholarship money for Haskell High School student athletes. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. before the game.

For more information, contact Josh Damron at 903-267-2129.

Sonic Drive-In
 1402 N. Ave. E
 864-8533
 Managers: Leon & Carolyn Herring

Steele Fire Apparatus
 Hwy. 380 East • 864-2208

Modern Way Food Store
 1202 N. Ave. E • 864-3763

HANSON PAINT & BODY SHOP
 207 S. 1st • 864-3631
 Professional Auto Body Repair
 Glass Installation • 24 Hour Wrecker Service

Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator
 301 Adams • Rule • 996-2421

Smitty's Auto Parts
 107 N. 1st East • 864-2607

The Haskell Free Press
 "The People's Choice"
 420 N. First Haskell, Texas
 940-864-2686
 Serving Haskell County Since 1886

Capital Farm Credit issues refund

The Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors recently declared a total patronage refund of \$126.6 million. Of that, \$38.4 million is in cash to be paid to stockholders in March, and \$88.2 million is in the form of allocated equities and is eligible for future cash payouts.

The refund, based on 2011 earnings, continues a long-

standing tradition by the rural lending cooperative of sharing its earnings with its customers. The amount declared by the board represents the return of almost 100 percent of Capital Farm Credit's net earnings from 2011, setting it apart from other financial institutions.

"Our board of directors and

management are committed to returning patronage to our customers and standing by our cooperative principles," said Ben Novosad, chief executive officer. "Capital Farm Credit delivers value to our customers, and sharing our earnings is a tremendous value to them."

Capital Farm Credit is the state's largest rural lender and

has 95 years of experience providing financing to farmers, ranchers and other rural property owners. Headquartered in Bryan, it has more than 70 offices located throughout Texas. For more information about Capital Farm Credit, its patronage program and its office locations, visit www.CapitalFarmCredit.com.



INDIANS IN ACTION—Haskell Indian #24 Isaiah Llewellyn, left, takes advantage of a screen set by Indian #34 Sterling Bird during the Munday game.



MOVES DOWN COURT—Paint Creek Pirate Bryson Young dribbles down the court after rebounding the ball in a game against Woodson.



CITIZENS OF THE MONTH—The character theme at Paint Creek School for January was responsibility. Students who most consistently demonstrated responsibility were selected from each grade level, including, front row, l-r, Chris Acosta, second grade; Levi Rhoads, first grade; Deavine Hoadley, Kindergarten; middle row, Catherine Lemond, seventh grade; Natividad Ipin, fifth grade; Tanner Booe, fourth grade; Gabriel Mitchell, third grade; back row, Dalton Barnett, twelfth grade; Paige Ramirez, eighth grade; Cody Mayfield, tenth grade; Katie Jones, eleventh grade; Felicity Hannsz, sixth grade. Not pictured is Hanna Colley, ninth grade.

Texas flags

Citizens are invited to sponsor a Texas flag for the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style. The Committee to Help Haskell County needs sponsors for 40 flags which will be flown March 2, Texas Independence Day and March 3. Flags may also be used on other special days like Wild Horse Prairie Days and 4th of July. For more information contact Susan Cockerell at 864-2851 or Billie McKeever at 864-4814 or any committee member.

Al-Anon

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



Shop The Haskell Free Press CLASSIFIEDS



940-864-2686 ALL DEADLINES MONDAY AT NOON • hfpnews@lycos.com 940-864-2686

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1983 Prowler camper. 1209 Pawnee, Rule. 996-6024. 6c

Miscellaneous

SRACCESS.NET. High speed internet \$9.95 and up. 41tfc

FEB. 26, 27, 28, Sun./Mon./Tues. "New chartered bus." Abilene to Diamond Jacks Casino, Bossier City/Shreveport, La. High pay outs. Call reservations. 325-235-2068. 6p

Jobs Wanted

I WANT TO CLEAN houses. Call 940-203-1233. 6p

HOUSEKEEPERS. Looking good and smelling fresh. Jama Park and Doris Brock. 325-933-8807. 6c

Real Estate

FOR SALE: 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 1004 N. Ave. D. Possible financing available. 817-894-0950. 5tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE by owner: 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1850 sq. ft. Corner lot. Sprinkler system. 1303 N. Ave. H. 940-256-0247 or 940-256-2161. 6-7c

For Rent

FOR RENT: In Rochester. 3 bedroom home. 604 Railroad. \$300 month. 325-829-1935. 5-6c

REMODELED. Rule, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, sunroom, covered parking, storm cellar, all appliances, good area. \$345. 325-692-7015. 6-7c

EXPERT AUTO WORK
REASONABLE RATES



See us for all your auto mechanic needs. 20 years experience. We do it right the first time.
US 277 South • Haskell

Garage Sale

INDOOR FLEAMARKET. Fri., Feb. 10 and Sat., Feb. 11. 10 to 4. Rule, across from bank. Men's clothing, tools, too much to list. 6p

Help Wanted

SONIC DRIVE IN in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

CNA NEEDED at Rolling Plains Detention Center.

Help Wanted

Education and experience: Graduation from high school or GED required. 1-2 years experience desirable, preferably in a correctional setting. Required Licensure/Certifications/Registrations: Licensure by the respective State Board of Nurse Examiners is required. Certification by the American Heart Association as Basic Life Support Provider. Come by Rolling Plains to complete the application or go online to www.emeraldcompanies.com. 5-6c

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Waitresses and kitchen help. 325-669-8848. 5-6c

\$5000 Sign-on bonus! Tons of runs. Frac sand hauling. Owner operators need tractor, pneumatic trailer, blower. 800-397-2338. 6p

PRN LVN's NEEDED at Rolling Plains Detention Center. Education and

Help Wanted

experience: Graduation from high school or GED required. 1-2 years experience desirable, preferably in a correctional setting. Required Licensure/Certifications/Registrations: Licensure by the respective State Board of Nurse Examiners is required. Certification by the American Heart Association as Basic Life Support Provider. Come by Rolling Plains to complete the application

Help Wanted

or go online to www.emeraldcompanies.com. 5-6c

LVN NEEDED at Rolling Plains Detention Center. Education and experience: Graduation from high school or GED required. 1-2 years experience desirable, preferably in a correctional setting. Required

Help Wanted

Licensure/Certifications/Registrations: Licensure by the respective State Board of Nurse Examiners is required. Certification by the American Heart Association as Basic Life Support Provider. Come by Rolling Plains to complete the application or go online to www.emeraldcompanies.com.

Dodson Concrete Construction

Commercial - Residential
David Dodson
704 N. Ave. F • Haskell
940-864-2038
Over 30 Years in the Business
FREE ESTIMATES

Decker Electric

Residential & Commercial
Sammy Decker
Master Electrician
940-864-8926
940-235-0143
906 N. Ave. K • Haskell
deckerelectric@valornet.com



Haskell County REALTY

103 N. Ave. E
Haskell, TX 79521
940-864-2665
1-800-658-6342

www.haskellcountyrealty.com

Chan Guess - agent
Rhonda Lisle, Accredited Staging Professional - agent,
Bridget Guess - broker

FEATURED LISTINGS

- **1506 N. AVE. E** - FOR RENT or SALE!! 2/2, 1.5 ACRES.
- **1002 N. 6TH** - MOVE IN READY! 3/1. \$24,900. **SOLD**
- **101 N. AVE. F** - UNBELIEVABLY AWESOME! 8/2.5. \$29,900.
- **1207 N. AVE. K** - IMMACULATE HOME! 3/1. \$32,900. **UNDER CONTRACT**
- **404 S. AVE. E** - NEWLY REMODELED! 3/1.5. \$59,900. **REDUCED**
- **1004 N. AVE. L** - GOT TO SEE! 2/2. \$72,500.
- **911 N. AVE. L** - INVITING & WELL MAINTAINED! 3/1.5. \$73,900. **NEW**
- **1106 N. AVE. H** - FAMILY FRIENDLY! 3/2. \$75,000. **NEW**
- **701 N. AVE. E** - SPACIOUS HOME WITH CHARACTER. 3/3. \$76,500. **REDUCED**
- **907 N. AVE. F** - IDEAL LOCATION AND OPEN CONCEPT. 3/2. \$99,000. **NEW**
- **1507 N. AVE. E** - BEAUTIFUL RESTORED HISTORIC HOME! 4/3. \$165,000.
- **500 BLOCK N. AVE. A** - 4 LOTS - BY PASS FRONTAGE! \$17,900. **REDUCED**
- **408 N. AVE. E** - OFFICE SPACE & APARTMENT! \$25,000. **UNDER CONTRACT**
- **507 N. 1ST EAST** - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY! \$49,900.

Complementary homestaging consultations offered with listings!
"Where we make You our #1 Priority"



RIKE

REAL ESTATE

Mary Rike Broker John Rike, Agent Megan Cox, Agent
mary@rikerealestate.com john@rikerealestate.com megan@rikerealestate.com
411 1/2 S. First Street
Haskell, Texas 79521
940-864-2411 325-370-6572
www.rikerealestate.com



1002 NORTH AVENUE M—This four bedroom two bath home is located on a quiet street on the edge of town. The property has mature trees, a good water well, nice large back patio, garden spot and covered area for a camper or additional patio. The inside of the home has a large dining room, large den with wood burning stove and second living area or playroom. Priced to sell. \$42,500



1605 NORTH AVE. E. Brick three bedroom, two bath, home with built-in appliances, large living, dining, basement, utility, two-car garage with openers, outside storage buildings and covered parking for an RV. This property is well insulated, has a circle drive for easy access and low maintenance. Reduced to \$59,750.

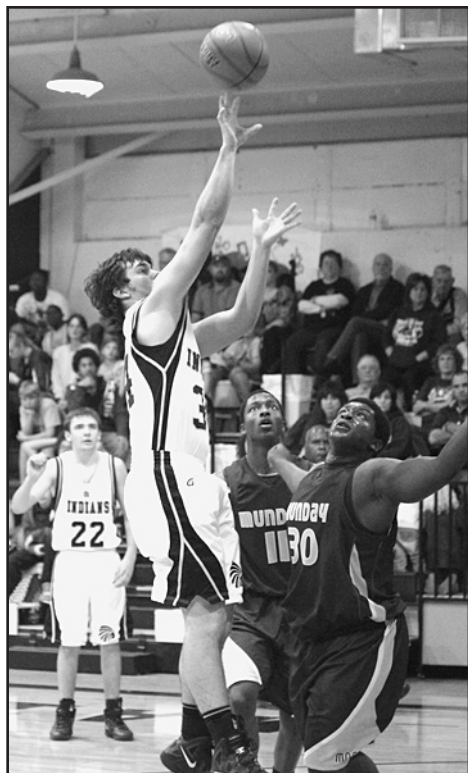
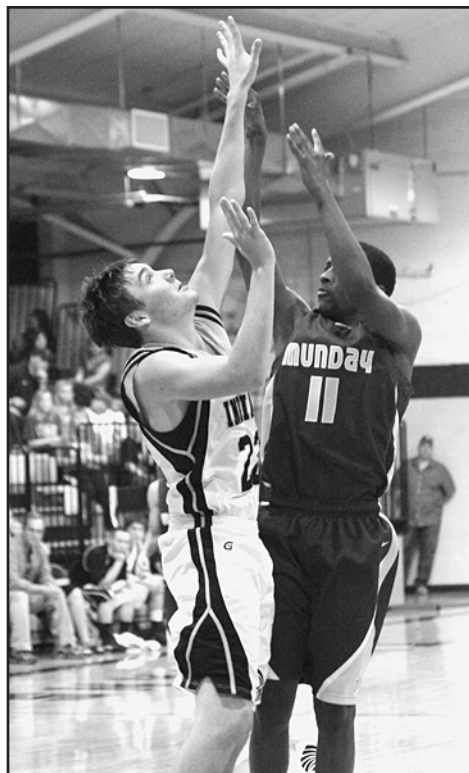


807 NORTH AVENUE F—LARGE FAMILY HOME. This three bedroom two bath home is located on the corner of Brick Street. The property has a three car covered carport, three large storage rooms, a cellar, and a beautifully tiled oversized back porch. The interior of the home is just as beautiful with a large den, living room, dining room, kitchen and laundry room. Move in ready! \$109,900



If you have any questions about buying or selling a home, ranch or farm land, call today!
Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.

List with us, we have Buyers for all areas, all properties and all price ranges.



INDIANS VS MOGULS—Haskell Indian #34 Sterling Bird, right, goes in for two points during the Munday game. Indian #22 Brady Leach, left, attempts to block a basket by a Mogul.



MAIDENS DEFEAT MUNDAY—Haskell Maiden #5 Jacie Klose, left, on the move during the game against Munday. Maiden #15 Reagan Hadaway, right, puts up two points for the Maidens. Haskell won the game 39-38.

Book fair set Feb. 20-24

Haskell Elementary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Mon., Feb. 20 through Fri., Feb. 24 for students in prekindergarten through eighth grade. The book fair will be held in the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8:00 until 4:30, Monday through Thursday, and will close at noon on Friday.

Elementary and Junior High students will have an opportunity to purchase books as they visit the book fair with their classes during the week. There will be a wide variety of materials available, including specially priced books, educational products, new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books and interactive software. "Book Fair Luau, It's a Reading Celebration!" 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 will be held in the library Thurs., Feb. 23, from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. Students will have a chance to shop with their families, register for book fair door prizes, and enjoy refreshments while they are browsing the book fair. Customers can help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This exciting reading event offers a wonderful selection of fun and affordable books kids want to read, helping to turn them into lifelong

readers. call 940-864-2654, extension 309.
For more information

WHORTON BAIL BOND SERVICE

Fast Courteous Service
Rated #1 in the Area
510 N. 1st Street
Haskell, Texas 79521
serving
Haskell, Knox &
Surrounding Counties

940-863-4000

Expect More and Pay Less!

HEY!

Little Dribblers
Be A Winner –
Come To Sport-About
for all
Your Basketball Needs

FREE!

Little Dribbler
T-shirt with each pair of
basketball shoes purchased

Reebok

Basketball Checklist

- Shorts
- Sweats
- Goals
- Shoes
- Team Color Socks
- Sweat Bands
- Knee Pads
- Balls –all sizes

TIME TO ROCK & ROLL

Where Winners Shop

Sport-About of Haskell 940-864-3891
402 N. 1st

We accept Discover, VISA, AMEX, MasterCard

Area basketball scores

<p>Girls</p> <p>Haskell 39, Munday 38 Scoring for Haskell: R. Hadaway 23, C. Hadaway 8, Johnson 4, Shelton 4. JV: Haskell 27, Munday 21</p> <p>Haskell 36, Stamford 33 Scoring for Haskell: R. Hadaway 14, Klose 5, C. Hadaway 9, Garcia 4, Johnson 2, Shelton 2. JV: Haskell 41, Stamford 8</p> <p>Aspermont 70 Paint Creek 31</p>	<p>Scoring for Paint Creek: Darnell 9, Bosnjak 8, Walker 5, Trotter 4, Buerger 3, McCord 2.</p> <p>Paint Creek 63 Woodson 23 Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 21, Buerger 16, Bosnjak 10, Trotter 8, Darnell 3, McCord 2, Lopez 2.</p> <p>Boys</p> <p>Aspermont 72 Paint Creek 23</p>	<p>Scoring for Paint Creek: Barnett 11, McTasney 4, Gardner 3, McCord 3, Young 2.</p> <p>Lueders-Avoca 62 Rule 50 Scoring for Rule: Grindstaff 12, M. Perez 9, Quintero 8, J. Perez 6, Hardamon 5, Taylor 4, Rogers 4, Lewis 2.</p> <p>Aspermont 63, Rule 18 Scoring for Rule: Rogers 6, Taylor 5, J. Perez 3, Hardaman 2, M. Perez 2.</p>
--	---	---

Calendar

Relay for Life

To sign up for a team for the Knox-Haskell Relay for Life visit www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx or call Becky or Carla at 940-864-3050.

Quilters to meet

The Willow Creek Quilting Guild of Haskell will meet Mon., Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex building. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Donations

Noah Project—North is now accepting donations for the dinner/silent auction to be held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., April 21. All monetary and item donations are appreciated. Call 940-864-2551 if you have questions or need someone to pick up an auction item. You may mail your monetary donations to the Noah Project—North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Mon., Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. This year's banquet will include a meal, entertainment provided by the Haskell Elementary fifth grade choir, the introduction of local candidates running for office, the candidates for

the State Representative and door prizes. Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, 510 S. 2nd or by calling 864-2477.

Deadlines

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

REMEMBER THE STRONG SILENT TYPE?

They were rugged individuals who didn't say much, but when they did people listened, because they could back up what they said. They never went looking for trouble, but they didn't run from it either. That's our philosophy, too. The economy has been tough. We're prepared for it. We're a strong bank. We maintain a strong capital to assets ratio which serves as a rock solid base.

First National Bank

MUNDAY - HASKELL - STAMFORD

(940) 864-8555

fnbmunday.com

It just makes sense.

©MTL, Inc.

CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

***Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.**
****The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.**

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.