

Basketball

HASKELL
JV-G-B, VG-B vs Stamford
Fri., Jan. 11, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
JH-G, JH-B vs Munday
Mon., Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
Girls at Haskell
Boys at Munday
JV-G-B, VG-B vs Anson
Tus., Jan. 15, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Woodson
Fri., Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
at Woodson
JH Pirates vs Woodson
Mon., Jan. 14, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
Pirates vs Bryson
Tues., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library meeting room for a program on "Service Dogs," to be presented by Sandi Griffin. Also, Federation News will be discussed. Members are asked to bring toiletries for the Noah Project and a free will offering for Heifer International. Education, Homelife and Public Issues will be the topics for the meeting.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Pam Strickland of Haskell will bring the night's program. Strickland representing Sue's Flowers will bring things of interest in a floral manner. Everyone is invited—no invitation needed.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Jan. 15 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2798 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Food distribution

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

Easter Cantata

Community Choir practice for the Easter Cantata will be held each Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Planning forum

A community planning forum for the City of Haskell will be held Mon., Jan. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. The forum is intended to generate a vision and marketing plans for reinvigorating Haskell's motto, logo, economy and community development. For more information, contact Mary Drury at 864-3424 or Sally Rueffer at 864-2477. The event is sponsored and hosted by City of Haskell, Development Corporation of Haskell and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 10-12

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show and Sale this weekend

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held January 10-12 at the Haskell

County Show Barn. Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 10 by 4:00 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Thurs., Jan. 10

by 5:30 p.m. Show time schedules are Thurs., Jan. 10 at 7:00 p.m. for poultry and rabbits; and Fri., Jan. 11 at 8:00 a.m. for lambs followed by swine. The show

time for steers is 2:00 p.m., followed by heifers.

Judge for the lambs, swine, steers and heifers will be Bill Binder of Abilene. Judge for rabbits and chickens will be

Chris Beard, AST-Albany. Auctioneers for the sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Sat., Jan. 12 is Rex Ford of Stamford and Mike Fouts of Sagerton.

Announcers are Keith Medford and John Foster, both of Haskell.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will serve hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand set up with baked potatoes, Frito chili pies, brownies, Rice Krispie Treats and drinks on Thursday evening. On Friday and Saturday the concession stand will only have drinks, chips and snacks.

There will be 77 participants with a total of 144 head. At last year's show, the sale brought a total of \$88,550. Lance Sloan of Rochester is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.



2012 GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Madaline Williams, a member of the Haskell 4-H Club, holds her grand champion steer that took Grand Champion honors at the Haskell Junior Livestock Show held in 2012. Displaying her awards is Kourtney Howard.

Community planning forum to be held Jan. 28

The City of Haskell, Development Corporation of Haskell and Haskell Chamber of Commerce will host a community planning forum Mon., Jan. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

All residents, business owners, vacant building owners and commercial property land owners are strongly encouraged to

participate in the forum. The purpose of the forum will be to generate a marketing plan and a unified vision for Haskell which will in turn play a part in Haskell's economic and community development efforts.

Leaders for the meeting will include John Gannaway, Mayor of Haskell; Mary Drury, Development Corporation of Haskell;

and Sally Rueffer, Executive Director of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

"In January 2011, nearly 100 Haskell residents participated in a Joint Strategic Planning Session to identify community and economic development projects that they viewed as priorities for Haskell," said Mayor Gannaway.

"Haskell's Development

Corporation Board, City personnel and forum volunteers have pursued several of the projects. During this next forum, we'd like to update residents on the progress that has been made on these projects and where we plan to go from here."

"The last planning session was very important for Haskell to have; however, this next step is just as important for us all," said Mary Drury. "As we begin reaching out to new businesses and residents, we need to show them that we have a unified vision and a 21st century plan to support economic growth in Haskell. We need an image to work toward, a motto to unite behind and a 277 highway development/downtown revitalization plan to build up our retailers and service orientated businesses."

"Haskell is a great place to call home and we have infrastructure that many other communities in this area do not," said Sally Rueffer. "We have so much potential regionally to serve as a commerce hub for surrounding communities,

for tourism opportunities through hunting and monthly events, and services and retail for travelers passing by on Hwy. 277. Establishing a marketing plan for Haskell is not a decision to be made by one or two people here in the town, but by a cross section of residents and businesses. That's why this meeting is important to have and why we need community-wide input."

Haskell Chamber of Commerce director Sally Rueffer will discuss opportunities for growth for Haskell's commerce.

Mayor Gannaway and Mary Drury will discuss how other communities use marketing plans, current grant/loan opportunities available to Haskell's businesses and individuals, and resident participation in submitting their ideas for a new motto and logo for Haskell.

Refreshments will be served at the forum. No RSVP is necessary to attend. For further information on Haskell's community, services and retail, visit www.haskelltexasonline.com.

Citizens' tips leads to drug arrests

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office has received information from several concerned citizens about a subject living in Haskell and selling illegal drugs. This information was received from different citizens and all of this was investigated by the Sheriff's Office, and the suspect was placed under surveillance for the last few months.

After receiving more as well as up-to-date information, Sheriff-elect Winston Stephens, along with Sheriff David Halliburton, waited for the suspect to come back from Abilene with illegal drugs on Friday night.

The suspect was stopped by Stephens and Halliburton south of Haskell. Four suspects were in the vehicle at the time of the stop. The driver of the vehicle was the suspect in question. He was asked if there was anything illegal on him or in the vehicle. He denied any knowledge of any illegal items being in the car or on him. Consent was obtained and the passengers were asked to exit the vehicle.

During the search of the vehicle, a small amount of marijuana was located in the back seat area along with small metal pipes used in smoking marijuana and a set of electric scales.

During the time, the two females were asked if they were concealing any drugs on them. They both denied any knowledge of any drugs in the vehicle and did not have any on their person. They both were advised that a female officer was en route to pat them down for anything illegal before they were taken to jail.

Thanks to Theresa Candelaria for coming out and patting the two female subjects for illegal items. Illegal drugs were found on one female, crystal meth and a small amount of marijuana.

Officers from the Haskell Police Department arrived and assisted in searching and transporting the suspects to Haskell County Jail. Jason Mendez, Israel Ibarra, Santana Guzman and Essie Alvarez were transported to jail and booked on the charges of possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and less than 4 grams, and possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Ibarra had an outstanding warrant for parole violation.

Sheriff Halliburton said, "Again, I want to thank the citizens for their help in giving information that lead to these arrests. Jason was selling a lot of illegal drugs in Haskell. He also has other persons selling for him and

we know a few of them, so maybe with some more information Sheriff-elect Winston Stephens can get them later, sooner than later I hope."

This will be the last report that I will make and I want to thank all of you for your support and hope you will continue to give information to Sheriff Stephens and other law enforcement officers. It takes all of us working together to get things done.

Again, I thank you and hope everyone has a great new year and that we get some good rains to fill our lakes, so I can go fishing."



IT'S OFFICIAL—Haskell County newly elected officials took their oath of office Wed., Jan. 2 in a ceremony officiated by 39th District Judge Shane Hadaway. New officials include, l-r, Sheriff Winston Stephens, County Clerk Belia Abila, County Tax Assessor-Collector Connie Benton, Commissioner Precinct 1 Billy Wayne Hester, County Attorney Kris Fouts, Constable Kim Bassett and Commissioner Precinct 3 Kenny Thompson.

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Gin Report

Jan. 7, 2013	
Haskell	
Haskell County Gin...	1,492
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	1,872
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	9,565
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	6,724
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	1,273
Weinert Gin.....	706
Total bales.....	21,632



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Obituaries

Linda Hopkins Williamson



LINDA WILLIAMSON

Graveside services for Linda Hopkins Williamson, 67, of Watauga, were held Wed., Jan. 2 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand officiating. Arrangements were under

the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Williamson passed away Sun., Dec. 30 in North Richland Hills.

Born Feb. 7, 1945 in Post, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Gertrude (Shepherd) Hopkins. She graduated from the Lovington, New Mexico Class of 1963 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State University in 1967. She married Danny Ray Williamson in 1966 in Lovington, New Mexico. She was co-owner of Jackson and Williamson LTD Consultants in the Midland/Odessa area where she lived most of her life. She was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian

Church in Odessa. While singing in the Cumberland Choir, she was able to travel with the choir to Austria.

Survivors include three sons, Kory Williamson of Midland, Kurt and Ana Williamson of Midland, Mateo and Adrienne Williamson of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; a sister, Susan Cox and husband Bill of Haskell; two brothers, James Hopkins and wife Mendy of Canyon, Carl Hopkins and wife Darlene of Haskell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

View and sign the online guestbook for Linda at www.kinneyunderwoodfuneralhome.com.

PD. NOTICE

Stella M. Story

Graveside services for Stella M. Story, 85, of Breckenridge were held Wed., Jan. 2 in the Rochester Cemetery in Rochester with Rev. Don Bearden officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home.

Mrs. Story died Sat., Dec. 29 at a Breckenridge care center.

Born Feb. 24, 1927 in Weinert, she was the daughter of Jim Benjamin James Aycock and Rollie Harriett Simmons Aycock. She married Ottis Virgil Howell June 1, 1945 in Munday. He preceded her in death in 1969. She later married Holbert Story. He also preceded her in death. She moved to Breckenridge in 1996 from Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

Her hobbies included sewing, embroidery and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sissy Jackson; and grandson, Dennis Wayne Howell.

Survivors include her son, Virgil Ray Howell of Abilene; daughter, Janice Sue Smith of Haskell; brother, Wallace Aycock of Haskell; six grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 16, Breckenridge, Texas 76424.

The family invites friends to leave a her in death. She moved to Breckenridge in 1996 from Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

PD. NOTICE

Haskell Lodge #241

The faithful members of Haskell Lodge #241 convened for their monthly meeting led by President Jerry Don Klose.

Several members are having health problems and we want to remember them. We wish all of them well, with good health restored soon.

A moment of memorial was held for Albert Zelisko who passed away Dec. 27. Zelisko was a kind and caring individual who became a member of our lodge on April 20, 1940. Our condolences to all of his family on their loss.

The lodge officers shall be installed at the regular meeting Feb. 3. The meeting begins at 5 p.m.

Door prize winners were Doris Brueggeman, Ruth Klose and Jerry Don Klose.

Reflecting on the past years of the Lodge became the topic of the day and a very interesting topic at that. One member transferred to Haskell Lodge 40-50 years ago, when he moved to Haskell from Yoakum and felt right at home among us, still remaining a faithful member.

To reminisce is good for the soul, as others joined in, remembering their first visit being a shock to see couples there, and grandparents there plus children even those

on blankets. Three or four generations were gathered for pleasure. Many families had five generations as members. One member was shocked at the "outhouse." The hall gained a water source and indoor plumbing was installed which pleased the women for sure, except that one day when approaching the bathroom, it was discovered that a rattlesnake had taken up home by the fixtures there.

The meeting, meal and discussion rendered the meeting a success and more of the tales will follow in future articles for the lodge.

Haskell Fire Dept. elects new officers

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan. 7.

Mathew Cunningham was elected Fire Chief. Felix Rodriquez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Randy Shaw, Donald Cunningham and Eddie Klose will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Casey Moeller, A.J. Shaw and Stephen Wright.

Kenny Bullard is the safety officer. Al Merchant will serve as the assistant safety officer.

Steven Wright was

elected chaplain. Trustees are A.J. Shaw and Tim Wilson.

Charlotte Johnson will be the training officer. Randy Shaw is the assistant training officer. Training coordinator is Randy Shaw.

Stephen Wright will serve as secretary-treasurer. Bobby Scheets will be the assistant secretary-treasurer.

Public information officer is Andy Rodriquez.

Equipment manager is Casey Moeller. Assistant equipment manager is Al Merchant.

RULE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 435,125	\$ 13,281	\$ 448,406
State Program Revenues	965,608	477	966,085
Federal Program Revenues	47	181,224	181,271
Total Revenues	1,400,780	194,982	1,595,762
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	820,615	117,817	938,432
Instructional Resources and Media Services	3,642	-	3,642
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	961	-	961
School Leadership	96,136	-	96,136
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	65,602	-	65,602
Health Services	10,744	-	10,744
Student (Pupil) Transportation	66,346	-	66,346
Food Services	2,349	85,932	88,281
Extracurricular Activities	54,837	-	54,837
General Administration	165,915	-	165,915
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	137,498	4,000	141,498
Data Processing Services	60,709	-	60,709
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Debt	142,838	-	142,838
Interest on Long Term Debt	820	-	820
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	33,326	-	33,326
Other Intergovernmental Charges	18,019	-	18,019
Total Expenditures	1,680,357	207,749	1,888,106
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(279,577)	(12,767)	(292,344)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	131,430	-	131,430
Transfers In	-	12,767	12,767
Transfers Out (Use)	(12,767)	-	(12,767)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	118,663	12,767	131,430
Net Change in Fund Balances	(160,914)	-	(160,914)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,099,231	-	1,099,231
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 938,317	\$ -	\$ 938,317

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



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EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA held its first meeting of the new year at the County Extension Office Thurs., Jan. 3. Jane Rowan gave an interesting program, complete with taste test, comparing products from grocery stores, with food products from Dollar Stores. Good advice was given to note package quantity and nutrition ingredients when doing price comparison. All agreed that saving money where, and when we can, is a good idea in this economy!

The county extension agency is still holding the Alzheimer's Support Group every fourth Monday, at 3:00 p.m., at their office. Call the office if you would like more information on this group.

The "My Plate Lesson" series is being provided to the Haskell Kindergarten students. Other ongoing projects for youth are the 4-H clothing and photography projects. On Feb. 2, there will be a lock-in for the clothing project

participants.

The EEA members are gearing up for the upcoming Stock Show, Jan. 10-12. The club manages the concession stand at the show to raise money for 4-H scholarships.

Again this year, the members will be selling baked potatoes, Frito pie, chips, brownies and Rice Krispies treats. Coffee, hot chocolate and soda will be available, as well. Please stop by the stand and support this great cause.

The next EEA meeting will be held Feb. 14, 2:00 p.m., at the Haskell County Extension Office.

For more information about the Texas Extension Education Association in Haskell County, call the county extension office, at 864-2658. Consider joining our group. We welcome new members and are always open to having guests visit our meetings, which are held the second Thursday of each month.

Brazos West Art Assn.

The Brazos West Art Association met Dec. 10 at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex for its annual Christmas party. Members enjoyed a wide array of special dishes and exchanged gifts. Some very talented members distributed hand made Christmas cards. Stuffed animals and other toys were collected to help Santa make Christmas merrier for some Haskell

children.

For the January meeting, Pam Strickland of Sue's Flowers will be the guest artist.

The meeting will be held Jan. 14 at the Haskell Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. Business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome and Strickland's program is sure to be of interest to everyone.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 31 through Jan. 6:

Henry Quintallia Lerma, possession of a controlled substance hydrocodone.

Bobby Lynn Dockins,

Taylor Co. warrants, theft of service.

Justin Wade Moore, DWI 3rd or more, also driving while license invalid.

Dianne Louise Guerrero, DWI 1st Class A misdemeanor

Tony Garcia, failure to ID fugitive, also theft of service.

Thirty-seven calls were made to 911.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.



SHARE THE SPIRIT—During the holiday season, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative offered customers the ability to help themselves to a great deal in exchange for sharing the holiday spirit with those in need. By making a donation to be given to an area food pantry or charity, customers were rewarded with savings on their Santa Rosa services. More than \$400 was collected in addition to substantial donations made to area food pantries, including the Crowell Food Bank, Seymour Food Bank, Haskell Goodfellows and Haskell Food Bank. Pictured above Donnie Rieger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Haskell Lions Club accepts the donation from Santa Rosa employee, Mitzi Reed, as part of the Share the Spirit program.

Rochester Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Rochester met Wed., Dec. 5 for a regular meeting. Club members met at the bank building and traveled to the home of Sharon and Dolan Brinson. Attending were Jane Short, Gerri Newberry, Betty Ruth White, Mary Johnston, Verlene Stegemoeller, Sammie Loper, Sandra Bass, Regina O'Neal, Linda Parsons, Shirley Sloan, Teresa Scoggins, Elaine Glover and Mary Jenkins.

The December meeting of the club has been held at the Brinson residence for the past several years. Sharon and her husband, Dolan, have graciously opened their home to the club for the December meeting. Their home is decorated beautifully for Christmas. The tables were set in a Christmas theme. A

variety of food was brought by members and furnished by Sharon. Dolan Brinson played music on the piano while the members enjoyed the meal. A wonderful time of food and fellowship was had by all.

After the meal a short meeting was opened by president, Gerri Newberry. The program was led by Verlene Stegemoeller.

The next meeting will be Jan. 2 at the bank building at 2 p.m. Larry Beauchamp will speak on the State Capitol.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Water conservation urged in Haskell

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary

15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Texas Legislature enters 83rd session

AUSTIN—After passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 by Congress on Jan. 1, “98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses will not see their income taxes go up,” President Obama said.

The act, signed by the president on Jan. 2, extends unemployment benefits for 2 million Americans who are looking for work, makes no cuts to Social Security and Medicare and expands Medicaid benefits. But the Act postpones Congressional action on budget “sequestration” for two months, leaving question marks over the accounting and social intricacies of how much to cut or tweak entitlements and how much revenue to raise. So, the short- and long-term impacts on states remain unclear.

Dynamics of decisions made at the federal level add to the complexity of deliberations state lawmakers enter Jan. 8, when the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature convenes. Systemic state budget deficits in recent years have left Texas unable to avoid shortfalls. In 2011, Texas resorted to using federal “stimulus” dollars to overcome a \$6 billion budget hole. In 2012, sales tax revenues flowed in at healthier rates, and the state comptroller soon will release her biennial revenue estimate, giving lawmakers some idea of how much cash they will have to meet the needs of Texas.

Thirsty constituents, cattle, crops, industry are sure to be addressed this session. Widespread and chronic lack of water pose problems looking for legislative solutions. And yes, Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 28 extended his drought emergency proclamation of July 5, 2011, to a majority of Texas’ 254 counties.

Those multi-billion dollar cutbacks on education in the 82nd session of the Legislature will be addressed, and so will Medicaid. If Texas refuses to meet the required match to receive federal Medicaid funds by rejecting the Medicaid expansion, the Lone Star State could lose billions of federal dollars.

To that, Gov. Perry stated in a newspaper editorial published in July: “We have no interest in following the federal directive to expand our Medicaid ranks by over a million (people), and we are also rejecting calls to establish a so-called ‘state’ insurance exchange designed and ruled by federal guidelines, many of which have yet to be written. Neither of these is the proper role of the federal government and both represent brazen intrusions into the affairs of states.”

Even if the Texas Legislature passes health care reform

to cover more of its lower-income and older residents, the governor wields the veto pen. It takes a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature to override a veto.

Benefits extension granted

Pursuant to the passage of the federal Taxpayer Relief Act, the deadline for jobless Texans to qualify for emergency unemployment insurance benefits was extended to Jan. 1, 2014, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.

Those benefits extend to some 120,000 Texans who would have exhausted their unemployment benefits on Dec. 31, but not for those who already exhausted their regular state unemployment benefits, federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and Extended Benefits, the agency said.

Emergency unemployment benefits provide temporary income for those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Benefits are federally funded, and Texas employers will not be charged for any claims paid on this extension.

Spill settlement is reached

Transocean Deepwater Inc. defendants have agreed to pay \$1 billion in civil penalties and \$400 million in criminal fines for April 20, 2010, Gulf Coast oil spill originating from BP’s Macondo well, widely known as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

But recovery efforts have just begun and “there remains a long road ahead to restore the Gulf,” Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioner Toby Baker said on Jan. 3.

Transocean is based in Zug, Switzerland. The fines are to be paid over a period of three years, per agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Capped wells among pluses

Texas Railroad Commission, looking back on its accomplishments in 2012, noted that its agents “investigated, assessed or cleaned up 253 abandoned oilfield sites and plugged 764 orphaned wells using fees paid by the industry into the Oil & Gas Regulation & Cleanup Fund.”

Water-use figures are in

A study by the Texas Water Development Board concludes “31 percent of annual single-family residential water use in Texas is dedicated to outdoor purposes, such as lawn and garden maintenance, pools, and car washing, with the rest used indoors.”

In a Dec. 17 release, the agency stated the findings are based on an analysis of monthly water use data for 259 cities, and that average outdoor water use ranged from 20 to 53 percent of total household water use, with dryer areas of the state tending to use more than wetter areas.

10 Years Ago January 9, 2003

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Gavino Ortiz III, son of Robert and Linda Ortiz of Haskell, received the Coast Guard Silver Lifesaving Medal for his extraordinary actions while rescuing seven swimmers during tropical storm Barry.

Leslie Isbell, a Paint Creek High School senior, has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. She is the daughter of Roy and Becky Wilson of Haskell, and Tony and Crete Isbell of Midland.

The Haskell Indians defeated Throckmorton 79-45. Leading the scoring for Haskell were Ryan Burgess, 18 pts.; Melvin Garcia, 13 pts.; Josh Webb, 11 pts.; and Leon Goudeau and Bobby Loyd with 10 pts. each.

20 Years Ago January 14, 1993

The Rev. Ruben Luera, pastor at St. George Catholic Church, handled the shovel at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church soon to be constructed.

Greg Blair has assumed duties as Haskell area manager of West Texas

Utilities Company. He and his family will be moving to Haskell in a few weeks.

Leta Procter, age 13, bagged a 10-point deer to win second place in the Brady Big Buck Contest. She is the daughter of Diann and Bill Procter, and the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cadenhead.

30 Years Ago January 13, 1983

Haskell dentist Dr. William J. Kemp, was recently inducted into the Academy of Dentistry International. In addition, Dr. Kemp was also appointed to a three year term on the council for the Dental Education and Accreditation by the American Dental Association.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor Segro of Rochester, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren. They married in Rochester and have lived there for the past fifty years.

Haskell High School seniors listed on the first semester honor roll are Rosa Arellano, Melinda Blakley, Lonnie Hise, Albert Sherman, April Turner, David Wheatley, Gena Whitaker and Eric Wilson.

40 Years Ago January 11, 1973

Dr. Frank Cadenhead delivered the first baby of the new year, born at Haskell Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruiz. Frank Jr. weighed in at 7 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Wheeler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in their home. The event was hosted by the couple’s daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinson, along with Mrs. J.R. Perry and Mrs. Sam Adams.

Haskell County youth won honors at the Odessa Livestock Show. Stanley Hager showed the first place middleweight steer; Kim Hager showed the eighth place middle-heavyweight steer; and Stacy Hager showed the third place light-heavyweight steer.

50 Years Ago January 10, 1963

Class favorites selected at Weinert High School include Wanda Miller and Ronnie Vaughn, seniors; Shirley Sanders and Ronnie Stewart, juniors; Linda Davis and Leo Freeby, sophomores; and Sherry Newton and Larry Cunningham, freshmen.

Dr. B.L. Langston, optometrist, announces the removal of his offices from 606 N. 1st and occupancy of a handsome new brick veneer building erected especially for the purposes at 1406 N. 1st.

Martin Rueffer and Jean King were chosen for inclusion in the 100-piece All-Region II UIL band, occupying two of the eight cornet chairs in the band.

100 Years Ago

January 11, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. A.W. McGregor and son, Lester, spent Sunday at the McGregor farm near Weinert.

John Bland has purchased the shop of John Lamkin and is now in charge of same.

Owing to a big lot of legal advertisements coming late, we failed to issue our paper on the scheduled time.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 2012 project. The donations of money, food, toys and time are appreciated.

A total of 53 packages were distributed to needy families. Volunteers helped pack the boxes that were delivered by members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. and Haskell Lions Club.

This year’s Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,
Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
and Linda Haynes
Haskell Co.
Child Welfare Board



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

The time is now upon us to learn to write 2013 rather than 2012. Does it seem to anyone other than me that this past year has just flown by? It wasn’t that long ago that I was putting up Christmas decorations and thinking about possible resolutions for the upcoming year of 2012. Wonder if it is because the end of the year always approaches like the roll of proverbial toilet paper—the closer you get to the end the faster it goes. Anyway, 2013 has arrived, and I will do my best to make it my best year and I hope you do the same. And I can keep the same old resolution...lose weight.

Speaking of a new year, I hope you ate your black-eyed peas on New Year’s Day—supposed to bring you good luck and prosperity. I certainly hope they help out with prosperity as we managed to avoid the ‘fiscal cliff’ and yet some 77% of the households in America will wind up with a tax increase.

Wish the eating of those peas would have something to do with us getting a good rain—I’d have eaten a tub full if I’d thought it would have helped. More taxes and no rain—what a way to start out the new year.

You may have noticed I’m sporting a new look—mustache and chin whiskers. This growth of facial hair was prompted by a visit to the dermatologist who removed some skin cancers from my

upper lip. Since I couldn’t shave just thought I might let the whiskers in this area grow. Jan sort of likes it (since I can’t grow any hair on my head). Might as well give it a try. Anytime one decides to change their appearance whether it be facial hair, toupee, change in hair color, hair style and the like, it is always interesting to hear the comments concerning the change. The comments concerning my change have ranged from looking older, makes you look professorial, you are the last person I thought would do such a thing, and, finally, it looks awful. Ken Lane heard someone ask why and Jan volunteered it made me look distinguished—he shot back, “It ain’t working.”

Next time you are out and about drive down S. 2nd St. and look at where the Perry Motor Company used to be—almost all of the remains of the building have been relocated to a new stock pile which is out of the city limits as well as out of sight. This removes a home for several nasty critters such as opossums, coons, snakes, rats, mice and who knows what else. It also exposes the east end of almost all of the businesses on the east side of the square. Many of those spots had not been visible to the public for no telling how long—looks like some of those spots will require a bit of cleaning up, but I have no doubt this will happen.

We have several important and exciting meetings coming up this year. The first one is Jan. 28 which is our Community Planning Forum. We had a meeting similar to this in January, 2011 at which we had excellent attendance and the group came up with several ideas for the betterment of Haskell. We will revisit those goals set forth at that meeting, see what we have accomplished and then set our path for the future. This is a community wide effort and since every one of you who lives here is a vital part of our community, I strongly encourage you to

attend this meeting. This is one of the ways in which we are striving to make certain that we as a town survive. Many of the towns our size in rural America will not survive, but we will be listed among the survivors.

Your City Council has scheduled an Ordinance Workshop at which we will visit with our city attorney and see what, if any, new ordinances we need to adopt as well as see if there are some of our existing ordinances that need updating. I don’t like ordinances anymore than anyone else, but they are a necessary evil because not everyone always does what is necessarily in the best interest of our town. They just give us a legal vehicle to handle many of the situations that arise.

Please keep praying for rain. Since we have an agricultural based economy, it is essential we have some rainfall for that economy to do well. Our farmers and ranchers need the rainfall to aid in the production of their field crops as well as grazing for their livestock. But more than anything else we need drinking water. And a good rain will replenish the supply of water in Miller Creek Reservoir that serves as our municipal water supply. There is nothing like a good rain to cleanse the air and uplift everyone’s spirits. We are more than ready whenever it decides to come.

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BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #10 Dakota Silvas, #14 Matthew Martinez, #24 Dylan Hanson, #20 David Newton; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #22 Kade Colley, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Henry Smith and #12 Kelby Bell.

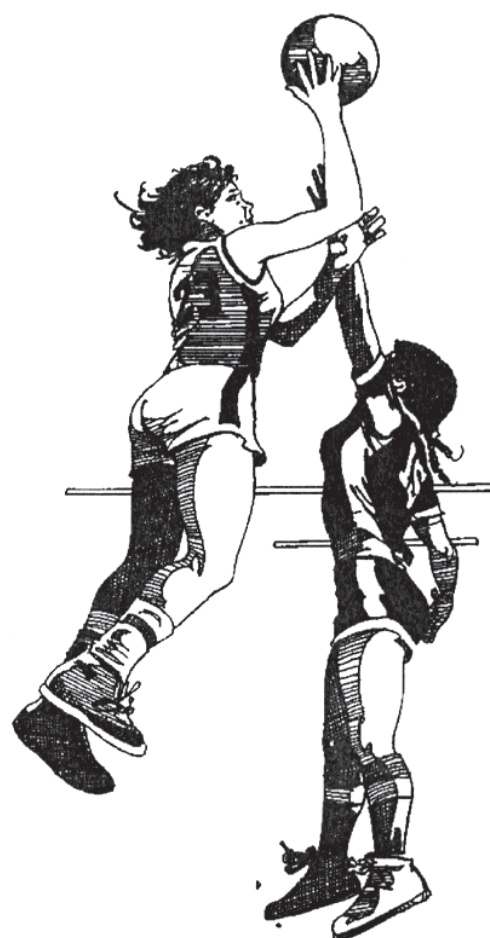
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JV-V Indians vs Stamford
Fri., Jan. 11, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

JV-V Indians vs Anson
Tues., Jan. 15, 4 p.m.
at Haskell



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #32 Dana Rodriguez, #23 Crissy Bassett, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #5 Jacie Klose; back row, #11 Taylor Burson, #43 Caitlan Johnson, #41 Carson Hadaway, #31 Maci Colley and #21 Myra Rodriguez.



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Go Indians! Go Maidens!

Maidens win district opener against Hamlin, 45-34

Caitlan Johnson got her first double-double of the year to help the Maidens win their district opener at home 45-34 over Hamlin. Haskell got off to an impressive start

leading 14-2 at the end of the first quarter and controlled the game from that point forward to move to 1-0 in district play. "It is always so important

to win that first district game and protect your home court," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "We prepared hard for this game and the girls did a great job of executing the game plan and making shots when it really counted."

Johnson lead the team with 15 points and a season high 11 rebounds. "I thought Caitlan had a great game," Eddleman said. "She played her best when her best was

needed and we are going to need that consistently throughout district play." Other leading scorers on the night were Carson Hadaway with 10 points, Reagan Hadaway 9 and Myra Rodriguez 6.

Jacie Klose had a season high 8 assists and a season high 7 steals. "I thought Jacie did a solid job for us throughout the entire game," Eddleman said. "She is the point guard on the team and with that comes a lot of responsibility and she delivered."

Other leaders in assists were R. Hadaway and Rodriguez with 3 each. Taylor Burson and R. Hadaway also helped lead the team in steals with 3 each. Kenzie

Shelton helped lead the team in rebounds with 4 while C. Hadaway, R. Hadaway and Klose all had 3 each.

"Overall, I thought we executed well on both ends of the floor," Eddleman said. "It was a great team victory, now we just need to stay disciplined and move on to the next game."

Hamlin			
2	13	7	12
Haskell			
14	10	11	10
45	Scoring: Johnson 15, C. Hadaway 10, R. Hadaway 9, M. Rodriguez 6, Bassett 4 and Shelton 1.		

Team field goals: Hamlin (13-35) 37% vs Haskell (19-50) 38%.

Team free-throws: Hamlin (5-14) 35% vs Haskell (7-14)

50%.

Team turnovers: Hamlin 25 vs Haskell 20.

Team rebounds: Hamlin 13 vs Haskell 28.

JV Maidens

The Haskell JV Maidens kicked off District play with a win, on Jan. 4 at home. They defeated Hamlin 24-19.

Dana Rodriguez lead the Maidens with 8 points. Brittany Amos banked in 6 points. Cheyanne Hill had 4 points, followed by Shawnee Hill, Maegan Hearn and Destiny Pierce all adding 2 points each.

"I was very proud of the girls! They played great defense and every player is trying to be a threat on offense," said Coach Missy Burson.

Area basketball scores

Girls	Boys
Haskell 45, Hamlin 34	Knox City 45, Rule 24
Scoring for Haskell: Johnson 15, C. Hadaway 10, R. Hadaway 9, Rodriguez 6, Bassett 4, Shelton 1.	Scoring for Rule: Rogers 14, Hardamon 5, Lowack 3, Perez 2.
JV: Haskell 24, Hamlin 19.	Highland 65
Knox City 63, Rule 14	Paint Creek 17
Scoring for Rule: Hollabaugh 5, Gutierrez 5, Starr 2, Leonard 2.	Scoring for Paint Creek: Masias 9, Reed 3, Buerger 3, McTasney 2.

Indians named to All-District teams

When you are in the same district as the Class A, Division 1 State Champs, the Stamford Bulldogs, you can count on the competition being tough. However, Coach Grady Benton, in his first year as head coach for the Haskell Indians, was pleased that six of his players were named to the 2012 All District Football Team for District 4.

Making the 1st Team All-District for the Indians were Brett Shelton, senior quarterback and senior Ryan Markey, outside linebacker.

Senior Drake Everett was selected to the 2nd Team All-District as a guard, while junior Max Weise was named to the All-District 2nd Team as a tackle. Senior Doug King was chosen as a defensive lineman on the 2nd Team, and sophomore Warren Flye was voted to the 2nd Team All-District as a punter.

Congratulations to these Indians on their individual accomplishments this football season.

Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Reagan Hadaway, a sophomore who plays forward, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week list.

Hadaway set a Jayton Holiday Classic record for the most 3-pointers by a

girl when she hit five of nine shots from beyond the arc in a 64-29 win over the host team.

Hadaway posted 27 points and eight rebounds that night, including a 6-of-12 tally from the two-point range.




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DEFEATS HAMLIN—The Haskell Maidens opened district play on their home court last Friday night against the Hamlin Lady Pied Pipers. Haskell Maiden #53 McKenzie Shelton puts one up for the Maidens. Maiden #15 Reagan Hadaway drives past a Lady Pied Piper. The Maidens won 45-34.



SCORING FOR THE MAIDENS—Haskell Maiden #41 Carson Hadaway, left, attempts a bucket for the Maidens. Maiden #5 Jacie Klose, right, tries her hand at a bucket for Haskell. The Maidens took the district opener win 45-34.



DISTRICT OPENER—The Haskell Maidens took a win in the opening district game against Hamlin last Friday night. Maiden #21 Myra Rodriguez, left, plays defense against Hamlin. Maiden #43 Caitlan Johnson, right, plays defense between the goal and a Hamlin Lady Pied Piper. The Maidens scored 45 to 34, for the win.




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Colby Christie, Manager





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The youth representing the 4-H and FFA Clubs of Haskell County are very enthusiastic about this year's show, and thank you for supporting them as they build for the future.

SHOW SCHEDULE

THURS., JAN. 10	FRI., JAN. 11	SAT., JAN. 12
4 p.m. Arrival of Steers, Heifers, Lambs, Swine	8 a.m. Lamb Show followed by Swine Show	11 a.m. PREMIUM SALE
5:30 p.m. Poultry, Rabbits Show at 7 p.m.	2 p.m. Steer Show followed by Heifer Show	



*Learning to do; Doing to learn...
Earning to live; Living to serve*



The following firms and businesses salute the boys and girls of the Haskell County FFA and 4-H Clubs for their participation in this annual event!

Hanson Paint and Body Professional Auto Body Repair Bobby Hanson 207 S. First • Haskell 864-3631	Bailey Toliver Chevrolet "We Salute 4-H & FFA" 209 S. Ave. E • Haskell 864-2626	Larned's Sales Center 806 S. Ave. E • Haskell 864-2749	Modern Way Food & Fuel Your One Stop Shop 1202 N. Ave. E • Haskell 864-3763	Med Care MEDICAL SUPPLY Let Our Family Help Your Family Kim Hutto Check with us for all your medical supply needs! 22 Ave. D • Haskell 940-863-4600
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Cotton Conference set Jan. 17

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The Texas A&M and MAGRI Life Extension offices of Haskell and Jones counties will host the annual Rolling Plains Cotton Conference Thurs., Jan. 17 at the Civic Center in Haskell.

This year's conference will be addressing relative issues that are facing cotton producers in the

Rolling Plains. Speakers for the conference are John Robinson, State Ag. Economist; Gaylon Morgan, State Cotton Specialist; Wayne Keeling, Weed Specialist; and David Drake, Agronomist from San Angelo. Five CEU's will be offered at the conference.

Registration for the conference will begin at

8:30 a.m. the morning of Jan. 17. A meal will be provided. Please RSVP by Jan. 14, so we can have a head count for the meal.

For more information and to pre-register for the conference, call Wes Utley at the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658 or Steve Estes at the Jones County Extension office at 325-823-2432.



LOT CLEARED—Haskell City employees were busy last week clearing the lot where the old Chrysler building had been demolished.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 14-18 Breakfast

1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Blueberry muffin, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick, orange juice
Wednesday: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, apple juice
Friday: 2 pancakes, syrup, orange juice

Lunch

1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken and broccoli penne, garden salad, baby carrots, breadstick, apple slices
Tuesday: Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl
Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, salsa, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles
Thursday: Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite
Friday: Cheese pizza, garden salad, fresh vegetable cup, mixed fruit

Student in the News



HALEY MYERS

Haley Myers, a 2012 graduate of Paint Creek School, was recently selected for the Presidential Honors Program at Tarleton State University. Students are selected on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence as well as leadership, service, and a capacity of intellectual inquiry.

Presidential Honors Students must maintain a 3.4

Tarleton GPA and provide leadership and service to the University and the community. They must also complete 15 hours of solid academic work each semester, take as many Honors core courses as possible, take a one-hour Freshman Honors Seminar, take two three-hour Honors Seminars, and complete a senior research project.

In return for these requirements, the students will receive an annual scholarship of \$7,000, early registration each semester, funding to attend a conference or to participate in summer study abroad and opportunities for cultural enrichment activities. Myers will begin her second semester at Tarleton this spring.

She is the daughter of Bobby Myers and Shannon and Ross Warrington.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 14-18 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Cheese enchiladas, beans, salad, cinnamon apples
Tuesday: Hot dogs, tater tots, cucumbers, carrots, pears
Wednesday: Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, salad, fruit
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, salad, Rice Crispy treats
Friday: Hamburger, corn, salad, carrots, peaches

This Week's Devotional Message:



The finest way to spend this day is to help someone

Now, what kindness did you display
By the things you accomplished today?
Did you do a good deed
To help someone in need,
Which that person can never repay?

And, whenever you feel so inclined,
There are numerous ways you can find,

If you know you are near
When they've lost someone dear,
To help people regain peace of mind.

Then, you'll learn what these lessons convey
By attending your service, to pray.
Let the Lord be your guide,
For He'll walk by our side,
And His wisdom will show you the way.

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.m.; 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. 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.

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Sunday 11 a.m

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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Mitchell Greer, minister

Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Bishop Helsley, interim 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

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

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas

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.

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—O'BRIEN—

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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.

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We would like to say thank you to a very caring and giving young man, Marty Hall. Marty raised money for the Juan Herrera Medical Fund by running everyday and asking for pledges. Marty ran for a whole month and did an excellent job. We are honored that he gave up his valuable time to do this for us. We would also like to thank all the people who pledged money for the miles Marty logged in every day. May God bless you all. Marty, you are an awesome and very special person. God sends angels to walk with us in time of need and we call them friends.
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Sheriff David Halliburton retires after 12 years of service



DAVID HALLIBURTON
by Caron Yates

Another new year has begun, and for many it signifies hope, perhaps changes or even renewed commitments. For Sheriff David Halliburton, it signals the next stage in his life.

Halliburton was raised in the Foster community, about six miles southeast of Rochester. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1965.

Although he had always been interested in law enforcement, because his older brother was in that profession, he tried his hand at other endeavors in his early adult life. After graduating from high school, he went to work for Southern Airways, working on helicopters. In 1967, he began service in the military, continuing for the next three years.

Upon his discharge from the service, he went back to work for Southern Airways for a while, before moving to Graham to work in the oil field for Stephens Trucking.

Having married his wife, the former Claire Wright of Rule, in August 1966, they decided that after ten years in Graham, it was time to move back home. He continued working in the local oil field business for the next five years.

It was in 1986, that he had the opportunity to go to work as the night watchman in Rule. Halliburton says, "Jackie Whorton encouraged him in this new profession, and sent him to the first classes on his way to earning a license as a peace officer."

He began work as a Haskell County Sheriff's deputy in March 1988, under Sheriff Johnny Mills. During this time, he earned certification by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. When Mills retired in 2000, Halliburton ran and was elected Haskell County Sheriff. Taking office in January 2001, he has served the people of Haskell County for twelve years, having been elected to three terms.

Sheriff Halliburton says that throughout his twenty-six years in law enforcement,

there have been some very good days, interspersed with some bad days.

Acknowledging that good days and bad days are a part of any job, Halliburton says, "It is always very rewarding when you respond to a call, for example a missing person, and it works out the way you hoped." He also finds it gratifying to investigate a case, develop information and follow it through the court system, seeing that justice is served.

It was never a good day when he had to respond to a death call, a wreck with fatalities or notify a family. He comments, "That is part of the job, so you just do the best you can."

When asked if any case stands out in his memory, he recalls the case of a murder in Rule in July 2001, that his department was able to solve.

Certainly the sheriff and his deputies worked all cases under their jurisdiction in the county, but Halliburton has always had a strong commitment to ridding Haskell County of drugs, dealers and traffickers. It is his belief that drugs are the root of many other crimes.

He explained that while at times it may have seemed that it took a while to get results,

he wanted to be very careful to do all the leg work, gather as much information from as many sources as possible, and present a case that would stand up in court.

He wholeheartedly believes that it takes the cooperation of all citizens to make an investigation successful. We need the information provided by individuals, because it is when we work together that the criminals are more likely to be caught.

Sheriff Halliburton also has enjoyed a good work relationship with other law enforcement agencies, including city, county and state agencies, as well as those involved in the court system. "It is always a good thing when everyone is working together for a common goal," said Halliburton.

We know that the lives of law enforcement officers are often put in danger due to the nature of the job. Halliburton says that in small towns with small departments, it is good to know that you can count on the other law enforcement officers from the various departments to be there to back you up and assist in any way possible. "That has been the case here in Haskell County. We even give and receive help from surrounding counties at times," says Halliburton.

Sheriff Halliburton says he has complete confidence in the newly elected Sheriff Winston Stephens.

As for his future plans, Halliburton intends to do some work around the house, expand on some items he and Claire have been making to sell at local shows, and "if it ever rains" go fishing. He also hopes to spend time with his sons James, Jason, Justin and his wife Belinda, and of course his grandsons Ty, Aaron and Jake.

Looking back on his career, Halliburton says that he really appreciates all the support he has been given over the past twelve years that he has served as sheriff. Acknowledging that behind every good boss, is good employees that can be counted on, he is grateful for those who have worked along side him.

The county and its citizens are indebted to Sheriff

Halliburton for his dedication to a job that was so often twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Here's wishing you complete enjoyment in your well-deserved retirement.



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