

Basketball

HASKELL

JH-G Throckmorton Tourney
Thurs & Sat., Jan 17 & 19
at Throckmorton

JVG-B, VG-B vs Albany
Fri., Jan. 18, 4 p.m.
at Albany

JH-G, JH-B vs Stamford
Mon., Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Girls at Stamford

Boys at Haskell

JVG-B, VG-B vs Hamlin
Tues., Jan. 22, 4 p.m.
at Hamlin

PAINT CREEK

Pirates vs Throckmorton
Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.
at Throckmorton

JH Pirates vs Bryson
Mon., Jan. 21, 6 p.m.
at Bryson

Pirates vs Newcastle
Tues., Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

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.

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. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

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.

Quilters to meet

The Willow Creek Quilting Guild of Haskell will meet Mon., Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex building. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.

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.

Musical

The public is invited to attend the Haskell Elementary fifth grade class performance of "Joust! A Mighty Medieval Musical" Mon., Feb. 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. The Haskell Elementary PTO will provide a concession stand.

Burn ban lifted

The burn ban for Haskell County has been lifted. Those conducting controlled burns are asked to report the information to the Sheriff's Office dispatch.

Deadlines

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

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"The People's Choice"

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GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Chase Gibson, a member of the Haskell 4-H Club, holds his steer that took Grand Champion honors at the

Haskell Junior Livestock Show held last weekend. Displaying his awards is Kourtney Gibson. He also showed the grand champion heifer.

Forum offers citizens the opportunity to be a part of planning for Haskell

by Caron Yates

If you haven't marked your calendars yet for Monday, January 28, now is the time to do so. In fact, it is hoped that all citizens of the area will make it a priority to be at the meeting.

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

Before you dismiss the meeting as "someone else's job," please consider that actually we all have a stake

in the future of Haskell. 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. That is to say, "How can we create an identity for Haskell, as well as long term stability for our town?"

In January 2011, many Haskell residents participated in a Joint Strategic Planning Session to identify community and economic development projects, that were viewed as priorities for Haskell. This year's meeting will be the next step. Mayor

John Gannaway will give an update on the progress made on many of these projects, but he also hopes to receive input on the direction to go in the next phase.

DCOH director Mary Drury says, "Our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats have been identified from the previous forum. 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 revitalization plan to build

up our retailers and service orientated businesses." We have all driven through small towns, which are all but gone. No one wants to see Haskell added to the list, but remaining a vital, enterprising town doesn't just happen. It takes planning, work and input from everyone.

Haskell, like many West Texas towns, has changed through the years. Many businesses and services are gone and even the population has changed, however the thing that has not changed is the fact that "Haskell is a great place to call home," and it needs to remain so for future generations.

Chamber manager Sally Rueffer says, "We have infrastructure that many other communities in this area do not. We have so much potential regionally to serve as a commerce hub for surrounding communities, for tourism opportunities, as well as services and retail for travelers passing by."

Decisions on how we remake our identity should not be made by just a few, but should be representative of all businesses and residents. The upcoming meeting is not to assign jobs, but to collect ideas on a vision for Haskell to present to the rest of the world.

In 1994 Mary Kaigler, won a contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, for a slogan that would best depict Haskell. In her words, "Haskell Alive! Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow." We have had our yesterday, we are living our today, and we must plan to ensure our tomorrow.

Be at the Civic Center on Jan. 28 to be a part of that planning.

Crime Stoppers holds first Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers (CFCS) held its first Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, Mon., Jan. 7 at the Stamford VIP Center. Police officers, sheriffs, deputies,

DPS troopers, county judges, district judges, district attorneys, probation officers and spouses from the counties served by CFCS were treated to a barbecue

dinner catered by Jay Hager.

After a welcome by CFCS board chairman, Dudley Cockerell, the guests enjoyed the meal and visiting with area colleagues. Following the dinner, Ric Dorman, executive director of Abilene Crime Stoppers gave a short talk about the history of Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and urged the law enforcement officers to use CFCS as a tool to help them keep our counties and communities safe.

CFCS serves Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Shackelford and Stonewall counties. Anyone with information about any crime committed in these counties is encouraged to call the tipline 800-222-TIPS or text CFCS @ CRIMES. Rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid for tips leading to an arrest or arrests. All callers remain anonymous.

HNB receives award

Bauer Financial, Inc., the nation's leading bank rating and research firm, is honored to recognize Haskell National Bank, Haskell, with its highest 5-Star rating. To earn this superior 5-Star rating, Haskell National Bank excels in areas of capital, asset quality, profitability and much more. What's more, Haskell National Bank has earned this highest rating for the latest 83 consecutive quarters which qualifies it for the even more elite group of "Sustained Superiority Banks." Only seven percent of the nation's banks can claim this distinction.

Karen L. Dorway, president of the rating firm, has a

rare vantage point, having monitored the industry for more than two decades. "It isn't surprising to those of us who watch the industry that 'plain vanilla' banks, those that didn't get into risky investments or lending, are the banks that are still standing strong today. Haskell National Bank has stayed true to its purpose of serving its community in a prudent and responsible manner."

Established in 1890, Haskell National Bank has been serving the banking needs of its local communities for 122 years. It operates through two conveniently located branch offices in Abilene and Haskell.

January sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.17 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2011.

"Strong sales tax collections continue in most major economic sectors in Texas," said Combs. "The strongest growth was from business spending-driven sectors including oil and natural gas, manufacturing and construction."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$530.8 million, up 7.3 percent compared to January 2012.

The sales tax figures represent November sales reported by monthly tax filers.

Haskell County had an 11.10 percent increase for January 2013 of \$40,386.46 in comparison to \$36,350.73 for January 2012.

The City of Haskell had a 10.68 percent increase for January 2013 of \$38,290.77 in comparison to \$34,593.30 for January 2012.

The City of O'Brien had a 111.17 percent increase for January 2013 of \$290.00 in comparison to \$137.33 for January 2012.

The City of Rochester had a 3.99 percent increase for January 2013 of \$331.61 in comparison to \$318.86 for January 2012.

The City of Rule had a 20 percent increase for January 2013 of \$1,364.75 in comparison to \$1,137.29 for January 2012.

The City of Weinert had a 33.31 percent decrease for January 2013 of \$109.33 in comparison to \$163.95 for January 2012.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 7-13:

Deon Richele Anderson, theft by check Haskell Co. charge, dangerous drugs Eastland Co., larceny Lubbock Co.

Steven Anthony Jones, driving while intoxicated.

Mary Aguilar, failure to stop at stop sign, exhibition of acceleration, DWL, all Class C, Hamlin city warrants.

James Zell McCrary, motion to revoke aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

Lucas Lee Sammons, driving while license invalid/suspended, Class C.

Jesse N. Overton, DWI, Throckmorton.

Forty-one calls were made to 911.

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell Commissioners' Court met in a regular session Fri., Dec. 21 with all members present.

Haskell County Attorney Kristen Fouts reported that Haskell County was not on the list of Eminent Domain Authority in Texas and had a conversation with the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Mrs. Fouts was told that the office had a huge backlog and to use the green card for verification. Fouts verified that the Comptroller had received the letter by certified mail on Dec. 13.

Ross Compton will work again for Precinct 3 during his winter school break.

County Treasurer, Janis McDaniel reported that the County is still going forward with Certified Payments and that all the necessary paper work was sent in.

No burn ban is in effect.

One bid from Bailey Toliver Chevrolet was received and accepted for a pickup for the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$29,423.75.

Rhonda Moeller was hired as extra help in the County Clerk's office while the office trains on new software.

TDCJ was contacted about their signs. A quote of \$1,000 for 100 signs plus \$40 freight was given to Judge David Davis. Each precinct will receive 25 signs which are 6x18 in size.

A motion to allow Judge Davis to review and approve West Law Contract was accepted.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Jan. 14 with Mayor John Gannaway, Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilwomen Sue Medford and Jill Druessedow, and Councilmen Stacy Bridges and Dan Hoover attending.

Council members discussed various topics to be addressed at the upcoming work shop set Feb. 4.

The council voted to support the decision of the Zoning Board to deny the request from Loraine Johnson to rezone Block 2, Lot 7 of the Sherrill Addition from Residential to Specific Use for the purpose of placing a single wide mobile home on the lot.

A resolution for the Order of Election on May 11 for the purpose of electing three aldermen passed.

Chief of Police Richard Candelaria gave his report on the Police Department.

Mathew Duran, Director of Public Works and Safety, gave his report on the departments.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson gave the administrative report stating:

•The City is looking into the costs associated with hard fencing the property as well as the cost of establishing a Bermuda grass stand on the property. I hope to have more information at our coming meetings.

•The City continues to be plagued by stray or unaccounted for dogs. We need to work harder at taking care of these problems.

•The audit report from Jeff Gregg will be available at the next Council meeting.



WARM HEARTS—Helping in a community outreach project called, "Warm Hands-Warm Hearts," Rule FCCLA collected or purchased 35 gloves, mittens and hand soap for the families affected by Superstorm Sandy. Those participating in the project included, front row, l-r, Hunter Threet, Colton Rogers, Gabriel Baiza, Jonah Caddell, James Simpson and Christina Moore; back row, Tamran Castillo, Sara Leonard, Taylor Kimbro, Shanisha Vanderbuilt, Chase Helms, Kade Lowack, Seth Welcher, Matthew Frazier, Luis Diaz, Abel Sandoval, Jessica Gutierrez, Cole Tabb, Alysia Hollabaugh and Celeste Caddell,

Obituaries

Agnes Ophelia Newsom



OPHELIA NEWSOM

Funeral services for Agnes Ophelia Newsom, 84, lifelong resident of Haskell, were held Mon., Jan. 14 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Dolan Brinson officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Newsom passed away Thurs., Jan. 10 at Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell.

Born Feb. 5, 1928 in Rochester, she was the daughter of George Martin and Mattie Leora (Goble) Wade. She graduated from Rochester High School and on May 3, 1947 married Grady Glenn Newsom in

Haskell.

She devoted her life to her family and others. Along with being a wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker, she worked in sales most of her life. She worked for Walton Drug and Jackson Drug in Rochester and Ben Franklin in Haskell along with The Hayloft and the Haskell Livestock Auction.

She was an active member and former president of the Haskell FCE and was chosen club Woman of the Year in 1996. She was a member of the Rochester Methodist Church and served on numerous committees, taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, assisted with youth, and sang in the choir.

She was an exceptional seamstress and loved sewing for her family and others. It brought her much joy and filled many hours of her life. More than anything, she loved the role of being a farmer's wife. She and Grady enjoyed 56 years of life together prior to Grady's death March 20, 2004.

Along with Grady, she is preceded in death by her

parents, George and Mattie Wade; two sisters, Beulah Hamilton and Frances Wilson; and one brother, Jack Wade.

She will be missed by her two daughters, Kay Faulks and Betty Michaels, both of Haskell; one son, Glenn Newsom of Anson; two brothers, Sonny Wade of Llano and Donald Wade of Haskell; six grandchildren, Cody Newsom, Ronnie Faulks and wife Jill, Brandon Newsom, Amanda Faulks and husband Robert, Melanie Lowrance and husband Bradley, and Kyle Michaels and wife Kate; four great grandchildren, Katelyn Sanders, Dylan Faulks, Drew Faulks and Ruby Michaels.

The Newsom family wishes to extend its sincere thanks and gratitude to Melanie Lowrance, April Davis, Dorothy Rodriguez and Elena Rodriguez for the special care and love they gave Ophelia over the past few years.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Nedra McCauley



NEDRA McCAULEY

Funeral services for Nedra McCauley, 87, of Lake Charles, Louisiana were held Mon., Jan. 14. Burial was in Mimosa-Pines Cemetery in Carlyss, Louisiana under the direction of Robison Funeral Home of Sulphur, Louisiana.

Nedra, affectionately known to family and friends as Nana, was born on Feb.

7, 1925 in Mertens to Bryan and Audree Lou (Allen) McCallum. She attended a business school in Dallas and married Charles Ray McCauley Dec. 31, 1944. She and her husband were partners in the funeral home business in Munday, Haskell, and Rule for many years. As a wife, mother and friend she was well known for her love of people, her sense of style, her talent for decorating, and her enjoyment of cooking and baking. In 2001 Nana moved to Sulphur, Louisiana and continued to work with her daughter, Melisa, at Robison Funeral Home as a hostess and greeter. She spent the last years of her life as a resident of Villa Maria Retirement Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana where she had many close friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty

years, Charles R. McCauley; mother, Audree McCallum; father, Bryan McCallum; and brother, J. Bryan (Skeet) McCallum.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Marilu and Craig Farnham of Lebanon, Kentucky and Melissa and Mark Farr of Carlyss, Louisiana; four grandchildren, Tyler Farnham of Cincinnati, Ohio, Abby Farnham of Chicago, Illinois, Macy Robison of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and McCauley (Mac) Robison of Carlyss, Louisiana; sister-in-law, Jimmie McCallum and two nieces, Nedra Schulhoff, and Jan Condren all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made to the family at www.robisonfuneralhome.com.

PD. NOTICE

Gay Nell Smith



GAY SMITH

Funeral services for Gay Nell Smith, 63, lifelong resident of Rule, were held Wed., Jan. 16 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery in

Stamford under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Smith passed away Sat., Jan. 12 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Oct. 10, 1949 in Stamford, she was the daughter of Luther Taylor and Jimmie Geneva (Liles) Jenkins. She enjoyed cooking and sewing and loved spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rule.

She had a tender and giving heart and loved to help anyone that was in need. She was always at her best when she was offering a helping hand and comfort for those alone or less fortunate. Just as she did for Thanksgiving one year as she prepared a "feast"

for all that needed friendship and a home cooked meal. Her gentle and loving spirit will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Jimmie Jenkins; three brothers, Jack Jenkins, Ronnie Jenkins and Raymond Jenkins.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Griggs and wife Michelle of Alvarado; daughter, Deetra Lusk and husband Ronnie of Rule; five grandchildren, Trevor Griggs, Vinnie Perales, Lacey Tabb, Savanna Griggs and Cole Tabb; and one great granddaughter, Jazlyn Perales.

Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Stop Germs: Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, throw used tissues in the trash, wash your hands often with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand cleansers, try to avoid contact with sick people, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and if you get sick with the flu stay at home from work or school.

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Ron Hilliard retires from NRCS



RON HILLIARD

Ronald (Ron) L Hilliard, a 1966 graduate of Haskell High School, was honored with a retirement reception Jan. 12 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Hilliard completed 36+ years of federal service with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service. He is the son of the late Elmer and Bernice Hilliard.

Upon graduation from Haskell High School, Hilliard attended Cisco Junior College and Texas Tech University graduating with a degree in Agricultural Education in 1970. He then joined the National Guard of Texas and after returning from active duty went back to Texas Tech and graduated with a Masters Degree in Education with a minor in Range and Wildlife Management in 1974. During his college years, Hilliard worked at the Texas A&M research station in New Deal in grain sorghum research and later worked as a production agronomist for Growers Seed Association in Crosbyton. This is where he met a gentleman who encouraged him to apply for the USDA-SCS in 1976.

Hilliard's first assignment was in Bastrop as a Range Conservationist and one year later transferred to Lockhart as a Range Conservationist. In 1979, Hilliard accepted the position of District Conservationist in Odessa, Texas and held that position for 17 years, before moving to the area office in Pecos in 1995.

Rule ISD honors members of the school board

Texans benefit every day from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by a group of more than 7,300 men and women in communities across the state. These local volunteers are elected by their constituents and receive no compensation for their work as public servants. These men and women are the school board members of Texas.

January is School Board Recognition Month and Rule ISD will take this opportunity to thank these local leaders for devoting time to support public education and serve our local schools.

"It's more important than ever before that the public shows support for public education. Board members face critical challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand strong and guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools," said Bryan Davis,

In 2001, Hilliard was selected as Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Columbia, South Carolina, and later was appointed as Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in Columbia, a position he held until June of 2003. Hilliard then accepted a position to Operations Management Coordinator at the Regional Office in Beltsville, Maryland and worked with the 13 northeastern states.

In 2004, Hilliard was appointed as Deputy State Conservationist in Madison, Wisconsin. During that assignment he was detailed to the Island of Guam, where he served as the Acting Director Pacific Basin, overseeing the operations for USDA-NRCS for Guam, Pohnpei, Palau, Saipan and American Samoa.

On his return to the mainland, the NRCS Chief, selected Hilliard as the State Conservationist in West Virginia in May 2005 and held that position until his appointment as State Conservationist in Oklahoma in November 2006. He served in that position for six years before retiring on Jan. 3.

During this time period Hilliard also completed 34 years of service with Army National Guard, retiring May of 2004 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Hilliard plans to relocate back to Texas and spend time at the farm in Haskell, in the Paint Creek community that was settled by his grandad in the early 1900s and just enjoy retirement.

Hilliard is married to Edith Murray Hilliard and has two sons, Jason Hilliard and wife Heidi of Fort Worth and the granddaughters Ainsley, Olivia, Eliza and Alexis; Jarred Hilliard and Jeanine Hawkins of Houston.

Those attending the reception were Linda Short of Rochester, Patricia Shaw of Haskell, Kenneth Hilliard of China Spring, Jason and Heidi Hilliard and daughters, Jarred Hilliard and Jeanine Hawkins of Houston and Kathy Bergkamp.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—Paige Glover, left, and Stewart Urich received a scholarship from the Woman's Literary Club of Rochester.

Glover, Urich receive scholarships from Literary Club

The Woman's Literary Club of Rochester awarded their annual scholarships to Paige Glover and Stewart Urich. Glover and Urich are residents of Rochester and graduates of Haskell High School. Glover is pursuing a degree in Nursing at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Urich is pursuing a degree in Ranch Management at Clarendon College.

Glover and Urich are

each descendants of charter members of the Woman's Literary Club, originally organized in 1923. In addition to its longstanding support of the Rochester community, the club awarded its first scholarship in 1969 and has offered over 90 scholarships to high school graduates through the years. Club members offer their heartiest congratulations and best wishes to these students.

Rev. Earnest Flanders Jr. is new pastor at Greater Independent Baptist Church



REV. EARNEST FLANDERS JR.

Rev. Earnest Flanders Jr. of New York has answered the call to pastor Greater Independent Baptist Church in Haskell.

Rev. Flanders will deliver his first sermon Sun., Jan. 20 with the theme of A New Beginning from Psalms 73-28.

Rev. Flanders and members of the church ask the community for their prayers as they continue their ministry for the Lord.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

140-day legislative session begins

AUSTIN—The 83rd session of the Texas Legislature was called to order in the House and Senate on Jan. 8.

State Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, was elected speaker of the House, setting in motion his third consecutive term as leader of the chamber and his fifth two-year term as a state representative. State Rep. John Zerwas, R-Simonton, nominated Straus, and was followed with seconding speeches given by Reps. Jason Isaac, R-Dripping Springs; Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville; Patricia Harless, R-Spring; Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, and John Otto, R-Dayton.

After the vote, Straus was administered the oath of office by Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, and then he spoke. Straus acknowledged the change in composition of the body, calling it "the largest class of new members in 40 years." Forty-three of the 150 members of the House are freshmen, while 96 are Republicans and 54 are Democrats.

"Texas does not face a fiscal cliff, but we do face a demographic cliff," Straus said. "Our rapid growth requires a steadfast commitment to the core responsibilities of government, such as a quality education, a reliable water supply, a healthy transportation system, and an honest state budget." About education, Straus said, "Our priorities should begin where our future does: in public education. More than 5 million children are enrolled in our public schools, which is more than the total population of 29 states. More than three million of them are deemed economically disadvantaged, and almost one million of them speak limited English. The education of all our students will determine whether Texas is a land of prosperity or lost opportunities."

Last session, the Legislature cut more than \$5 billion from the education budget.

Meanwhile, in the East Wing of the Capitol, the Senate, presided over by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, convened. Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, was elected president pro tempore, chosen by her peers to step in and preside whenever the lieutenant governor is away. She served Texas as a House member from 1990 to 1999 and has been a member of the Senate since 1999.

Gov. Rick Perry addressed the body, focusing his comments on fiscal conservatism with a reminder that the Legislature pulled the state out of a multi-billion-dollar deficit last session.

"We chose the responsible path, the fiscally conservative path, and that path has led us

here today," Perry said. "We sat down, separated our wants from our needs, prioritized, and tightened our belts, wherever necessary, and wherever possible. Far from the catastrophe many predicted for us at the time, that approach helped our economy improve more quickly, and more profoundly, than many had expected."

Then Perry cautioned the Senate not to look at the state's new, healthier, revenue estimate and be tempted to spend freely.

Combs estimates revenue

Here's what Gov. Perry was cautioning about, and what lawmakers are looking to as the potential fix for a lot of problems.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 7 released the state's biennial revenue estimate, projecting \$101.4 billion available for general-purpose spending during the state's 2014-15 fiscal biennium.

"Texas experienced a very strong rebound from a severe recession," Combs said in prepared remarks.

"The state's robust economic recovery led to better-than-expected revenue collections in major taxes such as the sales tax, oil and natural gas production taxes and motor vehicle sales taxes. The outlook for both the economy and state revenue is for continuing expansion as the fast-growth of the economic recovery gives way to moderate, sustained growth."

Combs said about \$3.6 billion would be set aside for future transfers to the \$8 billion Rainy Day Fund.

The Texas economy, in inflation-adjusted terms, is projected to increase by 3.4 percent in fiscal 2013, another 3.4 percent in fiscal 2014 and 3.9 percent in fiscal 2015. The state's unemployment rate, which reached 8.2 percent during the recession, is expected to continue slowly dropping and average 6 percent during 2015, Combs said.

Bills address water issues

State Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, on Jan. 10 filed H.B. 4 and H.B. 11, legislation "designed to help ensure Texas will meet its future water needs," he said. To pay for what the bills propose, "I would make a one-time allocation of \$2 billion from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, often referred to as the Rainy Day Fund, to capitalize a new, dedicated revolving fund for use in financing water projects in the State Water Plan," Ritter said.

"It is vital for the future of Texas that a dedicated source of revenue be established for funding the State Water Plan," Ritter added. "Our economy depends on it, our communities depend on it, and ultimately, our daily lives depend on it."

10 Years Ago January 16, 2003

The Haskell Elementary third grade classes of Melodee Christian and Donna Waggoner sang several spirited Christmas songs during the lunch gathering at the Experienced Citizens Center.

Thelma Dunlap was honored with a party on her 82nd birthday, hosted by her son James and Judy Dunlap, and daughters Shirley and Jeff Parker and Anita Dunlap.

Leon and Carolyn Herring, who have operated the Haskell Sonic Since 1997, recently received a perfect score from the National Sanitation Foundation independent auditing firm.

20 Years Ago January 21, 1993

Two members of the Rochester Steers football team have been named to the Abilene Reporter-News' All-Area Six-Man team. Included are Mark Brown,

junior running back and Kurt Sloan, senior center/linebacker.

Listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University was Joy McKeever, daughter of Eddie and Billie McKeever. Listed on the Dean's List at Texas Tech University was Penny Peden, daughter of Florence Peden.

Mayor Pat Henry instructed city administrator Scott Wall to prepare a "no smoking" ordinance for consideration by the city council.

30 Years Ago January 20, 1983

Brian Burgess of the State Farm Insurance in Haskell, has achieved Certification from the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. to sell and service insurance coverage on cotton, wheat, grain sorghum, barley and oats.

Coach Jim Raughton's Haskell Indians remain

undefeated in district play with a 58-54 win over the unbeaten Munday Moguls. Jamey Davis led the Indians with 25 points.

During their first meeting of the year, the Progressive Study Club elected officers. Serving will be Sandy Horton, president; Julia Harrell, 1st vice-president; Jennifer Burgess, 2nd vice-president; Mildred Berry, secretary; Franciene Johnson, treasurer; and Pat Quattlebaum, historian.

40 Years Ago January 18, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wheatley have donated furniture for one of the new patient rooms at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Earlier Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turnbow furnished a room in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Turnbow and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Brown.

Sidney D. Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smart of Rochester, has been

promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Sergeant Smart, a missile fuels specialist at Little Rock AFB, serves with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

Rule Bobcats Lynn Dale Dudensing and Larry Barbee were selected to the first team defense of the Texas Sportswriters Association All-State team. Art Briles and Don Hisey were both named to the second team.

50 Years Ago January 17, 1963

Sisters Brenda and Judy Boone, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boone of Weinert, took the grand and reserve champion honors at the 20th annual Haskell County 4-H Steer Show.

Haskell postmaster Harold Spain was the principal speaker at the Open House for the new Munday Post Office. He was joined by Munday postmaster Chan Hughes and assistant postmaster Merle Dingus.

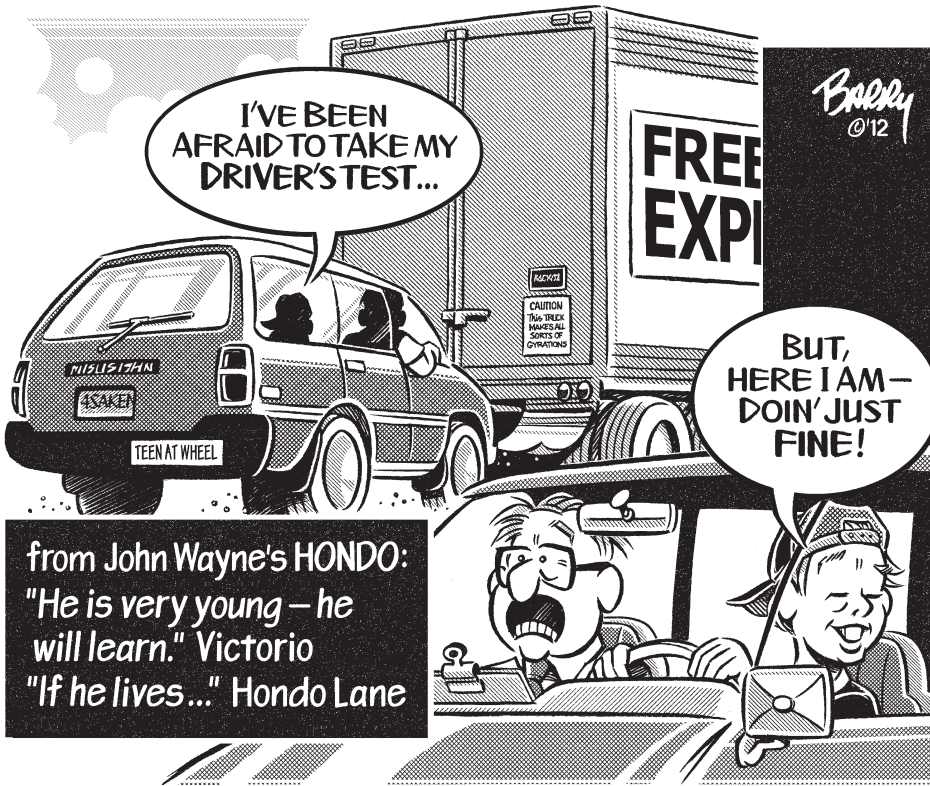
Reverend Walter Copeland, Baptist minister of Haskell, who has pastored churches in Weinert, Vera and Elbert, will fill the pulpit at the South Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

100 Years Ago January 18, 1913

Judge H.G. McConnell attended court in Vernon this week.

Mrs. J.B. Davis, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. D.L. Cummings of this place, has left for her home in Bell County.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds have moved back to this place from Anson. Mr. Reynolds will have charge of the grocery department of Robertson Brothers Company.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Have had several questions about who won the downtown window decorating contest at Christmas. So to get the answer I contacted the Chamber of Commerce office and was informed that the contest was not held this year. I was told that the Chamber declared all of the businesses who decorated their store windows for Christmas were winners. Hmm—how can you have winners when you don't have a contest? Anyway, congratulations to all who decorated because you were a winner.

One event coming up soon that should be marked on your calendar is the Community Planning Forum to be held Mon., Jan. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The goal of this meeting is to put our collective thinking caps together and come up with ways in which we can market Haskell. We need to come up with some excellent ideas of ways that we can attract the traffic that is traveling through on U.S. 380 and U.S. 277—ways that we can entice these travelers to stop and see what we have to offer. We also need to identify something that makes our town unique from all the others. We need to highlight what we have that they don't plus what we can attract that they can't. We need to find something that makes us stick out like a 'sore thumb'—not in a bad way but in a good way. This takes a concerted effort from each of us. We are asking everyone to work diligently to come up with ideas as to how we can show off our town and make visitors want to come see what we have.

It finally has rained—not enough by any means but at least we know it can rain. I

had one inch at our house and I have heard reports from 0.7 inches up to 2.3 inches. I hope we get more in the near future because many of our farmers have a wheat crop which is struggling mightily to just stay alive. Jimmy Burson said he was going to name his wheat variety 'Lazarus' because he felt certain that it had been raised from the dead. The good Lord has blessed us with some rain, let's just keep praying that he will bless us with more.

I noticed that one of the items that will come before our state legislators was mandatory drug testing for individuals receiving welfare. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. I have also heard that since Florida has passed a law requiring mandatory drug testing for anyone on welfare the drug using welfare recipients are leaving in droves. However, the American Civil Liberties Union has filed a countersuit that would not allow it. Thus, the jury is still out so to speak.

I took the opportunity to attend the Jr. Livestock Show this past Friday and Saturday. I noticed that many of the young folks participating in the event were members of both 4-H and FFA. That would not have happened when I was their age. We were encouraged to be in either one or the other but by no means both—you just didn't do that back in the dark ages. I am so glad that the competition between the two has stopped at least in Haskell County because I understand there are still a few places where they do not get along which is a tragedy. I had the opportunity to visit with Bill Binder from Abilene who had the challenge of judging the swine and cattle. He told me our young folks

were developing a very good reputation statewide concerning all of the animals they exhibit but especially for the swine. I know how hard each of these individuals worked in preparing their animals for this exhibition and those to follow later, and I applaud their efforts. I hope that each of these young folks has many fond memories of fat stock shows as I have.

I have just learned that Aaron Waggoner has almost finished his Eagle Scout project which is to paint almost all of the black and white street signs. Once he finishes the painting, these signs will be replaced on their proper sign posts. It is very important to have these street markers to aid people responding to an emergency as well as for our visitors. Max Weise should also finish his Eagle Scout project at the park as soon as the weather cooperates. These two young men are doing a good work and we are very appreciative. If there are other young men out there who need an Eagle Scout project, we have some ideas for them.

Just learned this past week that Wes Utley, our County Extension Agent, will be moving to Levelland which is a plus for Hockley County but a loss for Haskell County. Wes and his lovely family have become mainstays in our community and they will be sorely missed. However, we all understand that oftentimes one's career dictates a move and this one does. We wish them well as they make their move to Levelland. They leave us with heavy hearts as they depart and the only good thing about their departure is it opens the door for another nice young family to join our community.

Have you noticed the LED lights on the south side of the square? Seems those smaller lights just never could get working. Brandon Anderson and Stacy Bridges, shortly before Christmas, strung the larger lights (like the ones on the Court House gazebo and at the park). The lights for the rest of the square have been purchased and will be put up at a later date. I feel certain they will make a wonderful addition to our square and we should keep them on each night. What's your input?

We still lack the last Haskell monument on the west of town. It took a bit of time to get approval from Helena Corporation and by that time our rock mason, Jerry Lewis, was busy out of town. Hopefully we can get that project wrapped up, get it lighted and then move on to finishing up the Governor Perry signs. We only have one of those up and have three more to do. We haven't forgotten about the fountains in the springs either, but we've been trying to see what the drought is doing to the springs. I think it's low on the 380 side but in the park it seems to be in good shape.

So, come to the meeting and let's re-assess our progress and our goals. I still love hearing people exclaim about how much better our town is looking. And I keep thinking to myself: this town has more hustle and bustle than it had when we moved here (may be just wishful thinking on my part). We still have some recalcitrant owners of vacant buildings...if you don't want to sell them, can you please keep the windows clean and the window front neat? That would be a help to the overall appearance of the square.

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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.

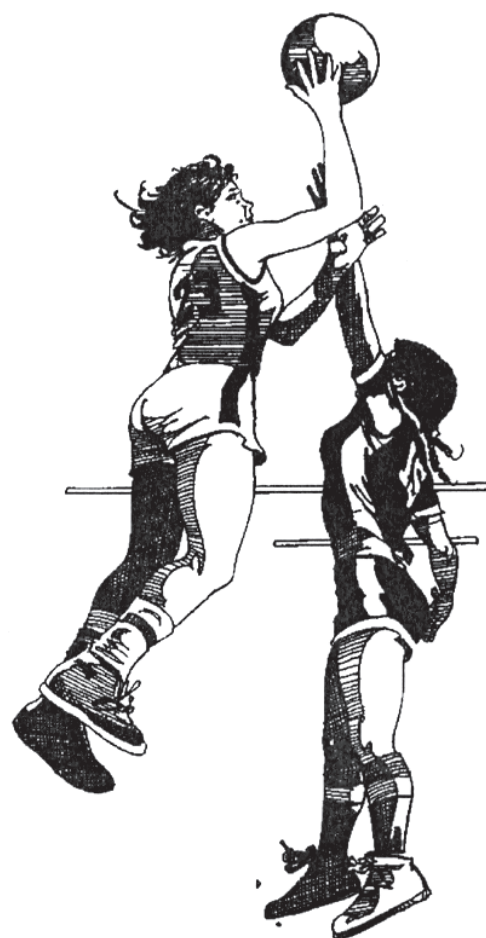
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JV-V Indians vs Albany
Fri., Jan. 18, 4 p.m.
at Albany

JV-V Indians vs Hamlin
Tues., Jan. 22, 4 p.m.
at Hamlin



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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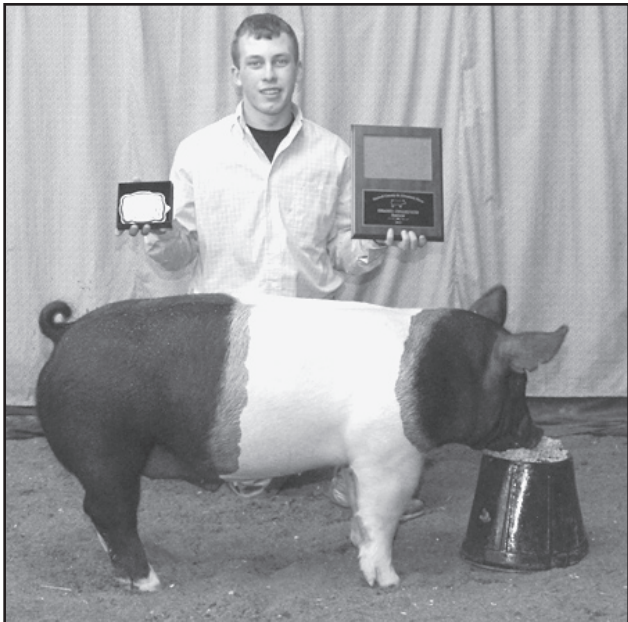
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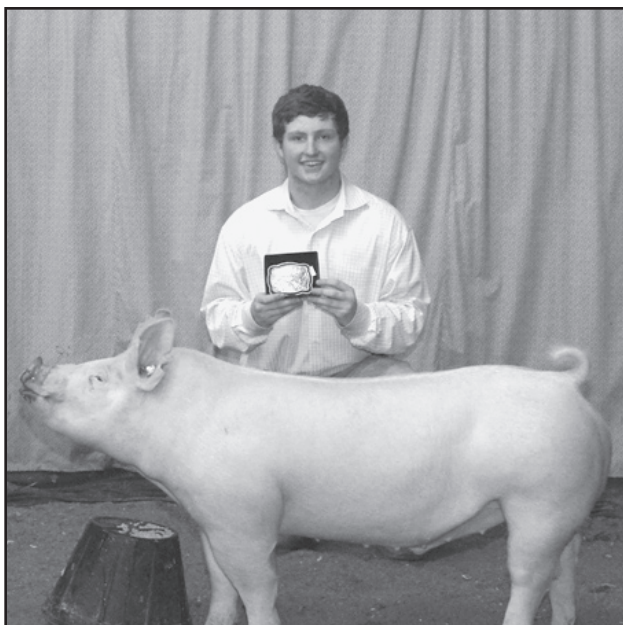
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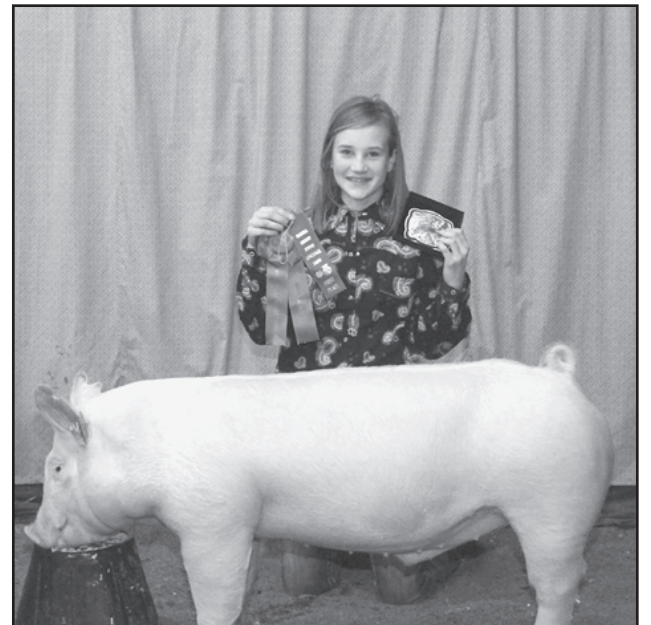
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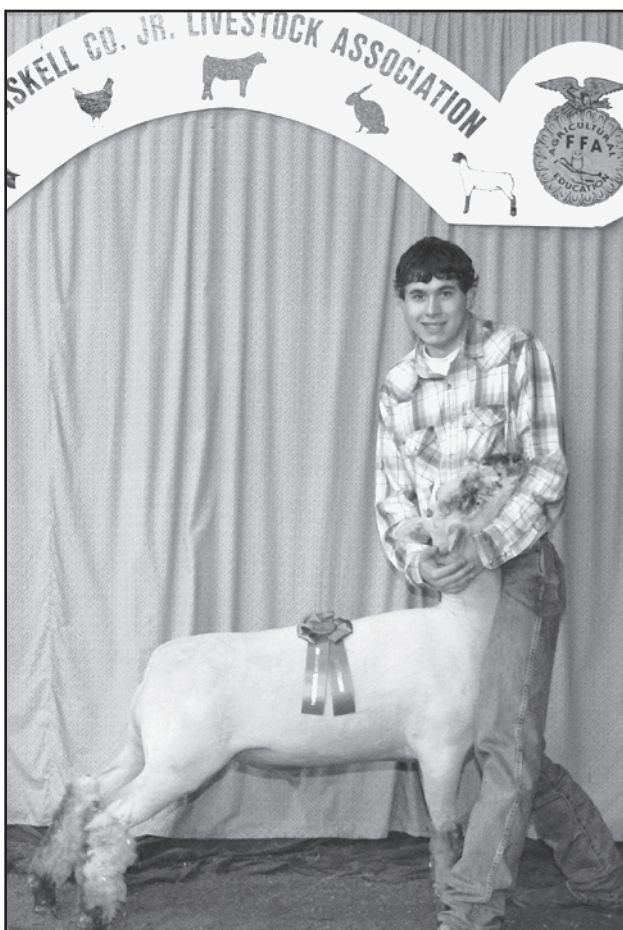
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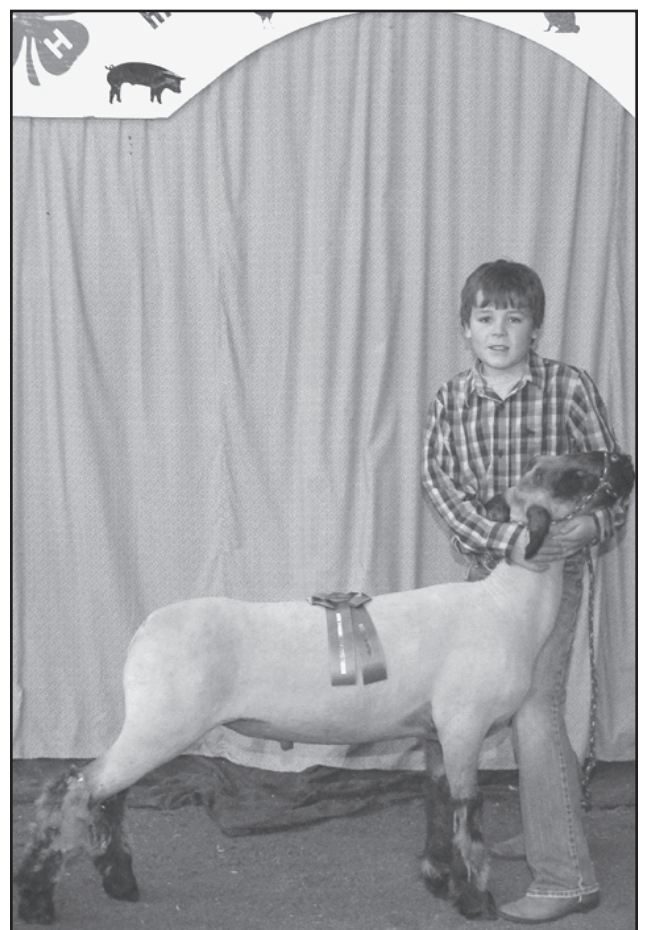
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JR. LAMB SHOWMANSHIP-LAKEN OLSON



RESERVE CHAMPION GILT-SHEILA JONES



VISIT RECOVERY CENTERS—Members of Rule FCCLA visited the Serenity House Drug & Alcohol Treatment Center in Abilene Nov. 28. Kendra Tapie, director of Youth Prevention, talked to the group on the effects of alcohol, how their treatment center deals with addiction, and showed the 12-step Serenity Garden where clients work through the steps of recovery. That afternoon the group went to Shades of Hope in Buffalo Gap, another addiction treatment center, that often deals with eating disorders. Camela Balcomb, director of Shades, explained how addictive habits often begin as a method of controlling one area of a client's life when another area is out of control. Due to confidentiality laws in each center, tours of living quarters were not possible. Programs were presented in a separate chapel or educational building. Students making the trip included, l-r, Tamran Castillo, Jessica Gutierrez, Celeste Caddell, Taylor Kimbro, Michael Perez, Hunter Threet, Abel Sandoval, Colton Rogers, Matthew Frazier, Jonah Caddell, Shanisha Vanderbuilt, Sara Leonard, Chase Helms and Coach Richard Jackson.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 21-25
Breakfast

1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: 2 pigs in a blanket, apple juice
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, orange juice
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick, apple juice
Friday: 2 pancakes, syrup, orange juice

Lunch

1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat
Tuesday: Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, salsa, garden salad, cinnamon apples
Wednesday: Hot dog, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup
Friday: Hamburger, baby carrots, sliced peaches



PHILLIP COLEMAN



DOUG KING

Students visit Rotary Club

Phillip Coleman is the son of Betsy and Casey Coleman of Haskell. At Haskell High School, he is active in football, Student Council, band and the London trip. He had been a member of the sweepstakes winning band for three years in a row. He enjoys reading, running and target practice. He plans to attend Midwestern University, studying education.

Haskell. He attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, he participates in UIL Accounting, UIL Headline Writing, football and golf.

He was named to the second team defensive line in 2012 and 2011, to the offensive line in 2011 and served as the team captain for the Indians in 2012.

He enjoys sports, video editing, music and picture editing.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University or Angelo State, majoring in finance and/or accounting.

Doug King is the son of Steve and Julie King of

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 21-25
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Wednesday: Toast, cereal
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Hot pockets
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chalupas, refried

beans, salad, applesauce
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, strawberry cup
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, beans, corn, oranges
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, salad, breadsticks, apples
Friday: Fish sticks, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, peaches

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith teaches the value of being honest about yourself

At various times in our lives we are all tempted to 'put on an act' for someone's benefit; to create a false image of ourselves for the purpose of social or material gain. Nonetheless, however valid our reasons for doing this, it is always a terrible mistake; for aside from its being dishonest, it is nearly impossible to sustain this illusion for very long. Moreover, even if we could, it would lead us down some paths that we would surely regret later on when

the truth begins to surface, as it always does eventually; and we must then pay a high price for our deception. The lessons of faith teach us to be honest about ourselves at all times; and that the job, friend, date, club membership or whatever that we cannot obtain by being truthful is not worth having. So follow your faith, attend your house of worship and above all, be yourself. You will even like yourself better, just as you are.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
 Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
 Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
 Sun. 10:45 a.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
 Rev. David White, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
 Rev. 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**
 Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
 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**
 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
 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

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 21

Crispy chicken, blackeyed peas, creamy gravy, potatoes, hot rolls, white cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 23

Lasagna, garden salad, beets, garlic bread, misc. dessert,

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Al-Anon

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

tea or coffee

Fri., Jan. 25

Hamburger mac, pinto beans, cornbread, Coke cake, tea or coffee

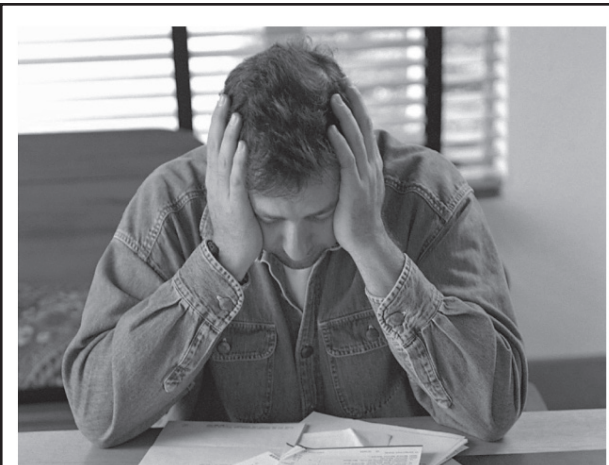
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 14, 2013

Final totals

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..... 1,478
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Public Notices

NOTICE Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept bids on a 140 M CAT motor grader. Specification sheet can be picked up at the County Judge's office. Deadline for bids is February 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. when they will be opened. They will be presented to Commissioners' Court on February 11, 2013. Motor grader can be seen at Haskell County Pct. 4 barn. Call Commissioner Kreger at 940-256-3144. Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 3-4c

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL) To the registered voters of the City of Haskell, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Haskell, Texas): Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2013, for voting in a general election to elect 3 Aldermen.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 11 de mayo de 2013 para votar en la Elección General para elegir 3 ek meimbro, de consejo.)

Locations of polling places (Direccion(es) de las

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casillas electorales) City Hall, 301 South 1st Street

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votación adelantada en persona sellevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

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between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 29 and ending on May 7, 2013.(entre las 29 de la mañana y las abril de la tarde empezando el 2013 y terminando el mayo 7, 2013. And May (mayo) 2nd and 3rd from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo

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deberán enviarse a) Carolyn Graston, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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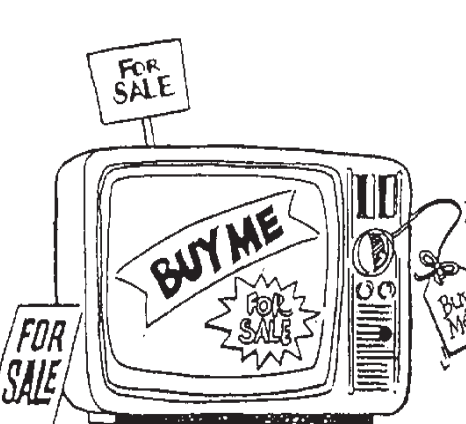
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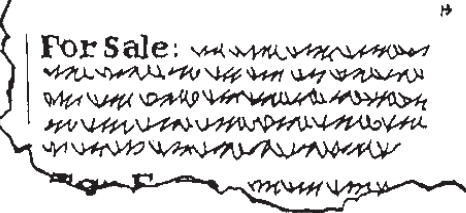
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Rule ISD announces honor rolls

Rule ISD has released the names of students on the A and A-B honor rolls.

First grade: A honor roll, Sirena Baiza, Astrid Guzman, Wayland Isbell and Shelby Saffel; A-B honor roll, Timothy Moore.

Second grade: A-B honor roll, Karleigh Hertel, Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis and Austen Sanford.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Abigail Ortiz.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Carlos Cassal and Fette Jackson.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Lauryn Crane and Kennedy Fritzler.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, McKenzie Gray, Del Fritzler, Kourtney Hertel and Leann Manske.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Kaysen Barnett and Thomas Short.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Seattle Jackson.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Kade Lowack.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Christina Herrera.

Twelfth grade: A-B honor roll, Josh Quintero, Jennifer Starr and Darryl Williams.

Perfect attendance rolls included:

Kindergarten: Max Hollabaugh, Jelena Martinez-Alvarez, Kaylee Silvas and Julio Tapia.

First grade: Sirena Baiza, Astrid Guzman, Timothy Moore, Geneva Pauley and Shelby Saffel.

Second grade: Sean Gatlin, Karleigh Hertel,

Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis, Austen Sanford and Julian Trevino.

Third grade: Daena Diaz, Jaella Martinez-Alvarez, Hannah Ervin, Abigail Ortiz, Jillian Herrera, Alfonso Ramos, Kurt Leek, Macy Rogers, Patrick Lightfoot, Lenzi Manske and Bryson Silvas.

Fourth grade: Ariel Cortinez, Kayla Hollingsworth, Fette Jackson, Dean Kreger, Michael Medford and Yesenia Moreno.

Fifth grade: Kiya Bailey, Lauryn Crane, Kennedy Fritzler, Danny Kreger, Jessica Ramos Cruz and Tray Spells.

Sixth grade: Del Fritzler and Leann Manske.

Seventh grade: Christina Moore and Pablo Sandoval.

Eighth grade: Taylor Kimbro, Austin Redden, Abel Sandoval Cruz, Hunter Threet and Seth Wilcher.

Ninth grade: Gabriel Baiza.

Tenth grade: Luis Diaz and Jessica Gutierrez.

Eleventh grade: Gloria Gonzalez.

Twelfth grade: Josh Quintero, Jennifer Starr and Darryl Williamson.

Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Reagan Hadaway, a sophomore forward, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week Other Top Performers list Tues., Jan. 15.

Hadaway had 18 points, 14 rebounds, two steals and one assist in the game against Stamford.

Calendar

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

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.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

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PIRATES AGAINST HIGHLAND—The Paint Creek Pirates played Highland recently. Pirate Dustin Wyrick, left, attempts to block a pass. Pirate Jared Masias, right, lays up a shot for two points.



PIRATE POINTS—In a game against Highland, Cheyenne Buerger, left, attempts the three-pointer. Lady Pirate Kadie McCord, right, puts up two points in the game against Graford.



LADY PIRATES—The Paint Creek Lady Pirates played Graford recently. Lady Pirate Tarah Trotter, left, fights for the ball in a turnover attempt. Lady Pirate Danielle Oliver, right, goes for the rebound.

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