

Happy Valentine's Day

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## Softball

Maidens vs Ralls/Merkel  
Mon., Feb. 18  
4:00/6:00 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Calendar

### Softball registration

Haskell Girls Softball Association will hold softball registration for girls ages 5-14 at the Haskell High School gym foyer on the following dates: Thurs., Feb. 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Thurs., Feb. 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Girls must be ages 5-14 as of Jan. 1, 2013 and cost is \$30 per girl. Final deadline for registration and payment will be Sat., Feb. 23; all interested girls must be signed up and paid for by Feb. 23.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 16 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

### Josselet reunion

It is that time again. The Josselet family reunion is just around the corner. A planning meeting will be held Feb. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Robbie Drinnon Harris or Julia Harrell.

### Hamburger lunch

Haskell County Farm Bureau, in conjunction with Texas Food Connection Week (Feb 17-23), will host a Farmer's Share Hamburger Lunch Wed., Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Courthouse gazebo. Come by and get a hamburger with all the fixings for \$1.00.

### Fish fry

A fish fry will be held Sun., Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center by the Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell. Fish, hushpuppies, french fries, coleslaw, drink and dessert will be served for \$8 per plate. Praise and worship will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Proceeds benefit the youth who will attend church camp.

### Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will hold their annual banquet Mon., Feb. 25 at the Haskell Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and are on sale at the chamber office or by calling 864-2477. The Haskell Indian Band will provide the entertainment.

### 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. The cantata will be presented Sun., March 24 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. For more information, contact Martha Jarred.

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## Citizens asked to create new logo, motto

The City of Haskell, Development Corporation of Haskell and Haskell Chamber of Commerce are encouraging Haskell residents to participate in creating a new logo and motto for the City of Haskell.

Written guidelines on submitting logo and motto entries may be picked up at Haskell City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The information is also available online at the Haskell Texas Online's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HaskellTexasOnline](http://www.facebook.com/HaskellTexasOnline) and website [www.haskelltexasonline.com](http://www.haskelltexasonline.com).

All entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 22.

Haskell residents will have the opportunity to vote on the top three entries picked by committee beginning in March.

For further information, contact Mary at 940-864-3424 or [mdrury@wtconnect.com](mailto:mdrury@wtconnect.com).

## February sales tax figures show decline

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.12 billion, up 6.1 percent compared to January 2012.

"Growth in sales tax receipts was led by the construction, retail trade and restaurant sectors," said Combs. "Receipts from oil and natural gas-related activity also continue to

be strong. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 34 consecutive months."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their February local sales tax allocations totaling \$741 million, up 4.6 percent compared to February 2012.

The sales tax figures represent December sales

reported by monthly tax filers as well as sales by businesses that report tax on a quarterly or annual basis.

Haskell County had a 21.67 percent decrease for February 2013 of \$49,077.50 in comparison to \$62,657.38 for February 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$89,463.96 reflect a 9.63 percent decrease over

2012 payments to date of \$99,008.11.

The City of Haskell had a 22.79 percent decrease for February 2013 of \$45,198.50 in comparison to \$58,539.85 for February 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$83,489.27 reflect a 10.35 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$93,133.15.

The City of O'Brien had a 4.12 percent decrease for February 2013 of \$451.86 in comparison to \$471.31 for February 2012. 2012 payments to date of \$741.86 reflect a 21.88 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$608.64.

The City of Rochester had a 4.70 percent decrease for February 2013 of \$715.38

in comparison to \$750.69 for February 2012. 2012 payments to date of \$1,046.99 reflect a 2.10 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$1,069.55.

The City of Rule had a 7.55 percent decrease for February 2013 of \$2,430.08 in comparison to \$2,628.65 for February 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$3,794.83 reflect a .76 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$3,765.94.

The City of Weinert had a 5.54 percent increase for February 2013 of \$281.68 in comparison to \$266.88 for February 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$391.01 reflect a 9.24 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$430.83.

## FSA requires foreign persons to file report

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Glenn R. Brzozowski.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Brzozowski.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for

farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

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

For more information regarding AFIDA and

FSA programs, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## Elementary Book Fair to be held Feb. 25-March 1

Haskell Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Mon., Feb. 25 through Fri., March 1 for students in prekindergarten through eighth grade. The book fair will be held in the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will close at noon on Friday.

Funds raised will help purchase books and materials for the library. Families, faculty and the community are invited to attend this

fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers. This year's theme is "Story Laboratory: Reading Gives You Super Power!"

The book fair will feature a special Family Night in the library Thurs., Feb. 28 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Students will have a chance to shop with their families, register for door prizes and enjoy refreshments while they are browsing the book fair. Customers can help the school build classroom

libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List. We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.

The book fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases and other great reads from more than 100 publishers, for all ages.

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

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## Youth tour contest set Feb. 18 in Roby

Mark your calendars for the Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) Government in Action Youth Tour contest. The contest will be held Mon., Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roby High School Auditorium. Area high school students will be competing in a speech contest that will give up to four winner(s) an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. this June to see our "government in action."

The contest is open to sophomore, junior and senior high school students who live in the BCEC service area. This year's topic is "Electric Co-ops: the Next 75 Years." Winners and one runner up will each receive \$1,500 scholarships.

For more information, contact your local BCEC office: Roby 325-776-2244, Stamford 325-773-3684, Snyder 325-573-3161.

Attendance is open to the public. A big crowd is expected to support the students who have worked hard to prepare for this contest.

### 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.

## Obituaries

### Britta Kaye Denton Bradford

Memorial services for Britta Kaye Denton Bradford, 75, of The Colony were held at Christ Community Church in The Colony Mon., Feb. 11. A second memorial service was held at the Church of Christ in Haskell Tues., Feb. 12.

Born April 22, 1937 in Big Spring, she was the first born in her family, the oldest of three children. Her father, Freeman Denton, worked in the oil refinery in Big Spring, and her mother, Eva Faye Bush Denton worked in the home. Later in life she lived in Merkel, where she went through all twelve years of school. She was brought up with her brothers, Manley Denton and Kent Denton and many grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins who lived in Mulberry Canyon and the surrounding area close to Merkel. She attended the Merkel Church of Christ with her family there. She attended college at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

She married Wayne Bradford of Haskell Feb. 15, 1957 at the Merkel Church of Christ. They were married for 55 years. She and Wayne lived in many different places including Abilene, Midland, Grand Prairie, Dallas, Chicago, Oklahoma City and The Colony. Britta met and treasured many beloved friends wherever she went. She made friends in her churches and in other circles including her bowling team and her bridge clubs. She was an aerobics instructor for many years in Oklahoma City, teaching land

and water aerobics at her church and other studios around the area of town where she lived. In Haskell, she worked at The Hayloft, a local dress shop for many years. Wayne and Britta moved to The Colony in 2001 where Britta worked in the jewelry department at the local Wal-Mart store. In her time off, she visited Haskell to see her friends there as well as her children and grandchildren where they lived.

Britta loved life and people. She loved all of her grandchildren and never missed the opportunity to see them or show off their pictures and tell of the accomplishments. She never met a stranger and loved to talk about the good old times from her childhood to her present life. She loved God and she loved her family. She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend and will be greatly missed by her grateful husband and children.

Survivors include her husband Wayne Bradford of The Colony; her children Bronwyn Bradford of Wichita Falls, Sterling Bradford of McKinney and Tiffany Leslie and her husband Jeff of Helotes; her brothers, Manley Denton and his wife Linda of San Antonio and Kent Denton and his wife Marlene of Sun City; her grandchildren Donica, Ryan, Jennifer, Sanders, Alysa, Carter, Leyton, Lydia, Jefflin and Jeffenia; as well as many beloved great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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by Kim Hutto, Regional Sales

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## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### What Texans Should Know About Providing Their Social Security Number

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Texas ranks fifth in the nation for identity theft complaints. In 2011, more than 24,000 Texans were identity theft victims and as a result, lost thousands of dollars and hours of time attempting to correct their credit ratings and personal financial history.

Identity theft occurs when a criminal illegally uses someone else's personal information—a name, address, driver's license number, credit or debit card account number or Social Security number—to commit fraud or other crimes.

Fortunately, increased identity theft awareness has made Texans much more cautious about freely providing their personal information. One particularly sensitive part of a person's identity is his or her Social Security number (SSN). Many Texans call the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to ask when and where they are required to give out their SSN.

One of our most commonly received questions on this subject is, "Can a private business ask for my Social Security number?" Generally, the answer is yes. The law does not prohibit a business from asking for a person's SSN; however, the customer has options and does not have to provide that information.

Texans are not legally required to provide their SSN to private businesses unless the transaction is one which triggers mandatory Internal Revenue Service notification. Texans should be aware, though, that businesses can refuse to provide products or services to customers who fail to provide their SSN.

If a business insists that customers provide their SSN and customers feel this is not justified, customers may want to ask for a supervisor or manager to discuss the situation. If the company is unwilling to budge, Texans may want to consider taking their business elsewhere.

Be aware that while federal law does not forbid a business from asking for a person's SSN, it does mandate that the business protect any numbers it collects. People who provide their SSN to a private business should familiarize themselves with the company's privacy policy.

Texas law also requires that businesses safeguard their clients' sensitive personal information, including names, addresses, financial information and SSNs. The OAG has charged several commercial vendors with unlawfully failing to protect such information.

Many Texans also inquire about government agencies and whether they have the right to ask for a person's SSN. Federal law does compel government agencies to ask for a SSN in certain instances.

For example, certain government agencies, including taxing authorities, human resource offices and departments of motor vehicles, can require a SSN as mandated by federal law.

Federal law does provide protections when citizens are required to divulge their SSN. The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that all government agencies that request Social Security numbers provide a disclosure statement on the form. The statement explains whether citizens are required to provide their SSN or if it is optional. Additionally, the document details how a person's SSN will be used.

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget provides guidance and oversight regarding the Privacy Act of 1974. Interested Texans may read the Act on the U.S. Department of Justice website at www.usdoj.gov.

The Privacy Act also provides that citizens cannot be denied government benefits or services if they refuse to disclose their SSN—if the disclosure is not required by federal law or if the disclosure is to an agency which has been using SSNs prior to January 1975.

Texans who are asked to give their SSN to a government agency but do not receive a disclosure statement may want to cite the Privacy Act and contact their U.S. congressmen or senators. www.texasattorneygeneral.

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**Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

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We look forward to your presence and help in welcoming Mark to Big Country Electric and West Texas!



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# Farm Bureau, County recognize Food Connection Week

Haskell County Judge David Davis has proclaimed February 17-23, as Texas Food Connection Week. He calls upon all Americans to join him in recognizing and reflecting upon the strength of our diverse agricultural industry and in celebrating the benefits of agriculture.

He notes that farmers and ranchers are unmatched in their ability to consistently produce an abundance of safe, nutritious and affordable food, while being confronted with significant uncertainties including inclement weather, damaging insects and other

challenges, on a daily basis. Haskell County farmers, ranchers and others involved in the agriculture industry, while working together in an environmentally sustainable way, help feed people here in Haskell County, our nation and in other countries around the world.

In conjunction with this proclamation, farmers in Haskell County will reach out to local customers to talk with them about how their food is grown during Texas Food Connection Week, Feb. 17-23.

Farmers and ranchers

across the state will organize community activities, donate to local philanthropies and seek to spur conversations with their customers during the week-long program.

"Texas Food Connection Week is about finding common ground with our customers," said Darin Drury Haskell County Farm Bureau vice-president. "Our neighbors and friends have questions about agriculture and their food. This is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to sit down with them and have a conversation."

Haskell County Farm

Bureau will host "A Farmer's Share Hamburger Lunch" on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Haskell courthouse gazebo. Everyone is invited to come out and get a hamburger with all the fixings for \$1.00.

"We're looking forward to getting out in the community and sharing what we do on our farms and ranches," Darin Drury said. "Food is one thing that connects us all. We all want to provide our families with fresh, nutritious food that's been grown close to home."

Texas Food Connection

Week, formerly Food Check-Out Week, was established to connect farmers with their customers and spur conversations about

agriculture and food-related issues, including affordability, nutrition, animal welfare, profitability and productivity.

## Drury goes to Austin

Haskell EDC Executive Mary Drury joined more than 100 people representing cities in the Texas Midwest region in Austin Feb. 5 participating in "Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol."

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsored its tenth biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Highlights of the day included a photo session on the steps of the Capitol, a briefing on regional issues, visits to lawmaker offices and an evening reception sponsored jointly by TMCN and the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

"Texas Midwest Day provides an event for community leaders from our region to meet at the Capitol and have face to face contact with lawmakers," says TMCN President Kathy Keane of Eden. "Our presence in Austin helps legislators from our region send a message to urban and city lawmakers that concerns about water and transportation have special significance to us."

The message to lawmakers includes details that the regional organization covers 27 counties which are 10% of all counties in the state and

the population is more than a half million people equal to the seventh largest city in the state.

State Senators for TMCN include Troy Fraser-Dist. 24, Robert Duncan-Dist. 28 and Craig Estes-Dist. 30. State Representatives include Harvey Hilderbrand-Dist. 53, J.D. Sheffield-Dist. 59, Jim Keffer-Dist. 60, Drew Springer-Dist. 68, James Frank-Dist. 69, Susan King-Dist. 71, Drew Darby-Dist. 72 and Charles Perry-Dist. 83.

The 47 TMCN member cities are Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit the web site at [www.TexasMidwest.org](http://www.TexasMidwest.org).



**SIGNS PROCLAMATION—Haskell County Judge David Davis, left, joins Darin Drury, vice president of the Haskell County Farm Bureau recognizing Feb. 17-23 as Texas Food Connection Week.**

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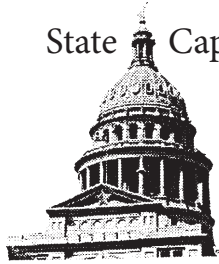
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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Judge rules against school finance system

AUSTIN—Texas' current school finance system fails to provide substantially equal access to revenues needed to provide "a general diffusion of knowledge" in accordance with the state constitution, a Travis County state district court declared on Feb. 4.

Judge John K. Dietz ruled in the lawsuit brought by nearly 700 school districts (as Texans for Real Efficiency and Equity in Education), three individual school districts, a group of intervenors and a charter school coalition. Named as defendants in the lawsuit are the commissioner of education, the state comptroller of public accounts and the state board of education.

Major among complaints against the officials was inadequate state funding to augment local property tax levies. School districts forced to tax at the cap of \$1.17 on the \$100 valuation, in essence, have been asked to do too much with too little, therefore losing "meaningful discretion" in setting their tax rates, Dietz wrote.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst reacted, saying he expects an immediate appeal of the ruling to the Texas Supreme Court.

Last session of the Texas Legislature, in 2011, lawmakers voted to cut education funding by about \$5.5 billion, part of an across-the-board effort to reduce state agency spending to compensate for a budget shortfall then calculated to be between \$10 billion and \$24 billion. Today, however, the current estimate by the comptroller indicates a multi-billion-dollar budget surplus. Educators hope to recoup billions in funding lost to those cuts made two years ago.

Complaints about school funding formulas repeatedly have been addressed in high-profile cases by state courts since the mid-1980s. Texans for Real Efficiency and Equity in Education's published goal "is not asking the court to legislate a solution to this problem, but rather to force the Legislature to do their job in creating a constitutional public school system."

#### Cancer agency questioned

Texas in November 2007 responded to a call by the governor to create an entity that would focus on finding cures and preventive measures for cancer. It was then that voters approved a constitutional amendment to establish a state agency, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and allowed the issuance of \$3 billion in general obligation bonds over 10 years to fund

it. Last year, questions arose over the cancer agency's management and where the money was going. Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus on Dec. 19 sent a letter to the agency, calling for it to address "concerns that have been raised about its processes and operations before any future grants are awarded."

Cancer agency officials testified in a daylong hearing before the House Appropriations Committee on Feb. 6, answering questions about grant management, property leases, executive salaries, and more.

#### Perry takes California trip

Gov. Perry traveled to San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Los Angeles and Orange County on a three-day mission to meet with high tech, biotechnology, financial, insurance and film industry leaders.

In a pre-trip "California regulates... Texas innovates" marketing blitz, Perry invited California businesses to relocate in the Lone Star State.

Perry's office said TexasOne, an economic development corporation based in Austin, is paying for the trip and no tax dollars would be used for the governor's travel or accommodations.

#### Accreditation must wait

Education Commissioner Michael L. Williams announced Feb. 7 the Texas Education Agency will not assign its normal annual accreditation statuses to the more than 1,200 independent school districts and charter schools for the 2012-2013 school year.

"Because student performance is a key indicator in the state accreditation system, and because that data is not available due to the transition (to the new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) accountability system), the Agency will suspend the assignment of accreditation statuses until the 2013-2014 school year," Williams said.

#### Senate seat vote is set

Gov. Perry by proclamation on Feb. 8 set Saturday, March 2—Texas Independence Day—as the special runoff election date for the Texas Senate Dist. 6 seat held by the Hon. Mario Gallegos Jr., who died Oct. 16.

Gallegos, though deceased, still won 71 percent of the vote to Republican challenger R.W. Bray's 29 percent in the Nov. 6 general election.

Included among eight candidates in the race to serve out the term ending in 2016 are Carol Alvarado, D-Houston.

#### 10 Years Ago February 13, 2003

On hand to assist NASA representatives in a search for possible space shuttle debris in Haskell County were DPS Sgt. Jodie Tullis, Haskell Volunteer Firemen Bill Steele and Randy Shaw, Haskell County Judge David Davis, Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton and about ten other locals.

Hilee Mulligan, a Haskell High School graduate, was recently crowned Miss Brownfield 2003. She will compete in July at the Miss Texas American Pageant. She is the daughter of Lynn and David Dodson of Haskell and David Mulligan of Houston.

Kristin Cypert of Haskell, was among 212 Midwestern State University students making the Vice-President's Honor Roll for the Fall semester. She is the daughter of Buddy and Tonya Cypert.

#### 20 Years Ago February 18, 1993

Members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee welcomed several new businesses including Abe and Ruby Turners' Bevers House, Pam Bevel's Country Daize, Ruthie Watson's The Carousel, Sonic and the

Hatahoe. Pinewood Derby winners include: Ross Bullinger, Eddie Loyd and Derrick Tribbey, Wolf division; Loren Cole, Zac Collins and Marcus Johnson, Bear division; Scott Kennedy, A.J. Shaw and Adam Greenwood, Tigers division; Ross Pittman, Jonathan Gholson and Levi Terry, Webelos division. Other winners were Travis Poteet, Cubby Award; Jason Shaw, Best of Show; and Scott Kennedy, Sweepstakes winner.

#### 30 Years Ago February 17, 1983

At the 47th annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet, Lois Richardson, owner of Kids' Duds Children's Store was named Woman of the Year. Dudley Phelps, who has worked for the City of Haskell for twenty-five years was chosen Man of the Year.

Five generations recently visited in Haskell. They were Maybell Turnbow and Florence Evelyn Larned, both of Haskell; Betty Sue Wolfe, Lance Wade Wolfe and Jeremy Wade Wolfe, all of Abilene.

Rev. and Mrs. Paris Barton were honored with a retirement dinner by

members of the Weinert Baptist Church, following the Sunday morning service. They are retiring from active pastorate after almost 35 years of service to the Lord.

#### 40 Years Ago February 15, 1973

The Rule girls' basketball team was defeated in the bi-district game against Hawley. Carol Dudensing led Rule in scoring with 16 points. Others scoring include Terri Flores, 15 pts.; Norva Lehrmann, 8 pts.; and Marcia Brass, 2 pts.

A long-time Haskell business changed hands with the sale of Anderson Construction Company. The sale by Carl Anderson to his son, Darel, not only bridged the generation gap, but was also the culmination of 23 years of oil field construction work for the senior Mr. Anderson.

Receiving awards at the All-Sports Banquet were Joe Kretschmer, Danny Smith, Mary Ann Elliott, Glenda Chapman, Bobby Cobb and Jackie Young.

#### 50 Years Ago February 14, 1963

Two incumbents, Haskell City Councilmen John Thomas and Bob Sego, have signed applications

to run for re-election here, T.J. Arbuckle, city secretary said.

Mrs. M.E. Overton, of the Paint Creek community, has been elected member-at-large of the 16-county West Texas Council Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts.

Johnny Matthews, Jerry Stocks and Lonnie Decker, all vocational agriculture students of instructor Haskell Stone at Haskell High School, spoke to the Rotary Club about the vital role of agriculture in the growth and development of America.

#### 100 Years Ago

#### February 15, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Cox and two small children, Ruby and Burwell Jr., have returned from an extended visit to the old folks at Evansville, Arkansas.

Mr. R.C. Cahill has gone to Dallas, where he will be associated with Mr. Stein's company, which will continue the publication of The Texas Immigration Promoter.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

The Haskell County All Night Party Committee would like to thank everyone who donated baked goods and/or bought baked goods at the bake sales during basketball season. The money raised will go to help our local high school students enjoy a safe, fun end of school celebration.

If you were not able to get to the bake sales and still want to support the Haskell County All Night Party, please contact Amanda Hadaway at Haskell High School; Kristi Stewart at Haskell Elementary; or Rhonda Hanson at Haskell Elementary.

Thank you!  
Amanda Hadaway  
Haskell Co. All  
Night Party Committee



## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

We were out making a mayoral run around our community Saturday afternoon and drove through the cemetery. The wife and I noticed several graves still had the Christmas wreaths and flowers on them. It is wonderful that many of us remember our loved ones on special occasions throughout the year. However, as time passes these wreaths and flowers fade. Strictly my opinion, but I'm thinking it is time to pick these items up and either have them refurbished for use again next year or throw them away. The longer they stay at the cemetery they become more faded, wind-beaten and generally disheveled looking. We put these items on our loved ones graves to honor and remember them and are very diligent about putting them out—now we need to be just as diligent when it comes time to pick them up.

Another thing that we noticed at the cemetery and also other places around town, many of our trees are losing limbs (not only small limbs but some rather large ones) and oftentimes even the trees are falling over. Not being an arborist, I don't know whether this is due to a disease or the drought. So if you have trees in your yard with limbs that are beginning to look somewhat suspect, you may want to contact someone who trims trees and have them take a look at it before a large limb or the tree itself falls on your house or you.

The Housing and Building

Summit which was originally scheduled for Feb. 11 has been postponed until a later date. It is still going to occur, but it was decided to do it later following the collection of more information about what type housing we do indeed need plus several other factors. We all felt it would be much better to be properly prepared than to have the event and not be ready.

My Aggie ring has been found and it was in perfect shape just like when I lost it. I keep telling everyone I know the best thing about Haskell is the people. I was truly surprised at how many folks called and offered their help to find the ring and everyone had a suggestion on what to use to find it. Volly Ivy came over twice with his metal detectors to look for it. The first time he looked he was using his old metal detector, the last time he was using a brand new detector he had just purchased—we were not successful either time and my hopes were growing dim. Friday morning Steve Sammons called while I was at a DCOH meeting and told Jan that he would like to use his metal detector and come search for my ring. After only 25 minutes of looking he found it. He rang the doorbell, handed it to Jan who immediately teared up (he even admitted that he got a little bleary eyed). Jan told him there was a reward for finding the ring; he told her that wasn't necessary because he truly enjoyed using the metal detector for his own enjoyment as well as helping

out other people. When I got home from my meeting, she asked me to hold out my hand which, in my mind, was a weird request and then she put that big ole ring in my hand—ever see a grown man tune up? Steve Sammons is our hero!

Now, back to the reward for finding my ring—I called Steve and told him I wanted to give him the reward and he declined. I asked if he had a favorite charity to which I could donate it in his name and he suggested I give it to the Noah Project which I did. One of the best stories concerning my search was from Megan Cox. She had called and said they had a metal detector I could use and I told her we had already tried Volly's to no avail. She said the best way she had found of retrieving lost items was using child labor referring to her two youngsters—said they could find anything. So in the future if we lose something that a metal detector will not find, we may be on the phone with Megan making a deal to rent or lease her hunters.

An item I picked up while watching the news one day last week is that Governor Perry is not only Texas' longest serving governor, he is the nation's longest serving governor. I also find it interesting how he has issued an open invitation to businesses in California to come to Texas which is much more business friendly than California. He didn't make the California politicians any too happy. I certainly hope Governor Perry keeps

Haskell in mind when he is out there recruiting businesses to come our way. We would be very receptive to having a manufacturing firm come here.

On the mayoral run Saturday, I stopped by the new dress shop that is going in on the south side of the square and went in to visit for a minute. The owner is Tracie Pribyla and the name of the establishment is 'Farm Girl Diva.' Tracie and her husband were in the process of getting things set up and organized. Paula Everett was on a ladder painting some sayings on the wall—it was the typical hustle and bustle of opening a new store. Tracie said she planned to be open no later than the first of March. It is so exciting to see new businesses come to town; it will now be up to us as citizens to see that they not only survive but prosper. The other two buildings on the northside still have contracts pending but I've seen the owners moving things out of the buildings so I'm thinking at least they think the sale will go through. This is exciting. Even though some stores are vacant their fronts have been repainted and refurbished. Haskell's square is looking better. In fact, the entire town looks better and that is thanks to all you business and home owners. It's contagious. One neighbor does something to improve the looks of their home/business and it encourages others to follow suit. This is good! Let us continue!

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**BASKETBALL MAIDENS**

# Congratulations

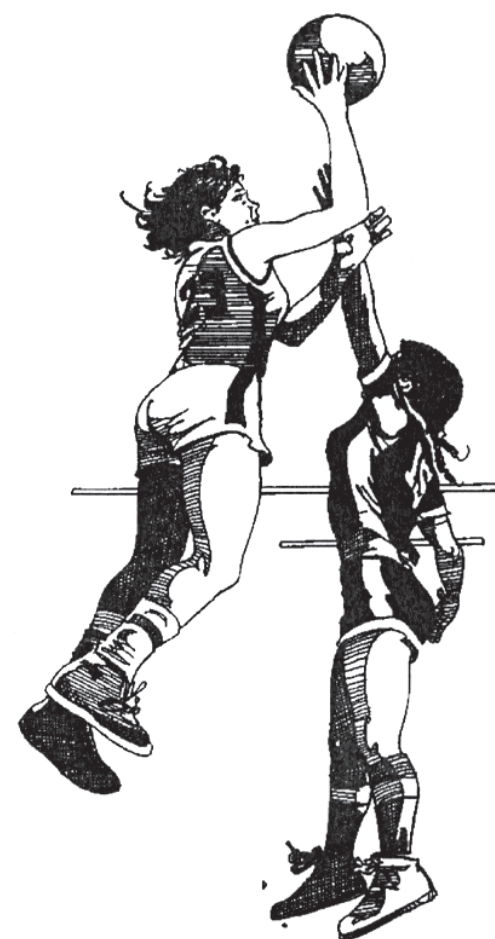
## Bi-District 9-1A Champs!



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.

# GO MAIDENS

**The Maidens drew a Bye in the Bi-District bracket. They will face the winner of the Goldthwaite/Perrin-Whitt game Feb. 14-16 for the Area title game.**



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<b>First Bank Texas</b>	<i>Good Luck Maidens!</i>

# 4-H members enjoy clothing lock-in

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Haskell County 4-H members with an interest in Clothing & Textiles enjoyed a lock-in Saturday evening, Feb. 2. The purpose of the lock-in was to provide a variety of learning activities related to the 4-H Clothing project.

The evening began at the Rule School with a pizza party followed by participants rotating through four hands-on educational sessions. Sessions included:

- Valentine Pin Cushions in which participants learned to use a needle and thread and sew on a button while making a heart shaped bag that can be used as a pin cushion. Providing instruction for the session was County

Extension Agent/FCS-Jane Rowan and Angela Jordan.

- Sudsy Designer Soaps, taught by Tammi and Bailey Hawkins, demonstrated the ancient art of recycling soap pieces to create designer soaps.

- Scrappy Headbands provided an opportunity for the 4-Hers to learn how to make simple, casual braided headbands from discarded t-shirts. They also were required to use a sewing machine to complete the project. The session was instructed by Barbara and Adaline Utley and Kris Fouts.

- Skin Care and Cosmetics rounded out the sessions. Holly Stocks, Mary Kay Cosmetics, shared tips on skin care and the use of

cosmetics.

Etiquette was the focus of an informal group presentation by Mary Drury, Development Corporation of Haskell Assistant and Community Development. With the point of etiquette rules being to make one feel comfortable—not uncomfortable, Drury shared a variety of useful ideas to help the 4-Her fit in and look great in any situation. The session included an opportunity for each participant to practice properly shaking hands and introducing themselves.

To sweeten the evening, 4-Hers enjoyed brownies, ice cream and an assortment of toppings provided and served by Deborah Oliver. The group then began the final session of the evening, Fashion Storyboards, presented by Sarah Fouts and Jane Rowan. 4-H members learned about this new 4-H project driven by the fashion industry. Steps for designing a storyboard were shown and topic ideas shared. Rowan also shared information about 4-H Buying and Construction projects. The weary but happy group concluded a full evening of activities and will now be working on their clothing projects in preparation for the annual 4-H Fashion Show scheduled for March 3.

Attending the lock-in were Abby Andress, Allie Andress, Sarah Fouts, Felicity Hannsz, Bailey Hawkins, Blessing Jordan, Faith Jordan, Leann Manske, Lenzi Manske, Gracie Oliver, Jaclyn Snelling, Adaline Utley, Kobie Walker and Crystal Aich.



**SCRAPPY HEADBANDS**—4-H'ers working together to construct a "Scrappy Headband" from recycled t-shirts during the 4-H clothing lock-in were, l-r, Felicity Hannsz and Crystal Aich.



**FASHION STORYBOARD**—Sarah Fouts teaches 4-H members how to construct a "Fashion Storyboard" during the 4-H clothing lock-in.



**INTRODUCTIONS**—4-H member Jaclyn Snelling shakes hands and introduces herself to etiquette speaker, Mary Drury, during the recent 4-H clothing lock-in.



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**When should you wash your hands?**

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

**What is the right way to wash your hands?**

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- Rub your hands together to make a lather and scrub them well; be sure to scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- Continue rubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse your hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

**How do you use hand sanitizers?**

- Apply the product to the palm of one hand.
- Rub your hands together.
- Rub the product over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry.
- Hand sanitizers are not as effective when hands are visibly dirty.

**What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse?** Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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## Calendar

### 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.

### Deadlines

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

### Al-Anon

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

### 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.

### TeamKid

TeamKid "Character Challenge" is held Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center for children 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2581.

### 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.

**Clear Fork Crime Stoppers**  
1-800-222-TIPS



**SEW ON BUTTONS**—County Extension Agent Jane Rowan, center, teaches 4-H members, l-r, Faith Jordan, Abby Andress and Lenzi Manske to sew on a button.



**PIN CUSHIONS**—4-H members, l-r, Crystal Aich, Jaclyn Snelling and Felicity Hannsz are instructed by 4-H volunteer leader, Angela Jordan in making Valentine Pin Cushions. In the background, Sarah and Kris Fouts work on a scrappy headband.



**ETIQUETTE LESSON**—Mary Drury talks to a group of 4-H members about etiquette. To the left of Drury is, l-r, Abby Andress, Lenzi Manske, Leann Manske and Allie Andress.

# Maidens Basketball Report

## Maidens sweep District 9-1A

**Senior Maci Colley drains game winning 3 pointer in finals seconds at home on "Senior Night"**

It was a much anticipated game between the Haskell Maidens and the Albany Lady Lions last week at Haskell in the District 9-1A finale. The Maidens were playing for an undefeated district season and the Lady Lions were looking to secure the district's third playoff seed.

The Maidens got off to an impressive start once again leading 14-2 at the end of the first quarter. However, the Lady Lions refused to lie down and clawed their way back into the game. Trailing 39-37 at home on Senior Night, senior Maci Colley drained a game winning 3 pointer with two seconds left in a thrilling 40-39 win. The Maidens improved to 20-8 overall and a perfect 10-0 in district.

"I called timeout with 10 seconds left to play and I told the girls that we were going for the win," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "We had two starters who had fouled out and Jacie Klose was in the game but feeling sick to her stomach. So I definitely thought it was in the best interest of the team to go for the win right then and there."

"I knew I wanted Colley to shoot the 3 pointer and I decided to go with one of our zone quick hitters that we call Fist," Eddleman said. "The team did an excellent job executing the play and Colley drained an unbelievable 3 pointer that will be remembered for many years to come. She is such a special person that has overcome a lot in her high school basketball

career. It was so fitting that she made the game winning 3 pointer in front of a huge home crowd on her Senior Night. I could not be more happy and proud of her."

The Maidens did not shoot the ball well throughout the majority of the game going (12-49) 24% from the field and (12-23) 52% from the free-throw line. Reagan Hadaway led all scorers with 12 points followed by Klose with 11, Carson Hadaway 7, Kenzie Shelton 4, Colley 3, Crissy Bassett 2 and Caitlan Johnson 1. Leading the team in assists was Colley with 3 followed by Klose and R. Hadaway with 2 each.

Defensively, the Maidens did an excellent job on Albany's Kami Norton holding her to only 14 points and well below her season average. "I thought Johnson, Bassett and Shelton all three did a great job defending Norton and our other defenders did a nice job providing early help and crowding her," Eddleman said. Leading the team in rebounds was C. Hadaway with 11, Colley 4, R. Hadaway 3, Klose 3 and Shelton 3. R. Hadaway lead the Maidens in steals with 4 followed by Carson with 1.

"Overall, it was an unforgettable win and night for our team and the Maiden basketball program," Eddleman said. "We have an amazing group of seniors on this year's team and I am just so happy for them that they were able to win their last home game, cap off a 20 win season, and a 10-0 district sweep."

Albany	2	16	12	9	39
Haskell	14	6	8	12	40

Scoring: R. Hadaway 12, Klose 11, C. Hadaway 7, Shelton 4, Colley 3, Bassett 2, Johnson 1.

Team field goals: Haskell (12-49) 24% vs Albany (15-57) 26%.

Team free-throws: Haskell (12-23) 52% vs Albany (9-22) 40%.

Team turnovers: Haskell 10 vs Albany 13.

Team rebounds: Haskell 26 vs Albany 37.

## JV Maidens

On Feb. 1, the JV Maidens lost a nail biter against Anson. The score was 30-31. Cheyanne Hill was leading scorer for the Maidens with 20 points. Brittany Amos added 6 points and Dana Rodriquez had 4 points.

In the Maidens last district game of the season, they defeated Albany on Feb. 5 with a score of 19-18. Hill had 7 points, followed by Maegan Hearn, Amos and Rodriquez each adding 4 points.

The JV Maidens finished the season with a preseason record of 7/4 and District record of 7/3. Coach Missy Burson said, "I am so proud of all my girls and all the hard work that they did for me! This was a group of girls that would do anything that I asked of them to the best of their ability!"

## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

**Haskell 40, Albany 39**  
Scoring for Haskell: R. Hadaway 12, Klose 11, C. Hadaway 7, Shelton 4, Colley 3, Bassett 2, Johnson 1.  
JV: Haskell 19, Albany 18

### Boys

**Albany 58 Haskell 47**  
Scoring for Haskell: Bell 20, Silvas 15, Martinez 4, Hanson 4, Shelton 2, Meinzer 2.  
JV: Haskell 26, Albany 25  
**Haskell 44, Hamlin 42**  
Scoring for Haskell: Silvas 11, Shelton 13, Martinez 10, Bell 7, Hanson 3.  
JV: Haskell 43, Hamlin 19

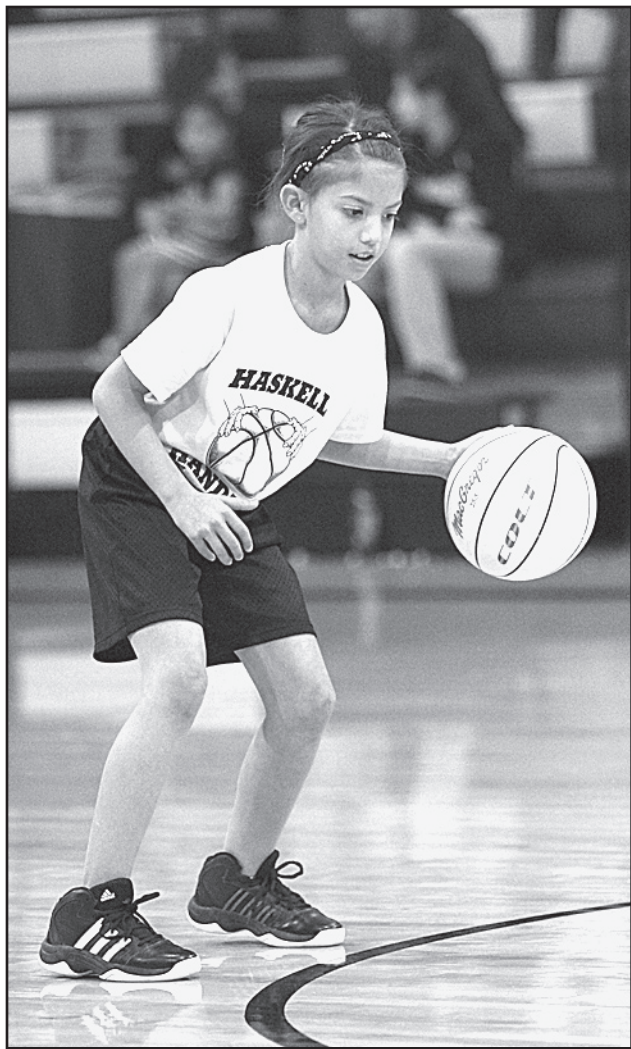
## Calendar

### 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.



**HASKELL HANDLER**—Haskell Handler Melodee Martinez demonstrates her ball handling skills during a halftime performance.



**SENIOR PIRATE ATHLETES**—Paint Creek Pirate senior basketball players were introduced before the last basketball game. Senior athletes pictured are Danielle Oliver and her parents, Buddy and Deborah Oliver, and Blake Edwards and his mother, Stacy Medford. Not pictured are Cheyanne Buerger and River McTasney.



**MAIDENS VS ALBANY**—Haskell Maiden #15 Reagan Hadaway, left, is determined to add two points to the score during the game against Albany. Senior Maiden #43 Caitlan Johnson, right, plays aggressive defense during the Albany game.



**MAKES THE SHOT**—Haskell Maidens #23 Crissy Bassett and #53 Kenzie Shelton congratulate teammate #15 Reagan Hadaway after she successfully sinks a free throw.



**INDIANS VS ALBANY**—Haskell Indian #30 Brett Shelton, left, on the tip off against Albany. Indian #24 Dylan Hanson, right, puts up two points for the Indians.



**BASKETBALL ACTION**—Haskell Maiden #21 Myra Rodriguez plays defense for the Maidens during the Albany game. Haskell Indian #10 Dakota Silvas drives past an Albany Lion.

### Clip-Out

## 2013 MAIDEN SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Mon., Feb. 18	Ralls/Merkel	Double Header	Haskell	4, 6 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	Feb. 21-13	Burkburnett Tourney		TBA
Tues., Feb. 26	Anson	*Varsity	Anson	5 p.m.
Fri., March 1	Baird	*Varsity	Haskell	5 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	Feb. 28-March 2	Wichita Falls Tourney		TBA
Tues., Mar. 5	Iowa Park	Varsity	Iowa Park	5 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 8	Eula	*Varsity	Eula	5 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	March 7-9	Snyder Tourney		TBA
Tues., Mar. 12	Stamford	*Varsity	Haskell	2 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., Mar.	11-15	Spring Break		
Tues., Mar. 19	Albany	*Varsity	Albany	5 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 22	Hamlin	*Varsity	Haskell	5 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 26	Anson	*Varsity	Haskell	5 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 28	Baird	*Varsity	Baird	5 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 5	Colorado City	Varsity	Haskell	5 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 9	Eula	*Varsity	Haskell	5 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 12	Stamford	*Varsity	Stamford	5 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 16	Albany	*Varsity	Haskell	5 p.m.
Fri., April 19	Hamlin	*Varsity	Hamlin	5 p.m.

\*District Game

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Grady Benton

HEAD COACH: John Foster ASST. COACH: Rick Gammon

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Jeff York SUPT.: Bill Alcorn

# Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met with County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger present in a regular meeting Mon., Jan. 14. Sheriff Winston Stephens told the court that when their new vehicle arrives, it will take about a day to remove the needed items from the old vehicle. Commissioner

Hester stated an interest in purchasing the used vehicle from the Sheriff's Department for use in Precinct 1.

A motion to add two more dispatchers as full time employees to the sheriff's office passed.

A motion to renew the sponsorship for Four Winds RC&D was approved.

A motion to renew the Interlocal Agreements with the cities of Haskell, Rule, Rochester, O'Brien and Weinert for 2013 passed.

Commissioner Kreger made the motion to begin taking bids for selling an old CAT M motor grader and also to take bids for the purchase of a new motor grader beginning Feb. 6. The ad would run two weeks in the newspaper. The motion passed.

Sheriff David Halliburton said his farewells to the Court during the public comment session.

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The Haskell County

Commissioners' Court met in a regular session with all members present Tues., Jan. 22.

It was reported that several heaters will be repaired. They are in need of thermostats.

A motion to accept the resignation of Wes Utley effective Feb. 1 was accepted.

A motion to approve the resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update with the West Central Texas Council of Governments passed.

A motion to refund \$1,536.00 to the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department for safety items was approved.

A motion to raise the allowance for burial of an indigent death from \$500 to \$1,300.00 was approved.

Mary Drury of the DCOH spoke to the Court about the Community Planning Forum to be held on Mon., Jan. 28 during the public comment session.



**BEAUTIFUL LANDING**—Mike Schultz of Brownwood gave Haskell County emergency crews a bit of excitement Monday morning, Feb. 11 when he experienced engine trouble while flying close to the Haskell airport. Schultz had requested emergency assistance as a precaution. Crews responded to find Schultz had made a safe landing and his plane was parked at the end of the Haskell runway awaiting mechanical assistance.



**BLAKE EDWARDS**



**HUNTER JORDAN**

## Students visit Rotary Club

Blake Edwards is a senior at Paint Creek Schools and the son of Stacy and Garland Medford and Glynn and Misty Edwards.

Edwards has played football for the Pirates all four years of high school. He was elected to the all district team for three years as a center and kicker. He also played basketball for three years and ran track one year.

Edwards has served as a class officer three years, FFA for three years and on Student Council one year. After graduation, he plans to enroll in the welding program at Midland College.

Hunter Jordan is a senior at Paint Creek Schools and the son of Shawn and Nikki Jordan.

In high school, Jordan has been actively involved in sports including football, basketball and track. He is a member of the Paint Creek FFA chapter and has participated in FFA competitions, FFA rodeos, and shows pigs at stock shows.

Jordan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 148 and recently earned his Eagle Scout Badge.

His plan after high school is to attend Western Texas College in the welding program.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



We're observing a special occasion today, With our love the emotion we try to portray, On a beautiful card, where the verses combine With some cupids and hearts in a lacy design. Yet true love isn't simply delivered by mail; It's the service to others we do without fail, When we lend our assistance to someone in need, And we worship our Father, whose lessons we heed, To encourage the sick and give aid to the poor. So obey the instructions of faith, and be sure That your love is a thing you can never convey Just by sending a greeting on Valentine's Day.

## 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.

#### Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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, 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 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

## Haskell School Menu

### Feb. 18-22

#### 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, wheat 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:** Chef Boyardee ravioli, 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 slices

**Thursday:** Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, savory green beans, roll, apple-pineapple D'Lite

**Friday:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, fresh vegetable cup, mixed fruit

## Paint Creek School Menu

### Feb. 18-22

#### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Pancake sticks

**Tuesday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy

**Wednesday:** Toast or cereal

**Thursday:** Breakfast burritos

**Friday:** Cinnamon rolls

#### Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pears

**Tuesday:** Roasted chicken, broccoli, salad, rolls, fruit

**Wednesday:** Nachos, refried beans, salad, apricots

**Thursday:** Chicken quesadillas, beans, carrots, grapes

**Friday:** Pizza, corn, salad, fruit

## ECC Menu

### Mon., Feb. 18

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

### Wed., Feb. 20

Lasagna, green beans, beats, garlic bread, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

### Fri., Feb. 22

Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, mixed veggie, garlic bread, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**HOME CONTRACT NO. 1001717 RSP #2011-0110**  
Haskell County has recently received a grant contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Owner Occupied Housing Assistance through the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Accordingly, the Contract Administrator (Haskell County) is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities, including grant administration and housing provider services.

Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at the County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas 79521, addressed to the County Judge, Haskell County, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than Friday, February 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the

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### NOTICE

The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids for contracted cemetery maintenance work at the Rule Cemetery. The contract runs from April 01, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. March 6th, 2013. For more info, please call or go by Rule City Hall, 701 Union Ave. 940-996-2214. 7-9c

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injection well is located 1 mile East of Haskell, Texas in the Borders (Strawn) Field in Haskell County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,670 to 5,060 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends for your many acts of kindness during the loss of our Mother and Grandmother, Jane McAdoo. The many visits, food, flowers, cards, memorials and words of sympathy brought such a comfort to us. We would like to thank the staff at Community Care of Stamford for the great care she received while there. We would also like to thank Dr. William McSmith and everyone at Haskell Memorial Hospital for the loving care they provided to her. God is good, His timing is perfect and He has blessed us with great friends to support us during our time of sorrow. We thank Him every day for you.  
Larry and Marijane Cunningham, Kelli and Craig Ken and Susie Roy  
Jack and Natasha McAdoo, Carter, Jax and Bella

Paint Creek ISD would like to thank all of the people who have given their support during our time of tragedy and loss of a student; among those people are the First Responders, EMTs, Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Volunteers. Thanks to all of you for the prayers, phone calls, texts and concerns. We are all thankful beyond words and ask that you continue praying for all who were touched and are starting the healing process; especially be in prayer for the families that were involved.  
Don Ballard, Superintendent

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."  
-Winnie the Pooh

The families of



Amber Nicole Conn wish to express their deep appreciation to this community and this area, for the love, kindness, sympathy and comfort that has been extended to us. We are thankful for each and everyone of you, and all you have done. Amber will be missed, and forever loved.  
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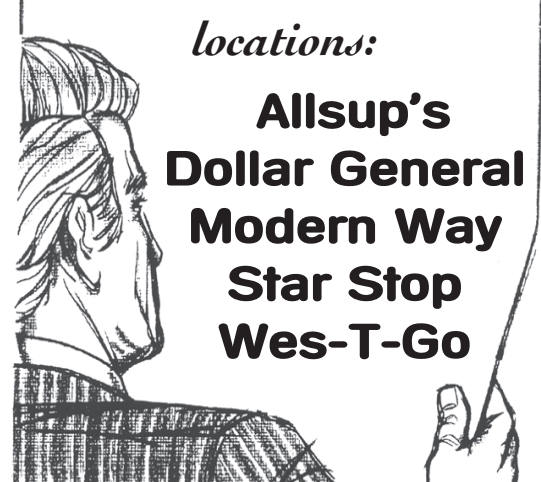
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# Joust! performed by Haskell Elementary fifth grade students

by **Caron Yates**

Much too often, the news from our public schools deals with STAAR testing, accountability ratings and sadly, violence.

This week, the atmosphere was much lighter as Haskell Elementary 5th graders took to the stage for a "Jousting" good time. The fifty-two students, taught by Jennifer Roewe, Tammie Wallace and Kristi Gibson, presented the musical "Joust! A Mighty Medieval Musical," written by Jacobson and Emerson. They were assisted by

music teacher Pam Gibson. Computer teacher Debbie Miller was in charge of programs and invitations.

For the past several years the fifth grade has performed a play, but this year Roewe says they decided to try their hand at a musical. With some very obvious talent, characters such as Lady Luck, Lady Bug, Lady Singalot, Sir Round, Sir Real, Sir Ender and Sir Face, to name just a few, sang and acted, for all in the kingdom, a message of "peace instead of fighting."

The story goes, that back during Medieval Times, when there was no heir to the throne, a sword was placed in a stone. It was declared that any man who could free the sword, would be the next king. As it turns out, at least in this version of the story, the new king chooses to arm the country with boomwhackers or long musical tubes, rather than swords. Through a variety of songs, the group sang out the sentiment of choosing to live side by side with their neighbors in friendship.

The students performed

the musical twice, first for the elementary student body and then again Monday night for parents, grandparents and friends.

As a concluding activity, the fifth graders will take a trip next month to Dallas to attend Medieval Times.

Medieval Times, is a reenactment of a jousting exhibition, complete with pomp and circumstance, and of course the multi-course meal that is eaten with your hands.

The trip is made possible through a

mini-grant provided by the Haskell Educational Foundation and the Haskell Parent Teacher Organization.

What a fun way to study a little history, present a message of good will and showcase student talent.



**JOUST!**—Young actresses in the fifth grade performance of Joust! included, l-r, Kobie Walker, Emmilie Arretche, Krislyn Tatum, Addyson Wilhite, Adaline Utley, Heavenly Perez, Marina Wagner, Valerie Andrews and Satghn Rowton.



**JOUST!**—Young actors in the Haskell Elementary fifth grade's performance of Joust! include, front row, l-r, Logan Burson, Garrett Waggoner and Caleb Wright; back row, Cutter Medford, Zac Bailey, Renee Lopez, Andrew Casillas, Ramiro Olvera, James Robledo and Austin Reynolds.



**JOUST!**—More characters in the cast of Joust! include, front row, l-r, Darian Bruce, Zac Bailey, Eathen Reid, Mason Craig, Garrett Waggoner, Landry Hanson and Emmilie Arretche; back row, J.R. Brown, Lauren Alexander, Koby Compton, Abree Ramos, Kobie Walker, Krislyn Tatum, Caleb Wright, Tori Rodriguez and Braelyn Bevel.

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Sammy Ray Kramer, motion to revoke felony, Throckmorton charge.

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