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Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Dec. 29 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight service

First Methodist Church in Haskell will host a Christmas Eve candlelight service Sat., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Candlelight service

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell will host a Christmas Eve candlelight service Sat., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 27 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2880 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Weekly story time

The Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E, will host a weekly story time every Friday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Any age children, with parental supervision, are invited to listen and participate in stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For more information call 940-864-2747 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/HaskellCountyLibrary/>.

Fourth Sunday

The public is invited to attend a fourth Sunday celebration at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, featuring a special speaker each fourth Sunday of the month.

AWANA

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will begin the AWANA program for children age 5 through fifth grade Mon., Jan. 9. AWANA meets each Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., through March, except on school holidays. Call 940-864-3004 for more information.

Support group

The Jones County Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets the second Monday of the month at 4 p.m. at Country Elegance, 1700 Columbia St., Stamford. For information, contact Patsy Richards at 325-773-5511.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. A practice session will be held the Thursday before the Jubilee.

Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a faith-based 12-step meeting, will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.

Al-Anon

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



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Rutkowski takes the belt at Las Vegas BFO event

For Weston Rutkowski, Sat., Dec. 10 was more than redemption.

It was a mission accomplished.

Rutkowski is a 27-year-old freestyle bullfighter who

is chasing the first true world championship in nearly two decades, and he made a big move toward that by winning the Bullfighters Only Las Vegas Championship, pocketing \$15,000 and

grabbing the title belt.

"This is those earning mornings you get up to put in the work is paying off," he said. "It's a satisfying feeling to know you are reaping what you sow when you get here."

He put the finishing touches to a marvelous run in the City of Lights with a 90.5-point fight with 12x and Costa Fighting Bulls' Bad Intentions on Saturday morning at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. He finished his stay in Las Vegas by earning \$21,500—he won his second straight Roughy Cup last week, worth \$6,000, and also collected \$500 for winning his first-round set this past Wednesday.

That pushes his season earnings to \$41,825 and gives him a commanding lead in the race toward the inaugural Bullfighters Only world title.

"This is the next step," Rutkowski said. "Every day is a new goal. I'm going to celebrate this one, because I came here with the mindset to win both of them."

"Tomorrow we get ready to fight the next bull and finish out the season as the first BFO world champ. I have put myself in position to do that, but it's not over yet."

The Las Vegas Championship was a tournament-style competition. Nine men qualified for Saturday's final day, which featured three three-man bouts. The winners of each set advanced to the short round.

Rutkowski posted the

highest score of the opening round with an 87-point fight to advance.

"I knew he was a good bull, but that dude was hot," he said, explaining that the animal was aggressive and remained in close contact with Rutkowski throughout the one-minute bout. "You can't let that wig out your mind. You have to focus on those moments of chaos."

It worked, and he was matched in the championship round with Nebraskans Beau Schueth and Zach Call. That's when Rutkowski stepped up his game with Bad Intentions, starting the fight with his back facing the bull, jumping up and allowing the animal to run between his legs.

"It's called the Ol Swoosh," he said of the move. "Chuck Swisher and Dusty Tuckness came up with it a few years ago. I haven't done that move since 2014."

"I had two of the best guys in the world that were part of the short round. I had to ante up. There's no way you're going to become the champ in any event if you're not willing to sacrifice."

Those sacrifices are paying off in a big way.

Rutkowski is the son of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski of Haskell.



BULLFIGHTING CHAMPION—Haskell native Weston Rutkowski won the Bullfighters Only Las Vegas Championship Sat., Dec. 10. Rutkowski is chasing the Bullfighters Only world title. This win gives him a commanding lead in that race. He is the son of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski. Photo by Todd Brewer

Remember the true meaning of Christmas this season

by Caron Yates

Have you ever been asked, "What is your favorite part of Christmas?" There are so many special things about the season that it might be hard to decide. Maybe it is the festive lights, the presents, the shopping, the wonderful food, the special church services, family visiting and list could go on and on.

It is probably safe to say that our perspective changes as we grow from childhood into adulthood. Children are more inclined to focus on Santa and presents, while the older generation may be more concerned with the many preparations that must be made.

One important part of Christmas is the memories we make. Those memories, as well as traditions change over time, too.

Some of my favorite memories are gathering on Christmas Eve at the home of my grandmother, known to her family as Ma. She raised ten children, so that meant more cousins than you could count would be there. We ate,

played, exchanged gifts, shot off fireworks and watched the sky for a sign of Santa Claus, but most importantly we loved each other.

As time passes, life changes and now the old farm house is gone, as are so many of the wonderful people that were a part of those memories. However one thing that hasn't changed is the lesson of love that was instilled in each of us. Not only love for our family, but love for others as well.

Christmas time is an opportunity to express our love and gratitude to not only our families, but to those around us who are alone or in need. It's a time to reach out to those who are suffering with illness, grief or any number of problems. After all we have been given the greatest gift of love, when Jesus was born that night in a stable. That is the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate.

Brian Walters expressed this belief well in the following poem.

The True Meaning of Christmas

*In today's day and time,
It's easy to lose sight of the
true meaning of Christmas
And one special night.
When we go shopping
We say, "How much will
it cost?"
Then the true meaning of
Christmas,
Somehow becomes lost.
Amidst the tinsel, glitter
And ribbons of gold,
We forget about the child,*

*Born on a night so cold.
The children look for Santa
In his big, red sleigh
Never thinking of the baby
Whose bed was made of
hay.
In reality, when we look
into the night sky,
We don't see a sleigh
But a star, burning bright
and high.
A faithful reminder,
Of that night so long ago,*

*And of the child we call
Jesus,
Whose love, the world
should know.
This Christmas as you
make new memories, recall
old ones and enjoy spending
time with family and friends,
remember that it really is
all about love. We wish you
and yours a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year.*



CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY—On Sat., Dec. 17 at the Haskell Healthcare Center, around 150 were in attendance to celebrate the 75th wedding anniversary of Charles and Leatrice Swinson. They were married Dec. 14, 1941. Charles told the story of their wedding day and how their 1936 Chevrolet broke down on the way home from their honeymoon, "but their marriage never did." Charles wore the suit they were married in and the dress Leatrice wore was on display. A certificate signed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, recognizing their 75 years of marriage, was presented to the couple.

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Rule Christmas contest winners

Winners for the Rule and Mrs. Rueben Gonzales, Home and Yard Lighting second place; and Mr. and Contest are Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Michael Hertel, third Mike Hertel, first place; Mr. place.

Results of the Children's Christmas Poster Contest are:

Pre-Kindergarten, Jazlyn, first place; tie, Brayden V. and Amanie Larey Gracino, second place; and Achilles Martinez, third place.

Kindergarten: Henry Pennington, first place; Callie Sorley, second place; and tie, Casen Thompson and Teddy Manuel Graciano II, third place.

First grade: Lezli Manske, first place; Keagen, second place; Emma Vance, third place; and, Honorable Mention, Kynzleah Hertel, Savannah Farquhar, Cheyenne Guzman, Marie Y., Tyrzike Vanderbilt and Hanna Hertel.

Second grade: Rileigh Thompson, first place; Natalie Murray, second place; and, Afena, third place.

Third grade: Lacoste, first place; Blakely, second place; Samantha Farquhar, third place; and, Honorable Mention, Abigail Watson, Nevaeh Frazier, Octavious, Skylor Kreger, Kaitlyn Saffel, Kaylee, Leland, Dylan and Waylynn.

Fourth grade: Alanna Parnell, first place.

Fifth grade: Shelby Saffel, first place; tie, Zachary Campbell and Geneva Lynne Pauley, second place; and Astrid Guzman, third place.



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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 12-18:

Lora Leigh Miller, theft under \$100.

Justin Ray Kiser, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

Trevor Owen English, criminal trespass.

Thirty-eight calls were made to 911.

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SCOUTING OUTING—Members of Cub Scout Pack 136 and their volunteer sponsors were treated to a free scouting event at Camp Tonkawa Sat., Dec. 17. Those attending could target practice with BB guns, bows and arrows, play sporting events and games, try their hand at leather crafts and ride the zipline. Haskell scouts attending were, front row, l-r, Zaranze Billington, Jaxson Torres, Nathaniel Brown, Chrystan Ramos, Jonathan Brown, Ethan Camacho, Preston Hays, Jace Hayes and Alexis Hayes; back row, Grant Ferguson, Blaze Johnson, Zakeem Billington and Audie Shaw.

Obituaries

Anna T. Jeffcoat



ANNA JEFFCOAT

Funeral services for Anna T. Jeffcoat, 91, of Haskell, were held Sat., Dec. 17 at Paint Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in Howard Cemetery

under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Jeffcoat passed away Mon., Dec. 12 in Stamford.

Born Jan. 18, 1925, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Nora Pearl (Carter) and John James Bryant. She married J.W. Jeffcoat June 1, 1940, in Pettit. She lived in Haskell 49 years and was a member of Paint Creek Baptist Church. Anna and her husband owned and operated Lakeshore Sites at Lake Stamford. She enjoyed walking, reading, gardening, fishing, and painting with oil and watercolors.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; son, Larry Jeffcoat; five sisters and a brother.

Survivors include three sons, James Jeffcoat and wife Janie of Haskell, Leon Jeffcoat and wife Patricia of Midland, and Rodger Jeffcoat of Haskell; daughter-in-law, Debbie Jeffcoat of Ranger; nine grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

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

PD. NOTICE

Jimmie L. Bowen



JIMMIE BOWEN

Funeral services for Jimmie L. Bowen, 90, of Haskell, were held Sat., Dec. 17 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Philip Sims officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Bowen passed away Wed., Dec. 14 at his home.

Born July 14, 1926, in Gunsight, he was the son of Delphia (Ledbetter) and Lee Bowen. He attended school in Breckenridge and graduated high school in 1943. He married Frances Harrell April 22, 1971, in San Angelo. Jimmie served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II, serving in the South Atlantic Theatre of War. He was discharged in August, 1946. Jimmie was employed by J.E. Cox and Sons, Inc., for 39 years. He then was employed by General Telephone Co. for five years in San Angelo. He later retired and moved to Haskell where he was a member of the Church of Christ until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents Delphia and Lee Bowen; his daughter, Carol Meyer; his son, Keith Hamilton; and his sister, Jerry Jones.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Harrell Bowen; his son, Gary Bowen and wife Leslee of San Angelo; his daughter, Carol Trueblood and husband Richard of Haskell; five grandchildren, Trent and Lane Bowen, Megan Belew, David Meyer, and Melissa Velasco; as well as ten great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent in lieu of flowers to the Haskell Church of Christ and Hendrick Hospice.

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Overton presents Study Club program

Meeting Thurs., Dec. 8, members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club were treated to a special program presented by William Overton on Christmas symbols.

Greeting members and guest, Julia Harrell, president, welcomed all present. Evelyn Cobb led in prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags. Franciene Johnson led the group in singing Joy to the World and other Christmas carols.

Guest William Overton, was introduced by Oleta Cornelius. Overton is a retired teacher of Cooper High School where he was instrumental in theatre arts and took many students to state competition. Also, he plays Santa Clause at various events during the holidays.

Dressed in his Santa suit, he began telling of the different traditions and customs of Christ and their various meanings. Traditions beginning when Christmas was first observed to how

Kirkes attends symposium

Dona Kirkes of Haskell attended the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium December 6-9. This meeting featured breaking news in breast cancer research and an opportunity for researchers to connect and forge alliances to support the effort to understand and defeat this disease.

The McMurry group is part of Dr. O'Connell's research team and their attendance at the meeting was funded by a grant from the Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP), funded by the National Institutes of Health.

traditions were passed down through the years. In 1870 Christmas became popular as a holiday. Dec. 25 was chosen by the church calendar.

In England, it was called British Boxing Day with the custom being brought over from Germany by Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. Customs of poinsettias, hanging of stockings for Santa, the Christmas tree, mistletoe, advent wreath, and decorations of white for the Christmas tree were discussed.

Even the older popular songs of Christmas such as White Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, Jingle Bells and All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth have places in the tradition.

Following his presentation, the group adjourned to the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church where the meeting was held. The group viewed the church's Christmas tree with the white symbols on them and the large Nativity scene in the foyer of the church.

In the business meeting, president Harrell informed members that work on the memorial would resume in January and hopefully be completed shortly. Member Dorothy Hartsfield, at her request, asked that her name be moved to associate member. By vote of members, request was granted.

The next meeting for the Progressive Study Club will be Thurs., Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the First Bank Texas Community Room. TWFC State President, Patti Poe of Nacona, will speak on "Why Federation?"

Hostesses were Evelyn Cobb and Judy Burnett who served various Christmas cookies, coffee and hot cider.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service



by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Haskell Co. 4-H Club's December meeting
submitted by
Madilyn Moore
Haskell Co. Jr. 4-H Club
2nd vice president

The December Haskell County 4-H Club meeting was called to order Sun., Dec. 11 with twelve 4-H members and five adult leaders present.

During the meeting the agenda was discussed. It involved old business, such as the project record forms, swine validation, the District 3 Food Challenge results, poultry and rabbit pick up, the livestock skill-a-thon, and the Christmas parade.

We also discussed new business which included the open house, community service opportunities, the 4-H Christmas dance in Munday, livestock judging practice, and the Haskell County Livestock Show Jan. 12-14.

Bailey Hawkins gave a presentation about eating healthy throughout the holidays. Then, we traveled to Haskell Healthcare Center and went caroling for the

residents and handed out goody bags. After caroling, we returned to the extension office and enjoyed snacks provided by the Moore family.

Just a reminder, bell ringing for the Salvation Army is still going on so don't forget to sign up!

Weather

by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature

Mon., Dec. 12.....48°/62°
Tues., Dec. 13.....29°/55°
Wed., Dec. 14.....28°/52°
Thurs., Dec. 15.....21°/45°
Fri., Dec. 16.....21°/47°
Sat., Dec. 17.....16°/35°
Sun., Dec. 18.....7°/26°

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
December 21, 2006
County Treasurer Willie Faye Tidrow is retiring after 40 years with the county. She began her career as secretary in the county extension office. After 13 years there, she became county treasurer. Throughout her career she worked with three county judges and thirteen different county commissioners.

Winning floats in the Haskell Christmas parade were first place, Haskell Co. Pct. 3; second place, Richardson's True Value; and third place, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative.

20 Years Ago
December 19, 1996
Christy Diane Mathis, a Rule High School graduate,

has been inducted into the Tarleton State University's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society. A biology major, she is the daughter of Terry Joe and Carolyn Mathis of Rule.

Ethel Cameron celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends. Born in Bell County, she moved to Haskell County in 1906. She married Herbert Barnett in 1916 and they had three daughters.

First place winners in the Cub Scout Pack's Crime Prevention Poster Contest were Rylie Tatum, Wolf division; Cole Kruger, Webelos I; A.J. Shaw, Webelos II.

30 Years Ago
December 18, 1986

Service badges presented to firemen by Fire Chief Tom Watson at the annual banquet included Charles Harvey, Bill Steele, Randy Shaw, Mac McBroom and Donald Cunningham, five years; Joe Cortez, Don Comedy, Roy Trussell and Kenny Watson, ten years; B.J. Ray, twenty years; and

Tommy Watson, twenty-five years.

Tennie Mae Short was hostess for the Rochester Hobby Club this month. Shelly Speck is completing the club's time capsule quilt. Happy Birthday was sung for Oleta Fitzgerald, Jan Corley and Ralph McGuire.

40 Years Ago
December 16, 1976

Haskell County Farm Bureau was represented at the 43rd annual Farm Bureau convention in Fort Worth. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Aycock, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fields, Mrs. and Mrs. Leonard Weise; and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Phemister.

Dr. Clinton Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Callaway of Haskell, has entered into chiropractic practice as the associate of Dr. Michael Hammond in Oklahoma.

Named to the 5-B All-District football team were Rule Bobcats Ronnie Oliver, linebacker; Paul Flores, secondary; Eddie Brass, center; and Nicki Hunt, guard and end.

50 Years Ago
December 22, 1966

Jennabeth Pitman, bride-elect of Carroll Bogard, was honored with a kitchen shower in the home of Mrs. R.E. Colbert, with Mrs. Sammy Larned and Pam Colbert as co-hostesses.

HHS speech students Barbara Kimbrough, Margana Walker, Catherine Jossilet and Paula Terrell presented a Christmas program to the Ruth Circle of the W.S.C.S. Each told a Christmas story.

The United Industries Company has changed ownership and is now Nine-Point Grain, Inc. Harvey Croft, Jr. will take over managerial duties.

100 Years Ago
December 16, 1916

The patrons of Dick's Theatre from now on will probably notice how perfectly plain, flickerless and steady the pictures appear on the screen. The reason for this is the new machine just installed in the back, and operated by Troy Howell.

The city has had placed in the center of the streets leading into the square, four large rock posts with the speed limit of 12 miles per hour painted on each.

Two houses and four lots in the city of Rochester for sale or trade for good smooth mules. W.W. Brown



MAIDENS WIN—Haskell Maiden #5 Taylor Manske, left, takes the jumper up for two in the Maidens' district season opener against Hamlin. Maiden #23 Courtney Whitt, right, takes it up for two points under the basket against Hamlin.

Maidens' basketball

Maidens win District opener over Lady Pipers

The Haskell Maidens opened up district play on the road with the always tough Hamlin Lady Pipers 7-5 (0-1) last Tuesday night, Dec. 13 in District 8-2A action. The Maidens won the first half 28-14 and they won second half 24-12 to get the 52-26 victory. Haskell moves to 12-5 (1-0) and they are ranked 25th in state in class 2A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Maidens were led offensively by freshman Landry Hanson who finished with a new career high 21 points and they had a well balanced scoring attack by everyone else on the team. Taylor Manske had 9 points followed by Ashlyn Bevel with 5, Ariel Martinez 5, C'Era Taylor 4, Courtney Whitt 4, Hollyn Hadaway 2 and Makinzie Garvin 2. Leading the team in assists were Hanson with 3, Manske 2 and Bevel 1.

Haskell shot (17-41) for 41% from the field, (5-13) for 38% from three point land, and (13-20) for 65% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, the girls executed well and we got the shots we wanted

from the inside and outside. We have to do a much better job of making shots and finishing around the basket. We should have scored at least 20 more points from the inside," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens forced the Lady Pipers to shoot (10-27) for 27% from the field and they only allowed them to shoot 7 free-throws. "Defensively, our goal was to hold them in the 20s and I was very proud of the girls for accomplishing that. We did an excellent job of not fouling them and that contributed to their low point total. They pretty much had to earn all their points and that is what we want," Eddleman said.

Haskell won the battle of the boards. Sophomore Taylor Manske continues to be a rebounding machine finishing with 11 rebounds. Other leading rebounders were Hanson with 5 and Martinez 4. Leading the team in assists were M. Garvin with 2, Bevel 1 and C. Taylor 1.

"Overall, I thought we did a lot of good things on both ends of the floor and that allowed us to win by a pretty big margin. Hamlin has

traditionally been a tough place for us to play at since I took this job five years ago. So it was a great feeling to get out of there with a 26 point victory and win our district opener," Eddleman added.

Haskell 14 14 8 16 = 52
Hamlin 6 8 4 8 = 26

JV Maidens (15-0, 1-0) beat Hamlin 42-17

Maidens fight off the Lady Cats

The 25th ranked Haskell Maidens had a district bye so they traveled east down the road to take on the Newcastle Lady Cats in non-district action on Friday night, Dec. 16. The Maidens outscored the Lady Cats 35-15 the second half to get the 53-38 win. Haskell improves to 13-5 overall and remains 1-0 in district play.

The Maidens had three players in double figure scoring. Senior Ashlyn Bevel had 19 points, freshman Landry Hanson 11 and sophomore Taylor Manske 10. Other leading scorers were Makinzie Garvin with 5 points followed by Courtney Whitt with 4 and Hollyn Hadaway 2. Leading the team in assists were Manske with 3, Bevel 2 and Hanson 2.

Haskell was (20-58) for 34% from the field, (3-21) for 14% from three point land, and (10-19) for 52% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, we really struggled to get anything going the first half. We had too many turnovers and we just did not shoot the ball well. The girls did a much better job the second half valuing the ball and our shots began to fall for us," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens dominated the Lady Cats in rebounds especially the second half. Manske had a team high 7 rebounds followed by C'Era Taylor with 6, Hadaway 5 and M. Garvin 2. Leading the team in steals were Hanson and Manske with 5 each and Whitt 4. "Defensively, I thought we did a pretty good job making it tough on their best player and forcing the other girls to shoot the ball. I was really proud of the girls for battling back and holding them to only 15 points the second half," Eddleman said.

"Overall, we knew that Newcastle had a solid team based on their scores throughout the season. It was good for us to face a little adversity on the road and we were able to overcome it. I think that is very valuable experience and it only makes you better individually and collectively. We have a tough team and they hate to lose. I was very proud of them for finding a way to win a tough game on the road and overcoming a little adversity along the way," Eddleman added.

Haskell 10 8 16 19 = 53
Newcastle 9 14 7 8 = 38

The JV Maidens dominated Newcastle JV 59-2. They remain undefeated at 16-0 overall and 1-0 in district play.

Bright Horizons
Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Mynea Short
Chamber Manager

I hope everyone enjoyed our Lighted Christmas Parade. I appreciate those that came to watch and a big "Thank You" to everyone that had an entry—we could not have a parade without each of you.

The theme this year was "A Farm Town Christmas" and the entries were wonderful. Because of the time and effort that were put into the entries, it was a hard decision for our judges to pick the winners. Thanks to Modern Way/ACE for sponsoring the parade and supplying the Haskell Dollars for the winners.

I would also like to give a shout out to the ones that called in to enter the Residential and Businesses Lighting Contest. One of my favorite things to do at Christmas growing up and still today is driving around town to see everyone's decorations. I want to thank each of you, if you entered or not, for taking the time

to add to the Christmas cheer around town. Thanks to Rike Real Estate, The Drug Store and Haskell Funeral Home for giving the prizes in Haskell Dollars for Residential Lighting Contest.

Please mark your calendar now for Sat., Jan. 7. One of our new chamber business member will have their "Open House" that afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. Carla Hannsz at Hannsz Bunkhouses & RV Park invites everyone to come out to see the new bunkhouses and RV park. Hannsz Bunkhouses & RV Park is located at 218 CR 210 in Haskell. The chamber welcomes Carla and wishes her much success in her new business.

This week will be busy as everyone finalizes shopping and cooking for Christmas. I pray each of you have a peaceful and joyous Christmas with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Proclamation
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John Gannaway, Mayor

In Recognition of 75th Wedding Anniversary

Charles and Leatrice Swinson

Whereas, on December 14, 1941, Charles Swinson and Leatrice Wheeler exchanged their wedding vows, which were originally planned for one week earlier, but was delayed due to the bombing of Pearl Harbor; and

Whereas, your life together has been filled with love and support for each other; and

Whereas, you have shared a life together that has been an inspiration to all; and

Whereas, as Mayor of the City of Haskell, I am truly honored to congratulate you, Charles and Leatrice, on this truly remarkable and very special occasion.

Now, therefore, I, John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell, on behalf of the City Council, do extend to you and your family and friends our sincere congratulations on this 75th Wedding Anniversary and our best wishes for your health and happiness in the many years ahead.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Haskell
on the 14th day of December 2016.

John Gannaway
Mayor

Attest: *Cindy Walker*
City Secretary



GETS INTO POSITION—Haskell Maiden #45 C'Era Taylor works around the defender for position on the free throw.

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Indians



Haskell Indians

Varsity at
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Tues.-Wed.,
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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Austin Alsabrook, Kellen Parks, Ezell Woods and Caleb Wheat; back row, Aaron Skiles, Alec Roewe, Lane Burson, Kyler Hoover, RJ Chavez and Rocky Haggard.



Maidens

Haskell Maidens

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HASKELL MAIDENS—Sitting, l-r, Landry Hanson, Courtney Whitt and Makinzie Garvin; standing, C'Era Taylor, Ariel Martinez, Ashlyn Bevel, Jordan Garvin, Hollyn Hadaway and Taylor Manske.

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Dear Santa, For Christmas please bring me a ...

Dear Santa, I have been good all year long. I want street Rollers, Ant-Man the movie and trolls and My Grandma wants a new pill box. I also

want a onesut pj's, I ware a 14-16. I want peace in the world.

Dear Santa, I would like a Kid doll and a Kid zoo and some make-up. Maddison Cruz Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Dallas Cowboy shirt and a new pair of shoes. Charles Sanders Haskell First Grade

I want a cumpudr, and a dog and a doll and bike and a Plsos. Cheyenne Guzman Rule First Grade



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Love, Lucila
P.S. I want an Elf on the shelf and Grandma wants a set of measuring cups and a sewing mashene. I will be in Lobbok, TX for XMas so make sure you drop off my prezenis at my Unckle Terry's house.

Dear Santa, I would like a Lego set and a real dog and cat. Brayden Caram Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a phone and a bike. Alvino Alvarez Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, You are very nice. I love you. For Christmas I want little live pets, shopkins, lincoln logs and Snuggles the puppy. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Lezli Manske Rule First Grade

Dear Santa, I want some games like Batman, Spiderman, and Superman game. Also toy Ironman and a toy Santa. Bryson Shelton Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a light saver kit and a Nerf gun. Carter Wolfe Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like some trolls and a phone. Rae'lynn Hamilton Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, For Christmas can I please have Skylanders Imaginators with KingPen and Golden Queen. Also can I have a little black guitar and a Penguin sticker to put on it. Also a skully stuffed animal. I think I have been a good boy. Thank you. KK Vasquez Rule First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie House and a bike. Makaylah Isbell Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like an Easy Bake Oven and a Kids Science kit. Ashlynn Lindsey Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a new water bottle and a dirt bike. Colton Crosson Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want a soccer ball. I want some skates and a new spider man. I also want a crossword find book. Tyreike G. Vanderbilt Rule First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Hover board and an Apple watch. Hanna Martinez Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Laptop and a bike. Arianna Contreras Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a hover board and a bike. Cartavious Louis-Castaneda Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Bunch of toys I dont have. Gun. A Tablet. Also I would like to pet your reindeer and ride in your sleigh. Elijah Nicholson Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a Magician kit and Vampire teeth. Connor O'Brien Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like an I-Pod. Tessa Eddleman Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a hover board and an X-Box 360. Jayden Andrada Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Bunch of toys I dont have. Gun. A Tablet. Also I would like to pet your reindeer and ride in your sleigh. Elijah Nicholson Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a Play Station and Lego's. Temathy Bolden Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like and Xbox 1S and a Husky puppy. Dominic Walker Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a doll and a real dog. Liana Garcia Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want some Monster High Dolls, a real guitar, a phone, a new bike, and Easy Bake Oven and stuff to bake, Playdoh, craft stuff like markers and crayons and stickers, and some new clothes. Also some makeup. Please bring my brothers and sister what they ask for too. We love you and have tried really hard to be good this year. Callie Sorley Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like some crayons and a Monster High doll. Alyia Graciano Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Monster High doll and a Monster High House. Rayleigh Graciano Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a phone and a Tablet. Skylar Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want a real life parrot. Love, Casen Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like to have an Electric Guitar and a hover board. Payden Wheat Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Monster High doll and a Mind Craft game. Razy Contreras Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a phone and a Tablet. Skylar Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want a real life parrot. Love, Casen Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a Scooter and an X-Box. Racer Flynn Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie House and a Frozen dress. Jisela Exiga Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a doll and a real dog. Liana Garcia Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want a real life parrot. Love, Casen Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like an Elf on the Shelf and a toy car that he can drive and ride around. Koby Caparoon Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie doll and a Barbie house. Also I would like Monster High shirt. Emma Seballos Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a phone and a Tablet. Skylar Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want a real life parrot. Love, Casen Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like My pony bike, make-up and a play station. Khloe Green Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like some Lego's and a Crossbow. Heston Tatum Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a phone and a Tablet. Skylar Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I want a real life parrot. Love, Casen Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a Monster High House and some Monster High clothes. Idesila Graciano Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a Dirt bike and a Hover Board. Jr. Medina Haskell First Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a phone and a Tablet. Skylar Haskell First Grade

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Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a ...

Dear Santa,
I would like a racing car to drive to school. A walkie-talkie and a toy that sings Merry Christmas. Ninja turtle blanket would be nice too. Combine John Deere collection is my favorite of all. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mario Sandoval
Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I hope you've had a great year. I sure have. I turned 2 and I'm going to be a big brother. For Christmas I would like a big Tonka Truck and some baby toys for when my brother Emey arrives. Milk and cookies will be waiting for you by the fireplace.

Thanks Santa!
Love, Enzo Mao

Dear Santa,
My name is Rylan. I am 8 years old. I have been ok this year. I have been good with my teacher. For Christmas I want a soccer ball and iPhone. I will leave you donut and milk.

Love, Rylan
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Haylee. I am seven years old. I have been nice this year. When I was nice I helped my gammi clean the house. I helped my pawpaw feed the animals. For Christmas I want stuffed cats, books, and Barbies. This Christmas I will leave you Coca-cola and cookies. I hope you like them.

Love,
Haylee Marie Stone
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Lillian and I am 8 years old. I have been so good this year. I helped my mom put the dishes in the washer and clean my room. For Christmas I want a phon. This Christmas I will leave you hot cokloit and donuts because they taste better than cookies and milk.

All yours,
Lillian Penman
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Arina. I am 7 years old. I have been awesome this year. I cleaned my room and helped my brother clene his. For Christmas I want a Sumer Kitty, which is a robot cat. This Christmas I will leave you some milk and donuts because you usually get cookies.

Love, Arena
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Leslie. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I baked shoogar cookies with my mom and I went to Mrs. Bakers to get pappers. For Christmas I

want an ese bake goods, a Barbie camper, and a Barbie. This Christmas I will leave you hot choclole and shoogar cookies because I have to leave them so you can have them.

Love, Leslie
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming. My Name is Ryleigh. I am 7 years old. I have been really good this year. I have been halping my mom with dishes, londre, and with the cat. This Christmas I will leave you some donuts and mils. Canta, can I pleas have a laptop, a choclet pen, a new tv, and pleas have a new plow that has the word love on it. Please

Love, Ryleigh
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Conner. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I watch my siblings when my dad tells me. I clean my room when I am told. For Christmas I want a remote control helicopter. This Christmas I will leave you hot coco and a ginger bread house because, it is just as yummy as cookies and milk.

Truly yours, Conner
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Madisyn Hollabaugh. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. I respected my school when we went to different school. I put my mom's hair up went she has a broken arm. For Christmas I want a stuffed snowman and some new earrings. This Christmas I might leave you some cupcakes and milk or cookies and milk. The reason is might leave you cupcakes and milk is that I thought you have got tiered of milk and cookies.

Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayde and I am eight years old. I have been good this year. I washed the dishes for a month and I cleaned the pigs pin. For Christmas I want a board game, Monopoly Jr., and my very own basketball. This Christmas I will leave you hot cocco and donuts, because it tastes better than cookies.

Sincerely, Jayde
Rule second grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Natalie. I am 7 years old. I have been so good this year. I helped hand the stockings and hang the ornaments. For Christmas I want a tablet, a cholate bar maker, and cool baker brownie mixer. This Christmas I will leave you a piece of cake and milk.

Rule second grade

Dere Santa,
My name is Abby. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. This year I went to the nursing home and sang to the elderly. I help people on there work paper, also. For this Christmas I want a rodot dog, a hover bord, and a viedo game. My frind needs ments and toys. This Christmas I am leeving you spme food and milk.

Sincerely, Abby.
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Skylor. I have been good this year. I deserve some present because I helped my brothers clean the room. I helped Danny find staff so I want sims, phone, and g football video game. By the why I am 8 years old and I want my brother Danny to get a cuputer and for my other brother Austin a Dragon Ball Z 2. This Christmas I will leave you pink milk and cookies.

Sincerely, Skylor.
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Samantha. I am 9 years old. I have been good this year. For example, I have helped my dad since he brosed his foot and can't walk on it. I help my mom to cleaned the house also. So what I whant for Christmas is a phon, some ears buds, and new shpoies doll Gema Sone. If you can please get something for Emyllee maybe some new shopes and shopkins too.

I will leave you some fouge and milk if we have any more.

Love, Samantha.
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I will go to my Grandma Shesleys to celebrate. I have been good this year. For my friend Abby can you bring her some vido games and lots of candy. Ok now back to me, what I want is a Halo Lego Odst guy and a tablet. That's all I want for Christmas. I will leave you lots of donuts and choolk milk with some chicken.

Sincerely,
Leland 9 years old.
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Lacoste. I am nine years old. I helped my mom clean and set up the three. The things I want are candy, go cart, and hershy ear buds. I want you get to my uncle Gus all kinds of tolls.

I will leave you pink linead and cookys.
Sincerely, Lacoste
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlyn. I am 8 years old. I have been very good this year. I helped my mom cook the food. I also helped this year by washing the dishes when my mom tells me I can. For Christmas I want Disney Funko pops, a foot message, and Shopkins happy place. I really want some more stuff but that's my top favorite things that I want. Can you also get my best friend Samantha a new phone and ear buds. I know that you like to get cookies and milk, but I am going to get you steak and French fries, they are better.

Sincerely, Kaitlyn
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Blakely. I am nine years old. I have been good this year. I helped my grandma and grandpa. I had pick up and helped cook. For this Christmas I really want a laptop, and pom pom wow. If you can bring Kaitlyn a set of Shopkins,

I will leave you some cookies and milk for Christmas.

Love, Blakely
Rule third grade

Dear Santa Clauses
I have been good this year. I prayed for mom and my cousin Traves. During Thanksgiving I fed dogs, gots, chickens and cat, it was hard. For Chrisamas I want Lego Diminchens, Call of Duty Goste, Call of Duty Moder Worfer 1, Call of Duty Moder Worfer 2, Call of Duty Moder Worfer . By that way my name is Waylynn. My friend Leland wants Lego Dimichens. This Christmas I will leve some cookykes and some milk fir you and some carrots for your rander.

Love, Waylynn
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Nevaeh. I am 8 years old. I have bene so good this year. Like helping my mom in the kitchen and help my cusin do her homework. This Christmas I want a My Life Doll with a locker and if you don't mind will you give my cosin Skilor Kreger a new video game if you can.

I will leav you some cookys and milk.
Sincerely, Nevaeh
Rule third grade

Dear Santa
My name is Jason. I am 10 years old. I have been good this year. I helped the clean the mess that my brother did, and helped my mom to take care my little sister, so I

deserve so so many awesome toys. This Christmas I want a new XBOX, new tablet, and new football videogame. For my friend Skylar I want a new football.

I will leave you some ice-cream and cookies
Sincerely, Jason
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Skylar. I am nine years old. I have been good in school. For Christmas I want a Hoverboard, phone, ad a football. Throughout the year I helped pick up paper and helped my sister with her homework. If you don't mind can you get a present for Octavious. Bring Octavious a XBOX 1.

I will leave you cookies and milk
Sincerely, Skylar
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is kaylee Silvas. I love Jingles. She is a rily good elf. Well I have a cusin that wold love a new puppy. Her name is Leslie. I have been good this year. I helped my mom wash the dishes, and I helped cook diner. For this Chirstmis I want a phone that can go under water.

I will leave you chocolate chip cookies with some chocolate milk.

Love Kaylee Silvas
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Octavious.

I am eight years old. I have been good this year. I rescued a cat from a tree so the cat won't fall. I helped my mom to do the dishes, and that's real. For Christmas I want a lap top, XBOX 1, and a Call of Duty 3 game for my XBOX 1 if you give me one. For my best friend, Skylor, I want a pellet gun and for my friend Skylar Leek a nerf gun and that's all I want for Christmas.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Sincerely Octavious
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan. I have been good this year. I have been helping my mom and Matt. For this Christmas I want a little bit of money because I want to have a mary Christmas. I will leave you some cookies for you because I love Christmas
Sincerely,
Dylan 10 years old
Rule third grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a troll named Guy Diamond and Cooper and a troll piggy bank named Branch. I would also like a phone and computer.

Love, Payton Stanford
Paint Creek first grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a Frozen-Northern Lights and a Trolls Albert motorcycle phone.

Love, Jenna Scheets
Paint Creek first grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a make-up kit, tablet, new bike, scooter, phone, a troll book, and a computer.

Love, Brianna Clary
Paint Creek first grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a kid make-up kit, the movie The Night At The Museum, a Christmas cup, an Iphone, and a new art set.

Love, Kamryn Delmasso
Paint Creek first grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a doll, a stuffed snowman, a new bike, and a book about Santa and Rudolf.

Love, Alexa Yanez
Paint Creek first grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like a car and a computer.

Love, Kaelem Nystrom
Paint Creek first grade

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit! I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like a drone and armor that goes above your head and armor that goes on your back, a motorcycle with boosters and a paintball gun.

Love, Lukas Jones
Paint Creek first grade

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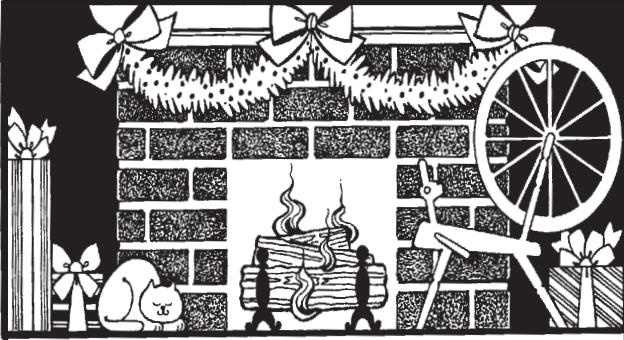
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GETS THE BALL—Haskell Maiden #31 Hollyn Hadaway fights for the loose ball in the Maidens' victory over the Hamlin Lady Pipers.



MOVES THE BALL—Haskell Maiden #35 Ashlyn Bevel takes the ball on the drive to the basket against the Hamlin defender.

HNB receives award

BauerFinancial, the nation's premier bank rating firm, congratulates Haskell National Bank for ringing-in 2017 with its highest 5-star superior rating. Haskell National Bank is no newcomer to Bauer's 5-star rating. In fact, Haskell National Bank has earned this top honor for 99 consecutive quarters garnering it even higher accolades. Haskell National Bank is a "sustained superiority bank" for securing a 5-star rating longer than 90% of the banking industry.

Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, commends Haskell National Bank for

maintaining a strong capital position while fulfilling its commitment to solving the financial needs of the local communities. "Community banks aren't pushing products or services on you that you don't need or want," says Doorway. "They are there to provide a service and fill a need, which Haskell National Bank has been able to do seamlessly all while maintaining its pristine health."

Haskell National Bank was established in 1890 and has been providing quality banking services to its neighbors and friends ever since. It operates through two conveniently located offices in Abilene and Haskell.

Indians' basketball

Indians fall to Shamrock 55-41

The Haskell Indians fell to the 14th ranked Shamrock Irish in the first round of the Guthrie Tournament Dec. 1.

The Indians led by 3 at the half, but a hot shot shooting performance by the Irish in the third quarter would prove to be the difference.

Kellen Parks led the Indians in scoring with 16.
Haskell 11 15 10 5 = 41
Shamrock 11 12 17 15 = 55

Indians beat Benjamin 46-18

The Haskell Indians defeated the Benjamin Mustangs 46-18 in the consolation game of the Guthrie Tournament.

The Indians defense set the tone by forcing 22 turnovers for the game. The Indians were led in scoring by Kellen Parks (19), Alec Roewe (7) and Rocky Haggard (6).
Haskell 10 17 6 13 = 46
Benjamin 2 6 3 7 = 18

Indians defeat Quanah 51-19

The Haskell Indians defeated the Indians from Quanah Tues., Dec. 6, by a score of 51-19.

Haskell's defensive pressure proved to be the difference on a night in which Quanah never put up double figures in any quarter.

Haskell was led in scoring by Kellen Parks (18), Alec Roewe (8) and Rocky Haggard (6).
Haskell 13 11 16 11 = 51
Quanah 4 6 2 7 = 19

Indians fall to City View 81-61

The Haskell Indians lost an up and down contest to City View in the first round of the Archer City Tournament Thurs., Dec. 8.

The Indians had two players reach the 20 point milestone for the first time this season (Kellen Parks and Alec Roewe), but it simply wasn't enough. City View connected on 12 three point attempts and were able to force enough turnovers to pull away from the Indians in the fourth quarter.
Haskell 15 18 13 15 = 61
City View 22 18 19 22 = 81

Indians fall to Archer City 57-55

The Haskell Indians dropped a highly contested match-up with Archer City in the second game of pool play at the Archer City Tournament Thurs., Dec. 8.

Haskell would battle back from an 8 point fourth quarter deficit and fall just short. The Indians would miss a 3 point attempt at the buzzer and fall by a final of 57-55. Kellen Parks (26), Alec Roewe (10) and Tanner Thomas (6) led the Indians in scoring.
Haskell 13 14 13 15 = 55
A.C. 20 9 17 15 = 57

Indians fall to Clyde 58-44

The Indians lost a road game to the Clyde Bulldogs Fri., Dec. 16.

The Indians got out to a fast start (outscored Clyde in the first quarter), but Clyde would go on to outscore the Indians in the next three quarters and win by a final of 58-44.

The Indians will begin district play tomorrow night (Tues., Dec., 20) as they host the Stamford Bulldogs. The Indians will be looking to snap a 5 game skid as they head into Christmas Break. The young Bulldogs are 8-5 on the season and coming off of a 67-44 win over the Quanah Indians.
Haskell 15 10 9 11 = 44
Clyde 14 16 14 14 = 58

Haskell Co-op Gin

This Week's Devotional Message:

Let us pray for true peace on earth at Christmas

The time has come for us to deck the hall, And greet our friends and relatives who call. The holly and the pine cones in our home, Along with angels made of styrofoam And colored bulbs that light the entryway, Proclaim that it will soon be Christmas day. The presents, gaily wrapped, beneath the tree Are further symbols of festivity,

But at this time, when loved ones reunite, The world conditions should be kept in sight. While many lands their freedom did obtain, Yet others under tyranny remain. So let's enjoy this gala holiday, But also let us not forget to pray, That when the Yuletide comes around again, We'll celebrate true peace, good will to men.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
Terry Bunch, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. David Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father Angelo Consentino
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p
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.; Wed. 6:30 p
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Ollie Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
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New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Ollie Pierson, pastor
Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
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Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
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Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Jim McCurley, 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
Cloviss Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p
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
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
—RULE—

First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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Church of Christ
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
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West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
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O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p
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STORY TIME—Visiting the Haskell County Library Fri., Dec. 9 for weekly story time were, front row, l-r, Hadley Turner, Brooke Turner, Julianna Davis and A.J. Davis; back row, Haskell County Librarian Marilyn Griffith, Benjy Davis and Rachel Davis. The story of the day was "Might Tree." The group cut trees with cookie cutters from Jello jigglers and decorated them with Cool Whip.



EDUCATOR RECOGNIZED—The Haskell Rotary Club recognized Pam Gibson, Haskell Elementary music teacher, center, for her dedication as an educator as part of Rotary's Service over Self program. The presentation was made by Bill Alcorn, left, Haskell CISD Superintendent and Jimmy Lisle, right, Haskell Elementary principal.



CONSOLATION WINNERS—The Rule Ladycats won the consolation bracket at the Woodson tournament recently. Leann Manske was named to the all tournament team. Team members are, front row, Madalyn Navarette; back row, l-r, Lauryn Crane, McKenzie Gray, Kennedy Fritzler, Kourtney Hertel, Leann Manske and Christina Moore. They are coached by Reece Walker. (This picture is published this week with the correct names).



CHRISTMAS CANTATA—Rule elementary students wowed the crowd with several Christmas songs Tues., Dec. 13. Making a special guest appearance was Santa rockin' to Rockin' 'Round the Christmas Tree.

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