

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB, VG-VB vs Trent
Fri., Nov. 15, 5 p.m.
at Trent
JVB-JVG Eula Tournament
Nov. 14-16 at Eula
7th-8th vs Munday
Mon., Nov. 18, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
JVB-JVG, VG-VB vs Seymour
Tues., Nov. 19, 4 p.m.
at Seymour
PAINT CREEK
JH vs Grafrod
Mon., Nov. 18
at Grafrod
VG-VB vs Rule
Tues., Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-VB Moran Tournament
Nov. 14-16 at Moran
JH vs Crowell
Mon., Nov. 18, 6 p.m.
at Rule
VB-VG vs Paint Creek
Tues., Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 28 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Food distribution

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

Food distribution

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

Thanksgiving meal

The traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served at the Church of Christ Activity Center, Tues., Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Everyone in Haskell County is invited to come, especially those that may not be able to share this traditional meal with their families for whatever reason. This time of Christian fellowship, worship and good food, provided by the members of local churches and Haskell businesses, is coordinated by a group called Christians in Action.

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfpnews@lycos.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Dec. 19.

Christmas music

Haskell Kindergarten students will sing Christmas selections Fri., Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. at Majestic Living Center, 1301 N. 1st St. The public is invited to come enjoy the music presented by the children.

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Be heard ~ Vote for Haskell's new logo

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Christmas Tour of Homes to benefit Noah Project

by Caron Yates

The Christmas season brings excitement, beauty and compassion for others. It also signals an event to which many in Haskell County look forward, the Christmas Tour of Homes.

In its 20th year, the Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour will be Sun., Dec. 1 in Haskell. The beautifully

decorated homes included on the tour, will be Sheena and Chris Crosson at 1600 North Ave. F; Encore Visions/Drive at 101 North Ave. E (upstairs at Sherman Bldg.); Christye and Andy Gannaway, 137 CR 104; Meg Cass, 304 1/2 North 2nd (upstairs); Brenda and Darryl Goetz, 201 North Ave. G; Goetz/Guess Remodeling 606 North 2nd (former home

and office of Dr. Vaughter).

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any advisory committee member, at the Noah Project-North office, or at the door on the day of the tour. Homes may be toured in any order from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Crosson home.

The benefits of this event

are twofold. Not only do you get to enjoy the beauty of these homes, but you are also helping raise funds for a very worthy cause.

The Noah Project-North's mission is to support people dealing with the crisis of family violence. Family violence is one of the most common, as well as devastating, problems in

our country. They provide victims a safe shelter, help with basic living essentials, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal and medical advocacy. Their services are available to all victims of family violence.

Services provided by Noah Project-North are supported through grants, donations and the various fund-raisers held throughout the year.

Donna Sue Anders is the Noah Project-North service area director, and she is assisted by Janis Brzozowski.

The Noah Project-North, which serves five counties, offers not only help to victims, but also provides educational programs for all ages, including training for any professional audience.

The Noah Project-North is also selling poinsettias for \$12.50 or \$25 dressed. Contact the Noah office or any advisory member for more information or to place your order. In addition, tickets for the tour, available poinsettias and a bake sale will be held during the Haskell Young Homemakers Arts & Crafts Sale on Nov. 23.

In order to continue to provide services, Noah Project-North needs our help. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a worthy cause.



VET'S HONORED-Haskell County veterans were honored with the annual Veterans' Day Breakfast hosted by Haskell Elementary School students. After a flag raising and program, the veterans enjoyed a patriotic program presented along with their breakfast.

Citizens asked to vote on new logo

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

Over the last several months, Encore Visions marketing firm of Haskell has collaborated with city leadership to create two marketing concepts for Haskell residents to review. Each campaign is anchored in the three themes of small town values, agriculture and opportunity.

The first marketing campaign "All Good Things Grown Right Here" features a bold concept portraying Haskell's strong tradition of family, agriculture and work ethic. The colors are representative of Haskell's school pride with a hint of green. The sun depicts a bright future for our community, while the crop rows signify the importance of agriculture in our area. Overall, this image-rich branding option is traditional yet illustrates genuine value in Haskell.

The second marketing campaign "Deep Roots, Bright Horizons" features a modern and iconic concept combining the elements of agriculture, school and community pride. The tagline achieves

messaging related to the rich history, while also bringing to light the optimism of our future. Again, the colors are representative of those you would find at schools in Haskell. This brand is modern, and has a very distinctive, graphic-based look that leaves the viewer open to personal interpretation.

To vote on your preferred logo and motto for our community, vote in person at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at www.haskelltexasusa.com.

Entries must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6, 2013.

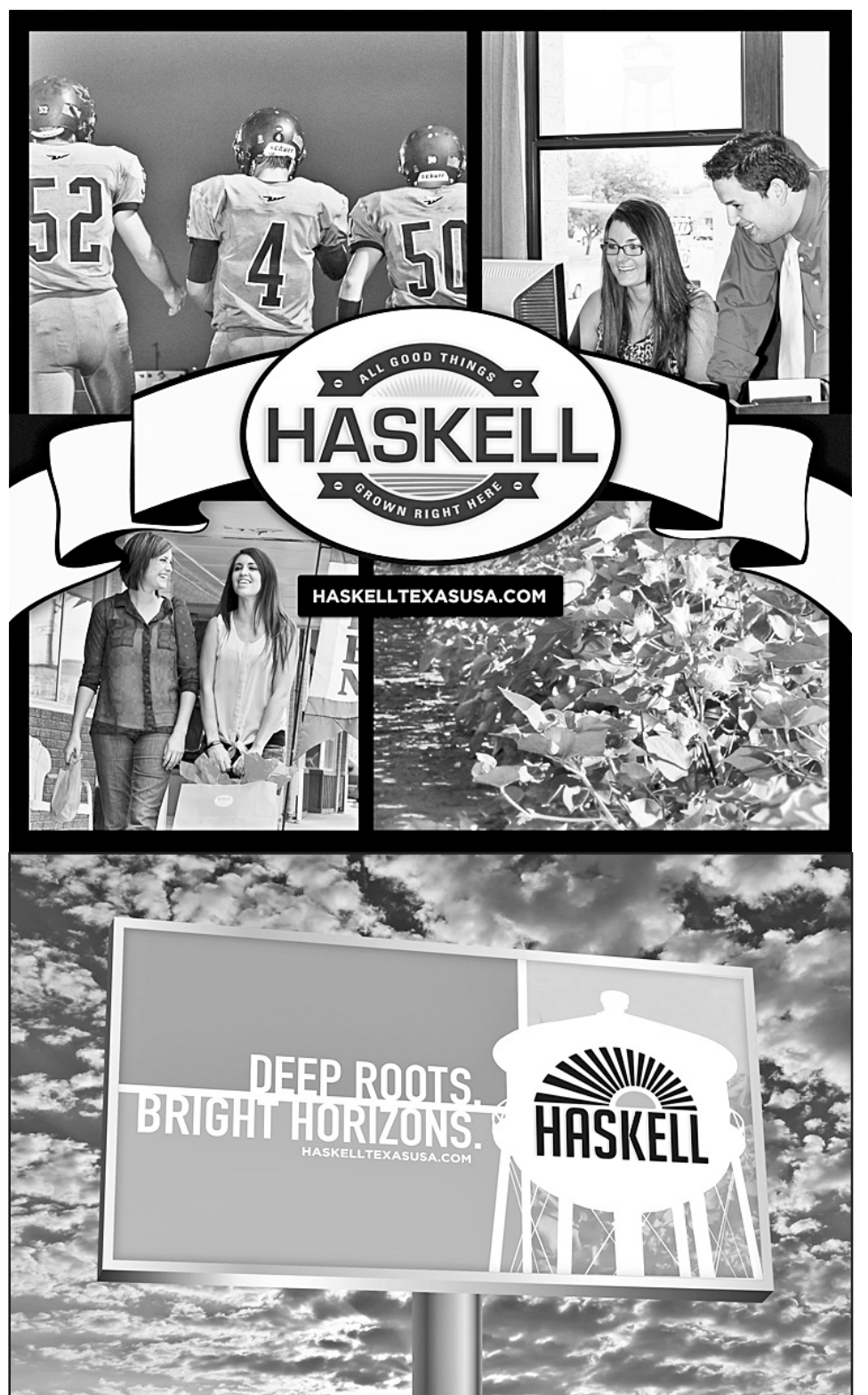
For further information, contact Mynea Short at 940-864-2477 or Mary Drury at 940-864-3424.

Pena, Perez place at state

Two Haskell County runners placed at the Class 1A state cross country meet held in Round Rock last Saturday.

Rule Bobcat Michael Perez finished 14th with a time of 17:14 for the best finish of all the Big Country boys.

Haskell Indian Angelo Pena finished 24th with a time of 17:35.09 on the two mile course.



RESIDENTS URGED TO VOTE-Haskell residents are urged to participate in selecting a new logo and motto for Haskell. Choose from one of two designs and vote by December 6.

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SORRELLS RETIRES—Rule fireman Jeff Sorrells, center, was honored with a retirement party Mon., Nov. 4 at the Rule Fire Department. Sorrells served the department for 27 years, eight of those as fire chief. He received a plaque from Rule Fire Chief Neal Kreger, right. Joining him at the reception was his dad, Derrell Sorrells, left, a former Rule fire chief. Sorrells is the son of Derrell and Amy Sorrells of Rule. He and wife, Teresa, are employees of the City of Rule.



VISITS LIONS CLUB—Members of the Haskell FFA Agriculture Issues Forum team visited the Haskell Lions Club meeting Tues., Nov. 5 and presented their program. Members of the team are, l-r, Lucy Carmichael, Kaley Mathis, Pryce Stewart, Meghan Glover and Emily Fouts.

Health officials urge flu vaccination

With flu season set to begin and vaccine in plentiful supply, the Texas Department of State Health Services encourages everyone 6 months old and older to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their families against the flu.

"We have already seen an increase in flu activity in Texas, and now is the time to get vaccinated," said Dr. Lisa Cornelius, DSHS infectious diseases medical officer. "A dose of vaccine now will help protect people throughout the flu season. There is no

reason to put it off."

The flu is caused by various influenza viruses. The vaccine is formulated each year to match the strains of flu researchers expect to be circulating. New versions of the vaccine available this year will protect against four strains of the virus. The new vaccine is available as a shot for everyone and as a nasal spray for people ages 2 to 49 who are healthy and not pregnant. The version of the vaccine that covers three strains is also still available.

This year's vaccine

protects against the strains A/California/7/2009 (H1N1), A/Victoria/361/2011 (H3N2) and B/Massachusetts/2/2012. The four-strain vaccine will also protect against B/Brisbane/60/2008.

Flu symptoms come on quickly and can be severe. They include fever, coughing, sore throat, aches, chills and fatigue. Most healthy people recover without problems after a week or more, but people 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health conditions are at higher risk for serious complications and even death. It is especially important for people in those high-risk groups to be vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone 6 months old or older be vaccinated against seasonal flu. The CDC also says that children under age 9 who are getting the flu vaccine for the first time should get two doses at least four weeks apart.

People can help stop the spread of the flu and other illnesses by covering all coughs and sneezes, washing their hands frequently and staying home when sick.

People can contact their health care provider, local health department or dial 2-1-1 to find out where to get a flu shot. Flu information and tips for protecting against the flu are at texasflu.org.

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Obituaries

Barbara Henson Kile



BARBARA KILE

Funeral services for Barbara Henson Kile, 95, formerly of Rule, were held Wed., Nov. 6 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith

Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Kile passed away Sun., Nov. 3 at Prestonwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Plano.

The oldest daughter of twelve children, Barbara Henson was born June 13, 1918 in Cisco, the daughter of Lilla (Wilkerson) and Earl Henson. She married J.C. Kile in Rising Star and they soon made Rule their home. Barbara was a loyal member of Eastern Star and she enjoyed oil painting on china. She was an avid reader and was always prepared to attempt the New York Times crossword puzzle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Lilla Henson; husband, J.C. Kile;

six sisters; and four brothers.

Survivors include her two daughters, Jana Wertheim and husband Marty of Dallas; Sherry Arthur and husband Danny of Longview; sister, Sylvia Wilkerson and husband Jim of Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Tracy Maples, Jay Arthur and Aaron Wertheim; three great grandchildren, Alex Maples, Sean Maples and Kellen Maples; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desired, memorials may be made in Barbara's name to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington D.C. 20090.

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

PD. NOTICE

Leaf-Footed Bug found on area pecan trees

by Jason Westbrook
 CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

"Last week I had a homeowner stop by the office with a specimen of what appeared to be some type of stink bug. She found the insect on her pecans and as it turned out, it was a stink bug better known as a Leaf-Footed Bug. The bug can damage pecans in the shell prior to the nut hardening. The below fact sheet gives some information about the bug and control methods," said Jason Westbrook, Haskell County CEA-Ag.

Leaf-Footed Bug on Pecan Kernels (Fact Sheet)
 Type pest: piercing/sucking insect (Leptoglossus phyllopus)

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 11, 2013
 Haskell

Haskell County Gin.....	0
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	850
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	1,079
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	2,213
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	0
Weinert Gin.....	0
Total bales.....	4,142

Type of metamorphosis: simple (egg, nymph, adult stages)

Other common names: southern green stink bug (Leptoglossus phyllopus)

Period of primary occurrence: from formation of nuts until harvest

Plants affected: Pecans, seed, fruit, vegetable and nut crops

Identifying characteristics of insect pest:

- Southern green stick bug adult is shield-shaped, light green, about ½" long and has an offensive odor

- Leaf-Footed Bug adult is narrower in body outline than the stink bug, light to dark brown and about ½" long. Leaf-Footed Bugs have a flattened leaf-like segment in the hind legs

- These insects have similar life cycles and may have four or five generations in a single year

- These insects cause black pit and kernel spot on pecan nuts causing crop loss or lowering nut quality

- Detecting and diagnosing these pests is difficult because often they are not seen on the fruit or nut tree. To correctly diagnose this pest, look for the crop damage, and then search for the insect on the host plant or adjacent trees and shrubs

Symptoms/Damage
 •Black pit in pecan nut is indicated by a darkening of

the insides of the immature nuts which is followed by premature drop

- Kernel spot consists of brown spots from 1/16"–3/16" diameter which forms a pithy porous area. Injury cannot be detected until nuts are shelled. Tastes bitter.

- Nuts will drop if bugs attack them before the shell hardening, spots will form on the kernels

- The bugs can feed through hardened shells

- Severity of black pit and kernel spot depends on the abundance of plant bugs on the native plants and cover crops present

Best Management Practices (BMP)

Non-Chemical Control
 •Handpick insect from vegetation

- Use proper cover crops and practice good weed control and sanitation measures

- Destroy wild hosts such as jimsonweed, beggarweed, thistle and maypop

- Keep area around pecan trees well mowed during the summer

Chemical Control

- Apply chemical control if insect populations are high

- *Cypermethrin (Ammo*, Cymbush*)

- *Esfenvalarate (Asana*)

- *Carbaryl (Sevin*) applied for other pests may also control stink bugs and Leaf-Footed Bugs.

Calendar

iPhone class

A Free iPhone class for beginners Thurs., Nov. 14, will be conducted by Tom Miller at 1 p.m. in the activity room of the North Mockingbird Branch of Abilene Public Library, 1214N. Mockingbird. Classes are held the second and fourth Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the north library location. The classes are not library sponsored, but organized by volunteers, Miller, Bill Emery and Barbara Kelly, using the library facilities. Seating is not limited and advance registration is not required. All persons who use iPhones, or want to learn about them are invited to attend.

Persons interested in getting notices or other information about the iPhone and Mac computer classes, may email address their request to abilenemacuser2@gmail.com. For more information contact Tom Miller 325-518-6662 or go to www.tommillermachelp.com.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Nov. 19 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene. A light meal will be served. For more information, contact Venita Teal at 325-669-0886 or Kathy Hocke at 325-721-3131.

Tidwell is Club Woman of the Year

Lena Tidwell was named Club Woman of the Year by the Haskell Extension Education Association.

Tidwell joined the extension family twenty years ago with the Eager Housewives Community Education Club. She has been very active in the organization and has seen several organization name changes, none of which have affected her dedication

to family, church and community.

She has served as club president, vice president, treasurer, reporter, council vice chairman and council chairman. She has served on the program committee, yearbook committee, finance committee, calendar committee and concessions stand committee.

She has attended many state conventions, both as a

member and as a delegate. She supports the 4-H activities of the year as a volunteer leader and judge for county and district food shows and fashion shows.

She delivers Meals on Wheels and helps with the annual health fair. She was the first Rookie of the Year in 1999-2000.

A member of East Side Baptist Church, she serves on the funeral meals committee, sunshine committee, pastor search and nominating committee. She has taught children's and adult Sunday school classes, been a G.A. leader, helped with Vacation Bible School and other church activities.

Her career activities include being a mother of two, grandmother of three and great grandmother of one. She has farmed, worked in the school lunch room, owned and operated a laundry, been a telephone operator and a sales clerk. Her crowning glory was being chosen as Coming Home Queen in 2001. Her special interest is 'having fun.'



CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Lena Tidwell, right, was selected as the Club Woman of the Year of the Haskell Extension Education Association. She was presented an engraved wooden plaque by Kathryn Schonerstedt, left.



FREE CONCERT—Three generations of the Rochester Family will be in concert at 7 p.m. Wed., Nov. 20 at the First Baptist Church of Weinert.

Rochester Family to present free gospel concert Nov. 20

A free gospel concert will be held Wed., Nov. 20 at the First Baptist Church of Weinert.

The Southern Bluegrass Gospel Music of the Rochester Family, who

perform all over the United States, will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition to being winners of the National Quartet Convention, individual members of the group have also earned honors as Female Vocalist of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, Instrumentalist of the Year and Song of the Year. An invitation is extended

to everyone in the area to come out and enjoy the music and message of the award winning Rochester Family. A love offering will be taken.

The church is located on business highway 277 in Weinert. For more information contact the church office at (940) 673-8310.

EEA Club news

The annual Information Meeting of the Extension Education Association was held at Turnrow Grill in Weinert Oct. 10 including lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Ten members were present.

Kathryn Schonerstedt made a few announcements in lieu of a formal business meeting. The Health Fair to be held Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. was discussed. Each member was assigned to bring

cookies. The Commissioners Appreciation Brunch will be held Nov. 12 at 9 a.m.

After the announcements, Schonerstedt introduced the Club Woman of the Year, Lena Tidwell. Tidwell was presented an engraved wooden plaque with her name and a symbol of the Texas Extension Education Association.

New officers for the 2013-14 year are Kathryn

Schonerstedt, chairman; Sue McGee, vice chairman; Dolores Medford, secretary/reporter; Pat Jenkins, treasurer and ECC lunch organizer; and Coleta Whitfield, telephone organizer.

Meetings are held each second Thursday of each month at the County Extension office kitchen at 2 p.m. The next meeting will be held Nov. 14.

IRS warns of telephone scam

The Internal Revenue Service warned consumers about a sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, throughout the country.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

"This scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country. We want to educate taxpayers so they can help protect themselves. Rest assured, we do not and will not ask for credit card numbers over the phone, nor request a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer," says IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel. "If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling." Werfel noted that the first IRS contact with taxpayers on a tax issue is likely to occur via mail

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.

- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.

- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.

- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue—if there really is such an issue.

- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484.

- If you've been targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask

for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov.

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Births

David and Kelli Moeller Dixon of Burleson are announcing the birth of their son, Colton Drew Dixon, born Oct. 22 weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. He was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big sister, Abbi.

Grandparents are Joseph and Rose Dixon of Lubbock and Allen and Rhonda Moeller of Haskell.

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Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals for the Community Christmas Cantata in Haskell are held Sundays at 4 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to come take part in preparing for the Cantata to be presented on Sun., Dec. 15.



Haskell Young Homemakers ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Saturday, Nov. 23

Haskell Civic Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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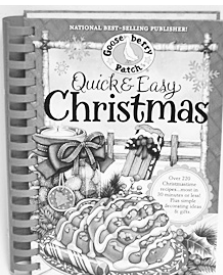
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Proposed constitutional amendments pass

AUSTIN—All nine proposed amendments to the state constitution on the Nov. 5 election ballot passed.

Texas Secretary of State John Steen, the state's chief elections officer, on Nov. 6 commented that the 2013 constitutional amendment election "was our first statewide election with a photo ID requirement in place, and it was smooth, secure and successful."

The photo identification requirement took effect following a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June on a Voting Rights Act case that challenged the state law over its potential negative effects on voter turnout, particularly among Texas' black and Latino voters, older Texans, rural Texans and Texans of lower income.

On Election Day, Steen said unofficial vote totals for Proposition 1 indicate that 1,144,844 voters cast a ballot, a 66 percent increase over the 2011 constitutional amendment election in which 690,052 voters cast a ballot.

Here are brief descriptions of each proposition:

•Prop. 1, authorizing the Legislature to provide for the creation of a homestead property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of an armed forces member killed in action.

•Prop. 2, repealing the State Medical Education Board and the "obsolete" State Medical Education Fund.

•Prop. 3, authorizing a political subdivision to extend the number of days of an exemption from ad valorem taxation that are already covered by an ad valorem tax exemption.

•Prop. 4, authorizing the Legislature to create an ad valorem tax exemption on the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the veteran by a charitable organization.

•Prop. 5, authorizing the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property, and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with such loans.

•Prop. 6, providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund and for the fund to be used in assisting in the finance of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.

•Prop. 7, authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

•Prop. 8, repealing the article of the constitution relating to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

•Prop. 9, relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

AG sues over hiring rules

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Nov. 4 announced he had filed a lawsuit challenging guidelines issued by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that "limit the ability of employers—including the State of Texas and its agencies—from categorically excluding convicted felons from employment," he said.

Abbott said the hiring guidelines the EEOC adopted in 2012 "prohibit Texas and its agencies from categorically excluding convicted felons for certain jobs."

In the lawsuit, Abbott alleges the guidelines are unlawful because they overstep the federal agency's statutory authority "and improperly bully the State and its agencies into jeopardizing the safety of Texans."

Abbott seeks a declaratory judgment that the state and its agencies "are entitled to maintain and enforce state laws and policies that absolutely bar convicted felons—or a certain category of convicted felons—from government employment; a declaration that the EEOC cannot enforce its guidelines against the State of Texas—and an injunction that bars the EEOC from issuing right-to-sue letters to persons seeking to pursue this type of discrimination charge against the State of Texas or any of its agencies; and a judgment holding unlawful and setting aside the EEOC's hiring guidelines."

Unit issues identification

A Texas Department of Public Safety on Nov. 5 announced a mobile disaster unit has been deployed to central Texas to issue replacement Texas driver licenses and replacement Texas identification cards to victims who lost those documents as a result of the severe storms and flooding that recently impacted that area of the state.

Tax revenue increases

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Nov. 6 announced state sales tax revenue in October was \$2.14 billion, up 5.4 percent compared to October 2012.

Combs said she would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their November local sales tax allocations totaling \$654.6 million, up 7 percent compared to November 2012.

10 Years Ago
November 13, 2003
Competing for Haskell High at the Cross Country events are Ross Hairgrove, Kevin Kilgore, Lindsay Pannell, Stephanie Grand, Janie Walker and Angela Pena.

Haskell native, Sgt. Jacob Alexander, of Combat Service Support Battalion 12, USMC, returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq. He is the son of Tim and Janie Alexander of Haskell.

Crowned Football Sweetheart during the pep rally was Brittany Rutkowski, while Ronald Chapman was named Football Hero.

20 Years Ago
November 18, 1993

As part of National 4-H Week, several members of the Weinert 4-H Club painted the "Welcome to Weinert" sign. Painters were Margaret Hannon, Charisse Felty, Lane Murphy, T. Nichols and Tiffany Loving.

Missy Davis, a Haskell High School graduate,

returned for her senior season with the Sul Ross State University Lobos basketball team. Davis is #4 on the school's all time scoring list. She is expected to become the school's all time scoring leader, before the end of the season.

Glenn Jennings has been appointed maintenance supervisor for the Haskell Texas Department of Transportation. Beginning his career with TxDOT in 1985, he held a similar position in the Munday area office before coming to Haskell.

30 Years Ago
November 17, 1983

The Haskell Indians won their Bi-District game against the Spur Bulldogs 27-8. Outstanding play on defense came from Indians Keith Reed, Joseph Perez, Kendell Solomon, Patrick McCoy, Fred Barnett, Sam Toliver, Robert Ivey, Doug Lanier, Carl Dever, Ricky Rojas and Todd Harris.

J.R. Perry, Haskell

County Commissioner, was elected president of the West Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee. He has been a member of the executive committee for several years.

Marva Holmes, daughter of Barbara Holmes and the late Marvin Holmes, was crowned Rochester High School Football Sweetheart. Quarterback Joe Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jenkins, was Football Hero.

40 Years Ago
November 15, 1973

Weinert Foursquare Gospel Church held its first homecoming in conjunction with the dedication of a new two-story annex and remodeling of the sanctuary. Rev. Katherine Byrd, pastor of the church for the past six years, led the activities. The church was started in 1933.

Two Haskell FFA teams placed second at the Double Mountain District Contest. The Greenhand Quiz team included Richard Dearing, Calvin Wilfong, Jeff Teague

and Mike New. Making up the Farm Radio team was John Dearing, Kyle Wilfong and Ricky Decker.

Couples celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bland of Haskell, and Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Russell of Rochester.

50 Years Ago
November 14, 1963

1961 Haskell High School graduate Ben Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson of Haskell, was inducted into the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Society at North Texas State University at Denton. He is a pre-dental student, majoring in organic chemistry.

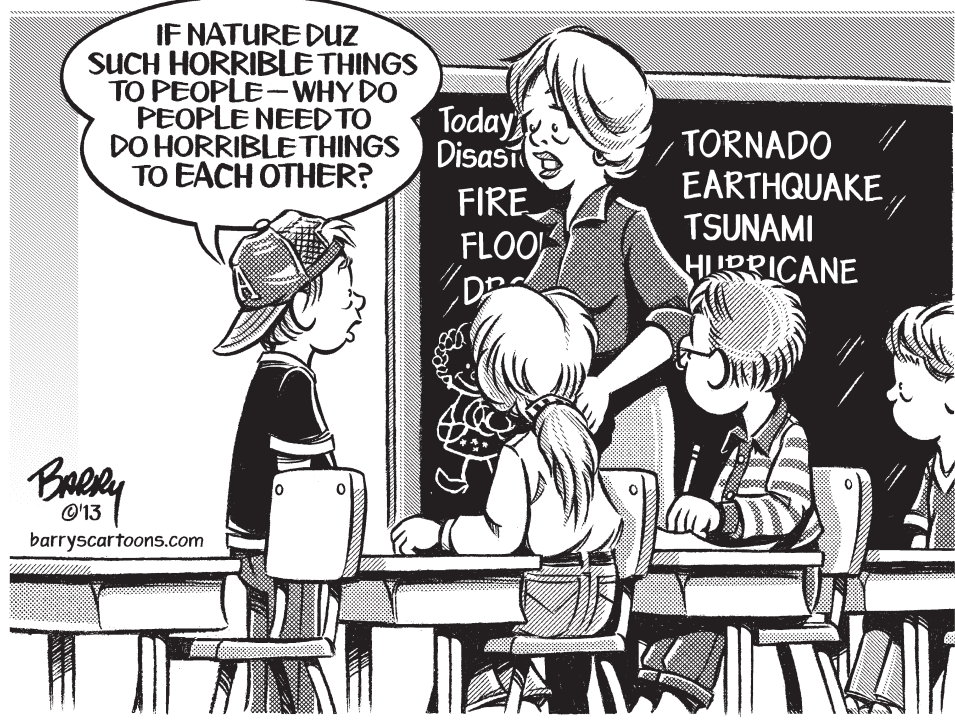
Haskell County's annual "Battle of the East Side" on the football gridiron between the Mattson Mustangs and the Paint Creek Pirates will take place Thursday afternoon. Mustang Coach Wayne Phemister said it will be the final game of the season for both teams, which have identical records this season.

Officers for the Paint Creek 4-H will be Brenda Griffith, president; Linda Griffith, vice president; Janice Isbell, secretary; Melanie Livengood, treasurer; and Jeannine Isbell, reporter.

100 Years Ago
November 15, 1913

S.G. Dean, Postmaster, concludes a statement on new and expanded postal service here with "There are 250,000 employees in the postal business, sending hundreds of millions of packages of merchandise, literature and letters into the homes of the people in this great country of ours."

"Health in our community is not very good at this writing."—Kirkdale item



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

When it comes to athletics, most folks are primarily interested in football even though there are several athletic activities underway. It is not often you get excited about those of our young men and women who are participating in sporting events other than football. That is unless they happen to be your son or daughter, niece or nephew, grandchild—you know what I mean. It just so happens one of our young athletes just so happens to be one of these that has made the headlines. Angelo Pena won the Region II-1A cross country meet which was held in Lubbock. The article in the Abilene Reporter-News had a picture of Angelo and several nice comments about him. I am sure by now you are wondering what makes this young man so special—it is because he is the son of Angel Pena who oversees the operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for our fair city. Angel has been employed by the city for over 25 years and knows more about the treatment of wastewater than almost anybody. Angel enjoys his job and also takes great pride in taking people on tours of our wastewater treatment facility—I have toured with him and found it to be very interesting. I digress. Angelo earned the opportunity to participate in the cross country meet at the State level in which he came in 24th. However, since he is a junior, that means he has one more year to compete. He might not have won the state meet, but he is still a winner as far as I am concerned. Angelo, we will all be watching and cheering for you next year.

think about Haskell. This is the time of year we have hunters come our way—they come from almost every corner of the state plus even some from outside of Texas. I always look forward to their comments about our town. As they travel the roads on the way to Haskell, they have the opportunity to travel through many towns about our size so they have the opportunity to see all sorts and types of towns. They comment about how so many of those about like us are just 'dying on the vine.' They say Haskell gives them the impression of being progressive and businesses appear to be thriving. They almost always comment about how the buildings around the square appear to be occupied and there are people out and about. They also comment on how clean our town looks and the friendliness of everyone they see. Granted, they don't see some blighted areas we have, but ours are very small compared to so many other towns. I always enjoy passing along comments such as these because they make me very proud as they should you. Our hard work and positive attitude is shining through—keep it up.

As I sit here on this Sunday afternoon, the day before Veterans' Day, it makes me so very proud to live in a country where we take a great deal of pride as well as have a monumental respect for those who have served in the military of our country. Thank goodness we live in a country where we have set aside a special day to honor our veterans. However, I would suggest that we ever mindful of those folks who have and are currently serving in the military—they are making a tremendous sacrifice for us

and we should get on our knees everyday and be thankful for them and their families.

A date and time to be sure and mark on your calendar is Sat., Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. That is when we will have our annual Christmas parade. I've heard of several commitments and am hoping that every organization in town and at school will participate. You can walk with a group, you can ride in your car, you can have signs, etc. Then the following night, Dec. 15, at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 you're invited to the Community Chorus' Annual Cantata. These two events will be a great prelude to ushering in the Blessed Season of Christ's Birth. There will be a drama in conjunction with the Cantata. Please come and support these singers. They devote every Sunday afternoon from September to December to practicing for this event and I'm told this year the chorus is especially superb. Jason Daniels directs the Christmas Cantata and Martha Jarred directs the Easter program. Folks, no one gets paid for this; it is an outpouring of love for the savior and a gift to the community the chorus wishes to share.

Updates: the water issue is still being addressed and we should be hearing something soon about the grants we've applied for. The new awning on Henderson's Book Store and the rock work that is being done on Bill Jones Law Office are really looking good. The hospital construction is progressing nicely. I heard via grapevine some complaint about the hospital construction. To a certain extent we had no choice on many of these items. We had to meet state codes or lose our accreditation. The

building was built in 1934 so you can imagine how many things really needed to be addressed. Grandfathering in situations can only go so far. We have a reputable company in McKinstry who has done hospital remodeling and building in Sweetwater and other area towns. State Health Inspectors are applauding our construction. In conjunction with the hospital: Jan and I both are undergoing rehab with Dr. Rene' Flores at the hospital. Both of us have worked with him before and he is a genius and a much better alternative than surgery. So if you see both of us limping around town, you'll know we didn't beat up on each other—just old age once again interjecting itself into our lives.

I'm told that your officers are having some cooperation as far as people confiding in them about things they see and things they hear. I liked Sheriff Stephen's quote in the paper (which I am paraphrasing) "Let the word go out that Haskell is not going to put up with druggies and drug dealers." We not only want to look clean and healthy; we want our soul to be clean and healthy. We can't police the world, but we can take care of our own spot here in Texas. We want these druggies and drug dealers to get the message: Leave our kids and our people alone...go somewhere else, if you must do your dirty deeds. This is the message given by our Judge Hadaway of late with the stiff prison terms and penalties given to this ilk. Way to go Judge Hadaway, Sheriff Stephens and all of our other law enforcement officers. All of you law-breakers will soon find that Haskell is not the place for you!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:
 The Haskell County Child Welfare Christmas program is very low on funds this year. Monetary donations are desperately needed.
 Last year 174 children and 65 families were blessed with a set of clothes, a gift, some stocking stuffers, a family game and a family Bible story book. In an effort to be more organized, we are now asking for specific toys, so that there is a balance of appropriate toys for each age/gender.
 The following is a list of specific toys we are requesting. Please contact Cindy Foster at 940-256-2862, or cfoster8011@yahoo.com, or via Facebook if you would like to purchase one or more of these specific toys. Then when you make your purchase, you can drop the items off in the big drop box at the HCISD administration building, so that we can mark our "wish list" complete!
 5 girl stick horses (or animals); 5 boy stick horses (or animals)
 4 baby carriages (got at Walmart for \$5 last year)
 2 sockum things you blow up and punch
 6 "girl" and 7 "boy" bouncy balls you can sit on with handle and bounce on
 12 doctor kits
 3 life size baby dolls
 4 sets of play food
 3 little girl umbrellas (in clothes section at Walmart)
 8 light sabers that light up
 OR Tonka dump type trucks
 4 Playdough factory type sets plus some extra Playdough for each
 6 2 gun sets of Nerf type atomic blasters plus some extra Nerf bullets for each
 16 big hula hoops
 40 indoor foam basketball

hoops that hang over a door
 18 Nerf type footballs
 17 good exercise jump ropes (suggest jumprope.com \$11.95 kits look really cool)
 20 skateboards (usually \$10-12 at Academy)
 20 nice brushes, 20 free standing makeup mirrors
 20 dart boards
 Thanks, Cindy Foster

 Dear editor,
 The Maiden basketball program would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our fund-raiser, open basketball practice, jr. high scrimmage, and varsity basketball game this past Saturday.
 A special thanks goes to Eddie Klose, Terri Klose, Shane Hadaway, Amanda Hadaway, Monica Shelton, Kristi Stewart, Kendra Bevel, Linda Martin, Kent Colley, Joey Kimbrough, Slade Nicholson and Shannon Eddleman for all the hard work and planning that went into making the fund-raiser and day a huge success.
 I would also like to thank Coach Grady Benton, Coach John Foster, and Coach Rich Gammon for all of their help and support as well. It is great to be a part of a community and school district that supports the kids in everything that they do.
 The Maiden basketball program would also like to thank Lolo Martinez for officiating the jr. high basketball scrimmage this past Saturday. We appreciate everything he and Teresa do for our basketball girls throughout the entire year.
 Blake Eddleman
 Head Girls
 Basketball Coach

The Haskell City Council met Mon., Sept. 23 in a regular meeting with Mayor John Gannaway, Pro Tem Jill Druessedow, and Councilmen Dan Hoover, Shane Whitt, Allen Morrow and Ernest Frye in attendance.
 In a public forum, the council submitted the proposed 2013-14 budget for the City that was filed Aug. 23 and discussed the proposed tax rate of .5256 per/\$100 valuation.
 Back in the regular session, the proposed budget was approved as presented.
 The adoption of the tax rate was approved.
 The changes to the City of Haskell Police Department request for copy of Peace Officer's Report with grammatical correction on the third bullet were approved.
 An ordinance approving a negotiated resolution between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Cooperation regarding the company's 2013 annual rate review mechanism was approved.
 The minimum water payment schedule for fiscal year 2013-14 from North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority and authorization for the mayor to sign were approved.
 The continuation of coverage administrative agreement with TML insurance and authorization for the city administrator to sign were approved.
 The Oil & Gas Lease with Samson Exploration, LLC on streets and alleys in the Beula Gay Addition (1.33 acres), the R. Tribbey Subdivision (1.47 acres) and the R.W.

City Council report

Addison (4.48 acres) and authorization for the mayor to sign were approved.
 The Oil & Gas Lease with Samson Exploration, LLC on 13.55 acres of land being part of the A.L. Rhomberg Addition (sewer plant) and authorization for the mayor to sign were approved.
 In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:
 • During the Public Comment Mary Drury, director of the DCOH offered a letter to the council from president Randy Hise thanking the city for its willingness to assist in the search for combined office space for DCOH and the Chamber of Commerce and hope that the city will be willing to continue the assistance offered for such an endeavor that may come about in the future.

 The Haskell City Council met in a special called meeting Thurs., Sept. 26 with all members present.
 A resolution nominating Terri Klose as a candidate to the Haskell County Appraisal Board of Directors was approved.
 A resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Block Grant Program, Disaster Relief Fund and authorizing the mayor to act as Chief Executive Officer and representation in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program was approved.
 A discussion by the mayor and council was held regarding the method of putting items on the agenda. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed to continue with the current procedure of placing an item on the agenda and strive for better communication.
 The agenda item on posting and maintaining all pertinent data on the city of Haskell website was tabled.
 The council chose to not have a liaison between the Fire Department and the Police Department.
 To clarify a motion left unresolved at the council meeting on Sept. 9 a lengthy discussion followed and was remedied with an interjection by the city's

attorney reminding the Council that it was governed by Roberts Rules of Order. The matter was resolved and entered into the minutes, as requested by the mayor.
 The council adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters concerning the city administrator's contract.
 No action was taken on the items discussed in the executive session.

 The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Oct. 7 with all members present.
 Sparky the Fire Dog was introduced by Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham. Cunningham gave an outline of the various grants available through the Forestry Service.
 The mayor made proclamations for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12; October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31; and November as Report Animal Abuse Month.
 Copies of current ordinances were given to the council by the city administrator for review so that decisions on what the city wishes to have in ordinances could be made.
 The council entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters; deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer; and interview Scott Kennedy for the position of Chief of Police.
 Returning to open session, Scott Kennedy was appointed Chief of Police.
 Brandon Anderson discussed the Texas Midwest Community Network annual conference Oct. 23 at the Abilene Convention Center and Halloween in the Park set Oct. 26.

 The Haskell City Council met in a regular session Mon., Oct. 28 with all members present.
 The Haskell FFA Ag Issues Team gave a presentation on pros and cons of the CRP program and answered questions afterwards.
 The council supported the zoning board's decision:
 •to deny the request from Rodney Miller to change the property at 1104 N. Ave. E from residential to retail for the purpose of sign

advertisement;
 •to deny the request from Scott Langford to change the property at 301 S. Ave. P from residential to commercial for the purpose of an office and truck yard parking;
 •and, to approve the request from Linda Gaines for a Specific Use Permit on the property at 607 S. 9th for a single wide mobile home parking. Stipulations on the approval for Gaines included bringing the property into compliance with code ordinances regarding old out buildings and lot clean up; applying for the city to tear down the old house on the property and submitting photos of the home to be purchased for approval by the City Administrator.
 The city will seek bids for a new roof and upgrades needed at the Civic Center.
 The Fire Department will seek grant funds for the purchase of a new brush truck and for rescue equipment. The city would supply additional funds.
 The Fire Department is to select a board and submit to the council those names, as well as rules and requirements for membership for participation in the retirement fund.
 Mynea Short was appointed to the Haskell Housing Board of Directors.
 The quarterly report of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce was approved.
 A resolution to support the City's nominee Terri Klose for a place on the 2014-15 Appraisal District Board of Directors was approved.
 The request from the Haskell EMS for a \$10,000 contribution for the purchase of living quarters for the EMS employees was tabled.
 The animal ordinance was discussed.
 In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:
 •Halloween in the Park was a huge success. About 40 entities had booths and passed out candy to approximately 500. Thanks to those involved in planning, implementing and carrying out this great safe alternative for Halloween.
 •The bonfire was a great success and the city was happy to help get the pile of wood built up to help with the success. Sparky the Fire Dog and the Fire Department helped out.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Many scams are designed to prey on the elderly, one of which is the family emergency scam—often known as the grandparent scam. Although variations of this scam have been around for a long time, it has become more sophisticated with the proliferation of information online. To add credibility to their calls and emails, con artists are often using personal information gleaned from family blogs, genealogy sites, social networking sites and online newspapers.
 The "original" grandparent scam has claimed many victims by taking advantage of a grandparent's natural desire to protect a grandchild. According to complaints received by the Attorney General's Office, Texas retirees and senior citizens typically receive a call from an individual claiming to be their grandchild and then ask for money because the supposed grandchild is in trouble in a foreign country.
 To set up the ruse, the caller begins by saying something like "Hi, grandma," or "Hey, it's your favorite grandson." The caller typically claims that he or she has been in an accident, was arrested, is stranded or is in similar trouble and needs money immediately. The "grandchild" also insists that the victim not tell anyone else, including the "grandchild's" parents—which increases the odds that the fraud will be successful.
 If all goes according to the con artist's plan, the senior citizen will wire money to the "grandchild." By the time the senior realizes that the call was fraudulent, the money is long gone and most likely not recoverable.
 Senior citizens have become wise to the scam in recent years, so scammers are adapting to make the scheme even more difficult

to detect. Scammers have turned to the Internet and social media to research their victims and the loved ones they're impersonating—making their act even more believable. They've also resorted to emails as well as phone calls, and are targeting a wider range of individuals claiming to be the target's niece, nephew or other family member.
 Sometimes the callers even claim to be a law enforcement officer or lawyer representing a senior citizen's loved one and ask for the money to be wired to them on the loved one's behalf. Yet another ruse designed to lend credibility to the bogus call is for scammers to team up and call potential victims together. One scammer impersonates a law enforcement officer or lawyer and states that the loved one is in trouble and needs financial assistance, then hands the phone to a second scammer that impersonates a crying and very upset loved one.
 Telephone calls or emails that urgently request money and insist upon secrecy are red flags that a scam is underway. Other signs of detection are callers who claim to be relatives that are currently in Canada, Mexico or another foreign location; callers with unfamiliar voices who claim to be loved ones; and callers who are vague or elusive and get personal

details wrong.
 To protect themselves from falling victim to the grandparent scam or any other fraud, senior Texans should always exercise some skepticism when they receive telephone calls urgently requesting money. Retirees and senior citizens who receive a telephone call or email from a relative who urgently requests money should verify the caller's identity by asking personal questions a stranger would not be able to answer. Seniors should never "fill in the blanks" for callers. Instead, they should ask callers to identify themselves. Senior Texans may also consider calling back the supposed "relative" using a telephone number they know to be genuine—or simply ignore the caller's wishes and verify the story first with another family member.
 Texans who believe they have been the target of a scam should contact the Office of the Attorney General at 800-252-8011 or online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.
 Complaints about potential telephone or email scams may also be directed to any of the following resources:
 PhoneBusters—Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre, 888-495-8501, www.phonebusters.com
 Federal Trade Commission—877-FTC-HELP, www.ftc.gov
 driving while license invalid and driving while intoxicated 2nd.
 Anthony Bruce Charles, driving while license invalid Class C and failed to maintain financial responsibility Class C.
 Forty-one calls were made to 911.

Carter Tucker releases new book

by Caron Yates

It is not possible to look into the future and know exactly how your life will "play out." It is the choices we make, the lives we touch and those that touch us, that help direct our path.
 It was in 1957, that a young Hardin-Simmons College student served three months as a supply pastor for the First Baptist Church of Weinert. Carter Tucker, twenty-four years old, was soon called to be the full time pastor and remained on until April 1962.
 It was an exciting time for the new pastor and church, with wonderful youth revivals, the beginning of the traditional "Back to School Roundup," and even an award for the church at the annual convention, as one of the top small town churches. Although it was drought years and almost total crop failures, the church with very little money, progressed.
 During the years spent at Weinert, the Tuckers not only welcomed two children, but formed lifelong friendships with many of the church families.
 Before enrolling at Hardin-Simmons, Tucker had completed over four

years in the U.S. Navy Submarine service, during which time he traveled extensively in the Orient. When the Vietnam War started he was pastor of a church in Arkansas, having just left Weinert, and felt a need to enter the U.S. Army chaplaincy and request duty with combat soldiers in that land.
 Although he served more than one tour in Vietnam, it was during the 1967 tour with the 25th Infantry Division, that he kept a day-by-day journal. Tucker says, "I did not read the journal for thirty years. However on Dec. 6, 1996, I read the entry from Dec. 6, 1966 and continued to read an entry each day for a year. Recalling and reliving some of it was still difficult, even after thirty years."
 When he had finished the year's "journey" he began to think seriously about writing a book, which finally became, "Men Who Fought...Boys Who Prayed (A Combat Chaplain's Story: Vietnam)." It is a story about the many

who, in the midst of combat, impacted his life and his efforts to reach out to them.
 Over the years he has hosted twenty-one pilgrimages to the Holy Land, in addition to study tours in Turkey, Greece and Jordan. He and his wife, Pauline, have hosted mission trips from ten days to four months in length, to Brazil, Cuba, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Kosovo, Peru, Russia, South Africa and Ukraine.
 Life has blessed the Tuckers as they have served the Lord in whatever area he has called them to. They count among those blessings three children, nine grandchildren, and many friends and fond memories, which include their years at Weinert.
 "Men Who Fought...Boys Who Prayed" by Rev. Carter Tucker is available in bookstores or Amazon.com. For more information you may contact Wanda Hester at (940) 673-8262 or Tucker at cartertucker38@comcast.net.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 4-10:
 Hollie Aaron Miller, motion to revoke theft \$1,500 to \$20,000, Throckmorton charge.
 Joseph Lynn Davis,

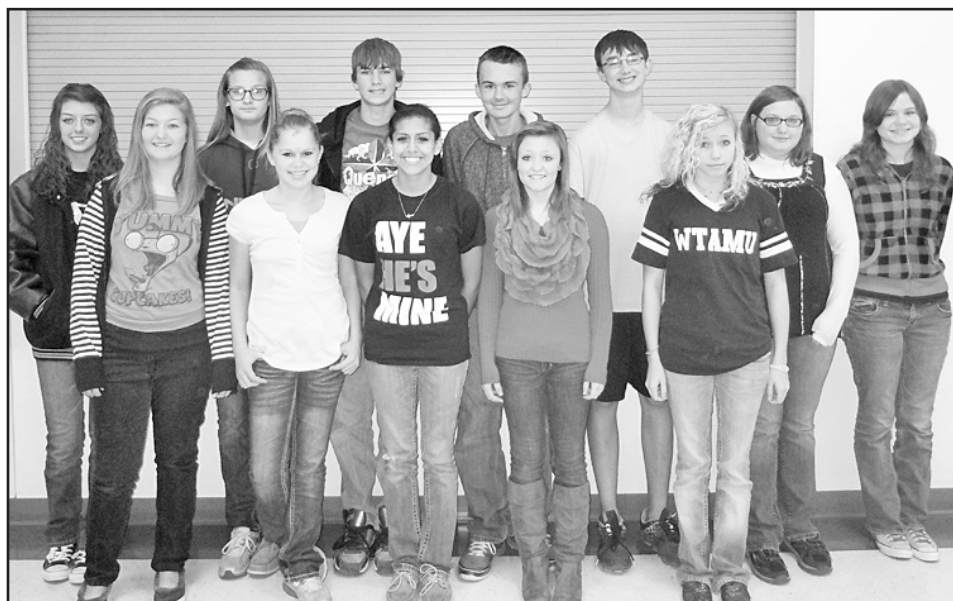
Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
 1-800-222-TIPS



COINS FOR CHANGE—The fourth grade class at Paint Creek ISD were the elementary school winners during the “Coins for Change” competition held during the month of October to raise money for breast cancer research. Members of the class include, l-r, Joshua Blake, Ivy Cumby, Chris Acosta, Victoria Blake, Jordan Mlenak and Mark Garcia.



COINS FOR CHANGE—The sixth grade class of Paint Creek ISD were the overall winners in the “Coins for Change” competition between the classes to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October. Members of the class are, l-r, Kayla Bosnjak, Bailee Thomas, Desiree Acosta, Jaclyn Snelling, Augustine Moreno and Tanner Booe.



COINS FOR CHANGE—The ninth grade class at Paint Creek ISD won the “Coins for Change” competition between the high school classes held during the month of October. The money raised was donated to breast cancer research. Members of the class are, front row, l-r, Catherine Lemond, Zhenia McTasney, Gabriella Mendoza, Sara Edwards and Autumn Rogers; back row, Hannah Grand, Caitlyn Douglass, Aaron Wolf, Corey Mengwasser, Buddy Trotter, Sabrina Conn and Devin Benitez.

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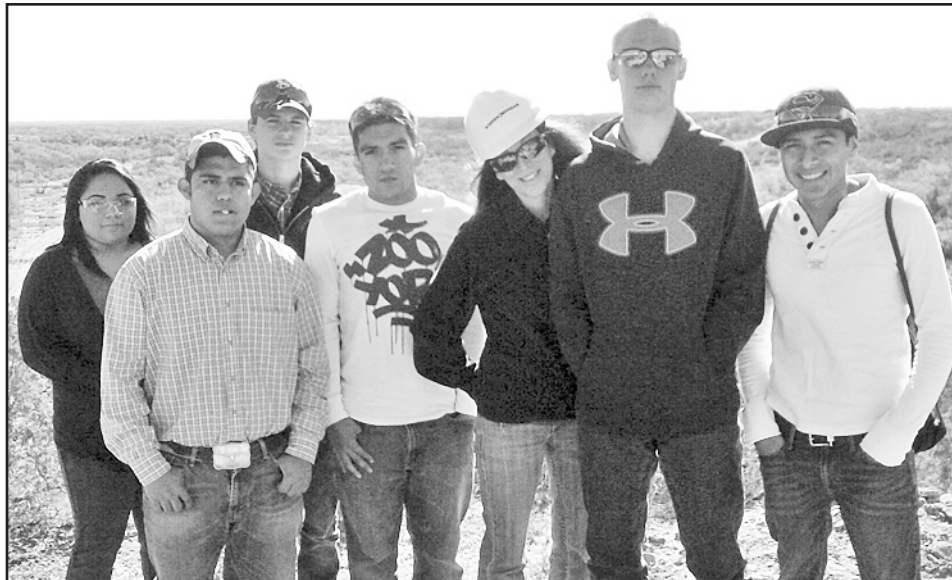
2013 PIRATE-LADY PIRATE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 5	Moran	Moran	VG	6 p.m.
Nov. 8	Lueders-Avoca	Avoca	VG	6 p.m.
Nov. 12	Lueders-Avoca	Paint Creek	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Nov. 19	Jayton	Jayton	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	Lueders-Avoca	Avoca	VG, VB	TBA
Nov. 25	Roby	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 3	Moran	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 5-7	Woodson Tournament	Woodson	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 10		Paint Creek	VG, VB	
Dec. 13	Brownwood Victory Life	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 17		Paint Creek	VG, VB	
Jan. 3	*Newcastle	Paint Creek	VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Highland	Highland	VB*	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	*Graford	Graford	VG	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	*Highland	Paint Creek	VB	8 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Woodson	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	*Bryson	Bryson	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	*Throckmorton	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	*Newcastle	Newcastle	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	*Graford	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Woodson	Woodson	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	*Bryson	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	*Throckmorton	Throckmorton	VG, VB	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	*Newcastle	Paint Creek	VB	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	*Graford	Graford	VB	6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 11	Newcastle	Paint Creek	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Graford	Graford	6 p.m.
Nov. 25	Woodson	Paint Creek	6 p.m.
Dec. 2	Bryson	Bryson	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	Throckmorton	Paint Creek	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Newcastle	Newcastle	6 p.m.
Jan. 6	Graford	Paint Creek	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Woodson	Woodson	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	Bryson	Paint Creek	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	Throckmorton	Throckmorton	6 p.m.

*District Game



FIELD TRIP—Rule High School students went on a field trip to the Katz-Strawn Unit (Kinder-Morgan Production Corp.) in conjunction with the Vocational-Technical Center in Rochester, where students learn the basics of oil field technology. Pictured are, l-r, Kat Cardenas, Luis Diaz, Chase Potter, Paul Nieto, Janice Qualls—teacher, Brandon Cooper and Michael Perez.

New lines of cool-season grasses developed

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Breeding lines of summer-dormant cool-season grasses suited for the Rolling Plains are ready for seed increase after four years of improvement at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon.

Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research forage cropping systems scientist, began work in 2000 with cool-season perennial grasses for the Rolling Plains region in collaboration with Grasslanz Technology Ltd. in New Zealand. In 2009, the collaboration turned its focus to breeding summer-dormant, cool-season grasses.

Malinowski is now ready to send his first Texas breeding lines back to New Zealand for seed increase in 2014 to ensure a high quality seed is available for worldwide evaluation and studies, he said. Final evaluation studies will be conducted in the U.S. and several other countries.

Others who are a part of the research effort are Dr. Bill Pinchak, AgriLife Research ruminant nutritionist; Dr. Yves Emendack, AgriLife Research post-doctoral plant pathologist; and Steve Brown, Texas Foundation Seed Service general manager, all of Vernon. The project is funded by Grasslands Innovation Ltd. of New Zealand.

Early on, AgResearch Grasslands in New Zealand was testing a cultivar eventually released as Fletcha, Malinowski said. He was working with Pinchak at the time on wheat grasses “and we didn’t have too much luck because they only lasted for one or two seasons. When we saw the Fletcha growing here, we began working with AgResearch and they sent us more lines.”

The group is trying to find forages to fill the grazing niche needed during October to December, a time when cattlemen are waiting for wheat to grow in the fall for forage, and again from March through May if wheat is produced for grain, Malinowski said.

“Our major goal has been to develop cultivars of summer-dormant tall fescue, orchard grass and perennial ryegrass with superior persistence, forage productivity and disease resistance, and tolerance to drought and high temperatures in summer,” he said.

“Our previous, long-term (10 years) studies have shown that summer-dormant, cool-season perennial grasses are perfectly adapted to the environments of the Southern Great Plains and incomparably more resistant to summer drought than other introduced cool-season perennial forage grasses.”

The project now has three tall fescue and three orchard grass breeding lines in the final stages of cultivar development. In addition, two synthetic lines of perennial ryegrass with exceptional tolerance to high temperatures are being developed and are ready for final selection in New Zealand, he said.

Malinowski said once the nucleus seed is increased in New Zealand, it will take about three years to evaluate the cultivars in the U.S. and other countries before the seed will be available to producers.

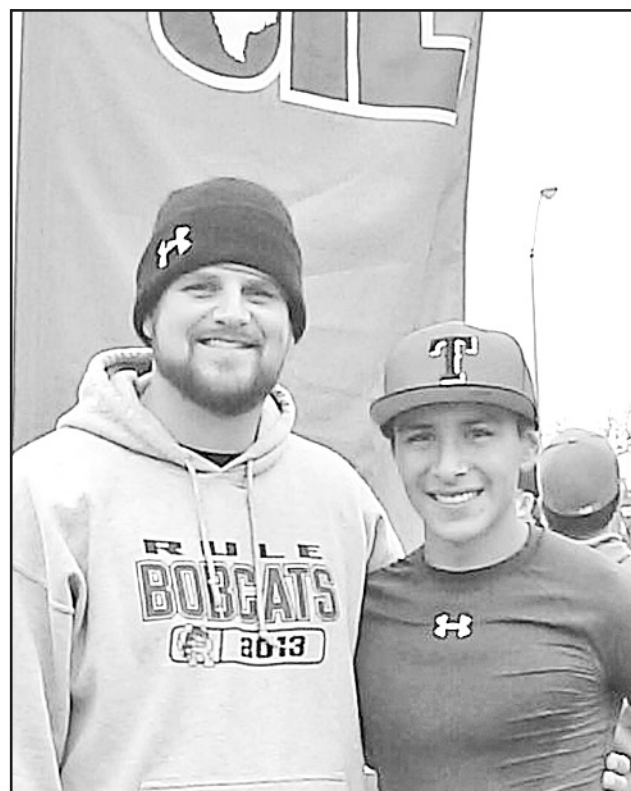
The tall fescue and orchard grass base populations are owned by AgriLife Research, while the ryegrass base populations originate from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Germplasm Resources Information Network, he said.

The three lines of tall fescue being developed and evaluated are bred with different uses in mind,

Malinowski said. One will be suitable for grazing by cattle or horses, another by sheep and the third will contain a friendly endophyte. Endophyte is a fungus in the plant that may improve the ability to tolerate abiotic stresses such as drought, as well as improve resistance to insect pressure.

In the orchard grass trials, the three lines also are bred for different uses, he said. For example, they differ in maturity, plant structure and tillering rate for grazing by cattle or sheep.

The two synthetic lines of ryegrass being developed are based on three accessions from the Mediterranean Basin, with one being an early maturing line and the other, late maturing, Malinowski said. The pre-nucleus seed of the early maturing selection will be produced at Vernon next year, while the nucleus seed of the late-maturing selection will be further increased in New Zealand.



RUNS AT STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET—Congratulations to Rule senior, Michael Perez, right. This is his third year to run in the State Cross Country Meet at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Perez finished in 14th place and with his best time of the year at 17:14. His coach is Josh Conner, left.

Be aware of wildfire threat this hunting season

Despite recent relief from drought brought on by rains in parts of the state, Texas A&M Forest Service officials are urging caution for those heading outdoors as deer season kicks off this weekend.

Hunters should refrain from building campfires and burning debris during windy or dry conditions as nearly 40 Texas counties remain under burn ban. All it takes is one spark from an unattended campfire, lit cigarette or even the muzzle of a gun to ignite a potentially devastating wildfire.

If you’re heading outside, keep in mind the following wildfire safety tips:

- Obey outdoor burning bans.
- Don’t build a fire during

dry or windy conditions.

• If there is no burn ban in place and conditions are right, you may safely build a campfire. But keep the fire small, never leave it unattended and remove flammable leaves and other materials from the area surrounding the fire.

• Make sure the fire is extinguished and cold to the touch before you leave it.

• Avoid burning feed bags.

• Keep water on hand when welding on stands.

• Drive only on designated trails. Don’t park or idle vehicles in tall, dry grass, which can be ignited by contact with a hot muffler.

• Use caution with cigarettes and matches.

• Use spark arresters on all power equipment.



PATRIOTIC PROGRAM—The Haskell Elementary fourth grade students presented a patriotic musical program during the Veterans' Day breakfast Mon., Nov. 11 at the school.



LAST GAME—The Class of 2014 gathered at the last Indian football game for a picture to capture the moment. Seniors are, front row, l-r, Megan Garcia, Lucy Carmichael, Meghan Glover and Kaley Mathis; back row, J.T. Schmegner, Daniel Contreras, Aaron Waggoner, Matthew Martinez, Zach Tatum, Aaron Urich, Kyle Kimbrough, Max Weise and Dakota Silvas.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will hold their November 4-H club meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the

twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

The group meet and do a community service project, such as making Christmas cards for soldiers. They will also be decorating caps for themselves.

The upcoming 4-H events and contests will be discussed, followed by refreshments.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Sales tax receipts show increase

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that state sales tax revenue in October was \$2.14 billion, up 5.4 percent compared to October 2012.

"Growth in sales tax revenues was led by collections from the telecommunications sector," Combs said. "The construction sector also showed significant gains. State sales tax revenue has increased for 43 consecutive months."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their November local sales tax allocations totaling \$654.6 million, up 7 percent compared to November 2012.

The sales tax figures represent September sales reported by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported by quarterly filers.

Haskell County had a 5.20 percent increase for November 2013 of \$48,531.06 in comparison to \$46,129.40 for November 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$504,787.84 reflect a 6.47 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$474,091.47.

The City of Haskell had a 4.36 percent increase for November 2013 of \$44,569.16 in comparison to \$42,703.66 for November 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$470,976.91 reflect a 6.89 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$440,602.51.

The City of O'Brien had a 16.56 percent increase for November 2013 of \$334.94 in comparison to \$287.35 for November 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$3,174.31 reflect a 23.45 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of

\$2,571.22.

The City of Rochester had a 5.48 percent decrease for November 2013 of \$782.33 in comparison to \$827.75 for November 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$5,319.17 reflect a 1.95 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$5,425.35.

The City of Rule had a 22.05 percent increase for November 2013 of \$2,445.52 in comparison to \$2,003.55 for November 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$22,586.52 reflect a 1.64 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$22,964.86.

The City of Weinert had a 29.96 percent increase for November 2013 of \$399.11 in comparison to \$307.09 for November 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$2,730.93 reflect an 8.04 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$2,527.53.

Master Marketer Program to be offered in Vernon

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Producers interested in learning how to increase their net returns possibly by more than \$250,000 over the next 10 years need to attend the Master Marketer Program set for 2014, according to Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon.

"The Master Marketer Program can help you do it," Bevers said, explaining the Master Marketer Program is a national, award-winning program that provides in-depth, intensive risk management education training.

The training will begin Jan. 22-23 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon. The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks, and is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the U.S., Bevers said. Other dates are Feb. 5-6, Feb. 19-20 and March 5-6.

The program teaches participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and helps teach the skills and discipline necessary to execute a risk management and marketing plan, he said.

"It's been six years since the last Master Marketer training was held in Vernon," Bevers said. "If

a producer ever thought about attending the training or a past graduate wants a refresher, they need to sign up early. It may be their last chance for a while."

The registration fee, which includes all meals and materials, fall short of covering all costs of this program, he said. Most of the costs are covered by grants from and partnerships with other organizations including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee, and the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

Anyone interested in attending can get more information by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent or by calling Bevers at 940-552-9941, ext. 231. Registration is available online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>. Due to the hands-on nature of the course, attendance is limited. The deadline for

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% 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. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

registration is Jan. 15.

Bevers said in post-training surveys in the previous years, 186 Vernon Master Marketer participants indicated their gross income increased on average \$34,000 annually based on what they had learned in the training.

"There is no reason that program graduates shouldn't receive this level of increased returns for the next 10 years," he said. "Interested participants should weigh carefully the registration fee, the time commitment and travel costs associated with the program against the potential of a \$250,000-plus increase in returns over the next decade when considering signing up for the program. Personally, I think it is a no brainer."

The instructors for the training consist of top professionals from industry and universities from around the country, Bevers said.

Case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises will be used wherever possible to provide students with experience using real tools that they can use on their own farm and ranch operations when they leave the class, he said.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

Fall armyworms and moths reported in high numbers

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

High numbers of Fall Armyworms (FAW) have been reported in Texas High Plains (Gray, Hale, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Parmer and Randall counties). Dr. Pat Porter reported a dramatic increase of FAW numbers in his trap at Lubbock this past week. Blayne Reed, IPM Extension Agent for Hale and Swisher counties, is finding increased number of FAW larvae, adding to a mix of corn earworm (CEW) and FAW in sorghum heads. With a broad range of maturities with some fields ready to harvest and other in flowering to soft dough growth stages, there still is a need to scout for caterpillars in those fields that are still developing grain. We generally refer to caterpillars in sorghum as sorghum headworms, regardless of the species. This primarily consists of both CEW and FAW in the Texas High Plains.

Control of headworms is influenced by the size of the caterpillars and the species present. In sorghum the size of the larvae is important to the economic threshold. Unlike cotton where control is best when applications are made when larvae are less than one-fourth inch long, control decisions in sorghum are based on when larvae are between the one-fourth to one-half inch (medium size) and more than one-half inch (large larvae). The difference in when to control larvae in cotton compared to grain sorghum is largely due to better spray coverage of the

grain sorghum heads.

Also from previous studies, eighty percent of larvae less than one-fourth inch long die and do not cause much damage to the kernels. Medium size larvae, likewise, have equally as high a percentage of mortality. The larvae that do survive to become less than one-half inch has the greatest chance of completing development and will consume eighty-three percent of the total larval stages. Therefore, the economic injury level is based on the number of medium and large sized larvae.

Control should be better on the more open sorghum heads. Still, the larger the caterpillar is, the more difficult it is to get good control, even with the better spray coverage on sorghum heads. And, with all things being equal, CEW larval control with pyrethroids is generally better than FAW control. This makes proper identification of larvae important to selecting insecticides for headworm control.

The FAW could also be a threat to early planted wheat. The following statement about the FAW in wheat was taken from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension publication "Managing Insect and Mite Pest of Texas Small Grains." "Early planting of small grains increases the risk of fall armyworm infestations. When large infestations occur on other hosts, fall armyworm moths may deposit egg masses in seedling small grains. Small

larvae feed on the leaf tissue, creating tiny window panes' in the leaves. Larger larvae consume entire leaves and are more difficult to control. Control is suggested when there are four or more larvae one inch or longer per square foot and when their damage is threatening the stand. Delaying planting can reduce damage when there are large infestations in other host crops or when dry conditions limit the attractiveness of other hosts."

Other Moths

There has been a diverse number of caterpillar species this growing season. In the Texas High Plains there have been reports of the smartweed borer as a possible candidate for moths seen fluttering around milo. Since then, there have been calls about heavy infestations of different caterpillars. These have been identified as hornworms, yellowstriped armyworms (YSAW), and garden webworms (GWW). The hornworms were feeding on purslane while the YSAW and GWW were feeding on pigweeds. Both the YSAW and GWW are general feeders and have a long list of host plants ranging from field crops, vegetables, and weeds. The YSAW primarily consume leaves but will eat cotton bolls, beans, tomatoes, etc. Also the GWW are foliage feeders, skeletonizing' leaves, and will spin webbing over the foliage. The GWW are members of the Crambidae family along with European corn borers and Southwestern corn borers.

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2013 INDIAN-MAIDEN BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Mon., Nov. 4	Throckmorton	Throckmorton	VG	6 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 8	Scrimmage	TBA	VB	TBD
Fri., Nov. 15	Trent	Trent	JVB, VG, VB	5 p.m.
Nov. 14-16	Eula Tournament	Eula	JVB, JVG	TBD
Tues., Nov. 19	Seymour	Seymour	All	4 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	Jim Ned JV Tourney	Jim Ned	JVG	TBD
Tues., Nov. 26	Eula	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Nov. 29-30	Fantasy of Light Tournament,	Wichita Falls	VB, VG	TBD
Tues., Dec. 3	Hawley	Hawley	All	4 p.m.
Dec. 5-7	Albany Tourney	Albany	VB, VG	TBD
Tues., Dec. 10	Knox City	Knox City	All	4 p.m.
Dec. 12-14	Knox City JV Tourney,	Knox City	JVG	TBD
Fri., Dec. 13	Archer City	Archer City	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 20	Ranger	Haskell	JVG, VG, VB	4 p.m.
Dec. 27-28	Jayton Tourney	Jayton	VB, VG	TBD
Fri., Jan. 3	Petrolia	Haskell	JVB, VB	2 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 3	*Hamlin	Hamlin	JVG, VG	5 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 7	*Munday	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Jan. 9-11	Knox City JV Tourney,	Knox City	JVB	TBD
Fri., Jan. 10	*Stamford	Stamford	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 14	*Anson	Anson	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 17	*Albany	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 21	*Hamlin	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Jan. 23-25	Knox City JV Tourney,	Knox City	JVB	TBD
Fri., Jan. 24	*Munday	Munday	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 28	*Stamford	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 31	*Anson	Haskell	All	4 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 4	*Albany	Albany	All	4 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 7	*Hamlin	Hamlin	JVB, VB	5 p.m.

*District Game. All denotes JVG, JVB, VG, VB

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Grady Benton

BOYS COACHES: Tate Thompson, Dustin Mackey

GIRLS COACHES: Blake Eddleman, Missy Burson

PRINCIPAL: Jeff York SUPT.: Bill Alcorn



COMPETES IN LUBBOCK—Paint Creek FFA Edwards, Corey Mengwasser, Gabby Mendoza, Hunter Hollingsworth, Caitlin Medford, Justin Bailey, Sebastian Acosta, Ashley Crossley, Ben Steele, Cody Mayfield, Marco Martinez and Hannah Lemond, Zhenia McTasney, Caitlyn Douglass, Sara Grand.

Paint Creek FFA attends Lubbock contest

Paint Creek FFA attended the Texas Tech Leadership Development Event Invitational Wed., Nov. 6 in Lubbock, competing in the following events: Junior Creed Speaking, Senior Creed Speaking, Junior Quiz, Senior Quiz, Junior Chapter Conducting, Senior Chapter Conducting and Junior Skills. Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.

Gabby Mendoza placed 16th in Junior Creed Speaking, Ben Steele placed 18th in Senior Creed Speaking, Justin Bailey placed first in Senior Quiz, Corey Mengwasser placed second in Junior Quiz, Junior and Senior Chapter conducting both placed eighth and Junior Skills placed third.

Paint Creek FFA will compete at the Double Mountain District contest Tues., Nov. 19 at Anson High School where they will have the opportunity to advance to the Area II LDE's.



HALEY JACKSON



CODY MAYFIELD

Students visit Rotary Club

Haley Jackson is the daughter of Wendy and Steve Meetze.

Cody Mayfield is the grandson of Steve and Anita Bean of Stamford Lake.

At Paint Creek High School, she is active in One Act Play, FFA, FCCLA and other academic UIL events.

After graduation from high school, she plans to attend Tarleton State University and pursue a career in graphic media.

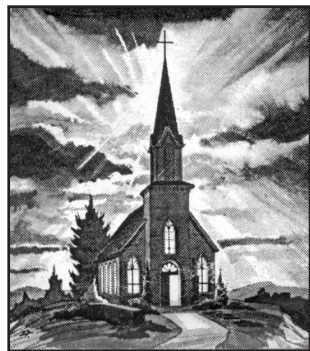
At Paint Creek High School, he is the Chapter president of Paint Creek FFA, a member of NHS, G/T, FCCLA and Student Council. He also participates in One Act Play.

After graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in computer science.

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 18-22 Breakfast
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal
Monday: Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes or cereal variety and Texas toast
Tuesday: Cheddar cheese omelet or animal crackers and string cheese
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and Texas toast
Thursday: Waffles and sausage or animal crackers and string cheese
Friday: Cinnamon roll and bacon or cereal variety and Texas toast
Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup
Wednesday: Chicken fajita with peppers and onion, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles
Thursday: Popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick
Friday: Cheeseburger with hamburger garnish, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches

This Week's Devotional Message:



Every prayer should contain a word of gratitude

When we pray, we are communicating with God; and we should do this at least twice a day: in the morning to ask for the strength and ability we will need for whatever the day might bring, and at bedtime to give thanks for this divine help and guidance. There is no reason to give God a 'shopping list' of our material desires, for He is already aware of our needs and will grant the things that are right for us. At your house of worship you will learn the proper words of the prayers that conform to your faith; but whatever they say, the principle still applies. When we develop the habit of expressing our gratitude for even the little things, we will learn to decrease our desires and be all the more appreciative of the blessings which we already have.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Shawn Smith, Youth & Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell, 940-863-4405
New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

- 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., 11:00 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, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule, 940-997-2296
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

Rule School Menu

Nov. 18-22 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes
Tuesday: Cheddar omelette wrap
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Waffles, sausage
Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Two beef and cheese chalupas, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce
Tuesday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, savory green beans, strawberry cup
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas with pepper and onion garnish, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles
Thursday: Popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick
Friday: Fish strips, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 18-22 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Pig n blanket
Tuesday: Omelet, toast
Wednesday: Toast, cereal
Thursday: Waffles, sausage
Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, beans, corn, oranges
Tuesday: Chalupas, refried beans, salad, applesauce
Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, fruit salad
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, baby carrots, salad, breadsticks, apples
Friday: Cheeseburger, fries, salad, peaches

ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 18
Chicken patty, gravy, macaroni, green beans, hot rolls, fudge brownie, tea or coffee
Wed., Nov. 20
Chicken, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, green beans, pumpkin buckle, tea or coffee
Fri., Nov. 22
Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, onions, pickles, pinto beans, jello, cookie, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Thornberry alerts residents to be on guard for Obamacare scams

Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is alerting 13th District residents to be on guard for possible scams and fraudulent websites meant to take advantage of people seeking to sign up for the Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obamacare.

"There is a great deal of confusion among people when it comes to Obamacare, and there are

a lot of scam artists out there who are already trying to prey on unsuspecting folks caught up in that confusion," Thornberry said. "The problems occurring with the launch of the healthcare act's website have greatly increased the risk of potential identity and information theft."

The official Affordable Care Act website and its data hub, which stores sensitive user information

like Social Security numbers and birthdates, have been panned by many technology and digital security experts as being vulnerable to malicious attacks by hackers. Even those not using the website are still at risk due to what is called "target spear phishing attacks" where scam artists send out emails pretending to be legitimate organizations in an effort to get people to follow nefarious web links

or unknowingly submit personal information.

"Everyone should always be extra vigilant but more so right now with the information they share over the Internet, especially via email. Criminals who could be thousands of miles away in foreign countries can be just as much of a threat to your security over the Internet," said Thornberry. He emphasized that "people need to look at any email they receive or website they are told to go to in regards to signing up for Obamacare with a great deal of skepticism. Double check the sources and the web addresses before clicking on anything and especially before submitting personal information."

Security experts urge people to beware of:

- Anyone contacting you by phone, email, or text offering to help sign you up for insurance in exchange for a fee. Never agree to provide anyone that offers such a service in exchange for money or your personal information (e.g. bank account numbers, Social Security ID, credit card accounts);
- Government imposters. Government agencies may send information about

the insurance exchanges to you via mail, but they will not call or email you requesting money or credit card numbers;

- Emails or phone calls from people using high-pressure tactics that try to scare or threaten you to submit sensitive information in order to avoid a fine or jail time;

- Bogus claims that you need an Obamacare card to receive insurance coverage;

- The only official website to sign up for the Affordable

Care Act exchanges is www.healthcare.gov. Always make sure to type out the website name and never blindly follow any link that says it will take you to the official website. People should avoid any other site claiming to be able to sign them up for the insurance exchanges.

Anyone receiving a telephone call or email seeking money or sensitive personal information should refuse the demand and report the threat to the Congressman's office.

"Guar potential for agriculture in the Rolling Plains" will be seminar topic

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The AgriLife Research and Extension Center monthly seminar series will be held Nov. 26 in the center auditorium, 11708 S. Highway 70, south of Vernon. The seminar is set for noon to 1 p.m. with Kyle Amos of Highfield Farm Asset Services in Amarillo presenting.

The seminar is free, and while no lunch is served,

those attending are invited to bring a lunch, said Dr. Richard Teague, Texas A&M AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist at Vernon.

"Farmers are interested in guar because it is a low input, drought tolerant crop," Teague said. "Guar also fixes nitrogen and some producers believe it could be useful as a cover crop to improve soil organic matter and fertility."

It is anticipated that worldwide demand for products made from guar gum will increase in the near future, he said. The Rolling Plains is particularly well suited for commercial production of guar.

For more information, contact Rebecca Williamson at the center at 940-552-9941 ext. 204 or rkwilliamson@ag.tamu.edu. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Nov. 25.

Calendar

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.

AWANA meets on Mondays

The AWANA Club (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) will meet at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st St., Haskell on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children must be age 5 by Sept. 1 through sixth grade. For more information call 940-864-5557.



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PROGRAM

The City of Rochester will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on November 19, 2013 at the City Hall, 214 Carothers, Rochester, Texas, in regard to the submission of a Disaster Relief Fund application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Trish McAdoo, City Secretary, at the Rochester City Hall. Persons with

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disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Rochester City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Rochester City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Trish McAdoo, at the Rochester City Hall, (940) 742-3411. 46c

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF RULE
TEXAS COMMUNITY
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BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

The City of Rule will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on November 19, 2013 at the City Hall, 701 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas, in regard to the submission of a Disaster Relief Fund application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community

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Maidens basketball

Maidens win season opener 61-35

The Haskell girls basketball team kicked off their 2013-2014 basketball season with a dominating road win over Throckmorton 61-35 last Monday night. The Maidens raced out to a 36-15 half time lead and never looked back.

The Haskell offense was led by the four returning varsity players off last year's undefeated district championship team. Juniors Reagan Hadaway had 18 points, Jacie Klose 15, Kenzie Shelton 10 and Crissy Bassett 4. Freshman Katie Newberry playing in her first varsity basketball game also helped lead the Maiden offense with 8 points.

Leading the team in assists was Hadaway with 7, Klose 3, and Freshman Alye Stewart 2. Hadaway and Shelton both had a team high with 5 rebounds each. Stewart and Newberry also pulled down 3 rebounds each.

"Overall, I thought we executed very well on both ends of the floor considering it was our first game of the year and the fact that we suited up so many kids that did not have varsity playing

experience," head coach Blake Eddleman said. "Our four varsity returners played like they are expected to and our less experienced girls did an excellent job in their first varsity game."

Scoring: Hadaway 18, Klose 15, Shelton 10, Newberry 8, Bassett 4, Pierce 2, Amos 2, Whitt 2.

Maidens take down Lady Yellowhammers 48-28

After starting the season with a convincing win over Throckmorton, the Maidens continued their winning ways by defeating Rotan 48-28 in front of a great Saturday afternoon home crowd. Haskell proved to be way too much for the Lady Yellowhammers during the first half by outscoring them 29-8. The Haskell offense was lead once again by the four starting juniors. Reagan Hadaway had 17 points, Jacie Klose 11, Kenzie Shelton 7, and Crissy Bassett 4.

There were also several other Maidens that contributed to the offensive scoring. Freshman Katie Newberry had 3 points,

MyKaylee Wilhite 2, Jacee Guess 2, B.B. Rodriguez 1, and junior Hayley Holland 1.

Klose had a team high 7 assists and 7 steals. Leading the team in rebounds was Hadaway with 7, Shelton 5, Newberry 2 and Rodriguez 2.

"I thought the girls did a great job forcing Rotan to turn the ball over and keeping them rattled throughout the entire game with our 1-2-1-1 zone press and our half court man to man defense," head coach Blake Eddleman said. "We may have to press a little more this year and run some half court man to man traps that will hopefully lead to some easy transition baskets."

"Overall, I was very pleased with how the girls played this week offensively and defensively," Eddleman said. "Offensively, we executed well and the girls did a great job protecting the ball and not turning it over very much. Defensively, we played tough intelligent man to man defense with a lot of energy and that is something we will always try and hang our hat on."

Rotan 4 4 10 10 = 28
Haskell 19 10 9 10 = 48

Scoring: Hadaway 17, Klose 11, Shelton 7, Bassett 4, Newberry 3, Wilhite 2, Guess 2, Rodriguez 1, Holland 1.

Paint Creek ISD seeks students for G/T program

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

Anyone wishing to nominate a child believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the office at Paint Creek School to pick up the necessary forms. The office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that

requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this test.

Nomination period for Paint Creek ISD is Nov. 11-22. All completed nomination

forms are due back in the Paint Creek School office by 3:30 p.m. Fri., Nov. 22. For further assistance, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 940-864-2868.

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