

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB-G, VB-G vs Albany
 Fri., Jan. 17, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
JH vs Stamford
 Mon., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
JVB-G, VB-G vs Hamlin
 Tues., Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Throckmorton
 Fri., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
JH vs Bryson
 Mon., Jan. 20 at Paint Creek
VG-VB vs Newcastle
 Tues., Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.
 at Newcastle
RULE
VG-VB vs Harrold
 Fri., Jan. 17, 6 p.m.
 at Harrold
JH vs Crowell
 Mon., Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m.
 at Crowell
VG-VB vs Knox City
 Tues., Jan. 21, 6 p.m.
 at Knox City

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Dance

The Beau Taylor band will perform Sat., Jan. 18 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Haskell American Legion Hall, 509 S. Ave. E. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Legion. For more information call 940-642-9005.

MLK celebration

Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. C in Haskell, will host a Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Mon., Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. Theme for the day is, "The Changing World and the Unchanging Christ."

Insurance help

Christal Martin with West Central Texas Council of Governments will be at the Haskell Hospital Education Building Mon., Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help anyone learn more about "Obama Care" insurance requirements and help with information and resources about the health insurance market. Help will be provided to those needing assistance in signing up for insurance.

Nominees sought

Citizens are asked to nominate candidates to be named The Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year for 2013. To make a nomination, call the Chamber office at 940-864-2477 or mail to P.O. Box 316, Haskell, Texas 79521. The winners will be revealed during the banquet Mon., March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Medical fund

A medical fund to help with expenses has been established for Derrell Sorrells of Rule at Rule Banking Center in Rule.

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GRAND CHAMPION STEER-Ethan Drager, a member of the Haskell County 4-H Club, holds his steer that took Grand Champion honors at the Haskell Junior Livestock Show held last weekend.

Family marks the end of an era

Last Friday and Saturday, 4-H and FFA exhibitors from all across Haskell County brought their animal projects to the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show to participate in the livestock show and premium sale. Many of these exhibitors have had family members involved in this show for many years.

One family in particular from Rochester, the George (late) and Sharon Mullino family, reached an important milestone this year. When the Mullino's youngest grandson, Haskell High School senior, Aaron Urich, entered the County show ring to exhibit his swine project for the last time, it marked the 34th consecutive year that a member of the Mullino family had been an exhibitor at the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show and Premium Sale.

Aaron's mother, Faye Mullino Urich, began this span when she first entered the county show ring with her Hereford steer back in January 1980. Her three older siblings had exhibited animals at the county show before her, but there was a five year span between Faye and the sibling closest to her.

When Faye graduated, her niece, Mary Belle Turner began showing, followed by sister, Amy Turner and cousin, Teddye Harris Meyers. The year Teddye graduated from high school, Faye's oldest son, Stewart Urich, began showing, followed by Aaron.

So, after 34 years in a row, Aaron marked the end of an era for the Mullino family at the Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show.

January sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said recently that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.25 billion, up 3.9 percent compared to December 2012.

"Consumer spending in retail trade contributed to the latest gain in state

sales tax collections," Combs said. "Other sectors such as telecommunications also contributed to the monthly growth, and state sales tax revenue has now increased for 45 consecutive months."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems

and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$573.5 million, up 8.1 percent compared to January 2013.

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

Haskell County had a 7.85 percent decrease for January 2014 of \$37,212.20 in comparison to \$40,386.46 for January 2013.

The City of Haskell had a 9.36 percent decrease for January 2014 of \$34,703.82 in comparison to \$38,290.77 for January 2013.

The City of O'Brien had a 54.29 percent decrease for January 2014 of \$132.55 in comparison to \$290.00 for January 2013.

The City of Rochester had a 3.41 percent increase for January 2014 of \$342.93 in comparison to \$331.61 for January 2013.

The City of Rule had a 38.39 percent increase for January 2014 of \$1,888.77 in comparison to \$1,364.75 for January 2013.

The City of Weinert had a 31.83 percent increase for January 2014 of \$144.13 in comparison to \$109.33 for January 2013.

Paint Creek ISD recognizes school board members

January is School Board Recognition Month and Paint Creek ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

"School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be

for every child," said Donald L. Ballard. "In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight in Paint Creek ISD for an annual budget of \$2 million, 132 students

in grades Pre-K to 12, and more than 30 employees on one campus.

Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their community, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren," said Ballard.

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families," said Ballard. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future.

The men and women serving Paint Creek ISD are: Gina Buerger, president; Wallar Overton, vice president; Vern Howard, secretary; and members Bruce Waters, Dana Pendergraft, Randy Emert and Kendell Medford.

"Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for truly caring about our kids," said Ballard.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 6-12:

Amy Strickland, burglary of habitation and forgery.
 Reba Kelly Coplin, assault family violence.
 Aaron Austin Cody Pierce, possession of greater

than 1 gram but less than 4 grams meth, 2nd degree felony.

Chelsie Dawn Sullivan, forgery.

Melissa Jean Moore, theft by check, state jail felony.

Anthony Craig Rouswell, expired driver's license and registration and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

Daniel Adam Gonzales, public intoxication.

Jerry Lee Tillery, DWI, 2nd misdemeanor.

Apollo Velazquez, possession of a controlled substance meth, state jail felony.

Olmedo Perez III, DWI 1st

Raimee Klynn Brown, possession of controlled substance 1 to 4 grams meth.

Forty calls were made to 911.

Noah Project committee to meet Friday

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Jan. 17 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. The main fund-raiser to be held in April at the Civic Center will be the topic of discussion.

Filing for City/School elections begins Wed., January 29

by Caron Yates

If serving in public office is on your bucket list, then here is your opportunity.

The date for city elections, as well as school board elections has been set for May 10, 2014.

Filing for a place on the ballot begins Wed., Jan. 29, and will continue through Fri., Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect a mayor and two aldermen. Council seats held by Jill Druessedow and Dan Hoover, along with the mayor's position will be up for election.

On the Haskell CISD school board, place #2 and #3, currently held by Debbie Earles and Joey Thomas, will be on the ballot. Both are three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote on a mayor and two

councilmen, now being served by Jerry Cannon, Patrick Pace and Bobby Robinson.

The Rule ISD school board has two positions up for election. Incumbents are Sam Grindstaff and Shane LeFevre.

In the Weinert city government, places held by Mayor Donald Griffis, and councilmen Angie Kirkland and Bill Walker will be on the ballot.

Rochester has two council seats to be voted. The positions held by Darryl McGhee and John Hicks, will be on the ballot.

If you have not registered to vote, you may want to do so as soon as possible. More information on early voting, ballot by mail and polling places will be published at a later date.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Mon., Dec. 23 in a regular meeting with Mayor John Gannaway, Pro Tem Jill Druessedow, Councilmen Dan Hoover, Shane Whitt, Allen Morrow and Ernest Fry in attendance.

Darrell Smith, Benny Harvey and Bob Whorton (alternate) were reappointed to the Zoning Board for two year terms expiring Jan. 1, 2016.

Action to receive bids to replace the roof at the

Haskell Civic Center was tabled. The council requested City Administrator Brandon Anderson to provide additional information on some of the bids submitted.

The expenditure of \$10,000 from reserve funds to pay for 1/3 of the housing/living quarters for the Haskell Emergency Medical Services was approved.

An Ordinance #122313 establishing and developing a local pension board to govern the Texas Emergency

Retirement System for the City of Haskell Fire Department was approved.

The council authorized City Administrator Anderson to draft a letter to address the past water history and to consider a requested cap on the water bill if the prison reaches a 25% reduction of past usage to comply with the water conservation plan.

In the City Administrator's report Anderson stated:

- The City is working on the HOMES grant. It is hoped the resolution and application will appear on the next agenda.

- The City has exceeded the water allotment from the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority the last two months, mainly due to water leaks. A few penalties has been incurred. Bills were provided in the councilmen's packets.

- Also in the packet was a financial report from the Civic Center board.

- The Public Right of Ways Ordinance passed in 2009 also was in the packets. This ordinance makes it the responsibility of the business utilizing the ROW in and around their business for upkeep and maintenance, this includes ice removal. This will be the topic of the next "Your City Wants You to Know" column.

- In the packet was also the attorney's opinion on whether or not the Municipal Judge can legally post a no handguns sign making all of the City Hall building off limits for guns.

- The trash trucks have had mechanical issues causing trash pickups to be behind. This is an ongoing problem and the City is working to fix the issues.



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Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 20-24 Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily.

Monday: Oatmeal round, yogurt

Tuesday: Chicken-n-waffle stix

Wednesday: Sunrise sandwich

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chalupas, salad, refried beans, applesauce

Tuesday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, strawberry cup

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, beans, corn, oranges

Thursday: Popcorn chicken, salad, baby carrots, breadsticks, apples

Friday: Fish strips, toast, fries, coleslaw, peaches

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Obituaries

Joel Torres, Jr.



JOEL TORRES, JR.

Monday morning, Jan. 6 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Dec. 9, 1950 in Levelland, he was the son of Mary Helen (Villareal) and Joel Torres, Sr. He married Teresa Villalobos in Haskell April 12, 1966. Teresa passed away Aug. 7, 2008 after 42 years of marriage. Joel enjoyed hunting, fishing and anything to do with the outdoors. He loved old westerns and driving his truck.

Along with his wife, Teresa, Joel is preceded in death by his parents, Rocky and Mary Helen Gonzales; his father, Joel Torres, Sr.; and one brother, Bernie Gonzales.

Joel will be missed by many, but most importantly his three sons, Joel Torres, III and wife Jovita of Haskell, Louis Torres and wife Mary

Bell of Bridgeport, Jason Torres and wife Amber of Rochester; two daughters, Sylvia Pace and husband William of Littlefield and Mali Torres of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; four brothers, Ernest Torres, Rocky Gonzales, Jr., Benjamin Gonzales and Robert Gonzales; three sisters, Hilda Gonzales, Rachel Hernandez and Silveria Gonzalez; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be grieved by all.

If desired, memorials may be given in Joel's name to Haskell County Relay for Life, c/o American Cancer Society, 3402 N. 1st St., Abilene, Texas 79603 or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia 22312.

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

Mary 'Shadella' Foster



SHADELLA FOSTER

Graveside services for Mary 'Shadella' Foster, 51, of Chico were held Mon., Jan. 13 at Willow Cemetery

in Haskell with Bro. Morris Johnson officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Foster passed away Thurs., Jan. 9 at her home in Chico.

Born June 27, 1962 in Breckenridge, she was the daughter of Daisy (Rushing) Horan. She grew up in Weinert and married Craig Foster Sept. 4, 1981 in Haskell. She was a waitress and chef for many years, but most recently a homemaker. Mrs. Foster enjoyed sewing and cooking.

She was preceded in death by her brother, David Boling.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, Craig Foster of Chico; two

daughters, Savannah Powers and husband Brandon of Quanah and Ashley Foster of Haskell; mother and father, Daisy and Fred Horan of Weinert; brother, Douglas Boling of Texarkana, Texas; two sisters, Penny Kaye and Christy Hawkins, both of Weinert; two grandchildren, Joshua Powers and Briley Powers; grandmother, Ruby Kunce of Haskell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desired, memorials may be made in Shadella's name to Solaris Hospice, 2250 S. FM 51 #400, Decatur, Texas 76234.

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

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 20-24 Breakfast

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.

Monday: Oatmeal and blueberry muffin or cereal variety and Texas Toast

Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup or cereal variety and Texas Toast

Wednesday: Pancake and sausage on stick, oven roasted potatoes or cereal variety and Texas Toast

Thursday: Sunrise sandwich or cereal variety and Texas Toast

Friday: Breakfast taco or cereal variety and Texas Toast

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Corn dog, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d'lite.

Tuesday: Beefy queso, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles

Wednesday: Ultimate taco salad with whole grain tortilla chips, romaine and opt. tomato garnish, salsa, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes

Friday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 20

Ham slice, scalloped potatoes, baked pork and beans, toast, fudge brownie, tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 22

Lasagna, mixed veggies, beets, garlic bread, jello, cookie, tea or coffee

Fri., Jan. 24

Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, English peas, garlic bread, lemonade cake, tea or coffee

Rule School Menu

Jan. 20-24 Breakfast

Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Texas toast

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza

Thursday: Waffles, sausage

Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Two crispy tacos, Spanish rice, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce

Wednesday: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberry/banana, roll

Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, green beans, peaches, pudding, breadsticks

Friday: Hot dogs, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, seasoned fruit, chocolate chip cookies

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 15, 2004

In observance of School Board Recognition Month, Haskell CISD trustees were honored for their dedication and hard work as they serve as advocates for our district. Board members are Mike Jordan, Joe Yates, Donnie Rieger, Steven Foster, Steve McGuire, Felix Rodriguez and Mynea Short.

Haskell Elementary kindergarten students of Kristi Gibson, Susan Cox and Rhonda Lisle showed off the many pairs of glasses they collected on Sight Night, held at the school. The glasses will be donated.

Vivian Curtis Roberson of Haskell, celebrated her 95th birthday with a party at Haskell Healthcare Center, hosted by her family. She was born in 1909 on a farm west of Haskell.

20 Years Ago January 20, 1994

Paint Creek's Will Duniven was chosen as a defensive end on the All-State Six-Man football team. He was credited with 119 tackles, nine sacks, and four fumble recoveries in eight games.

James Bradley Bevel of Haskell received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Services and Development degree from Tarleton State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bevel of Haskell.

Darla Griffis-Lane has earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from Our Lady of the Lake University in

San Antonio. A graduate of Weinert High School, she is the daughter of Donald and Gracie Griffis of Weinert.

30 Years Ago January 19, 1984

E. W. P r u e t t , communications technician in Haskell, was honored for his 35 years of service, at a special General Telephone Company Service Awards dinner held in Brownwood.

Former Sherman High School coach Bobby Rexrode, most recently a coach at Pottsboro, is joining Austin College as baseball and soccer coach. He was an All-District baseball player at Haskell High School and also played for Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Turnbow and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huckabee observed their 50th wedding anniversaries in separate celebrations this week. The parties were hosted by their children and grandchildren.

40 Years Ago January 17, 1974

Affiliate No. 11 of the Texas Hairdressers and Cosmetologists met in Haskell to elect officers for the coming year. Serving will be Francis Davis, president; Christene Green, vice-president; Hazel Trice, treasurer; and Julie Wallace, secretary.

Mrs. D.R. (Maude) Easterling celebrated her 80th birthday in the home of her son Doyle Easterling of Odessa. She was born Maude Arthur in Bell County and moved to Haskell County when she was 13 years old.

We here in Sagerton are looking forward to the Texas Community Improvement Contest this year, and will be working to make the #1 spot in the state. Last year we ended up as #2, and this year's chairman, Reece Clark, is calling for the cooperation of all in the community.

50 Years Ago January 16, 1964

Andy Gannaway, age eleven, exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the 21st annual Haskell County 4-H Steer Show. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gannaway of Haskell.

Howard Perry, owner/operator of an automobile dealership in Haskell, was recognized for his more than ten years of devoted efforts with Boy Scout Troop 36.

79 Haskell County teachers have started in-service training on the "new math." Pat Morrison, superintendent of Paint Creek School, is director of the in-service training now underway.

100 Years Ago January 17, 1914

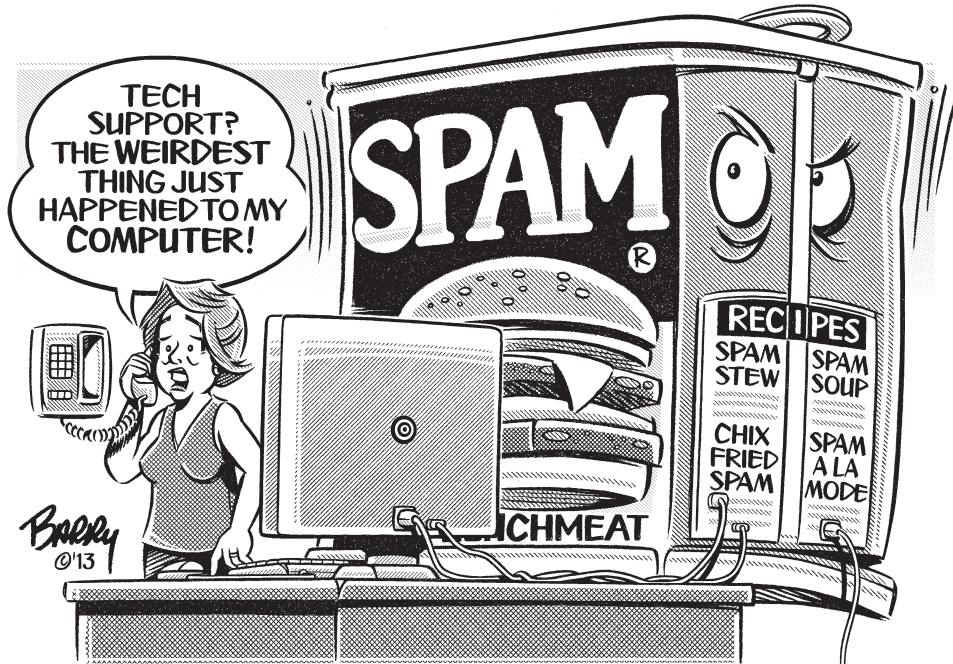
C.H. Wisdom left Wednesday morning for Wichita Falls to visit a sister he has not seen for a number of years.

Prof. T.C. Williams made a splendid address to the high school at Rochester a few evenings ago.

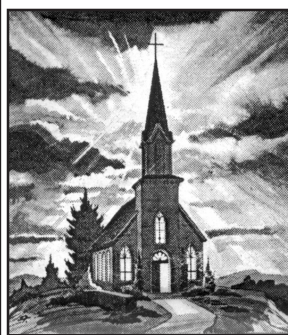
George Courtney attended the Farmers Union as a member of the transportation committee, which met at Fort Worth this week.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE—The winners of movie gift packages for perfect attendance during the second six weeks at Paint Creek School were, front row, l-r, Zhenia McTasney, David Flores, Austen Sanford and Zak Jones; back row, Dylan Webb, Dakota Mayor, Caleb White and Tanner Booe.



This Week's Devotional Message:



Through the eyes of faith we see life more clearly. Your eyes are your windows of the world you live in, through which you are able to observe your surroundings, recognize your fellow beings, perform your everyday tasks and follow the pathway of your life. They enable you to concentrate on a single object or person, or scan every detail of the panorama within your field of vision.

You can develop your powers of observation so as to enjoy the natural beauty of God's creation whenever you step out of doors, and you can also quickly identify a situation that should be remedied or a person in need of your help. At the church of your choice you will learn to see all the good things of this world through the eyes of faith.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**
Shawn Smith
Youth & Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
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., 11 a., 6:30 p.; 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.m., 10:55 a.m., 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., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Bishop Helsley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
O'Brien

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Finally temperatures we can live with. I hope those single digit temperatures are over. Wouldn't it be nice to bank some of those cooler days and be able to draw them out mid-summer on a 110 degree day?

In an area such as ours with a large "retired" population (note I didn't say old or geriatric), there's always a concern of ice which leads to falls which are the enemy of us. With the weather warming, the wife and I will be able to get out with our razor blades and clean up the windows around the square. Old advertisements taped to windows are usually handled by store owners, but as you are aware there are some empty buildings. Wish there were a way to assure that these people so eager to tape up our windows would be present to undo their handiwork!

Hope you'll be patient with the city as we struggle to overcome problems with our garbage trucks. Employees have been working over-time and in some circumstances manually grabbing garbage/trash that is bagged and putting them in the trailer. We have three garbage trucks and at some point during the holidays each has been in disrepair. They are extremely expensive, but it looks like we're going to have to bite the bullet and purchase a new one. The alternative is to hire a professional company which some of our sister cities do, but it is also very expensive.

The May elections feature two council positions—those occupied by Jill Druessedow and Dan Hoover plus the mayor position, currently held by yours truly. I encourage you to be a good citizen and vote, but give critical thought to that vote.

Several people in the county have made inquiries as to the procedure required for annexation into the city limits. I applaud this move as it shows they are interested

in our city government. They want to have a say in who is mayor, council members, etc. They want to vote and this desire supersedes any monetary gain they might receive by being outside the city limits.

For the city government it means a lot of really good, intelligent people would then be available to run for city council, mayor and for being appointed to boards. I think this is a positive move and I compliment those who are seeking annexation.

After visiting with our city attorney, it seems this is a long, laborious process. It would take 60 days to finalize. That means all of you seeking annexation need to talk with your neighbors, visit with Brandon Anderson and fill out the proper papers.

I made a stop at the livestock show on Friday morning—lots of young participants and observers. Saw animals of all sizes, shapes and colors that had been pampered, groomed trained and loved (maybe?) as they were being prepared

for exhibition in hopes of being the recipient of the blue ribbon. It all boils down to lots of hours of hard work. Enjoyed an interesting conversation with Jimmy Burson about our days of exhibiting steers. Both of us had some steers that were absolutely determined to not perform in an acceptable manner and were always ready to do the unexpected. Jimmy and I both agreed that it is a whole lot funnier now than back then.

Hope everyone is preparing to enter this new year with a refreshed and new outlook on life. Let's make it the best one ever.

Society to meet quarterly in 2014

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be on the first Monday of March, June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

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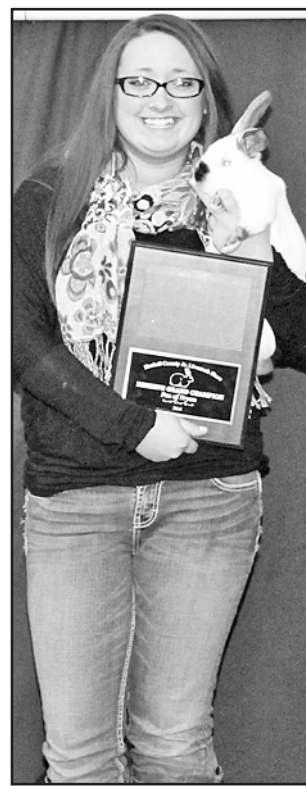
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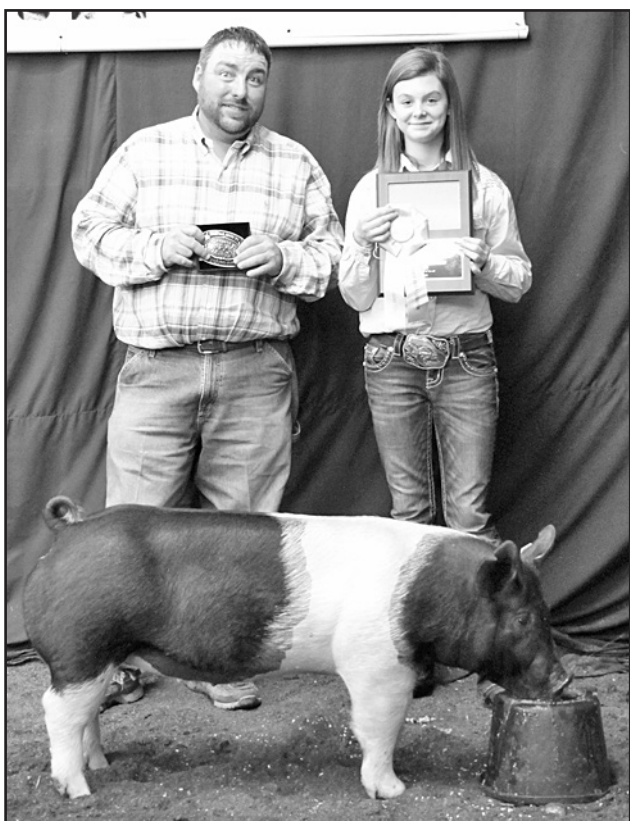
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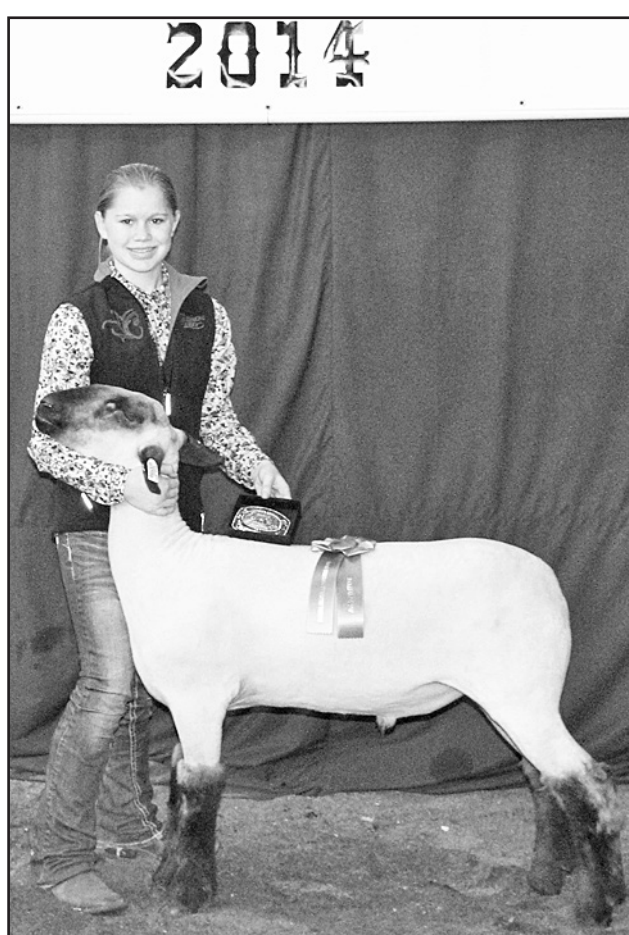
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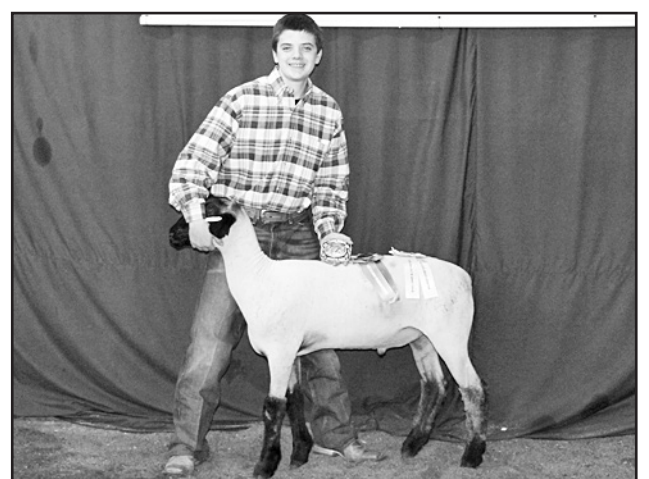
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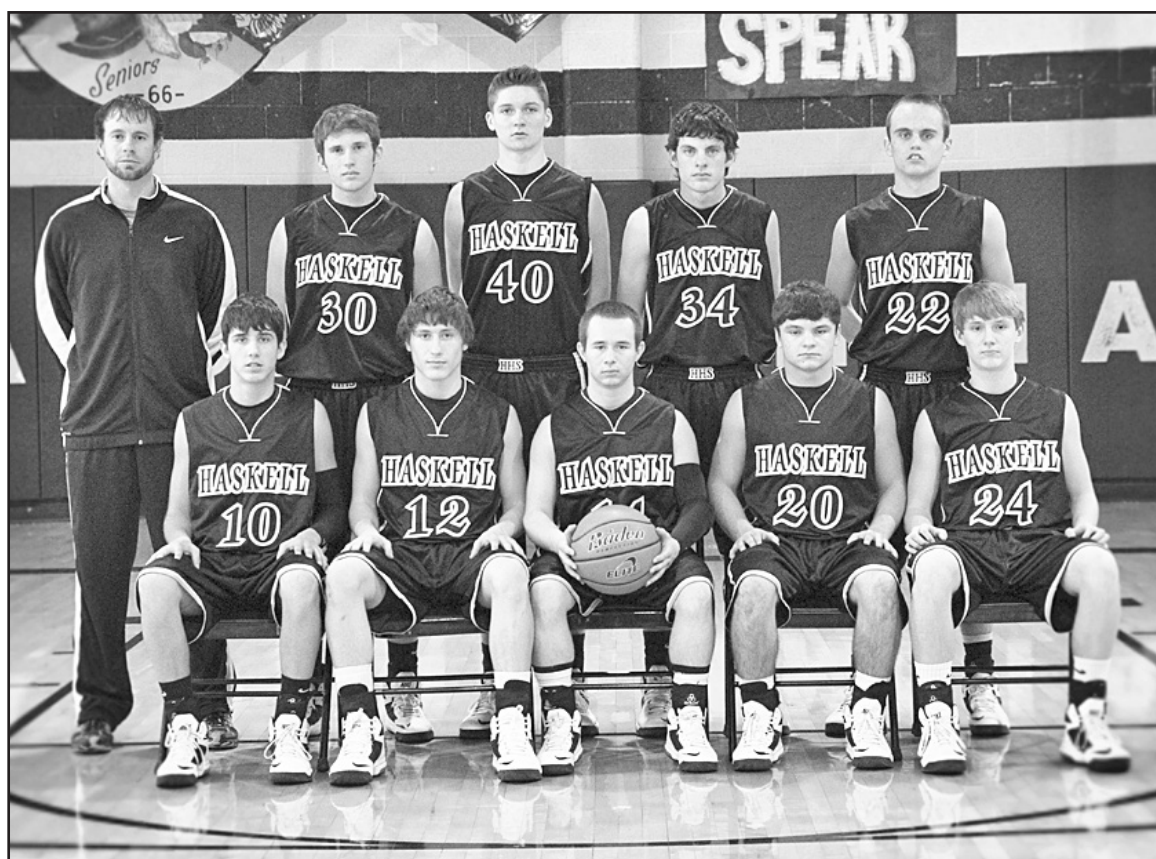
BASKETBALL '14

Indians

Haskell Indians

JVB, VB vs Albany
Fri., Jan. 17, 4 p.m.
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JVB, VB vs Hamlin
Tues., Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #10 Dakota Silvas, #12 Kelby Bell, #14 Matthew Martinez, #20 Brad Winterstein and #24 Dylan Hanson; Coach Tate Thompson, #30 Riley Meinzer, #40 Henry Smith, #34 Sean Weiser and #22 Cade Colley.

Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #35 Ashlyn Bevel, #21 Destiny Pierce and #5 Jacie Klose; #45 MyKaylee Wilhite, #15 Reagan Hadaway, #53 Kenzie Shelton, #41 Katie Newberry and #23 Crissy Bassett. Not pictured is #55 Alye Stewart.

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Maidens basketball

Maidens zip past Mogulettes 57-35

The Haskell Maidens used a big run in the first quarter and another one in the fourth quarter to pull away for a 57-35 victory over the Munday Mogulettes in District 9-1A girls basketball.

Junior Reagan Hadaway got a double-double finishing with 25 points and 14 rebounds as the Maidens improve to 14-5 overall and 1-1 in district play. "I thought Reagan played a great all around game. She shot the ball well from behind the 3 point line and came up with a lot of rebounds and steals," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Defensively, Haskell made it tough on Munday scoring the ball throughout most of the game. "Other than the third quarter, I thought our defense was pretty solid. The girls took a lot of pride in their defense individually and collectively," Eddleman said.

Hadaway had a team high 14 rebounds followed by Kenzie Shelton with 8. Hadaway also led the team in steals with 7 followed by Jacie Klose with 4 and Destiny Pierce 3. Leading the team in assists was Klose with 7 and freshman Ashlyn Bevel with 2.

"I thought the girls did a great job executing the game plan on both ends of the floor from start to finish. They valued each offensive and defensive possession

throughout the game. I was very proud of them and it was nice to get the district win at home in front of a great crowd," Eddleman said. Haskell 20 8 11 18 = 57 Munday 8 6 13 8 = 35

Scoring: Hadaway 25, Klose 14, Bassett 8, Shelton 8, Bevel 2. **Maidens hold down Lady Bulldogs 41-27**
The Haskell Maidens overcame a sluggish first half on the road to get the 41-27 district win over the Stamford Lady Bulldogs. The Maidens outscored the Lady Bulldogs 22-12 the second half to secure the win and move to 15-5 overall and 2-1 in district.

Haskell had a balanced scoring attack offensively throughout the game. Crissy Bassett had 11 points, Kenzie Shelton 10, Reagan Hadaway 10, Jacie Klose 6 and Destiny Pierce 4. "I thought the girls did an excellent job offensively taking whatever the defense was willing to give us. We can put five kids on the floor at all times that have the skills to score the ball and that is one reason we are pretty tough to defend. Stamford ran about five different defenses at us and the kids did a great job of finding the open girl and knocking down shots," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Defensively, the Maidens made it really tough on the Lady Bulldogs. "I thought we did a solid job executing our man to man defense individually and collectively. If we want to win on the road and contend for another district championship, we must be willing to defend and rebound. I thought we did that pretty well over at Stamford," Eddleman said.

Shelton and Hadaway led all rebounders with 9 each and Bassett finished with 7. Pierce had a team high 4 steals followed by Klose with 2. Klose had a team high 7 assists followed by Hadaway with 3 and Pierce 2.

"Overall, it was a good district win on the road and I was proud of all the girls. We did not have a great shooting night but we did defend and that is the main reason we won the game," Eddleman said.

Haskell 7 12 13 9 = 41 Stamford 5 10 5 7 = 27
Scoring: Bassett 11, Hadaway 10, Shelton 10, Klose 6 and Pierce 4.

Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Reagan Hadaway, a junior forward, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top Ten Tues., Jan. 14.

Hadaway opened the week with a 25-point, 14-rebound, seven-steal night in a 57-35 win over Munday.

Hadaway posted 10 points, nine boards and three assists in a 41-27 win over Stamford to help the Maidens improve to 15-5 overall and 2-1 in district.

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.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Haskell, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2014**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 41, Stamford 27
Scoring for Haskell: Shelton 12, Hadaway 10, Bevel 9, Klose 6, Pierce 4.

Boys

Haskell 61, Munday 55 (OT)
Scoring for Haskell: Silvas 22, Bell 16, Hanson 15, Marintez 3, Smith 3, Colley 2.

JV: Haskell 44, Munday 17
Stamford 63, Haskell 51
Scoring for Haskell: Bell 14, Martinez 12, Silvas 11, Smith 6, Colley 4, Winterstein 2, Meinzer 2.
JV: Haskell 42, Stamford 17

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