

Basketball

HASKELL
JVB Knox City JV Tourney
 Jan. 8-10 at Knox City
JH Maidens Clyde Tourney
 Jan. 8-10 at Clyde
JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Stamford
 Fri., Jan. 9, 4 p.m.
 at Stamford
JVG Albany JV Tourney
 Sat., Jan. 10 at Albany
B game, 7A, 8A Maidens vs Albany
 Mon., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
 at Albany
JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Albany
 Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
JH vs Jayton
 Thurs., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG/VB vs Rule
 Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
JH vs Aspermont
 Mon., Jan. 12, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG/VB vs Aspermont
 Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.
 at Aspermont
RULE
JH vs Trent
 Thurs., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Trent
VG/VB vs Paint Creek
 Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
JH vs Lueders-Avoca
 Mon., Jan. 12, 6 p.m.
 at Lueders-Avoca
VG/VB vs Trent
 Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 17 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. 17 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Dinner at Rule

The date for the Rule Community Dinner is Sun., Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria, announced the Rule Chamber of Commerce. The meal will be furnished and ladies of the community are welcome to bring desserts. Door prizes will be given.

Hour of prayer

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. C, Haskell will hold an hour of prayer from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Come by the church to pray for our city, state, country and other needs. Contact pastor Earnest Flanders, Jr. at 863-4405 for information.

Men's' bible study

A men's bible study will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square. The study is open to all. For more information call 940-481-0495.

Al-Anon

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

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CHRISTMAS BLANKETS-Loudell Barbee, center, joined by her daughter Louetta Wallace, talks with Santa during the resident's Christmas party at Haskell Healthcare Center. Among the many gifts were blankets presented by the Haskell chapter of the Salvation Army.

Haskell Fire Department elects new officers

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan. 5.

Mathew Cunningham was elected Fire Chief. Felix Rodriguez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Eddie Klose, Casey Moeller and A.J. Shaw will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Jake Alexander, Steven Wright and Tim Wilson.

Al Merchant is the safety officer. Kim Hutto will serve as the assistant safety officer.

Stephen Wright was elected chaplain. Trustees are Donald Cunningham and Randy Shaw.

Mathew Cunningham will be the training officer. Eddie Klose is the assistant training officer.

Stephen Wright will serve as secretary-treasurer. Bobby Scheets will be the assistant secretary-treasurer.

Equipment manager is Casey Moeller. Assistant equipment manager is Chance Strickland.

Haskell Jr. High UIL academic students win first place overall at district contest held in Hamlin

Thurs., Dec. 4, sixty-five Haskell Junior High students traveled to Hamlin ISD to compete in district UIL.

Haskell brought home first place overall with a point total of 895.5 points.

Awards received were: Sixth grade Impromptu Speaking: Kacie Easterling fifth place.

Seventh grade Impromptu Speaking: Haley Tibbets third place.

Science I: Ramiro Olvera second place; Caleb Wright third place; Garrett Waggoner sixth place; first place team: Wright, Olvera and Waggoner.

Sixth grade Math: J.J. Fuentes, second place; Jazlyn Rodela, fourth place tie; first place team: Fuentes, Rodela and Aubri Masias

Seventh grade Math: Kourtney Gibson, third place tie; third place team, Gibson, Garrett Waggoner and Krislyn Tatum.

Eighth grade Math: Braden Payne first place;

Areli Torres, fifth place; second place team, Payne, Torres and Ryanna Rodriguez.

Sixth grade Spelling: Spencer Simmons, first place; Cash Bassett, second place; Jacey Hudson, third place; first place team, Simmons, Bassett and Hudson.

Eighth grade Spelling: third place team: Landry Hanson, Halee Alsbrook and Autum Gibbs.

Eighth grade Spelling: Areli Torres, third place; Tristen Swinney, fourth place; Grace Colley, fifth place; first place team, Torres, Swinney and Colley.

Sixth grade Calculator Applications: Spencer Simmons, fourth place; Brody Frierson, fifth place; Makayla Arendall, sixth place; second place team, Simmons, Frierson and Arendall.

Seventh grade Calculator Applications: Braelyn Bevel, second place; Caleb Wright, fourth place tie; Casey Arendall, sixth place; second place team, Bevel, Wright and Arendall.

Eighth grade Calculator Applications: Kaelyn Bevel, first place.

Sixth grade Oral Reading: Kiannah Luce, first place; 2nd Chambray Phemister, second place.

Seventh grade Oral Reading: Haley Tibbets, fifth place.

Sixth grade Art: Brice Bridges, first place; Alex Hollingsworth, third place;

Marc Williams, sixth place; first place team, Bridges, Hollingsworth and Williams.

Seventh grade Art, J.R. Brown, sixth place.

Eighth grade Art, Allie Andress, fifth place; third place team, Andress, Brison Tullos, Ty Coleman and Georgia Benavides.

Sixth grade Dictionary Skills, J.J. Fuentes, fourth place tie; third place team, Fuentes, Ashlyn Payne, and Bassett.

Seventh grade Dictionary Skills: Kourtney Gibson, first place; Lauren Alexander, third place; Logan Burson, fourth place; first place team: Gibson, Alexander and Burson.

Eighth grade Dictionary Skills, Jaylee Seeliger, second place; Cera Taylor, sixth place; second place team: Seeliger, Taylor and Laken Olson.

Sixth grade Ready Writing: Tori Hollingsworth, fourth place.

Seventh grade Ready Writing, Kourtney Gibson, first place; Autum Gibbs, fifth place.

Eighth grade Ready Writing: Katelyn Hudson, fourth place; Jaylee Seeliger, fifth place.

Sixth grade Editorial Writing: Jacey Hudson, fourth place; Abby Andress, fifth place; Calie Everett, sixth place.

Seventh grade Editorial Writing: Kourtney Gibson, first place; Autum Gibbs, fifth place.

Eighth grade Editorial

Writing: Jaylee Seeliger, fourth place; Katelyn Hudson, fifth place; Georgia Benavides, sixth place.

Sixth grade Maps Graphs Charts: Spencer Simmons, sixth place; second place team, Simmons, J.J. Fuentes and Jazlyn Rodela.

Seventh grade Maps Graphs Charts: Caleb Wright, fifth place; third place team, Wright, Cutter Medford and Logan Burson.

Sixth grade Listening: Kacie Easterling, fourth place tie; third place team, Easterling, Hadley Sloan and Cash Bassett.

Seventh grade Listening: Caleb Wright, first place; Autum Gibbs, third place; first place team, Wright, Gibbs and Kourtney Gibson.

Eighth grade Listening: Cera Taylor, first place; Katelyn Hudson, fifth place; second place team, Taylor, Hudson and Peyton Smith.

Sixth grade Modern Oratory: Abby Andress, sixth place.

Seventh grade Modern Oratory: Kobie Walker, third place.

Eighth grade Modern Oratory: Katelyn Hudson, second place.

Sixth grade Music Memory: Tori Hollingsworth, first place; Ashlyn Payne, second place; Addison Decker, third place; Jacey Hudson, fifth place; first place team, Hollingsworth, Payne, Decker, Hudson and Eddie McBroom.

Sixth grade Number

Sense: Cade Anderson, third place; J.J. Fuentes, fourth grade; second place team, Anderson, Fuentes and Kolby Rubio.

Seventh grade Number Sense: Braelyn Bevel, first place; second place team: Bevel, Krislyn Tatum and Casey Arendall.

Eighth grade Number Sense: Areli Torres, first place; Braden Payne, second place; Josue Hernandez, fourth place; first place team, Torres, Payne and Hernandez.

Sixth grade Social Studies: Ethan Drager, first place; Spencer Simmons, Brice Bridges, third place; first place team, Drager, Simmons and Bridges.

Seventh grade Social Studies: Garrett Waggoner, second place; Logan Burson, third place; Koby Compton, fourth place; first place team, Waggoner, Burson and Compton.

Eighth grade Social Studies: third place team, Josue Hernandez, Taylor Tatum and Jaylee Seeliger.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 29-Jan. 4:

Charles Thomas Barr Jr., warrant #6748 evading arrest and warrant #6747 evading arrest.

Fifty calls were made to 911.

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FSA announces new yield data for safety net calculations

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini offered farmers new information to update program payment yields that will help them better select protections offered by the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety, offering farmers protection when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices and revenues.

"The Farm Bill provided landowners with the option of updating their farm program payment yields. This is the first time that many producers have been able to update yields since 1986," said Dolcini. "We've worked with the Risk Management Agency to make available certified yield data that producers can use to better calculate how the new safety net programs can offer the best protection against market swings."

Producers can check with their local FSA county office to see if data is available for them. This data belongs to the producer and only the

producer associated with the crop insurance records will be provided this service. Updating yield history or reallocating base acres can occur until Feb. 27, 2015.

FSA also issued a reminder that from Nov. 17, 2014, to March 31, 2015, producers will make a one-time election of either ARC or PLC for the 2014 through 2018 crop years. For more information, producers are encouraged to make an appointment to go into their local FSA county office. To find a local FSA county office, visit www.offices.usda.gov. Additional information on the new programs is available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

These programs were made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools;

expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and

investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 12 Tacos and all the trimmings, refried beans, brownies, tea or coffee	chip cookie, tea or coffee
Wed., Jan. 14 Veggie beef soup, tuna and pimento cheese sandwiches, pickles, onions, jello, choco	Fri., Jan. 16 Chicken spaghetti, blackeyed peas, salad, garlic toast, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.	

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 12-16 Breakfast	Lunch
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.	Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Sausage roll, yogurt or cereal variety and toast	Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup
Tuesday: Cheese omelet wrap or cereal variety and toast	Tuesday: Chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast	Wednesday: Pizza choice, garden salad, California blend, apple slices
Thursday: Waffles and sausage or cereal variety and toast	Thursday: Turkey and cheese sub, baby carrots with ranch, seasoned corn, orange smiles
Friday: No school	Friday: No school

Rule School Menu

Jan. 12-16 Breakfast	Lunch
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.	ranch, fresh fruit
Monday: Pancake on a stick, yogurt	Tuesday: Asian chicken, rice, carrots with ranch, steamed broccoli, pineapple, cookie
Tuesday: Chicken n biscuit	Wednesday: Tex Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, salad, hot cinnamon apples
Wednesday: French toast	Thursday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, potato rounds, ranch style beans, pears
Thursday: Breakfast pocket	Friday: Pizza, green beans, salad, apple slices
Friday: Muffin, sausage	
Lunch Milk is served daily.	
Monday: Chicken fajitas, salsa, corn, carrots with	

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 12-16 Breakfast	Lunch
Milk and juice are served daily.	Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pancakes	Monday: Pizza sticks, corn, salad, pineapples
Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich	Tuesday: Taco salad, rice, beans, fruit
Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy	Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, fries, salad, jello with fruit
Thursday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast	Thursday: Meaty pasta bake, green beans, salad, breadsticks, grapes
Friday: No school	Friday: No school
Lunch	

HNB receives award

Haskell National Bank is proud to announce it has earned BauerFinancial's 5-Star Superior rating for strength and security, proof positive that you don't have to be the biggest to be the best.

BauerFinancial Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's bank rating firm, has been evaluating and rating banks since 1983. A 5-Star Superior rating indicates that Haskell National Bank is one of the strongest in the nation, excelling in areas of capital, loan quality, profitability and more. In fact, Haskell National Bank has earned this highest rating for the most recent 91 consecutive quarters which secures it an even more elite status as a "Sustained Superiority Bank." Only seven percent

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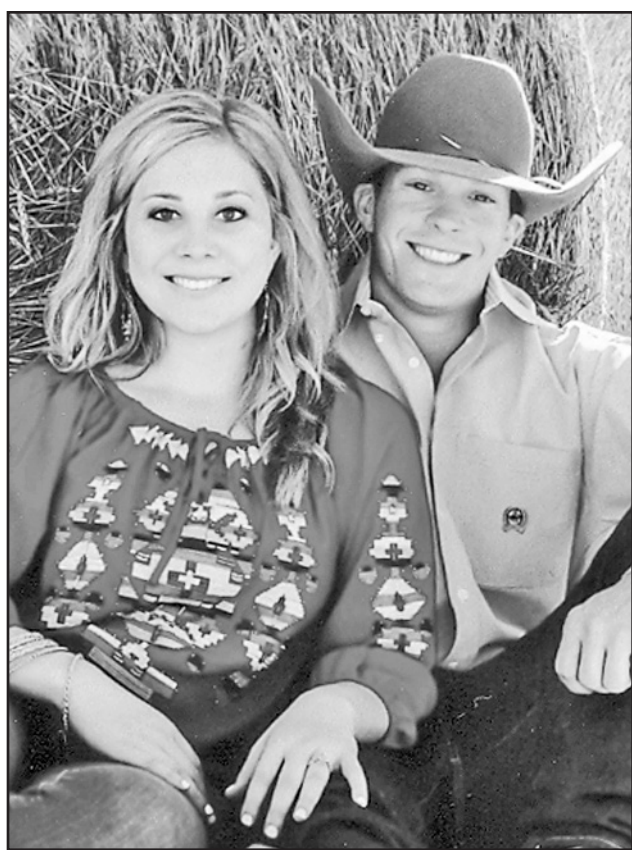
J'Lyn Robinson Physical Therapist

to our staff effective January 5, 2015. J'Lyn has 15 years of experience in Physical Therapy and is a graduate of Texas Tech University's Physical Therapy program. She most recently worked at Stamford hospital as the director of their department.

She has PT experience in outpatient, inpatient, swing bed, and wound care and will be available Monday through Friday with expanded hours to meet your Physical Therapy needs.

Please join us in welcoming J'Lyn to our healthcare team!!

Fran McCown, Administrator



KAYLA PROVENCE - TAYLOR WILLIAMS

Provence, Williams to marry May 30

Kayla Provence and Taylor Williams are announcing their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Travis and Juhree Vaughn of Windthorst. She is attending Midwestern State University and plans to graduate in the spring

with a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mindy Smith and the grandson of Jane Smith of Haskell. He is employed by Tubing Testers, Inc. in Archer City.

The couple plans a May 30 wedding in Bellevue.

Dealing with depression and Parkinson's disease

Robin Williams wasn't the only person diagnosed with Parkinson's disease who also was fighting depression. Some 35 percent of Parkinson's disease patients experience depression, particularly upon diagnosis. Some people, like Williams, struggle with depression for years and eventually are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

"Parkinson's can be diagnosed first and then the patient may get depressed, or they can struggle with depression for a time, and then develop Parkinson's disease," said Dr. Richard Dewey, Professor of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"We think the degenerative nature of Parkinson's affects levels of serotonin and dopamine, both critical agents in the nerve/muscle reaction, as well as impacting a person's moods."

The good news is Parkinson's patients who experience depression typically respond well to antidepressant medications and are very rarely suicidal, according to Dr. Preston Wiles, Professor of Psychiatry

at UT Southwestern. However, he cautions that relatives and caregivers should be aware of the Parkinson's/depression link, be on the lookout for signs of depression, and encourage the patient to talk with their neurologist about their emotions, as well as their physical symptoms.

Signs of depression include:

- Persistent sadness, anxiety, or feelings of emptiness
- Feeling hopeless, helpless, and worthless
- Loss of interest in typical activities
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling restless, irritable
- Changes in sleep, energy, and appetite
- Increased use of drugs or alcohol
- Talking about death or suicide

"Men are particularly problematic, as they are less likely to show the typical signs of depression, such as sadness, crying, or loss of interest, and instead show their depression as emotional suppression, social withdrawal, aggression or irritability, and perhaps increased usage of alcohol or drugs," said Dr. Wiles.

Here's a New Year's resolution to save your life

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

While eating more fruits and vegetables and parking as far away from the supermarket as possible will help improve your health in 2015, here's a resolution that can impact the lives of others, as well as your own life. Make a resolution in 2015 to put down the phone when you are driving and to not drive distracted! While all notions of self-improvement have their value, driving is one area where our actions can affect not only ourselves but other drivers and passengers on the road. Motor vehicle crashes continue to take their toll. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, in 2013 there was an increase in the number of crashes caused by distracted driving—especially fatal crashes caused by cell phone use.

Cell phones are a major distraction, but not the only distraction to drivers. Adjusting radios and GPS devices, loose pets, eating in the vehicle, and applying makeup are just some of the other distractions in your car. However, research shows that texting is among the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. Sending or reading an average text takes drivers' eyes off the road for 4-5 seconds. That means at 55 miles per hour, a texting driver would travel the length of a football field without looking at the road—as if blindfolded! That's something none of us would consciously consider doing! Any time you take your hands off the wheel, your eyes off the road, and especially your mind off your driving, you put yourself, your passengers, and others on the road at risk.

"Making a resolution to not drive distracted in 2015 can very well mean saving a life!" said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent, DaLinda Black. Some of the leading causes of traffic deaths are distracted driving, impaired driving, and people not wearing seat belts. Resolve to give driving your full attention, and protect yourself and others on the road. Although young drivers are at greatest risk from distraction, parents

and other adults should set the example by not using a cell phone in the car.

Follow the Governors Highway Safety Association's tips to prevent distracted driving (<http://www.ghsa.org>):

- Turn it off and stow it. Turn your phone off or switch it to silent mode before you get in the car. Then stow it away so that it's out of reach.

- Spread the word. Record a message on your phone that tells callers you're driving and will get back to them when you're off the road, or sign up for a service that offers this feature.

- Pull over. If you need to make a call, first pull over to a safe area.

- Use your passengers. Ask a passenger to make the call or respond to a text for you.

- X the text. Don't ever text and drive, surf the web, or read your email while driving. It's dangerous and against the law in most states. Even voice-to-text isn't risk-free.

- Prepare. If using a GPS device, enter your destination before you start to drive. If you prefer a map or written directions, review them in advance. If you need help while driving, ask a passenger to assist you, or pull over to a safe location to change your GPS or review your map/directions.

- Secure your pets. Unsecured pets can be a big distraction in the car.

- Mind the kids. Pull over to a safe place to address situations involving children in the car.

- Focus on driving. Multi-tasking behind the wheel is dangerous. Refrain from eating, drinking, reading, grooming, smoking, and any other activity that takes your mind and eyes off the road.

Make a commitment to not drive distracted. Go to <http://www.distracted.gov/content/take-action/take-the-pledge.html> to download a pledge and share it with friends and family.

Make 2015 the year you quit the distraction habit and help save lives on our roads! And while you're at it buckle up and live!

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Brazos West Art Assn.

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex.

Participants will work on a sketch and drawing exercise presented by Betty Berry and Nelwyn Beakley. Refreshments will be served.

The Christmas party was held Dec. 8. Gifts were

exchanged, toys were given to Haskell County Child Welfare and refreshments were served.

Those attending were Betty Hook, Barbara Fouts, Peggy Middlebrook, Delilah Larned, Pansy Harris, Betty Berry, Nelwyn Beakley and Joyce Ivy.

All are welcome to attend or join the Brazos West Art Association.

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OPINION

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 13, 2005

Haskell Cub Scouts placed third in the Bear Division in the Double Mountain Pushmobile Races. Team members are Zachary Tatum, Micah Thomas, Riley Meinzer, Kyle Kimbrough, Seth Rock and Braeden Alves.

In observance of School Board Recognition Month, Haskell CISD superintendent Eddie Bland expressed thanks to the school board for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools. Serving on the Haskell CISD board are Mike Jordan, Joe Yates, Donnie Rieger, Steven Foster, Steve McGuire, Felix Rodriguez and Mynea Short.

The Haskell Maidens defeated Quanah 49 to 48 in a hard fought game. Scoring for Haskell were McKnight, 23; Buerger, 7; Acosta, 6; Wallace, 5; Kendall, 4; Newton, 2; and Pannell, 2.

20 Years Ago January 12, 1995

Dream "T," a 1992 Appaloosa stallion owned by Sam and Gayle Bitner of Haskell, was named World Champion Two-Year-Old Halter Stallion in the Non-Pro Division at the Appaloosa World Show held in Fort Worth.

Halee Walton of Paint Creek 4-H showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb with medium wool, at the Tri-Area Livestock Show held at Stamford.

Tom Casey, Rule High School senior, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for North Western Louisiana State University, with a full scholarship. He is the son of Rudy and Julie Casey of Rule.

30 Years Ago January 10, 1985

Guy Kennedy hit a hole-in-one last week at the Haskell Country Club on the third hole. Kennedy, 76, was playing with Carl Bailey, E.J. Stewart and Troy Culpepper.

Rick Perry of Haskell, received the oath of office as State Representative of the 64th Legislative District, in ceremonies in Austin. Attending from Haskell were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Perry, Anita Perry, Emily Thigpen, Pat Hale, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Don Comedy.

Haskell High School class favorites recently chosen include Jennifer Davis and Jimmy Burson, senior class; Tina Lacey and Tim Johnson, junior class; Rhonda Adams and Andy Griffith, sophomore class; and Sylvia Castillo and Patrick Perez, freshman class.

40 Years Ago January 9, 1975

County Agent Max Stapleton spoke at the regular meeting of the Haskell Rotary Club on the work being done in the fields of animal husbandry, agriculture and home demonstration.

Airman First Class San J. Barrera, daughter of Mary Barrera of Old Glory, has graduated at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for radio equipment repair specialists. She is a 1970 graduate of Old Glory High School.

HHS senior Pat Everett, first chair clarinetist in the Indian Band, will try out for the All-Area Band. To be eligible to compete, she was first selected to the district and regional bands.

50 Years Ago January 14, 1965

The first born of the New Year in Haskell County was Billy Wayne McGhee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray McGhee of Rule. The family received numerous gifts from Haskell merchants.

"Luther Walker, 32, has been employed to serve as manager of a revitalized Haskell Chamber of Commerce," announced Abe Turner.

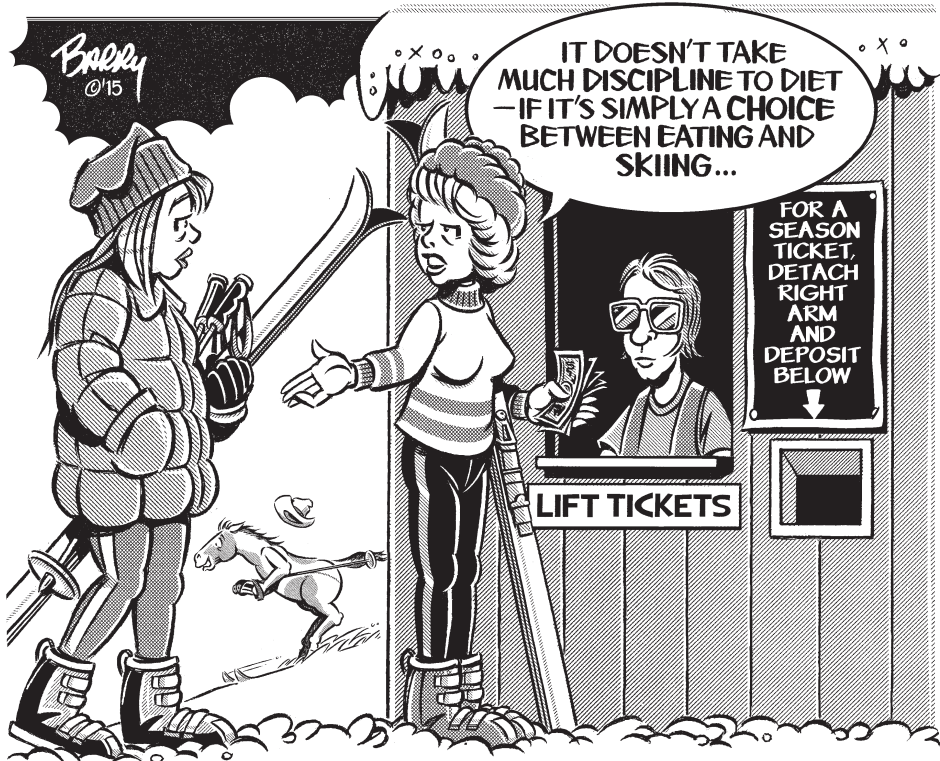
Paula Pinkard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Pinkard, and Joe Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cannon, were chosen "Most Talented Girl and Boy" at Rule High School.

100 Years Ago January 9, 1915

Grissoms in Haskell is holding a "Bargain Sale." Women's suits and coats valued from \$4 to \$15 are now \$2 to \$7.50. One lot of good shoes-buttons, new shapes and all solid leather, are now \$1.95.

Miss Addie Tompkins returned the first of the week to Simmon's College.

J.L. Balwin will have 55 head of coming 3 year old mules for sale in Haskell. He will sell for cash or satisfactory note.



How to keep your money safe

In the wake of the financial crisis—described by many as the worst since the Great Depression of 1930s—consumers wonder about the stability of our country's banking system, specifically the safety of their local hometown bank. Difficult economic times often increase the likelihood there will be attempts by unscrupulous individuals to gain access to your account information and money. How do you know if your bank and your money are safe?

First and foremost, if you are like 98 percent of consumers in the country, you maintain a cash balance of less than \$250,000 in any one financial institution. Balances of this amount are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and your bank pays hefty FDIC premiums for this. Since it was established in 1933, the FDIC has insured customer deposits and protected depositors in the unlikely event of failure. The FDIC offers helpful guidance for depositors to ensure all accounts are properly insured at www.fdic.gov. So, there is little cause for concern that your money is safe, be it in a bank large or small.

However, there are important things you can—and should—do to ensure the safety of your money.

- Keep a written log of your credit and debit cards issued by your financial institution. Keep this log in a safe place in your home or office in case one or more are misplaced or stolen. Notify your financial institution immediately if a card is lost or stolen. Never write your personal identification number (PIN) on the back of your debit card.
- Regularly check account balances for accuracy and any suspicious activity. While banks and other financial institutions go to great lengths to protect data from identity thieves and others trying to gain access to your account, it is still very important that you regularly monitor all accounts.
- Beware of any contact from an individual claiming to be from your financial institution who asks for account or personal information. This can be by phone or email, and you should never provide such information. Immediately report this to your bank so it may notify the proper law enforcement authorities.
- If you are elderly, be extra aware of scam artists. Be it a promise to do home repairs that requires a large down payment—and the work is never done—or an investment opportunity that guarantees a high return, scam artists often target elders. Keep

in mind that if something seems too good to be true, it is usually just that.

- Secure mobile phones and other devices that store sensitive account information. Protect these devices as you would your wallet or purse, and activate the security code and lock features.
- Be cautious when using automated teller machines.

Use only well-lit machines that are in public places, and check your surroundings before proceeding with any transaction.

- Your financial institution has a vested interest in protecting you and your money, and your local banker can be an excellent resource if you ever have questions or concerns about the safety of your money.

What you need to know about Long-Term Care Insurance

With nearly 15 percent of the United States population already over the age of 65, few American families are exempt from concerns—now or in the future—about how to care for aging family members. For many, the ability to care for a family member in their own home is not an option, thus necessitating reliance on care from an assisted living facility or nursing home. Reliance on this type of care can prove costly, so it is important that families consider investing in long-term care insurance to help prepare for this eventual need.

What is long-term care insurance?

Long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of ongoing personal care at home, in an assisted living facility or in a nursing home. Under most policies, a specific amount is provided to assist the policy holder in paying for assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing and eating.

How much does it cost?

The cost of long-term care insurance depends on the amount of coverage and how old you are when it is

purchased. When making a decision about how much coverage to purchase, it's important to understand the current rates charged by both care facilities and home health caregivers. However, be aware that buying coverage to prepare for today's rates might leave you without adequate coverage in the future. Ask your insurance agent for help planning for future increases in the cost of coverage.

Have an honest discussion with family.

When making plans for the future, have an open discussion with your family. You might not want to impose on your adult children by moving into their home or relying on their assistance. It is also possible that their family or housing situation might make it impossible for them to provide care for you in their home. Having an up-front discussion about these expectations will help determine how much coverage to plan for in the future. This can greatly affect the total premium you invest in your policy.

How to buy long-term care insurance safely.

States are responsible for

Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Reagan Hadaway, forward, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week Top Ten Tues., Jan. 6.

Hadaway, a senior, helped the Maidens improve to 14-1 over the holidays with four double-doubles in five Haskell victories.

Her averages include 21.4 points, 12 rebounds, 3.2 assists and three steals in wins over Roscoe, Winters, Anton, Borden County and Anson.

Calendar

Aggie Moms to meet Jan. 20

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Jan. 20 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 Tammy Crowe at 325-518-3464.

regulating the companies that sell long-term care insurance. If you receive a solicitation from a company offering you this product, check with your state insurance authority before responding to ensure that the company is authorized in your state. As long-term care insurance is a product you buy well before it is needed, you should do the extra work on the front end to verify that you're buying from a reputable source. Otherwise, you might find out too late that you've been cheated. A list of companies authorized to sell long-term care insurance in your state can also be requested from your state insurance authority.

While we can't prepare for every scenario life may throw at us, we can prepare for the realities associated with getting older. With a little preparation and understanding of the options available, we can avoid being hit with large, unexpected expenses that would disrupt our golden years. For more information on long-term care insurance and the considerations you should take before purchasing, visit www.longtermcare.gov.



GOODFELLOWS ELVES—Helping pack the Goodfellows boxes before Christmas were, front row, l-r, John Hicks, Bree Shaw, Aubrey Bassett, Laura Bowers, Jennifer Burgess, Sylvia Brown, Linda Haynes, Deanna Sullivan, Sydney Berra and Lee Berra; back row, Tyler Shaw, Luke Shaw, Brian Burgess, Tom Bassett, Donnie Rieger and Garrett Brueggeman; on the truck, Cash Bassett. Not pictured is Kim Bassett. The project is spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Indian basketball team include, front row, l-r, #34 Sean Weiser, #20 Brad Winterstein, #10 Kellen Parks, #12 Marc Guzman and #24 Dylan Hanson; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #14 Kade Colley, #40 Henry Smith, #30 Riley Meinzer and #22 Lane Burson.

Haskell Indians

JV Indians Knox City JV Tournament

Jan. 8-10 at Knox City

JV-V Indians vs Stamford

Fri., Jan. 9, 4 p.m.

at Stamford

JV-V Indians vs Albany

Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.

at Haskell



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #41 Katie Newberry, #35 Ashlyn Bevel, #11 Ariel Martinez, #33 Alye Stewart and #31 Brittany Amos; back row, #23 Crissy Bassett, #5 Jacie Klose, #21 Destiny Benavides, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #53 Kenzie Shelton.

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Go Indians! Go Maidens!



Child care solutions: Exploring your options

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Child Care Solutions:
Exploring Your Options

A child-care program can have a tremendous influence on your child. A good program may improve language skills, social skills and self-esteem. While no child-care operation can replace a parent's love and attention, well-chosen care can complement your efforts and enhance your child's development. There are many child-care choices available and the quality can vary widely.

We hope this guide helps you understand:

- How different child-care providers are regulated and evaluated against our minimum standards; and
- How you can research various child-care options to make an informed choice.

Once you read this guide, start your search at our Web site www.txchildcaresearch.org External Link to find information about all child-care providers licensed, registered or listed with the State of Texas.

Types of Child Day Care in Texas

Home-based care: more than 15,000 registered child

care homes, licensed child care homes, and listed family homes (unregulated).

Center-based care: more than 9,000 child day-care centers, drop-in care, Kindergarten and nursery school programs and some schools grades kindergarten and above.

* Totals based on 2010 DFPS Data Book, the number of child-care providers known to Child Care Licensing.

How does Child Care Licensing regulate homes and centers?

All regulated child-care operators must meet minimum standards for a child's health and safety. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' (DFPS) Child Care Licensing (CCL) inspects all licensed centers and homes and all registered homes to check for compliance with the minimum standards appropriate for the type of care. These standards have basic requirements for a safe environment and for caregivers to have minimal training and professional development every year. DFPS develops minimum standards in consultation with caregivers and experts in child development, education, fire

safety, health and sanitation.

What kind of care is best for my child?

This depends upon you and your child's needs and the setting you think would be best for your child. Look for qualities that help children thrive. These qualities are listed within the checklist found below. Most importantly, look for the education, experience, and training of caregivers as well as the group size for your child's age.

How do I find child care that meets my standards?

Child-care solutions are within your reach. Your child will benefit from the time you spend researching and choosing a child-care setting that meets the needs of your child and family.

Child care is a choice. Make it an informed one by following these steps.

Research your options. If possible, begin gathering basic information several months before you think you will need child-care.

Check our Website www.txchildcaresearch.org External Link to find information about child-care providers. The Web site offers the operation's details and results of our inspections.

You also may call your local Child Care Licensing office for a list of home-based or center-based operations in your area.

Talk to friends, family and other parents to get their recommendations.

Narrow your list to a few centers or family homes that interest you:

Arrange to visit them to compare their programs. If you did not obtain the inspection reports through www.txchildcaresearch.org, External Link you will want to ask each for the compliance information, or you can call your local Child Care Licensing office to request compliance information over the phone.

Visit when the children are in care so you can see what kind of activities are planned and how the caregiver interacts with the children.

Observe the caregivers, the environment and the children at the operation using the checklist below.

Keep in mind the individual needs of your child. Imagine what it would be like to spend eight to 10 hours every day in that environment. Meet with the caregiver or director.

Discuss any of your concerns and make sure your questions are answered to your satisfaction. It may be a good idea to return unannounced. If you have any reservations about the caregiver or the operation, trust your instincts and keep looking.

Sample Questions* to ask: Please describe a typical day.

How much TV are the children allowed to watch?

How do you discipline children?

How do you handle nap times?

How do you handle toilet training?

What types of play or learning activities do you have?

Do you have CPR and First Aid Training?

What other training do you and your staff receive?

What child proofing have you done to prevent accidents?

What types of foods do you serve for meals and snacks?

Are children ever transported in a vehicle? Do you use seatbelts or car seats?

How do you handle emergencies?

* Sample questions written by Lesia Oesterreich, Iowa State University, University Extension. Used with permission.

Use the following checklist to help decide if the center or home is right for your child.

Remember, a license, registration or listing does not guarantee quality child care. It is your responsibility to make sure that the center or home will meet the individual needs of your child and provide an environment where he or she can flourish. If possible, take your child with you to see how the caregiver and child interact and how the child adjusts to the environment.

Center/Family Home

Health and Safety: Clean and comfortable; Enough space; Toys and furniture in good shape; Medicines and cleansers out of reach of children; Safety caps on electrical outlets; Up-to-date license or registration (ask to see last inspection report); Safe and litter-free outdoor areas; Nutritious meals and snacks; Smoke detectors; Good light, heat/air conditioning and ventilation; Alternate exit for fire evacuation.

Daily Routines: Greeted warmly upon arrival; Opportunities for parents to share information and ask questions; Lunch and snack times relaxed and pleasant; Nap times relaxed and pleasant; Consistent, predictable schedule (look for a posted schedule); Times and places for both active and quiet play; Times to play alone and to play with others; Group size manageable for caregiver(s).

Fun and Learning: Toys that children enjoy; Enough toys for all children to stay engaged; Singing or finger plays; Pretend play; Outdoor play; Books to read; Blocks, puzzles and games; Drawing, painting, crafts; Caregivers talk, describe and read aloud to children; Caregivers thoughtfully answer questions; Interesting age-appropriate activities; Field trips and/or interesting visitors.

Attention and Affection: Individual attention; Calm voice; Relaxed and flexible; Patient; Listens to children; Gentle touch; Sense of humor; Respectful of children and parents; Good with supervision and guidance.

* Checklist written by Lesia Oesterreich, Iowa State University, University Extension. Used with permission.

Once my child is in care, how do I ensure care stays at my standards?

1. Keep talking with the caregiver.

Good communication with your child and child's caregiver is vital from the very beginning and will help ensure good care for your child.

Talk to the operation director or provider about their policies and make sure to sign and read a contract. A contract should cover issues like fee payments, late fees, operation holidays, and who provides snacks and meals.

Many homes or centers share weekly activity plans and menus. Ask to see them.

Ask about your child's behavior, interactions and progress.

2. Keep talking with your child.

Ask your child about their day, what they did, whom they saw or anything special that day.

If your child doesn't want to return to care, talk with your child and find out why.

Talk to the caregiver if anything unusual seems to have happened.

3. Talk to Child Care Licensing, if necessary. Report problems.

If you think any child's health or safety is jeopardized in a child-care setting, report your concerns immediately to your local Child Care Licensing office.

You can also file a report with Child Care Licensing if you have other concerns that you cannot resolve with your child's caregiver. All reports are taken seriously.

To report your concerns, locate your local DFPS Child Care Licensing office on the DFPS Web site, www.txchildcaresearch.org, or call the child-care information line at 1-800-862-5252.

A licensed center or home or a registered home that fails to maintain the health and safety standards could have sanctions imposed upon it.

In addition to inspecting licensed and registered child-care operations and homes, CCL investigates allegations of abuse or neglect and other alleged violations of standards and laws.

How do I report suspected child abuse?

If you suspect that any child is being abused or neglected by anyone, you are required by law to report it to a local law enforcement agency or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Call DFPS' 24-hour, toll-free hotline, 1-800-252-5400. Failure to report suspected child abuse and neglect is against the law. The law also protects individuals who make reports in good faith from legal liability.

Types of Child Day Care and Regulation in Texas

Home-Based Care: Everyone over 14 years old who is routinely in a regulated or unregulated home-based operation must clear a background check. In regulated care, applicants must attend a child-care orientation session, have a high school diploma or GED,

and have training related to care and education of children, including CPR and first aid.

Registered Child Care Homes: Regulated provide regular care in the caregiver's own residence for six or fewer children younger than 5 years of age. They may also take up to six more school-age children after school, including their own children. DFPS registers, rather than licenses, family day-care homes. Registered family homes are inspected by DFPS before the registration is issued. DFPS inspects at least once every three years, depending on the home's history of compliance with minimum standards.

Licensed Child Care Homes: Regulated provide care for seven to 12 children, birth through 13 years old, either in their own residence or in a separate location. DFPS licenses some child care homes. Directors must meet certain education requirements and have experience in child-care.

Before a home can be licensed, DFPS staff will inspect it to make sure it can comply with minimum standards. DFPS routinely inspects, often unannounced, between one and four times per year, depending upon its history of compliance with minimum standards.

Listed Family Homes: Unregulated provide care in the caregiver's own residence for three or fewer unrelated children. They may also care for children related to them; however, they must never care for more than 12 children at any given time. DFPS does not inspect listed family day homes unless there is a report of abuse or neglect. There are no age, education or training requirements for listed providers. There are also no health and safety standards.

Center-Based Care

Child care centers provide care for 7 or more children under 14 years old for less than 24-hours per day in a place other than the child's own home. Centers may have different names, such as preschool or child development center. They may serve a specific population, such as school-age children.

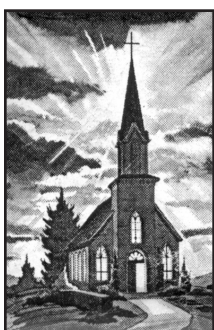
All provide care, supervision, training or education for children. DFPS requires all center-based care to maintain a license. Everyone over 14 years old must clear a background check. Applicants must attend an orientation session. Directors must meet certain education requirements and have experience in child-care.

Caregivers must have a high school diploma or GED. Directors and caregivers must meet training requirements related to care and education of children, including CPR and first aid. Before a center can be licensed, DFPS staff will inspect it to make sure it can comply with minimum standards. DFPS routinely inspects a center, often unannounced, at least once a year, depending upon its history of compliance with minimum standards.

Child Day-Care Centers provide care, supervision and education or training for 13 or more children, birth through 13 years old.

Licensed Child Care Homes provide care in the caregiver's own residence for children birth through 13 years. The total number of children in care varies with the ages of the children, but the total number of children in care at any given time, including the children related to the caregiver, must not exceed 12. DFPS licenses child care homes. Directors must meet certain education requirements and have experience in child-care. Before a home can be licensed, DFPS staff will inspect it to make sure it can comply with minimum standards. DFPS routinely inspects, often unannounced, between one and four times per year, depending upon its history of compliance with minimum standards.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your resolutions can't help you unless you keep them

A brand new year is underway, And just one week ago you say You made a comprehensive list Of what temptations to resist; Along with projects to be done, Including those not yet begun: Like writing letters you've postponed, To people whom you should have phoned.

You'll clean that closet out for sure, And give those things to help the poor. But most of all, you've vowed to heed The lessons of your chosen creed, And each and every Sabbath day Attend the services and pray; Then thank the Lord with all your heart You gave this year a flying start.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

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

Christian Church

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

Church of God

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

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Iglesia Bautista

El Calvario

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. Weston Pendergrass, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

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

St. George

Catholic Church

Father Angelo Consemmino
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

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

Jim Reid, interim pastor
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.
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Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Troy Culpepper, 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

Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home

Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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

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FCCLA DONATION—As a fund-raiser for the Haskell County Child Welfare Christmas for Kids, members of the Haskell FCCLA continued a successful project from last year, challenging each class in high school to fill their class jar with loose change or dollars. The class with the most money raised would earn a week of early-release to lunch. The sophomore class won by giving an overwhelming \$557, more than the total of last year's collection. All together \$733.20 was raised, almost doubling last year. Collection jars are displayed by, top, l-r, Shady Blue Dunlap, Ariel Martinez, Bridgett Blake, JoLene Navarette, Kacie Shaw and Aubrie Tatum.



RECEIVES CHECK—A check from a fund-raiser project, held by the Haskell FCCLA for the Haskell County Child Welfare Christmas for Kids project, was presented to Haskell Coach John Foster, who represented the Child Welfare Board, in the amount of \$733.20 from FCCLA Vice-President Alannah Luce. The money was collected by students who donated their loose change.

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W A L M A R T Neighborhood Market is now hiring part time pharmacy technicians and pharmacists for the Haskell location. Anyone that is interested should apply at Walmart.com. 2-5c

PHOTOGRAPHER needed to cover livestock show assignment. Call 940-864-2686. 2-3c

NOW HIRING for all positions. Apply in person. Sonic in Haskell. 2-3c

APPLICATIONS for the secretary's position at the County Extension Office are available at the County Judge's office in the courthouse on the second floor. The deadline for applications to be turned in will be January 16th at 4:30 p.m. in the County Judge's office. For more information call 940-864-2851. 2-3c

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Bid opening date for sealed proposals addressed to the City of Rule, Texas for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements project is extended until 2:00 p.m., January 14, 2015. Bids for the project will then be publically opened and read aloud at Council Chambers in City Hall, 701 Union Ave., Rule, Texas 79547. Project consists of all materials, tools, equipment, transportation, services, labor and superintendence necessary for the construction of water treatment plant. This project consists of the construction of an RO WTP including one 90,000 gpd RO facility, 30'x24' Building, 460 LF of 8", 6", 4", 3", and 2" WL Piping and connections, as well as Electrical, Control, and associated appurtenances.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents are available at Rule City Hall, 701 Union Ave., Rule, Texas and Jacob & Martin LTD, 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606. Copies of the contract documents must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for contract documents may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, Ltd., located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene,

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Maidens basketball

Maidens go undefeated at the Jayton Holiday Tournament

The Maidens ended the 2014 year by participating in the 58th annual Jayton Holiday Tournament.

The first day, Haskell got a tough win over a traditionally good Anton program 54-48. Reagan Hadaway led all scorers with 24 points followed by Jacie Klose with 14,

Destiny Benavides 9, Kenzie Shelton 6 and Crissy Bassett 1.

Leading the team in assists was Klose with 8 assists and Benavides 5. Hadaway led all

rebounders with 16, followed by Klose with 6, Shelton 6, Benavides 5 and Bassett 4. Hadaway and Klose led the team in steals with 5 each.

The second day, the Maidens beat Borden County 53-40. The Haskell offense was led by Hadaway with 25 points followed by Klose with 7, Shelton 4, Brittany Amos 4, Bassett 4, Alye Stewart 4, Katie Newberry 2, Destiny Benavides 2 and Ashlyn Bevel 1. Klose had a team high 5 assists followed by Hadaway with 4 and Bevel 3. Leading the team rebounds was Hadaway with 7 and Shelton with 6. Klose led the team in steals with 6.

The 13th ranked Haskell Maidens were scheduled to face off with the 8th ranked Valley Lady Patriots in the championship game; however, Mother Nature had other plans. The tournament was cancelled due to inclement weather. "Overall, I thought we played well offensively and defensively over at Jayton. We were looking forward to playing Valley again this year. But, the Jayton officials definitely made the right decision to cancel the tournament. The kids safety always comes first," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell	20	7	8	19	= 54
Anton	19	12	8	9	= 48

Borden Co.	6	16	9	9	= 40
Haskell	12	21	14	6	= 53

Maidens tame the

Lady Tigers

The Haskell Maidens used a big first half to pull away for a 59-40 victory over the Anson Lady Tigers in District 7-2 A girls basketball. The Maidens outscored the Lady Tigers 28-13 the first half to take a comfortable lead and they never looked back. Haskell moves to 14-1 overall and 3-0 in district.

Haskell had a very balanced scoring attack throughout the entire game. Reagan Hadaway had 15 points, Kenzie Shelton 12, Jacie Klose 9, Crissy Bassett 6, Destiny Benavides 6, Ashlyn Bevel 5, Alye Stewart 4 and Brittany Amos 2. "Offensively, the girls did a great job moving the ball, finding the open shooter, and knocking down shots. We knew that they were going to run a Box and One defense and a Triangle and Two defense at us. The girls stepped up and handled it extremely well," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. The Maidens were (21-58) for 36% from the field and (5-15) for 33% from the 3 point line. Bevel had a team high 4 assists followed by Klose with 2.

Hadaway led all rebounders with 14 followed by Shelton with 7, Alye Stewart 5 and Crissy Bassett 4. The Maidens out rebounded the Lady Tigers 39-23. "We have done a great job rebounding

the ball this year. All our kids understand the importance of rebounding and defense," Eddleman said. Hadaway led the team in steals with 5 followed by Klose with 4.

"Overall, I was very proud of all the girls. They did a great job preparing for this game and overcoming not being able to practice very much due to the bad weather and road conditions. They are a special group of girls and a joy to coach," Eddleman said.

Haskell	18	10	12	19	= 59
Anson	10	3	12	15	= 40

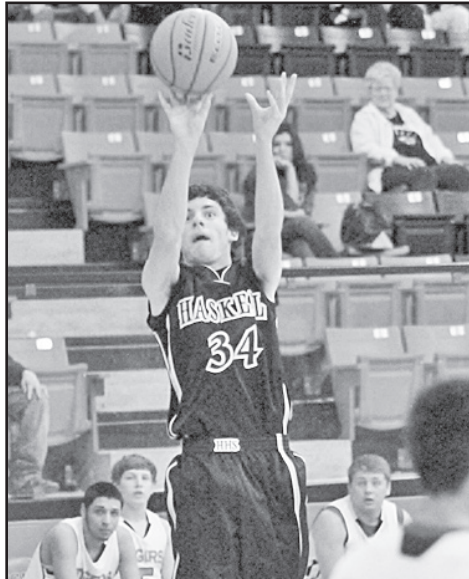
JV Maidens beat the Lady Tigers 24-21

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MAIDENS DEFEAT ANSON—Haskell Maiden #53 Kenzie Shelton, left, goes up for two points in the paint in the game against Anson. Maiden #23 Crissy Bassett, right, takes a jump shot for a basket in the district match against Anson.



INDIANS PLAY TIGERS—Haskell Indian #10 Kellen Parks, left, plays man to man defense against Anson. Indian #34 Sean Weiser, right, takes the ball up for two points for the Indians.

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