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JVB-VB vs Roscoe
Fri., Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
at Roscoe

JVB-VB vs Winters
Tues., Feb. 17, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

PAINT CREEK
VB vs Jayton
Fri., Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
at Jayton

VB vs Roby
Tues., Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

RULE

VG-VB vs Roby
Fri., Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
at Roby

VG-VB vs Aspermont
Tues., Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

Softball

Maidens vs Cooper,
Brownwood, Comanche
Sat., Feb. 14 at Cooper

Calendar

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church for a program entitled, "Love & Music In the Air!" Famous couples in duet, pantomime and solos will perform. Hostesses will be Pam Strickland, Freida Ivy and Julia Harrell.

Black history

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell, will host their annual Black History program Sun., Feb. 15 at 3 p.m.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Feb. 17 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2880 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Dance

A country dance will be held at the American Legion, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell Thurs., Feb. 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring "Cottonwood Cowboys." Admission is \$5. No alcohol is permitted. Bring your favorite potluck dish. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

Fish fry

The Trinity Lutheran Youth Group will hold a Fish Fry Sun., Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. A church service will be held at 10:30 a.m. The meal will be fried fish, slaw, french fries, hush puppies, beans, dessert and tea. Plates are \$8.50 each and take outs will be available.

Men's breakfast

A men's breakfast will be held Sun., Feb. 22 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. No charge. All men in the community are invited.

Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Mon., March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Please help us by nominating "The Business of the Year" and "The Volunteer of the Year" by calling the chamber office at 940-864-2477 or email www.haskellcc@srcaccess.net. All nominations have to be received no later than 1:00 p.m. Tues., March 10.

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Maidens are District 7-2A Champions

Maidens capture District 7-2A title
The Haskell Maidens won their second District Championship in three years with their 53-34 win over the Stamford Lady Bulldogs. Haskell outscored Stamford in all four quarters as they improve to 23-1 overall and 12-0 in district 7-2A.

The Maidens had a host of players put up points on the night. Reagan Hadaway led all scorers with 13 points, Jacie Klose 9, Ashlyn Bevel 8, Crissy Bassett 8, Kenzie Shelton 6, Destiny Benavides 4 and Alye Stewart 2.

Haskell was (17-40) 42% from the field, (5-13) 38% for three pointers and (14-17) 82% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, it's a blessing for a coach when you have a lot of kids that can shoot the ball. We have ten players on this year's varsity team and they are all capable of scoring the ball," head coach Blake Eddleman said. Leading the team in assists was Klose with 7 followed by Hadaway with 4 and Bassett 2.

The Maidens held the Lady Bulldogs to only 23

Filing open for city and school elections

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 9, 2015.

Filing for a place on the ballot continues through Fri., Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Applications to file for a place on the ballot may be obtained from city hall and school administration offices.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect three aldermen to two year terms. Council seats held by Ernest Frye, Shane Whitt and Allen Marrow will be up for election.

On the Haskell CISD school board, places #4, #5 and #7, currently held by Susan Turner, Bert Alvarez and Mark Stewart, will be on the ballot. All are three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote on three council positions,



DISTRICT 7-2A CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens are the District 7-2A Champions. Team members include, l-r, Coach Blake Eddleman, Ashlyn Bevel,

Alye Stewart, Courtney Whitt, Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose, Destiny Benavidez, Kenzie Shelton, Brittany Amos and Ariel Martinez.

points throughout the first three quarters of the game and they outrebounded them 24-9. Hadaway had a team high 6 rebounds followed by Benavides with 4, Klose 3, Shelton 3 and Stewart 3. Leading the team in steals was Hadaway with 2 followed by Klose and Benavides with

1 each.

"Defensively, the girls did a great job keeping the ball out of the paint and playing the percentages. We did not let them score in the paint until the fourth quarter and that takes a lot of focus and determination," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I was just so happy for the girls that they were able to capture the District Championship with a win over Stamford on our home court. We have the best fans and student body in the district."

"This year's team was determined to take care of some unfinished business from last year and bring another District Championship back to Haskell. The girls worked hard and sacrificed a lot throughout the last nine months to accomplish this goal," Eddleman added.

Haskell 13 8 16 16 = 53
Stamford 7 7 9 11 = 34
JV Maidens 19-3 (12-0)
beat Stamford 29-18

Maiden defense corrals Lady Lions

Defense played a key role on the road in the Haskell Maidens' 44-22 victory over the Albany Lady Lions. Haskell outscored Albany 18-4 the first half and had the game under control from that point forward to move to 24-1 overall and 13-0 in district 7-2A.

"Offensively, we had three players in double figure scoring and we had several other players provide scoring. We have a lot of kids that are capable of scoring on this year's team. That sure makes it tough on the opponent's defense and we have seen every kind of defense this year," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought we played well and I really liked how we took control of the game from the start. We took the crowd out early and that can be very beneficial when you are playing on the road," Eddleman added.

Haskell 7 11 10 16 = 44
Albany 2 2 9 9 = 22
JV Maidens 20-3 (13-0)
beat Albany 26-22

Jr. High Maidens are undefeated District 7-2A Champs
B Team 6-2 (5-0)
did not play Winters
7th A 12-1 (10-0)
beat Winters 42-0
8th A 11-2 (10-0)
beat Winters 47-12

Jr. High Maidens win District 7-2A Tournament

7th A got a bye the first round
7th A beat Stamford 31-6 in the second round
7th A beat Hawley 45-6 in the Championship game

7th A were the undefeated District Champs and District Tournament Champs 14-1 (12-0)

8th A got a bye the first round
8th A beat Albany 29-16 in the second round
8th A beat Hawley 35-14 in the Championship game

8th A were the undefeated District Champs and District Tournament Champs 13-2 (12-0)

Texas Independence Day celebration set

It's almost that time again—time to celebrate "Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style." The celebration will be held Sat., March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. around the courthouse and city square.

Dress up in your favorite period clothes and come to the square for gunfighters, fort reenactors, Native American tipi and flint knappers, Drummer Boy Ice Cream, musicians, pie-baking contest, dig'n for gold for kids, Haskell Dollar drawings, craft and food vendors and much more fun.

The Haskell Volunteer

Fire Department will once again have their annual mouthwatering hamburger and homemade onion fries fund-raiser.

To participate as part of the entertainment, contact Susan Cockerell or any member of the Committee to Help Haskell County. Vendor registrations for food or crafts are now being accepted. All food vendors must have food handler safety certificates.

Applications are available in the County Judge's office or by calling Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or 940-256-3296.



MAIDEN BASKETBALL—Haskell Maiden #35 Ashlyn Bevel, left, takes it up under the basket, drawing a foul against Stamford. Haskell Indian #53 Kenzie Shelton, right, goes up for two points against Albany.

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Area basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 53, Stamford 34
 Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 13, Klose 9, Bassett 8, Bevel 8, Shelton 6, Benavides 4, Stewart 2.
 JV: Haskell 29, Stamford 18
Haskell 44, Albany 22
 Scoring for Haskell: Klose 16, Shelton 13, Hadaway 7,

Benavides 2, Bassett 2, Amos 2, Stewart 2.
 JV: Haskell 28, Albany 24
Boys
Haskell 35, Stamford 34
 Scoring for Haskell: Hanson 18, Weiser 8, Colley 4, Smith 3, Parks 2.
 JV: Haskell 36, Stamford 28
Albany 46, Haskell 29

Scoring for Haskell: Colley 9, Hanson 7, Parks 4, Weiser 3, Burson 2, Meinzer 2, Roewe 2.
 JV: Haskell 31, Albany 29
Trent 75, Rule 41
 Scoring for Rule: Gonzales 12, Rogers 12, Potter 7, Mitchell 6, Helms 4.



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Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 21 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., Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Texas Celebration

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Support group

The Haskell Alzheimer's Association Support Group will meet March 23 at the Haskell Co. Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. E, in Haskell, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call DaLinda Black at 940-864-2658 or the Alzheimer's Association, North Central Texas Chapter 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Al-Anon

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



GOOD DEFENSE—Haskell Indian #32 Alec Roewe swats the ball on a defensive effort against Albany.



INDIAN BASKETBALL—Haskell Indian #24 Dylan Hanson, left, takes the ball up for two points in the lane in the Stamford game. Indian #10 Kellen Parks, right, goes up for two points in the game against Albany.



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A quick guide to winter skin care

Winter months often bring in cold, harsh changes for skin and hair, but a few good habits can alleviate dryness as well as the discomfort of itchy skin, UT Southwestern Medical Center dermatologists say.

"The relative lack of humidity during the winter months coupled with indoor heating systems will significantly dry out skin," says UT Southwestern dermatologist Dr. Stephanie Savory.

Below are a few tips to help keep skin and hair healthy:

- Take short, warm showers—Though they may feel good, long, hot showers can pull moisture from the skin and dry you out even more. Short (less than 10 minutes), lukewarm showers or baths with moisturizing soap are preferable in winter.
- Moisturize—Within 2-3 minutes of emerging from the shower, apply a coat of a fragrance-free, moisturizing cream or ointment—not lotion—all over the body to lock in the skin's moisture. Sleeping with a humidifier in your bedroom will also help

moisten the air.

- Use a leave-in conditioner to protect the scalp and hair—Just like skin on other areas of the body, the scalp dries more easily in winter. If you notice more dryness or itching of the scalp outside of scalp disease such as dandruff or psoriasis, try a leave-in, deep conditioner a couple of times per week. If the symptoms don't improve, see a dermatologist.

- Always use sunscreen—There is still significant UV exposure on cloudy days and cold days. Sunscreen not only helps prevent skin cancer such as melanoma, but it maintains the thickness of the skin, which contributes to a youthful appearance and can help reduce the appearance of wrinkles and sunspots. Choose one that has UVA and UVB coverage, and is SPF 30 or higher.

Limit screen time for kids

Video games and television can be a handy "baby sitter" for parents and caregivers, so it is important to pay attention to how much time your kids are spending glued to a tube, according to UT Southwestern Medical Center child psychiatrist Dr. Alice Ann Holland.

"Too much time online with video games or watching television can interfere with developing social interaction, conflict resolution, non-verbal and verbal communication, all of which are so socially based," says


Dr. Holland, who specializes in neurodevelopmental disorders.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than two hours per day of video, gaming, texting, or computer time for children ages 3 to 18, and no screen time at all for kids under age 3.

"You could argue that it's educational TV, but there are so many other ways to learn," Dr. Holland says. "Of course, it's easier to never give something than it is to take it away."

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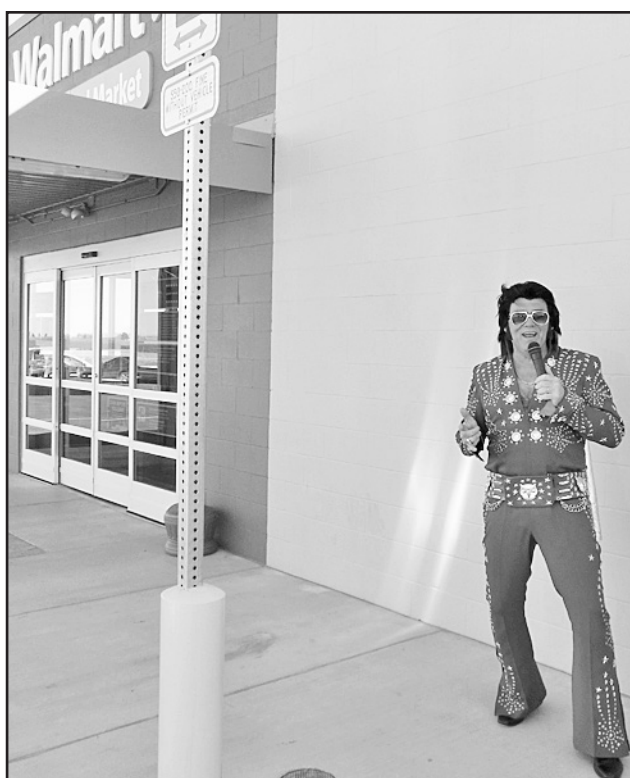
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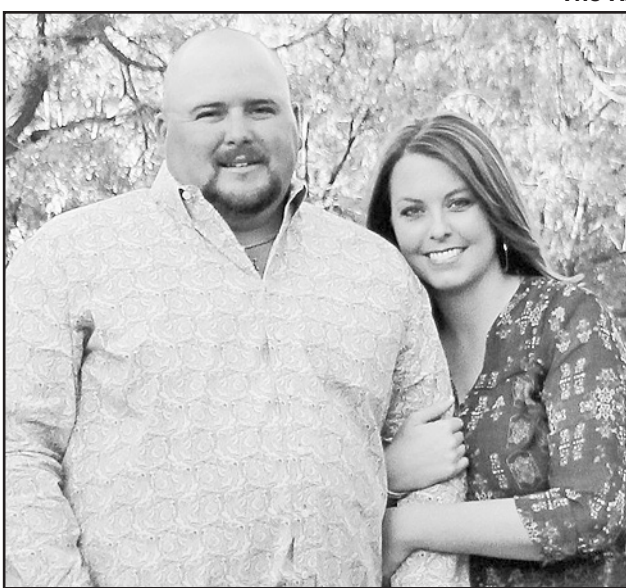
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ELVIS SINGS—Elvis treated shoppers at the Walmart Neighborhood Market in Haskell Sunday afternoon with his performance.



HEATH WADE LAWSON – KELI LAURA SMITH

Smith, Lawson to marry March 28

Bobby and Norva Smith of Rule announce the engagement of their daughter, Keli Laura, to Heath Wade Lawson of Floresville. He is the son of Tammy and Keith Wilburn of Sweetwater and Ricky Lawson of Stamford. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Doris Lehrmann and Roy Dean and Shirley Smith of Rule. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Diane Goode of Merkel and Lavada Lawson of Abilene. The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Rule High School. She is a 2010 graduate of Hendrick's school of radiography and a 2012 graduate of Midland College. She is a diagnostic medical sonographer at Hendrick Medical Center. The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Merkel High School. He is a project leader for Conoco Phillips. The couple plan to wed March 28 in Lawn.

Add up the dosage from OTC and prescription medicines

Winter colds and flu often lead people to reach for over-the-counter pain relief, so UT Southwestern Medical Center physicians say it's important to follow maximum dosage warnings, adding up both over-the-counter and prescription medications.

There is no safe drug, only a safe dose," says Dr. Carl Noe, who leads UT Southwestern's Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Management. "Exceeding the recommended dose of over-the-counter pain relievers is dangerous and can cause liver failure with acetaminophen, or kidney failure and internal bleeding with anti-inflammatories."

Exceeding recommended dosages can happen accidentally by failing to add up different medicines you are taking, or by failing

to account for medicines already in your system. For example, many people take a daily, low-dose aspirin as a preventive measure to reduce the chance of heart attack. That needs to be part of the total dosage of aspirin when they take a cold medicine.

Additional suggestions:

- Mention over-the-counter medicines as well as prescriptions when you talk to your doctor.
- Use your pharmacist as a resource to help you decipher what's in your prescription medicines and what over-the-counter medications could cause problems with that.
- Alcohol can increase the toxicity of acetaminophen, so avoid the combination.
- Don't mix over-the-counter cold medicines. Stick with one to avoid confusion about dosage.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Feb. 2-8:

Roger Dever, burglary of habitation 2nd degree felony.

Valentine Tafolla, violation of protective order misdemeanor A, also possession of a controlled substance meth state jail felony.

Jose Enrique Benavides, burglary of a habitation 2nd degree felony.

Joshua Castillo, burglary of a vehicle.

Stacie Sorrells, motion to revoke burglary of a habitation 2nd degree felony.

Nicholas Arreola, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon knife and beef bottle, Throckmorton charge.

Brittany Nicole Jewell, motion to revoke theft.

Fifty-four calls were made to 911.

Rule Community Dinner to be held Sun., Feb. 22

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.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer

Temperature

Mon., Feb. 2.....	22°/45°
Tues., Feb. 3.....	32°/55°
Wed., Feb. 4.....	42°/54°
Thurs., Feb. 5.....	26°/43°
Fri., Feb. 6.....	27°/70°
Sat., Feb. 7.....	48°/77°
Sun., Feb. 8.....	52°/80°

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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

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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.

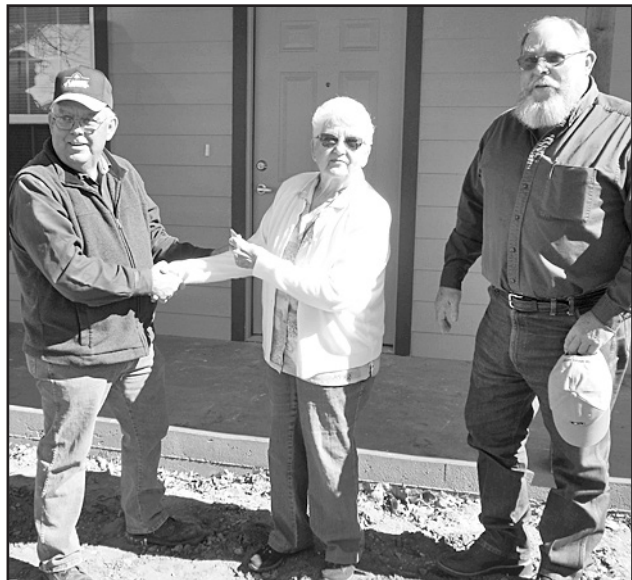
Haskell Maidens

District 7-2A Champs



Go Indians! Go Maidens!





507 MAIN, ROCHESTER—Haskell County Commissioners Bill Hester, left, and Kenny Thompson, right, present the keys to the house to new homeowner, Mary Hollingsworth. The home was built through a home grant obtained by Haskell County from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



709 5TH, ROCHESTER—Haskell County Commissioner Bill Hester, center, presents the keys to their new home to Ethel and O.T. Slaughter. The home was built through a home grant obtained by Haskell County from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



802 UNION, RULE—Haskell County Commissioners Kenny Thompson, left, and Neil Kreger, right, present the keys to the house to new homeowner, Melba Petrey. The home was built through a home grant obtained by Haskell County from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



201 BRANNER, RULE—Haskell County Commissioners Neil Kreger, left, and Kenny Thompson, right, present the keys to the house to new homeowner, Al Custer. The home was built through a home grant obtained by Haskell County from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Calendar

Easter Cantata

Rehearsals for the Easter Cantata, to be presented Sunday evening March 29, will be held Sunday evenings at 4 p.m. in the chapel at First Baptist Church.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Feb. 17 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.

TeamKID

TeamKID will meet at the First Baptist Church in Haskell on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The program is for children ages 4 years pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

AWANA

AWANA children's activities at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will meeting every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (on school days, not holidays), AWANA is a ministry for children 5 years old (by Sept. 1) through sixth grade. Activities include Bible stories, scripture memory, games and snacks. No pre-registration required. For more information, go to <http://www.cornerstonehaskell.org/> or call 940-864-5557.

Men's bible study

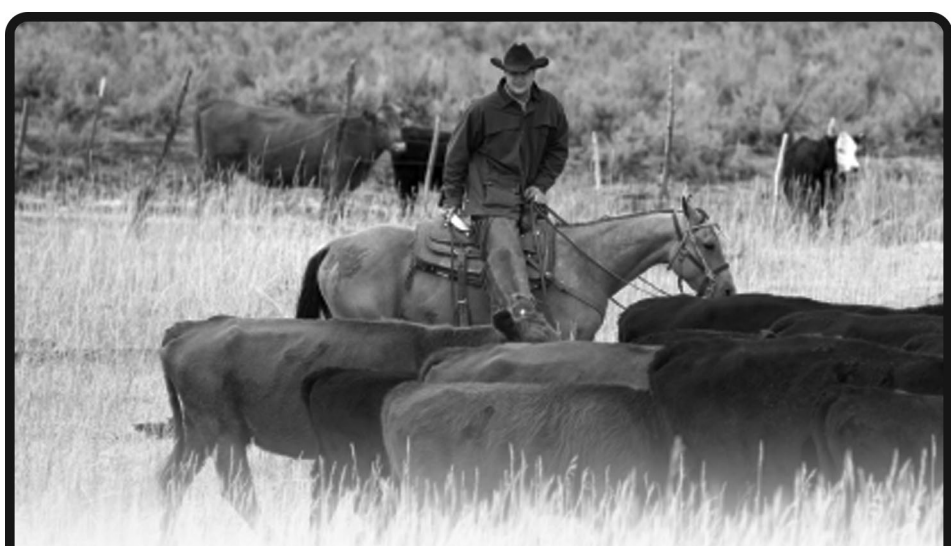
A men's bible study will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square. The men are studying the life and times of Paul in the book of Acts. The study is open to all. For more information call 940-481-0495.

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.



813 McCARTY, RULE—Haskell County Commissioners Neil Kreger, left, and Kenny Thompson, right, present the keys to the house to new homeowners, Glenda and Sandra Brothers, center. The home was built through a home grant obtained by Haskell County from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



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TAX PLANNING

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DO YOUR CHILDREN NEED TO FILE A 2014 TAX RETURN?

As a parent, you expect to file a federal income tax return every year. But do you check to see if your children need to file a return of their own? The filing requirements for children vary depending not only on the amount of income they have, but also on whether their income comes from working, investing, or both.

If your child had wage income only during 2014, a tax return is required if wages exceeded \$6,200. If the child earned less than \$6,200 but employers withheld taxes, a tax return must be filed if a refund is to be claimed.

If your child had net self-employment earnings of \$400 or more in 2014, a return is required and a self-employment tax is due. Income tax could be due if earnings exceeded \$6,200.

If a child had investment income only during 2014 (such as dividends and interest), reporting is required if the total exceeded \$1,000.

If your child has both earned and unearned investment income, a return is required if the total was more than the larger of \$1,000 or earnings plus \$350 (up to \$6,200).

If your child's investment income for 2014 exceeded \$2,000 and your child is under age 19 (age 24 if the child is a full-time student), the amount over \$2,000 will be taxed at your top rate. You may elect to include your child's unearned income on your tax return in certain circumstances, rather than filing a separate return for the child.

Be aware that a working child can make contributions to an individual retirement account, either a regular IRA or a Roth IRA. A contribution to a regular IRA will be tax-deductible, reducing the tax if your child owes any. A contribution to a Roth IRA won't be deductible so it won't lower a child's tax bill, but the offsetting benefit of tax-free withdrawals later on may still make it a wiser choice. Contributions to 2014 IRAs may be made any time up to April 15, 2015, the filing deadline for 2014 tax returns.

For assistance with your tax filing or those of your children, call our office.

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