### Basketball

HASKELL Indians at West Texas Invitational Dec. 10-12 at Stinnett Maidens at **Archer City Tourney** Dec. 10-12 at Archer City JHG vs Anson Mon., Dec. 14, 5 p.m. at Anson **JVG-VG vs Roscoe** Tues., Dec. 15, 5 p.m. at Haskell **PAINT CREEK JVB-VB vs Loraine** Fri., Dec. 11, 5 p.m. at Paint Creek **JHG-B vs Trent** Mon., Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m. at Trent VG vs Jayton Tues., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Paint Creek RULE VG-B vs Motley County Fri., Dec. 11, 6 p.m. at Motley County JHB-G vs Jayton Mon., Dec. 14, 6 p.m. at Javton VG-B vs Roby Tues., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Rule

### Calendar Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfpnews@lycos. com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Thurs., Dec. 24.

### Christmas parade

The Haskell lighted Christmas parade will be held Sat., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. There is no theme, so let your imagination go wild! Prizes are first place \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25 in Haskell Dollars sponsored



# Christmas parade to fill streets Sat., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

about your entry in this year's Lighted Christmas Parade, to be held in downtown Haskell Saturday, December 12.

The evening of fun will begin with the parade at 6 organizations, civic clubs

It is time to start thinking p.m. Mynea Short, manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, says, "There is no theme this year, so let your imagination go wild!" They are hoping businesses,

the Christmas spirit and have an entry in this year's parade. Prizes for the parade will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third, all paid in Haskell Dollars.

# **Goodfellows seek donations**

will distribute Christmas sincere effort will be made to 1 and 3 p.m. provide a Christmas package

The Haskell Goodfellows provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 12, the packages to needy families names of those who qualify again this year. The project for the Goodfellows project will be conducted as it has may be placed by application in previous years and a at Haskell City Hall between

This year's Goodfellows of useful items to those who project will be a joint effort might not otherwise have between the Haskell Lions

# **Goodfellows Donations**

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521. Helen Allison \$25

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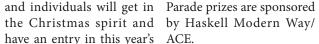
Club. the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire

Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Tom Bassett, vice-president; and Donnie Rieger, secretary-treasurer.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information

All cash donations may be mailed to the Haskell Goodfellows, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.



The Chamber, hoping to encourage more citizen participation, will also hold the Haskell Residential Christmas Lighting Contest, as well as the Christmas Business Window Contest. Residents and businesses can call the Chamber of Commerce office at 864-2477 to enter the contest. Judging will take place the week of December 7th. Sponsored by Rike Real Estate and Haskell Funeral Home, cash prizes for the residential contest will be \$500, \$300 and \$200.

Winner of the Business Window Contest, will receive a one year membership to the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, in addition to a trophy and "bragging rights" for a year.

Following the parade, contest winners will be announced at the gazebo on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn. At the same time, the Holiday Drawings will be held. Winners in the drawings will receive Haskell Dollars of \$50, \$100 and \$150. If you or your business would like to contribute to the Holiday Drawings, please contact the Chamber office.

The evening of fun will conclude with Family Movie Night and the showing of "The Muppet Christmas Carol," on the east side of the courthouse.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Haskell community and surrounding area to come together in the spirit of Christmas. So make your plans now to participate in the fun.

# Christmas cantata voices to be heard Sun., Dec. 13

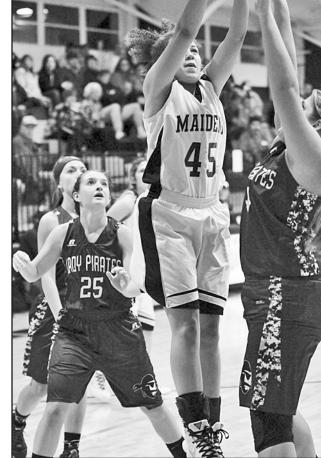
now, members of the Haskell community have come



For more than a decade together to share the "Good News of Christmas," in song.

> This year's presentation of the Community Christmas Cantata, will take place at the First Baptist Church in Haskell on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 7 p.m.

This eleventh performance is entitled "The Christmas Offering, Celebrating the Greatest Gift of All," by Luke Gambill, Sue C. Smith and B.J. Davis. This Christmas musical is a reminder and celebration of the most treasured Christmas offering of all-Jesus Christ. Because of His amazing love, we can celebrate "The Christmas Offering." As we read through the timeless Christmas story, we find several moments of precious offerings: Christ offered Himself, the Innkeeper offered a humble cattle stall, the Wise men offered their costly gifts, the Shepherds offered their solemn praise, the angels offered their majestic worship, and Mary offered her very own life. The choir, made up of approximately forty members from Haskell area churches, has been rehearsing every Sunday since September 6. Not for their own glory, the choir presents the cantata as a worship service to celebrate the birth of Christ. Immediately following the service, a reception will be held in honor of Jason Daniels, who has directed the cantata for the past eight years. He and his family will be moving to Friona, where he will serve at the First Baptist Church. This will be an opportunity to tell Jason and his family what they have meant to Haskell. Today, because of the amazing gift Christ gave, each one of us has something special to offer-both to Christ and to others. Mark your calendar and attend the cantata to find out what that special offering might be.



by Haskell Modern Way/ ACE. Haskell Family Movie Night will follow with the showing of "The Muppet Christmas Carol" on the east side of the courthouse.

### Movie night

Haskell Family Movie Night will be held Sat., Dec. 12 following the parade on the east side of the square. The featured movie is "The Muppet Christmas Carol," rated PG. This is an outdoor showing with no charge to participate. All ages are welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or glass containers permitted at the event For more information, call 864-3424 or check www. haskelltexasusa.com.

## Christmas Cantata

The community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Nursery provided. Fellowship will follow.

# Singles Around Town Singles Around Town

is a non-denominational fellowship of singles dining out together on Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m. For the month of December, dining will be at Camacho & Charlie's. This event is hosted by Pam Heezen and Kenneth Wallace.

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JUMP SHOT-Haskell Maiden #45 C'Era Taylor takes the jump shot against Eula.

LOOKS TO PASS-Haskell Maiden #35 Ashlyn Bevel drives to the basket, looking to pass for an inside bucket.

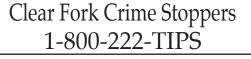


brings the ball down court to set up the Indian LONG JUMP-Haskell Indian #22 Lane Burson goes for the long jumper against Eula.



**MOVES THE BALL-Haskell Indian #10 Kellen Parks** 

offense against Eula. FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686





at the First United Methodist Church of Haskell Come and celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



# Haskell 4-H'ers compete at Food Show

by Shalee Dunnam Haskell C. Jr. 4-H reporter

The District 3 4-H Food Show was held Sat., Nov. 7 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon.

In the Food & Nutrition Project, 4-H'ers learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups of My Plate in the daily diet. They learn the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness and appearance, as well as acquiring and demonstrating skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks. 4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Approximately 150 4-H'ers from 24 counties in the Rolling Plains District competed in the Food Show. Contestants from Haskell County were Trinity Black, with a Foods & Nutrition exhibit and News Writing article; Trinity Whorton, who competed in the Junior Grains Division; Colton Hopkins, with a Food & Nutrition exhibit and News Writing article, as well as placing first overall in the Junior Fruits & Vegetables Division; Shalee Dunnam, with a Food & Nutrition Exhibit and she placed first overall in the Junior Protein Division and second place Beef Award; and Bailey Hawkins, who



Senior Fruits & Vegetables.

Special Beef Awards were Area Cattle Women. Ribbons

placed second overall in the given by the Santa Rosa and awards were sponsored Cattle Women and Wichita by the Vernon Chamber of Commerce and AEP Texas.



4-H FOOD SHOW-Competing in the District 3 4-H Food Show Sat., Nov. 7 in Vernon were, I-r, Trinity Black, Trinity Whorton, Shalee Dunnam, Colton Hopkins and Bailey Hawkins.

# Obituaries

### **Mildred Irene Robertson**

Mrs. Robertson passed of Plainview, Patsy Blakley away Fri., Dec. 4 at Stamford Residence and Rehabilitation Haskell, Sharon Isbell and Center in Stamford.

Born July 12, 1916, in Magnum, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of John K. Cook and Ada Francis (Hopkins) Cook. She lived in Haskell most of her life and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a member and officer of Home Demonstration and may be given in Mildred's she enjoyed playing cards and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John K. Cook and Ada Francis (Hopkins) Cook; husband, Laton Walter Robertson; grandson, Laton Curry; three brothers and two sisters.

daughters, Jeanette Curry com.

### Jona Alexander Caddell

direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Caddell passed away Dec. 6 at Chisholm Place Assisted Living in Abilene. Born Dec. 2, 1919, in Weinert, she was the daughter of Jim and Ophelia Alexander. On July 30, 1939 she married Glenn Wilton Caddell, the love of her life for 52 years. She was a member of the Church Funeral services for Jona of Christ in Haskell. Jona Alexander Caddell, 96, of worked at Wheatley's and Abilene were held Tues., then at Heidenheimer's in Dec. 8 at the Church of Haskell. She also enjoyed Christ in Haskell with David cooking, playing dominoes

and her husband Bill of her husband Jim of Keller and Deanna Robertson of Dallas; three grandsons and spouses; two granddaughters and spouses; twelve greatgrandchildren; six greatgreat-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family.

If desired, memorials name to West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, TX 79605, 325-793-3400 or Hendrick Hospice of Abilene, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene, TX 79601, 325-677-8516.

Online condolences may be shared with Mildred's Survivors include her four family at www.smithfamilyfh. PD. NOTICE

Willow Cemetery under the by her parents, James Richard Alexander and Ophelia Jane (Barber); and her husband, Glenn Wilton Caddell.

Survivors include her



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# All Day Wednesday, Dec. 16

~ Holiday Banking Hours ~ Christmas Eve: Thurs., Dec. 24, Closed at 12:00 noon Christmas: Bank Closed Fri., Dec. 25 and drive thru closed Sat., Dec. 26 Regular Banking Hours resume Mon., Dec. 28 New Year's: Bank Closed Fri., Jan. 1 **Regular Banking Hours resume** Sat., Jan. 2 with drive-thru open



JONA CADDELL

MILDRED ROBERTSON

Mildred Irene Robertson,

99, of Haskell were held Sun.,

Dec. 6 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim

McCurley officiating. Burial

was at Willow Cemetery in

Haskell under the direction

of Smith Family Funeral

Homes.

Funeral services for

Trice and Gerald McCoy and cards. officiating. Burial was in

three daughters, Sharon Elaine LeMay, Lorenia Caddell Davis and her husband Joe, Joan LaVerne Hurst and her husband Cam; and son, Larry Glenn Caddell and his wife Wanda; twelve grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be shared with Jona's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Tips offered to avoid vehicle theft during the holidays

She was preceded in death

Public Safety is reminding thefts that year, outside of Texans about the potential for vehicle thefts during addition, more than 13,190 the holiday season and is advising individuals to are also a concern during that year. the holiday season.

including criminals; and vehicle theft: DPS is urging Texans to vehicles and valuables safe even for a quick visit to a from possible thieves," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The months of car or ignition, inside a December and January locked garage, or in hidecan be prime times for a-key boxes. auto theft and burglaries. It is important to always windows and lock the car, lock car doors and store valuables out of sight." In December 2014, 5,717

automobiles, pickups and motorcycles were recorded stolen, making it one of the

the summer months. In vehicle burglaries were reported and \$13.3 million takes extra precautions to in property stolen last documents, vehicle guard against possible auto December, also making it thefts. Vehicle burglaries one of the highest months

"The holiday season is tips that Texans can follow a busy time for everyone- to help protect against trunk.

business or store.

•Never leave keys in the

•Always roll up your even if it is parked at your home.

•When possible, always park in high-traffic, welllighted areas.

•Install an anti-theft auto-theft-prevention.

The Texas Department of highest months for vehicle device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

> •Never leave personal ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

•Always keep valuables DPS offers the following or property hidden out of sight or locked in the

If your vehicle is stolen, •Never leave your car report it to the police do what they can to keep running unattended, immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

> For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see http://www. txdmv.gov/motorists/ consumer-protection/

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# Texans reminded of winter weather safety tips

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) urges Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather as Texas enters into the cold weather season. Texans should stay informed about weather conditions in their area and remain prepared for possible winter weather, which could impact the state during the coming months.

"Ensuring the safety of Texans is paramount for the department and our law enforcement partners, and DPS is urging individuals to do their part by preparing now, staying alert about weather reports and heeding warnings by their local officials during severe winter weather," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

Inclement weather over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend-when parts of the state experienced wintery precipitation – highlights the importance of being prepared and the need for extra caution during hazardous winter weather.

continues, it is crucial that Texans stop to remember that significant weather threats can emerge at any time and bring the potential for heavy rains, low temperatures and freezing precipitation," said DPS Texas Division of knife. **Emergency Management** Chief Nim Kidd. "Individuals should make preparations now to ensure their homes and vehicles are adequately equipped and maintained to handle storms or hazardous conditions."

Last weekend Texas experienced rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow that created hazardous travel conditions in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas, which led to swift water rescues in areas of North Texas. While the heavy rains have subsided and temperatures continue precipitation will persist livestock. through the winter months pattern in place according to the National Weather Service. Additionally, river flooding is still ongoing along several Texas rivers and creeks from previous rain events. DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

•Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information. •Sign up for your local

emergency notification system.

•On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.

•Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

•Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip.

•Keep your gas tank full. •Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www. drivetexas.org.

Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistantfluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies "As the busy holiday season drivers can keep in their vehicle:

> •Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat.

•Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra batteries. •First-aid kit and pocket

•High calorie, nonperishable food and bottled water.

•Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.

•Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.

Here are some additional steps to prepare for winter weather:

•Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.

•Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.

•Make arrangements to rebound, more rainfall, for proper shelter and an flooding and below average emergency supply of food temperatures that aid wintry and water for your pets and •Stock up on firewood and with an El Niño weather supplies, including canned goods and bottled water. •If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks. •Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work.

ODHS #241 met in regular session Dec. 6 at Camacho and Charlie's restaurant with

Jerry Don Klose, president, presiding. Following general order of business, a letter

Haskell Lodge #241



HELPS WITH DRAWING-Lili Gonzales, left, helps with the door prize drawing at the ODHS Lodge meeting Sun., Dec. 6.

# Capital Farm Credit sends fall payout to members

Capital Farm Credit's Board these farmers and ranchers, of Directors approved a \$39.9 million cash retirement of allocated equities issued in 2009. Borrowers with loans in 2009 will receive their share of cooperative, we are controlled the cash payment in checks to be mailed later this month.

Combined with the \$72 million cash patronage paid in March of this year, we will have returned total cash distributions of more than \$111.8 million to our members in 2015. Since 2007, Capital Farm Credit rural Texas communities has returned more than a half billion dollars to our members through its patronage dividend program.

Capital Farm Credit has a long tradition of strong earnings, which accrues to the benefit of our members. We bring value to our members by delivering credit and other financially related services to them effectively and efficiently. As we return the earnings through our patronage dividend program, we effectively lower in Bryan, CFC has nearly 70 the cost of doing business for offices spanning most of Texas.

which helps to strengthen the agricultural economy and rural communities we serve. "As a borrower-owned

by the farmers and ranchers who borrow from us," said Ben Novosad, chief executive officer. "Our patronage dividend program is a unique benefit to our members that sets us apart from other lenders."

"We're proud to support and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services," he added. "We've been fulfilling our mission of helping these areas grow and thrive for a century by providing farmers and ranchers with the capital they need to make their businesses successful."

Capital Farm Credit has provided financing to Texas farmers, ranchers, rural property owners and agribusinesses for nearly 100 years. Headquartered



from the Grand Lodge was read which included that the year 2016 would mark the 100th anniversary for the retirement home.

New members welcomed into the order were Annalise Marie Garcia of Munday and Casey Moeller of Haskell.

Discussion and final decisions concerning the installation of officers which will be held in Abilene Jan.

16 were the main topic to follow the business meeting.

Lili Gonzales had the honor of drawing for the door prize, assisting Jerry Don Klose. The winner was T.J. Brueggeman.

With no further business, conversation and good meal followed to close out the day. The monthly meeting will be at Camacho and Charlie's Jan. 3.

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# From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 15, 2005

Kristen Martinez was crowned Miss Merry Christmas in the first Haskell Miss; Kaley Mathis, Young Miss and Laycee Tullos, Junior Miss.

J.N. Cornelius of Rule was recently awarded the Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector as pastor of the First Baptist General Honorary in the Scottish Rite. The degree is conferred upon members in recognition of exemplary service to the Rite, or in taught in the degrees of Scottish Rite.

Float winners in the lighted Christmas parade were Richardson's, first; Rolling Plains Correctional Facility, second; and Calvary Baptist Church, third.

#### 20 Years Ago December 14, 1995

Haskell County Judge B.O. Roberson announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. He has served Haskell County as judge for twentytwo years.

Haskell FFA teams Demonstration Club. competed at the Double Mountain Leadership Contest held in Anson. the Jr. Chapter Conducting earned seats in the All-

Kaki Stapleton; and Senior Brenda Hill, flute; Connie Farm Skills team of Jim Frierson, bass clarinet; and Crawford, Turner Frierson Rosemary Kimbrough, and Jessica Hale.

Pct. 3 Commissioner County Merry Christmas Ray Perry announced to superintendent at the Paint Pageant. Also crowned were the Commissioners' Court Creek Power Station, will Ashley Nicholson, Little that he would not seek reelection. He has served for twenty-eight years.

### 30 Years Ago December 12, 1985

Assuming duties Sunday Church in Haskell was Rev. Ab Briles of Rule, and Dale James L. Densman. He and his family moved here from Groesbeck.

public life, to the principles High School junior, was of Christ minister of Abilene. winner of the Lions Club district contest

> named Haskell County's extension homemakers for forty years, first at New Mid Home Demonstration Club and then as a

### 40 Years Ago December 11, 1975

Winning first place were School band students team of Jessica Hale, Amy District Band Contest. Saturday night flushed a Aycock, Angela Aycock, They are Clark Richardson crowd of young men in the Sarah Gibbs, Misti Henson, and James Wittenborn, vicinity of Rochester, who Mindy Howard, Bree Burgess trumpet; Kim Campbell, were engaged in gaming. As and Conrad Palacios; Farm bassoon; Elizabeth Wilson, a result, he brought six young Radio team of Vanessa oboe; Jill Adkins, alto sax; men to the city and lodged

french horn.

C.O. Holt, plant retire after nearly 30 years with WTU. He has been superintendent at the Paint Creek plant since 1952.

### 50 Years Ago

December 16, 1965 Doris Briles, daughter of Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Carroll of Weinert, were married Nov. 26, in the Scott Burris, a Haskell home of Steve Ennis, Church

Rochester commanded zone speech contest on drug the 6B All-District football abuse. He will compete honors recently. Named against 12 other zone to the offensive team were winners in Graham, at the Bill Roberson, end; Bud Adkins, guard; Troy Fischer, Agnes Winchester was center; Tommy Holmes, quarterback; and Olson Home Demonstration Club LeFevre, fullback. Defensive Woman of the Year. She honors went to Fischer, has been a member of the guard; Holmes, linebacker; and Steve LeFevre, back.

#### 100 Years Ago December 11, 1915

C.J. Levey of Weinert, member of Weinert Home was in the city on Saturday. He made our office an appreciated call. He was here to attend the organization of Nine Haskell High the Haskell County Turkey Growers Association.

Sheriff W.C. Allen

# Follow the rules for end-ofyear charitable giving

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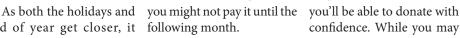
end of year get closer, it following month. always seems that requests for charitable donations increase. Be it the Salvation of choice to ensure it is a Army Santa outside of the tax-exempt organization. grocery store or a call from Only contributions to IRSyour favorite charity that qualified charities-those you give to annually, there with 501(c)(3) status-are is a push for giving in the deductible. Feel free to ask last few weeks of the year. the charity that you plan This is most likely attributed to give to for its tax status. to the fact that we are more Any reputable organization inclined to help those less will be happy to share this fortunate and causes we care information and offer proof. about during the holiday season.

good about helping others, this year-end generosity can pay off months later at tax guidelines to deduct your time if you follow Internal Revenue Service rules on here comes the fun parttax deductions. Below are a few tips to help turn these donations into tax savings:

### Itemizing is required

give, your charitable gifts will not help your tax situation if you claim the standard deduction amount on your tax return. You must itemize expenses on Schedule A to deduct charitable donations. there is no limit on how much you can deduct.

Timing is everything



Know the tax status

Research your charity Another option is to use the searchable database of In addition to feeling exempt organizations found on the IRS website.

Now that you know the donation for tax purposes, picking your charity. With all of the charitable organizations that exist today, you need to be smart No matter the amount you to ensure your hard-earned money will make an impact. Below are tips to help you select and feel good about where your money is going and how it will be spent.

### Narrow your focus

Experts advise that it's However, in most cases, more impactful to donate what you can to one or two organizations, instead of spreading it among 20 Donations must be made organizations. Think about protect your identity. accord for the development reached at least a short term meet at least some projected by the end of the tax year the cause that most touches Scam artists will also take of brackish water supplies to limit of water readily available water needs. In total, the for which you want to claim you and research related the deduction. For example, charities to help find the goodwill to steal your money if you put a check dated right one for you. Keep in or worse, your identity. December 31, 2015 in the mind that you can switch it Never give out credit card mail on that day, it will count up every year, or every few toward your 2015 taxes. months, depending on what

confidence. While you may give to an organization you know this year, take time before next year-end to learn about other organizations that interest you. Being reluctant to give to strangers is natural. Wherever you give, be educated about it first

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### Let the Internet help

There are a handful of websites that provide indepth information about charities. Using these is a good place to start your research. Try www.charitynavigator. org, www.charitywatch.org or www.give.org (the Better Business Bureaus' Wise Giving Alliance). While religious organizations aren't typically required to publicly disclose how they spend donated money, many do reveal this information to the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountabilitywww.ecfa.org-so check this site as well.

### Don't be fooled

Often times, a fake charity will have a name very similar to a well-known one so make sure you're donating to the correct organization.

#### Protect yourself

Lastly, remember to advantage of the season of

# Miller, Shelly Palacios and Craig Childress, percussion; them in the county jail. SWCD supports development of brackish water supplies

Soil and water conservation drawdown of water tables in billion acre-feet of brackish 216 Texas soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS) in attendance at the 75th Annual Meeting of SWCDS in Corpus Christi Oct. 26-28, are in unified

district directors representing underground aquifers coupled groundwater resources. In with the dilemma that surface the 2012 State Water Plan, water resources have also been five regional water planning impacted with near record reductions in storage levels."

groups recommended brackish groundwater desalination as a "Texas may have already water management strategy to

supplement dwindling fresh water supplies.

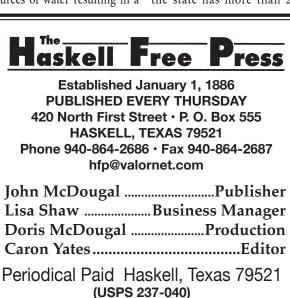
Brackish water does not have an exact definition, but is typically defined as distastefully salty but less saline than seawater. Brackish water contains between 1,000 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) in total dissolved solids and ocean water which contains from 10 to 35,000 ppm in total dissolved solids.

Billy Mann Jr., chairman of the Matagorda County SWCD headquartered in Bay City that sponsored the resolution calling for greater efforts on the part of the state to develop and implement brackish water supplies said, "Unprecedented growth in Texas has overburdened conventional

without adversely affecting foresee that desalination of already designated supplies brackish groundwater would for human consumption, create about 184,704 acre-feet agriculture and economic of new water supplies per year development. That's why Texas by 2060. SWCDS support this effort," added Mann.

compared to highly saline water Development Board (TWDB), local or regional brackish the population of Texas is groundwater production expected to double within the zones in areas of the state with next 50 years and water demand to increase almost 27 percent in that time period. During that same time period, groundwater to reduce the use of fresh supplies which is the volume groundwater. of groundwater that can be produced with current permits increase in the state and and existing infrastructure is desalination technology expected to decrease about 32 percent.

The TWDB estimates that sources of water resulting in a the state has more than 2.7



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to support continued growth regional water planning groups

The TWDB recently held a public meeting in Austin to gain According to the Texas Water input to identify and designate moderate to high availability and productivity of brackish groundwater that can be used

> "As water scarcity issues becomes more affordable, there is going to be more thought to considering brackish groundwater as part of the mix of available water resources," said Mann.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS) coordinate the implementation and deliverance of corresponding natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. Additionally, SWCDS participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

In other areas of responsibility, SWCDS participate in a state water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. An added area of responsibility permits SWCDS to engage in work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

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Happy giving!

# End the Streak' drive to help curb motor vehicle fatalities

#### by DaLinda Black CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

days with at least one fatality. 15 years. The leading cause of fatalities continues to be in Texas.

What if for one day everyone took responsibility for themselves and their friends and there were no speeding down the road and found anywhere.

What if we all took time

Texas could claim a day where were riding in the correct car there were no fatalities on our seat for their age, weight and the car seat had been inspected The fatalities add up to more by a certified child passenger than 51,832 people killed on safety technician to make sure Texas roadways over the past it was being used correctly and installed correctly.

What if there were no alcohol with distracted driving distracted drivers on the road. and a lack of seat belt use also No teens were riding with being a major cause. The Texas other teens, which is the main Department of Transportation source of their distractions is promoting the "End the and against the law according Streak" campaign to help to the Graduated Driver end motor vehicle fatalities License Law. What if no youth or adult was driving while using a cell phone and totally concentrating on their driving.

What if there was no driver And there was not one person speed limit, including slowing driving somewhere to drink down for construction and without a plan for a sober emergency vehicles, and ride home-and no underage driving more slowly and drunk drivers were to be cautiously when weather conditions are bad.

What if there were no to put on our seatbelts and drowsy drivers on the road streak.html.

make sure that all of our and every driver, including passengers were also buckled commercial drivers, made It has been 15 years since up. And, that all children sure they were well rested and prepared for the trip.

What if every driver made roads. That's 5,478 consecutive developmental stage. What if sure their vehicle and tires were in good condition and everyone drove defensively and civilly so that every car was treated as if the lives of the people inside were important. What if all drivers were looking out for each other.

What if all of these things could be done on the same day and Texas could once again enjoy a day where there was not one fatality on our roads? Then, we could put an end to this terrible streak of roadway deaths in Texas- and it would bear repeating!

Texas A&M AgriLife drunk drivers on our roads. all were driving within the Extension Agent DaLinda Black, Haskell County reminds us that these do not have to be just rhetorical questions. For information on the End the Streak campaign visit: http://www.txdot.gov/insidetxdot/media-center/psas/end-

# Maidens' basketball

### Lady Pirates capture and take down the Maidens

Eula (6-3) outscored Haskell 10-3 in the third quarter to pull off the 50-44 victory over the Maidens in a non-district girls basketball game last Tuesday.

Freshman Jordan Garvin scored a game-high 12 points for Haskell (1-4). C'Era Taylor scored 7 followed by Ashlyn Bevel 6, Hollyn Hadaway 6, Mackinzie Garvin 5, Destiny Benavides 3, Ariel Martinez 2, Taylor Manske 2 and Courtney Whitt 1. Briana Rodriquez had a team high 3 assists. Haskell shot 13-55 (23%) from the field and 15-31 (48%) from the free-throw line.

"Offensively, I was pleased with our shot selection and we were able to get to the free-throw line 31 times. Unfortunately, we just did not shoot the ball like we are capable. This year's team shoots the ball extremely well in practice and hopefully that will begin to transfer to the games here real soon," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Freshman C'Era Taylor had a team high 9 rebounds followed by Hadaway with 5, J. Garvin 5, M. Garvin 4 and Manske 4. The Maidens out rebounded the Lady Pirates 36-19. Leading the team in steals was J. Garvin with 3 followed by Bevel and Benavides with 2 each.

"Defensively, our man to man defense is getting better but it is still not good enough at the varsity level to consistently win ball games against good teams. I feel good about the progress of our defense and it's just a matter of time before it will begin to pay off for us on a consistent basis," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought it was a solid non-district game for both schools and one that made both teams better moving forward. I was disappointed in the loss, but I feel like we are starting to make significant progress in all areas of our team," Eddleman added. Haskell 12 3 15 =44 14 Eula 12 14 10 13 =50 JV Maidens (8-1) won over Eula 45-38 8th A Maidens (4-0) won over Hamlin 38-12

"Offensively, I thought our ball movement and spacing were really good. Basketball is an awesome game to watch when you have ball movement, player movement, and unselfish play," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell out rebounded Shamrock (4-2) 31-26. J. Garvin had a team high 8 rebounds followed by Whitt with 7, Hadaway 4 and Benavides 4. Leading the team in steals was Benavides with 6, J. Garvin 4 and Whitt 3. "Defensively, I think we are starting to figure out how to play man to man defense at the varsity level. We held them to 40 points at the end of regulation and two points that came from the free-throw line in overtime," Eddleman said.

"Overall, it was nice to finally win a game again and I believe winning a game in overtime could be valuable experience later on down the road. I was proud of the team's poise and determination in the final 12 minutes of play," Eddleman added. Haskell 12 14 3 11 10=50

Shamrock 11 7 15 7 2=42

### Maidens hold off Lady Greyhounds

The Haskell Maidens (3-4) used smothering defense and balanced scoring to hand the Knox City Lady Greyhounds (5-2) a 42-36 loss last Friday morning in the second round of the Guthrie basketball tournament.

The Maiden offense was led by freshman Jordan Garvin with 16 points followed by Ariel Martinez with 9, Ashlyn Bevel 8, Courtney Whitt 7 and Hollyn Hadaway 2. Bevel and J. Garvin led in assists with 2 each. "Offensively, I really liked our ball movement, shot selection, and we did a nice job of getting to the free-throw line a lot. Jordan, Hollyn and Ashlyn did a great job knocking down free-throws late in the game to help secure the win," head coach Blake Eddleman said. Knox City 42-25. Whitt we are right on schedule with and J. Garvin led the team where I thought we would be in rebounds with 11 each followed by Bevel with 6. J. Garvin had a team high 5 steals followed by Bevel it takes to win at the varsity and Hadaway with 2 each. "Defensively, we did a nice job taking away what they wanted to do offensively. Our guards did a very good job pressuring the ball and Whitt did a great job defending their best player down low. We are starting to play solid team defense," Eddleman said.

Haskell 10 15 9 = 42 Knox City 9 2 10 15 = 36

#### Maidens take runner-up at Guthrie tournament

The Maidens (3-5) found themselves up against a district 7-2A opponent for the Guthrie tournament championship. Anson outscored Haskell 22-16 the first half and held on late to win the championship game 34-27 last Friday afternoon.

The Maiden offense was led by junior Ashlyn Bevel with 12 points and freshman Jordan Garvin with 11. Other leading scorers were Courtney Whitt and Destiny Benavides with 2 each. Ariel Martinez, Hollyn Hadaway and Mackinzie Garvin led the team in assists with 1 each.

Haskell shot 11-49 (22%) from the field and 11-27 (40%) from the free-throw line. "Offensively, I thought we did a nice job getting shots in the paint and wide open shots behind the three point line. We also did a very good job being aggressive and getting to the free-throw line. Unfortunately, we just did not shoot the ball up to our potential. I think fatigue may have contributed to our poor shooting along with the pressure of playing a very good district opponent this early in the season in a championship game," Eddleman said.

Haskell won the rebounding battle 45-26. Leading the team in rebounds was J. Garvin with 14 followed by Whitt with 12 and Benavides 10. J. Garvin and Benavides had a team high 2 steals. "Defensively, I thought we played championship defense against Anson. We made them take tough contested shots from the outside and we did not put them on the free-throw line very much," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I was very pleased with how we played over at the Guthrie Tournament. We executed well on both ends of the floor and we gained some very Haskell out rebounded valuable experience. I think eight games into our season. We are competing well and starting to figure out what level," Eddleman added. 4 7 = 27 Haskell 9 10 12 4 8 = 34 Anson

**Enrollment for CRP underway** 

the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) ends on Feb. 26, 2016. the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda. gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has: the country," said Vilsack. make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat."

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved

Agriculture Secretary grasses or trees (known created nearly 2.7 million Tom Vilsack reminded as "covers") to control soil farmers and ranchers that erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural began Dec. 1, 2015, and lands. In return, FSA provides participants with December 2015 also marks rental payments and costshare assistance. At times when commodity prices are Reserve Program was relow, enrolling sensitive lands producers with the cost of in CRP can be especially attractive to farmers and ranchers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits. Contract duration As of September 2015, is between 10 and 15 years. 24.2 million acres were The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2016. "Over the past 30 Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive fishermen and other land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established

•Prevented more than eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

•Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has

acres of restored wetlands.

For more information FSA conservation programs, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/ conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit http:// offices.usda.gov.

The Conservation authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA 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.

### Weather

by Kim Hutto National Weather Service Volunteer Co-op Observer Temperature Mon., Nov. 30 ...... 34º/57º Tues., Dec. 1 ...... 33º/55º Thurs., Dec. 3 ...... 36º/67º

Fri., Dec. 4 ...... 36º/64º

Sat., Dec. 5 ..... 36º/59º

Sun., Dec. 6......35º/61º

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"Today, CRP continues to 9 billion tons of soil from •Reduced nitrogen and

### Maidens hold off Lady Irish in overtime

Haskell outscored Shamrock 10-2 in overtime for a 50-42 victory last Thursday at the Guthrie basketball tournament.

The Maidens (2-4) were led by sophomore Ariel Martinez, who finished with a career high 15 points. Other leading scorers were Ashlyn 5, Hollyn Hadaway 5, Jordan Garvin 5, Briana Rodriguez 4, Mackinzie Garvin 4 and Destiny Benavides 3. Leading the team in assists were Benavides, Rodriquez and Eddleman added. Whitt with 2 each.

"Overall, we felt good Bevel with 9, Courtney Whitt about our play on both ends of the floor and we were excited about getting the opportunity of defend our championship in the Guthrie basketball tournament,"

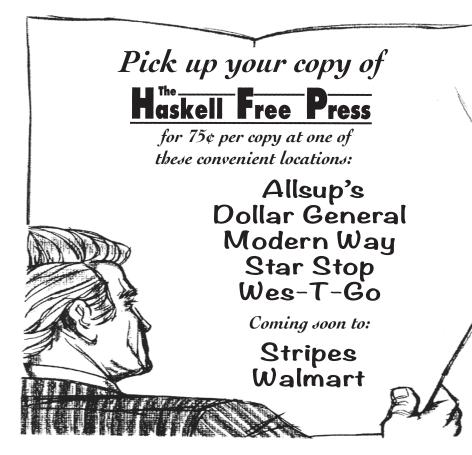
The Maidens will compete at the Archer City tournament Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 10-12.

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The schedule on Thursday is Maidens vs Henrietta in the old gym at 10:30 a.m. and at 6 p.m. the Maidens will play Archer City in the new gym.

On Friday at noon, the Maidens will play Notre Dame in the old gym.

The Saturday schedule will be determined.







WIN TOURNAMENT-The Rule Bobcats defeated each of their opponents and won the Woodson tournament Dec. 3-5. Accepting the award are, I-r, Mason Helms, Chase Potter, Rumaldo Chavez, Dominic Gonzales, Chase Thompson, Brandon Mitchell, Ron Mitchell, Del Fritzler, Adolfo Gonzales, Jacob Navarrette and Coach Josh Conner.

# Haskell School Menu

### Dec. 14-18 Breakfast

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice; and muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers and cheese are offered at every meal.

Monday: Waffles, sausage, cheese stick or cereal variety and toast

Tuesday: Biscuit, scrambled eggs or cereal variety and toast Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, bacon or cereal variety and toast

pretzel or cereal variety and toast

cereal variety and toast Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Pizza, garden salad, baby carrots with ranch, mixed

fruit Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese on cucumber cup, graham snack, pretzel bun, tomato-cucumber fruit

Thursday: Sausage, egg, cheese cup, steamed broccoli, snowball salad

Wednesday: BBQ on bun, Friday: Breakfast burrito or coleslaw, pinto beans, baby carrots with ranch, orange smiles

Thursday: Turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, fruit

Friday: Deli sandwich with sandwich salad, tomato and



PLAYER AWARDS-Rule Bobcat Ron Mitchell, left, was named to the All-Tournament team and Chase Thompson was awarded MVP of the Woodson basketball tournament held Dec. 3-5.

# **Rule School Menu**

Dec. 14-18 Breakfast

offered daily. Monday: Waffles, sausage

Tuesday: Biscuit, scrambled snowball salad eggs

bacon

cheese pretzel sandwich Friday: Breakfast burrito Lunch

garden salad, baby carrots with ranch, mixed fruit Fresh fruit, juice or milk are Tuesday: Hot ham cheese Porkie meatballs, creamed on pretzel bun, tomatocucumber cup, broccoli,

Wednesday: Meatball sub, Pinto beans, rice and sausage Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, garden salad, carrot coins, casserole, cornbread, onions, apple slices, cookie

Thursday: Sausage, egg and Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, apple-pineapple delite, roll Friday: BBQ on a bun,

# **Paint Creek** School Menu

Dec. 14-18 Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily. Monday: Waffles Tuesday: Biscuit, egg Wednesday: Toast, eggs Thursday: French toast Friday: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Milk is served daily. Monday: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit

Tuesday: Meatball sub, salad, green beans, fruit Wednesday: Chicken

quesadilla, corn, salad, applesauce

Thursday: BBQ on bun, fries, pork n beans, fruit Friday: Ham and cheese sub, chips, Rice Krispies

### **ECC Menu**

Mon., Dec. 14 potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., Dec. 16

pickles, dessert, tea or coffee Fri., Dec. 18

Crispy chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, salad, dessert, tea or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message: You're an important person in the eyes of God In this age of computers, in every regard We have all been reduced to a hole in a card. Oh, how simple it was in our house by the road, Till they added the zip and area code! In your place of employment, or out in your car, You're a serial number wherever you are; And you find your identity harder to claim When you're known by a number instead of a name. So, there's one thing to do: let your faith lead the way To the place where you still can be someone today. If you go to your church, you'll be happy to find In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind! 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 unday 9:30 a Worshin 10: Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista **El Calvario** Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 5 p; Wed. 7 p 607 S. 7th, Haskell **First United** Methodist Church Rev. David Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:45 a, 10:50 a, 6 p. Wed. 6 p 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell **First Assembly of God** 

**Greater Independent Baptist Church** 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** Ollie Pierson, 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.

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** 

### Milk is served daily. coleslaw, pinto beans, orange Monday: Pizza choice, smiles Drivers urged to 'Plan while you can' for a sober ride

enforcement.

decisions and planning if that uses custom gaming TxDOT Executive Director effects of alcohol on a person's LtGen Joe Weber, USMC reflexes. As participants play, (Ret). "Our goal is to save virtual drinks are added and families from the heartbreak the players' on-screen avatars of losing a loved one. Finding become less able to dodge save you from being arrested, game demonstrates how even injured or killed. There is one drink can slow reaction no excuse for drinking and times. driving."

The Texas Department of 1, 2015) there were 2,412 Instagram social media Transportation's "Plan While alcohol-related traffic crashes accounts. Participants who You Can" campaign urges in Texas, resulting in 190 party goers to plan for a sober serious injuries and 110 ride this holiday season. The fatalities. This was nearly an campaign runs through Jan. 8-percent increase in alcohol-1, 2016 and coincides with an related traffic fatalities over for a donated gift card from increase in DUI patrols and the previous holiday season.

"The holidays are a time While You Can" campaign is enter and learn more, follow of celebration and family, but a statewide tour featuring an TxDOT on its social media they also require responsible interactive dodgeball game accounts. alcohol is involved," said technology to replicate the a sober ride is easy and it can incoming "snowballs." The transportation app on your During last year's holiday is hosting a contest on its home. season (Dec. 1, 2014 to Jan. Facebook, Twitter and

tag up to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan will be entered into a giveaway a retailer, restaurant or Central to the "Plan entertainment venue. To

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides. org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

•Calling a taxi or using a smartphone. •Using mass transit. •Asking a sober friend Additionally, TxDOT or family member for a ride

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 Consemino 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

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 Jim McCurley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever** Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p Rochester

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 Omegs 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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# Indians' basketball

### Indians fall to Shamrock, 51-57

The Haskell Indians had a slow start at the Guthrie tournament Thurs., Dec. 3 when they opened up against Shamrock. The Indians found themselves in an early hole by giving up 14 points to their 7 in the first quarter.

After shaking the nerves off, the Indians bounced back with a great second quarter to be down by 6 at the break. After the break the Indians would tie the game at 41 as they headed into the fourth quarter, but would fall short of their comeback to a very talented squad from Shamrock.

The leading scorer for the Indians was senior Dylan Hanson with 20 points (6 of with 11, Parks with 8, Burson with 4, Skiles with 3, Hoover Seeliger with one.

### Indians beat Childress, 67-47

After an early morning loss to Shamrock in the Guthrie tournament, the Indians would bounce back against

Bobcat JV team.

The Indians would again use a huge second quarter to erase any early hole and would take the lead for good. The Indians would go on to win by 20 points and would leave day one of the tournament with a 1-1 record and would play on Friday for a consolation championship versus the Aspermont Hornets.

The Indians were again led Invitational Tournament. in scoring by Hanson with 20, followed by Roewe and Friday by Roewe with 12 Skiles with 10 each, Hoover with 8, Burson and Seeliger with 6, Gibson with 4 and Haggard with 4 and Burson Parks with 3.

#### Indians beat Aspermont, 42-40

On Fri., Dec. 4 the 11 3's) followed by Roewe Indians traveled back to Guthrie to finish off their weekend tournament with and Haggard with 2 and a matchup against a very talented and athletic team from Aspermont.

> The Indians this time got elements of the game." started well in the first quarter by scoring 14 points and would take a 25-21 lead into the break.

The Hornets came out Tournament.

a very talented Childress of half time fighting as they would grab the lead for a short time before the Indians would take it back and not let go, as the Hornets mounted a furious comeback.

> The win sealed a consolation trophy for the Indians and would give them some momentum heading into the next week, where they will travel to Stinnet to play in the West Texas

> The Indians were led on points, Hanson with 11, Skiles and Seeliger with 7 each, with 1.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say overall about the tournament, "This tournament was great for us because we got a chance to play in two close games and learn to play in different game situations. We also got to see a few different teams that exposed us to different

The Indians will hit the court again Thurs., Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. versus Boys Ranch at the West Texas Invitational

Harrold 34, Rule 16

(Consolation game)

Scoring for Rule: Manske 9,

Olney JV 54,

Paint Creek 19

**Player of** 

the week

Haskell Indian guard

Hertel 5, Speck 2.

# Area basketball scores

#### Boys

Woodson Tournament Rule 45, Lueders-Avoca 39 Scoring for Rule: Thompson 2. 18, R. Mitchell 9, Gonzales 8, Helms 6, B. Mitchell 4.

Rule 37, Albany JV 36 Scoring for Rule: R. Mitchell 10, Thompson 9, Helms 8, B. Mitchell 7, Navarette 3.

Rule 56, Paint Creek 55 (Championship game)

Scoring for Rule: Helms 22, Thompson 21, Gonzales 8, Mitchell 5. Scoring for Paint Creek: Priddy 19, Trotter 14, Acosta 12, Masias 10.

Paint Creek 56, Olney JV 30 Scoring for Paint Creek:

Priddy 15, Trotter 11, Pate Scoring for Rule: Hertel 12, 10, Masias 9, Acosta 4, S. Manske 12, Speck 2, Gray 2. Harper 4, E. Harper 3, Lopez Paint Creek 41,

### Woodson 38

Scoring for Paint Creek: Acosta 12, Priddy 10, Macias 7, Trotter 5, Harper 4, Pate 3. Scoring for Paint Creek: Tournment MVP: Chase Jenkins 8, McTasney 7, Thompson, Rule. All-Tournament Team: Harrold 48, Paint Creek 43 Ron Mitchell, Rule; Manuel Acosta, Paint Creek; Everett McTasney 23, Jenkins 13, Priddy, Paint Creek.

Woodson Tournament Lueders-Avoca 44, Rule 17 Scoring for Rule: Manske 8, Speck 5, Hertel 4.

Rule 28, Moran 14

# Calendar

### Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. Practice sessions are held on Ministerial Alliance Food Thursday nights at HTS.

Ramirez, 2, Hawkins 2. Scoring for Paint Creek: Ramirez 6 Lemond 1. Girls

Dylan Hanson was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week Top Ten Tues., Dec. 8. distribute food Sat., Dec. 19 Hanson, a senior, scored from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. 51 points in three games in Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell theft property greater than warrants are out of Tom County Sheriff's Office or equal to \$20,000 less during the week of Nov. 30 through Dec. 6:

Michelle Dawn Burgess, than \$100,000 felony, also warrant for bail jumping made to 911.

and failure to appear, both Green Co.

Thirty-one calls were



Holiday Lobby and Drive-Through Schedule (both locations): se at 12 noon on Thursdav. December

TeamKID

TeamKID will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for 4 year old Pre-K students through sixth grade at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Drop children off at west parking lot door of main building. Call 864-2581 if your child needs a ride.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will

of Civic Center) in Haskell. second Monday of the month Volunteers and boxes are needed.

at 206 S. 2nd (building east

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

### Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Dec. 15 at 6:45 p.m. at 1470 Woodland Trail, Abilene. A pot luck snack meal will be served. An ornament exchange will be held. For more information, contact Shelley Hughes at 325-669-6271 or Emily Meador.

gathered 14 rebounds and 15 steals.

the Guthrie tournament and



