

## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
Indians at  
**JVB-VB vs Windthorst**  
Fri., Dec. 18, 2 p.m.  
at Haskell  
**JVG-VG vs Winters**  
Fri., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.  
at Winters  
**JVB-VB vs Clyde**  
Mon., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell  
**PAINT CREEK**  
VG vs Roby  
Fri., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.  
at Paint Creek  
**RULE**  
VG-B vs Aspermont  
Fri., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.  
at Aspermont

## Calendar

### Lighting contest

The Rule Home and Yard Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be judged Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19-20. To enter all you have to do is have your lights on. If you live outside the city limits and want to be considered, please call City Hall, 996-2214, before Thurs., Dec. 17. Prizes will be given for first place \$50, second place \$35, and third place \$25.

### Food distribution

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

### Christmas meal

Rule Lodge #954 will host a Christmas meal for Masons, wives and widows of Masons Mon., Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge located at 401 Union Avenue. Master of the Lodge is Jackie Reed.

### Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 22 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](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

### Christmas service

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will host a Christmas Eve service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

### 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.

### Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month 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 Thursday nights at HTS.

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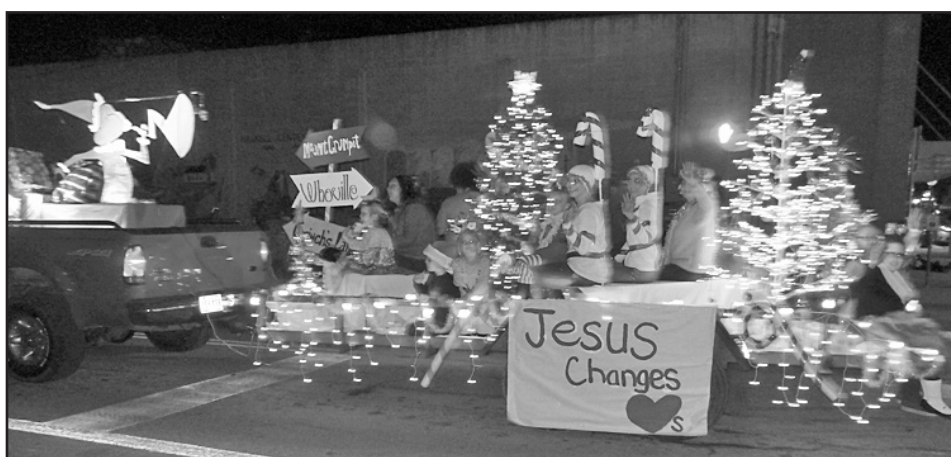
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**FIRST PLACE**—Winning first place in the Haskell Lighted Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 12 was this float entered by East Side Baptist Church.



**SECOND PLACE**—Winning second place in the Haskell Lighted Christmas Parade, sponsored by Haskell Modern Way/ACE, was this float entered by Haskell Memorial Hospital.



**THIRD PLACE**—Winning third place in the Haskell Lighted Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 12 was the Frosty the Snowman float.

## Haskell FFA participates in Texas Leadership Development Events

Members of the Haskell FFA chapter recently competed in Leadership Development Events. Students began the statewide-tournament in 13 different events which focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization.

Haskell FFA members traveled to Anson, Nov. 17, to compete in the Double Mountain District Leadership Development Event. The results are as follows.

Ag Advocacy, first place team: Lane Burson, Payton Thomas, Chase Gibson, Hayden Hudson and Sam Fouts.

Ag Issues, first place team: Alye Stewart, Daphni Leonard, Katie Newberry, Jacee Guess, Kylie Adams and Sarah Fouts.

Senior Creed speaking: first place, Sarah Fouts and third place, Riley Sloan.

Junior Skills, second place team: C'era Taylor, Taylor Manske and Kaelyn Bevel.

Senior Skills, second place team: Kameryn Mathis, Ariel Martinez and Kenna Ferguson.

Radio Broadcasting: second place team, Alye Stewart, Chase Gibson, and Kameryn Mathis; fourth place team, Katie Newberry, Daphni Leonard and Pryce Stewart.

Junior Creed speaking: third place individual, Jami Leonard and sixth place individual, Kaetlyn Hudson.

Junior Chapter Conducting: third place, Grace Colley, Katelyn Hudson, Areli Torres, Jami Leonard, Tristen Swinney, Allie Andress, Hannah Stout, Ryanna Rodriguez and Laken Olson.

Public Relations: third place team, Pryce Stewart, Kourtney Howard, Morgan Nava-Munoz and Isaiah Alvarez; and fourth place team, Hollyn Hadaway, Macey Coker, Vickie Hertel and Jaycee Ferguson.

Jr. Quiz: third place, Grace Colley, Ryanna Rodriguez, Tristen Swinney, Jordan Garvin, Braden Payne, Jaylea Seeliger and Meagan Nava.

Job Interview: fourth place, Michaela Brown; and sixth place, Kenna Ferguson.

Five teams and an individual advanced to Area II competition in Big Spring Nov. 21. The results are as follows:

Greenhand Skills: first place team, Kaelyn Bevel, Taylor Manske and C'era Taylor.

Ag Issues: second place team, Kylie Adams, Alye Stewart, Katie Newberry, Sarah Fouts, Jacee Guess and Daphni Leonard.

Senior Skills: third place team, Kameryn Mathis, Ariel Martinez and Kenna Ferguson. Ag Advocacy: fourth place

team, Chase Gibson, Payton Thomas, Lane Burson, Sam Fouts and Hayden Hudson.

FFA Broadcasting: fourth place team, Chase Gibson, Kameryn Mathis and Alye Stewart.

Creed Speaking: fourth place, Sarah Fouts.

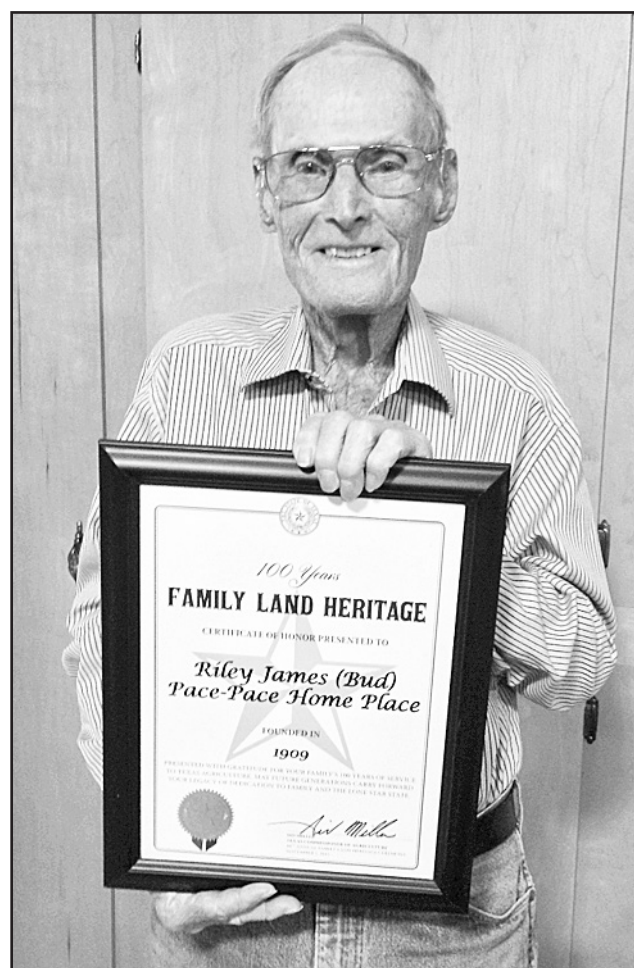
By placing either first or second at the district contest, five teams and one individual advanced to area competition which was held at Howard College in Big Spring Sat., Nov. 21.

Placings at area were: Junior Skills, first; Ag Issues, second; Senior Skills, third; Ag Advocacy, fourth; FFA Broadcasting, fourth; and Senior Creed, fourth.

The Junior Skills and Ag Issues teams advanced to state competition which was held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville Dec. 4-5. The Junior Skills team placed first and Ag Issues placed sixth.

The Texas FFA is one of the nation's largest state FFA Associations with more than 112,000 members and 1,038 FFA chapters. FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical classroom knowledge to real world experiences through local, state and national competitions. For more information about the Texas FFA Association, visit [www.TexasFFA.org](http://www.TexasFFA.org).

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**PACE RECOGNIZED**—Riley James (Bud) Pace was recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program for over 100 years continuous ownership of the Pace Home Place land.

## Pace Home Place recognized for 100 years of ownership

Riley James (Bud) Pace was recently recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program for over 100 years continuous ownership of the 913.6-acre Pace Home Place land located nine miles southwest of Haskell on CR 421. Texas Ag Commissioner Sid Miller announced the award in a ceremony for honorees held Nov. 7 in Austin.

At 91 Riley James (Bud) Pace, grandson of the founding owner, still goes to the stock farm daily, except Sundays, and says, "I have worked this land all my life except when I served in World War II." Bud remains actively involved in the daily operations and management decisions.

In 1854 William Alexander Pace, wife Sarah Jane, and family moved from French Lick, Indiana to Salado, Texas for his health. Son Marion Pace, born in 1852 in French Lick, Indiana, moved with his parents to Salado. Marion and his grandson, Lynn Pace (Sr.) rode blue mules from Salado to Haskell County in 1905 with the intent of purchasing land. In 1908 Marion moved to Haskell, and shortly thereafter built the house still standing and occupied at the corner of Ave. E and N. 16th St. in Haskell.

Jesse James, son of Marion, was born in 1871 in Bell County. Jesse James (J.J.) came to Haskell in 1909 from Salado where he operated a grocery store and owned and operated the light plant in nearby Bartlett. J.J. bought the original Pace Home Place in 1909 for \$29,889.50 (\$32.86/ac). In 1915 with proceeds from the sale of his holdings in and around Salado, J.J. paid the land note in full. Upon J.J.'s death in 1935,

the land was divided into four parcels, one for J.J.'s wife, Eva Van Ness Pace, and one for each of their three children. Son Lynn Pace (Sr.) bought out family members to become owner of this entire 913.6-acre tract.

When Lynn Pace, Sr. died in 1963, all lands owned by him passed to his three children, Lynn Pace, Jr., Riley James Pace and Janice Pace O'Neal, with a life estate reserved for his wife, Willie Grace Stephens Pace. Following her death on May 4, 1979 and in a further division of property, William Lynn Pace, Jr., and wife Marjorie Ratliff Pace, and Janice Pace O'Neal, a widow, deeded their shares of the 913.6 acres to Riley James Pace and wife, Flora Segó Pace.

From 1909 to 2015 this land has been in cotton and wheat. Cattle have always been part of the operation. Following WWII Lynn Sr. and sons ran both cows and yearlings on the family's holdings often shipping cattle by rail to the Fort Worth stockyards. Through their long Pace Brothers partnership, Lynn, Jr. and Bud ran cattle together almost to Lynn, Jr.'s passing in 2011. Cattle continue to provide a source of income from this property.

Bud has served over 65 years as a deacon and then as an elder in the First Christian Church. He is a member of Farm Bureau, a former member of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association and served on the ASCS county committee in 1978. As a World War II Army veteran, he was stationed 28 months in the Pacific and was discharged as Staff Sergeant. At the time of his commission, Bud was one of the youngest Staff Sergeants in the Army.

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# Experts say safety should top everyone's Christmas list

While the only image of fire many people have during Christmas is chestnuts roasting over an open one, fire is among the very real dangers associated with the Yuletide season, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Nancy Granovsky, AgriLife Extension family economics specialist, said Christmas tree and candle fires, decorating-related accidents and unsafe toys are among the possible dangers people need to be aware of during the holidays.

"According to the National Fire Protection Association, the top three days of the

year for home candle fires in the U.S are Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day," Granovsky said. "And although Christmas tree fires are not very common, they are more likely to do serious damage or result in a death than other home structure fires."

More than half of home candle fires occur when something that can catch on fire is too close to the candle.

Granovsky and the association offer the following tips for candle safety:

- Keep candles at least a foot away from flammable items or surfaces.
- Do not put candles

directly on surfaces. Use a sturdy candle holder with a drip plate for wax.

•Blow out candles when you leave the home or go to bed and avoid using candles in the bedroom or other areas where people may fall asleep.

•Replace candles before they burn all the way down or before the flame gets too close to the holder or container.

•In the event of a power outage, use flashlights or other battery-powered lighting instead of candles.

Granovsky said Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually.

"The fires typically start due to an open flame from a candle or a short in the electrical lights," she said.

Granovsky said consumers who prefer a real Christmas tree should choose one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

"And be sure to add water daily to the tree stand," she said. "You'll also want to make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source and isn't blocking a door or exit."

Granovsky said many people forget the potential danger of real Christmas trees once they have been

removed from the home.

"Dried-out trees constitute a real fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside next to the exterior walls of your home," she said. "See if your community has a recycling program or make arrangements for pick up from the appropriate city removal service as soon as possible."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, during November and December of last year there were 12 fatalities and an estimated 14,500 injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms as a result of injuries from holiday decorations. Falls, lacerations, back strains and ingestion of foreign objects were among the top holiday decorating-related injuries.

Granovsky and the safety commission offered the following suggestions for reducing injuries from Christmas decorations:

- If purchasing an artificial Christmas tree, choose one that is labeled as fire resistant.
- Take extra care when using a ladder to place holiday decorations, particularly when putting up heavy decorations with sharp edges or breakable

components.

•Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory and only where appropriate.

•Replace old or worn out light strings and turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

•Never use lit candles as a Christmas tree decoration. Keep any lit candles in sight and away from flammable items—and far from areas where they may be knocked over.

"A new report for the CPSC also shows that last year there were an estimated 183,800 injuries and 11 deaths in which a toy was associated with many of the incidents, even though the toy wasn't necessarily the cause of the death or injury," Granovsky said.

She said to help keep children safe during Christmas, the safety commission recommends choosing age-appropriate toys and for children younger than 3, avoiding toys with small parts that may pose a choking hazard.

"They also recommend that kids wear helmets and other safety gear when riding bikes, scooters, skateboards or other riding toys, and that they avoid riding scooters

or skateboards on a street or roadway with motor vehicles."

Granovsky said the safety commission also has identified magnets as a potential safety hazard for young children.

"According to the CPSC, children's magnetic toys are covered by a strong safety standard that prevents magnets from being swallowed. However, some magnet sets also have small magnets that could pose a danger, so building and play sets with small magnets should be kept away from small children."

Granovsky said consumers also need to be aware of toys that have been recalled in order to avoid inadvertently buying them as Christmas presents.

"Even though a product has been recalled, it is still possible that some retailers have not yet removed that product from their shelves, so it pays to double check that the toy you are about to buy has not been recalled," she said.

Granovsky said consumers can check for specific product recalls by going to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recalls-by-Product/>.



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## Protect your personal information

It's more important than ever in today's world to take precautions to protect your personal information and reduce your risk of identity theft. The tips below cover simple offline and online strategies to ensure your confidential information remains safe and secure. Don't let con artists and thieves take advantage of you—be educated and be prepared.

How to protect your personal information offline:

### Lock up important documents

Keep financial documents and records in a safe place at home, and lock your wallet or purse in a safe place at

work. If you carry a purse or computer at a restaurant, keep it close to you. Keep financial information on your laptop only when necessary, and don't use an automatic login feature. The same goes for your phone; make sure it's password protected.

### Limit what you carry

Take only the identification and credit/debit cards you need when you go out. Leave your Social Security card at home unless you absolutely need it, and then immediately return it to a secure location. Carefully protect all user IDs, password information, etc. by never carrying this information in your wallet.

### Ask before sharing information

Before you share information at your workplace, your child's school or a doctor's office, feel free to ask why it is needed and how it will be safeguarded. Never give out personal information to anyone you don't know, either in person or on the phone, unless you initiated the contact.

### Shred and wipe

Shred receipts, credit offers and applications, insurance forms, physician statements, checks, bank statements, expired charge cards and similar documents once they're no longer needed. Also, destroy labels on prescription bottles before you throw them out. When you dispose of a computer or phone, erase the hard drive and memory first.

### Secure your mailbox

If your mailbox doesn't have a lock, immediately remove mail when it arrives. If you order new checks or a new credit/debit card, don't have it mailed to your home unless you have a mailbox with a lock. If you're sending mail, drop it at a post office or locked outgoing mailbox. If you won't be in town for several days, request a vacation hold on your mail.

How to protect your personal information online:

### Use anti-virus software

Install anti-virus, anti-spyware software and a firewall on all computers. Set your preference to update these protections often. If you have a wireless network at home or work, make sure it's secured.

### Don't reuse passwords

As tempting as it may be, don't reuse passwords. This will help minimize the effects of unauthorized access to your accounts. Also, use

optional security questions whenever they're offered for an extra layer of protection.

### Make purchases on trusted sites

When deals seem too good to be true, they usually are. You can easily become a victim of identity theft when you make purchases on websites that aren't secure. Stick with trusted, well-known online retailers or smaller sites that use reputable payment processors.

### Beware of phishing and spam

Don't open files, click on links or download programs sent by strangers as it could expose your system to a computer virus or spyware that captures your personal information. It's best to also not open emails from friends that contain only a link as these are often viruses. Beware of phishing schemes in which you think you're signing into your bank account, when it's a ploy to get your important information. Always sign in by going to your bank's website. Also, be leery of spam or junk email as these messages may contain viruses.

### Take heed on public computers

Make sure to never save private information on a public computer. Always log out completely from your accounts, and never save login information on these computers.

### Order your credit report annually

Each of the major credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—provides consumers with a free copy of their credit report each year. Your credit report is your window into your identity security, and it's advised to check it once annually to ensure nothing is amiss.

## 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.

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- at Mike Harrell's office, 606 N. 1st St.;
- behind 405 N. Ave. H, and at the Haskell Country Club.



**FIRST PLACE**—The home of Bert and Julie Alvarez was chosen as the first place winner in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Residential Christmas Lights Contest.



**SECOND PLACE**—The home of Kim Hutto was chosen as the second place winner in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Residential Christmas Lights Contest.



**THIRD PLACE**—The home of Terrisa Candelaria was chosen as the third place winner in the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Residential Christmas Lights Contest.



**TROPHY WINNER**—V's Fresh Flowers was the trophy winner in the Haskell Business Window Contest.

## Don't let your teen phone user become a 'Pedextrian'

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Many parents will be giving their teens a smart phone this Christmas season. While this amazing technology has made life much more convenient, it is well known that these devices are also responsible for many distracted driving crashes. What might not be apparent are the dangers that smart phones pose for teens when they are walking—especially crossing streets.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, 50 percent of all pedestrian deaths occur among young adults 19 years old and under. Injuries to older teens have increased 25 percent over the past five years. Safe Kids studies show that one in five high school students crosses the street while distracted—most while texting or wearing headphones. And, one in eight middle school students are distracted while crossing the street. In the few seconds that it takes to read or send a text message, taking your eyes off the path ahead can be deadly. Putting the phone away while crossing the street is very important for pedestrian safety, especially teens. Make sure your teen is aware of the potential dangers of walking while distracted and not looking where they are going.

While the study showed that listening to music and texting were the top distractions, 39 percent of students were typing on their cellphone while crossing the street, another 39 percent of students were listening to headphones and about 20 percent of the distracted walkers were talking on the phone. The rest were using some other electronic device such as a

tablet.

Research shows that parents have the greatest influence over their teen's behavior. Parents should take time to talk to their teens about the dangers of distracted walking and review pedestrian safety with their teens, just as they would discuss driving safety.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent DaLinda Black reminds parents to practice these pedestrian safety rules, as well as go over them with their teens:

- Stay alert. Don't be distracted by electronic devices, including smart phones, MP3 players and other devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

- Walk on a sidewalk or path when one is available. If no sidewalk or path is available, walk on the shoulder of the road facing traffic.

- Be cautious night and day when sharing the road with vehicles.

- Never assume a driver

sees you. He or she could be distracted, under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, or just not see you. Also, make eye contact with drivers as they approach.

- Be predictable. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections when possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.

- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area, wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.

- Be visible. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flash light at night.

Drivers, parents and teens need to be vigilant in order to reduce the dangers of distracted walking. Teens are not the only age group guilty of distracted walking, but teens are more likely to be risk takers.

For more information on the dangers of distracted walking visit: <http://www.safekids.org/take-action-prevent-distracted-walking>.

## Don't put yourself at risk of a winter fire

Winter brings with it the opportunity to decorate in creative ways using candles, electric lights and the chance to finally start cozy fires in unused fireplaces. The unfortunate consequence is that winter is also a prime time for fire-related injuries, property damage and even deaths. Families can take steps to prevent fire risks and hazards that may come during the winter months.

Winter brings many risks for winter fires. Taking some time to make sure your home is protected against a fire hazard can prevent thousands of dollars in damage, unnecessary headaches and potentially save lives.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, in 2008 alone, more than 3,000 people died in 2008 from fires and more than 16,000 were injured.

To help families and businesses have a good time and protect themselves against winter fire risks, the following tips are offered to help ensure a fire-safe home this winter:

- Avoid using lit candles. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down, out of the reach of children.

- Never leave a home or room with candles burning.
- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test the batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Have your chimney, chimney vent and flue cleaned and inspected annually.
- Never burn trash, painted or pressure-treated wood inside the home.
- Never use gasoline or other alternative fuels in a kerosene heater.
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Never leave food cooking unattended and keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen at all times.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Check on older adults and help them inspect their homes. Older people are at higher risk of injury from fires and are also more likely to die in fires than those in other age groups of fire-related injuries.

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- Check on older adults and help them inspect their homes. Older people are at higher risk of injury from fires and are also more likely to die in fires than those in other age groups of fire-related injuries.

There are more ways to keep warm than just using the fireplace. Here are a few suggestions:

- Set the thermostat at 65 degrees or higher.
- Never leave fireplaces,

woodstoves or space heaters unattended. Always use extreme caution with auxiliary heat sources.

- Speak with a trusted contractor about doing a winter survey on your home. You may want to install plastic coating over your windows and doors, a sump pump in your basement, storm windows or consider purchasing special padding or foam to prevent drafts around cracks where air can escape. If a complete storm window upgrade is out of your price range, consider replacing old storm windows on just the northern exposure of your home where it is vulnerable to the cold.
- Add extra insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces. Ideally, the attic should be five to ten degrees warmer than the outside air.
- Have the heating system serviced. Furnaces, boilers and chimneys should be serviced at least once a year to prevent fire and smoke damage.

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# From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

## 10 Years Ago December 22, 2005

Haskell High School senior Josh Barbee, was named to the Class A All-State High School Football Second Team as a running back, by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Winners in the Rule Chamber of Commerce Home and Yard Lighting Contest were Marilyn Adams, first; Lee Roy Wilson, second; and Charles Helms, third.

L.B. and Marie Ivey of Haskell, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family Thanksgiving dinner in the home of their daughter, Cindy Fitzharris, of Fort Worth. They also have a son, Robert, and four grandchildren.

## 20 Years Ago December 21, 1995

Frances Lane and Mattie Felker English have announced their retirement. Through Lane-Felker they provided a unique selection of the best in ladies' apparel with the finest service in West Texas for fifty years.

An Open House and Ribbon Cutting was held by Headstream Mental Health Center and New Frontier Clubhouse on Wednesday.

President Nancy Toliver welcomed members to the meeting of the Progressive Study Club. A program, "Santa's Workshop," was presented by Donna Byrd. She gave holiday decorating ideas, while creating several beautiful decorations.

## 30 Years Ago December 19, 1985

J.C. Yeary is serving as Haskell community chairman for the Hendrick League House. Plans call for \$2500 to be raised locally to furnish a room, which will be designated as a Haskell room.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray of Rule, were honored by their children and grandchildren with a reception in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in the Weinert Methodist Church by Rev. W.M. Callwell.

Tarleton State University linebacker Sam Toliver, who played his high school

football in Haskell, has been selected to the Second Team All-Conference in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Toliver, a sophomore, played outside linebacker for TSU.

## 40 Years Ago December 18, 1975

With the trailer shortage, four farmers from Weinert are trying something new. Toby Yates, Melvin Vojkufka, Tiffen Mayfield and C.W. Offutt are ricking their cotton. The cotton is processed by Paymaster Gin of Weinert. Don Griffis is the gin manager.

Receiving pins at the annual Christmas party of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department were Bill Comedy and Raymond Andrada, five year pins; John Watson, Bob Dumas and Wayne Wainscott, 15 year pins; Tom Paul Barnett, 20 year pin; and E.J. Stewart and Dugan Starr, 25 year pins.

The Haskell Little Dribblers held an organizational meeting and elected as officers James Lanier, president; Cliff Morris, vice-president; Lee Barnett, secretary; Wanda Medina, treasurer; Jerry Hadaway, player agent; and Kenneth Young, head referee.

## 50 Years Ago December 23, 1965

Dr. Frank C. Spencer, son of Mrs. Frank Spencer of Haskell, has accepted the position of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the New York University School of Medicine. He graduated from HHS as valedictorian of the class of 1941.

Mrs. Henry Harris opened her home to members of the Neighbors Hobby Club for their annual Christmas meeting. Officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. Norman Bevils, president; Mrs. Glenn Alsbrook, vice president; Mrs. Lee Brown, sec./treas.; and Mrs. E.B. Calloway, reporter.

Haskell's Perry Turnbow was the big gun Thursday night as the Indians waxed the Merkel Badgers 49-36 in basketball play. He scored 21 points.

## 100 Years Ago December 18, 1915

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Cole Menefee returned the latter part of the week, after a several days' hunting trip spent in Stonewall County. He was accompanied on the trip by George Sloan of Rule.

## Weather

by Kim Hutto

National Weather Service Volunteer Co-op Observer

### Temperature

Mon., Dec. 7 ..... 38°/59°  
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Wed., Dec. 9 ..... 39°/68°  
Thurs., Dec. 10 ..... 40°/67°  
Fri., Dec. 11 ..... 40°/71°  
Sat., Dec. 12 ..... 59°/74°  
Sun., Dec. 13 ..... 40°/57°

### Precipitation

Sat., Dec. 12 ..... .96" rain

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Hegar also said that sales tax revenue for the state in November was \$2.58 billion, down 3.3 percent compared to November 2014.

"Sales tax revenue declined again due to reduced spending in oil and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Remittances from other sectors, including construction, restaurants and retail trade, continued to grow. The net decrease in sales tax receipts is in line with the October Certification Revenue Estimate."

Haskell County had a 10.73 percent decrease for December 2015 of \$42,091.95 in comparison to \$47,152.75 for December 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$575,139.22 reflect a .15 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$576,053.93.

The City of Haskell had a 9.78 percent decrease for December 2015 of \$39,371.13 in comparison

to \$43,643.76 for December 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$531,168.83 reflect a .34 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$533,029.28.

The City of O'Brien had a 14.92 percent increase for December 2015 of \$221.52 in comparison to \$192.76 for December 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$4,246.23 reflect a 22.66 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$3,461.76.

The City of Rochester had a 4.20 percent decrease for December 2015 of \$494.82 in comparison to \$516.55 for December 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$7,244.13 reflect a 1.17 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$7,329.98.

The City of Rule had a 26.64 percent decrease for December 2015 of \$1,907.41 in comparison to \$2,600.39 for December 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$29,325.98 reflect a 1.72 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$28,827.35.

The City of Weinert had a 51.29 percent decrease for December 2015 of \$97.07 in comparison to \$199.29 for December 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$3,154.05 reflect a 7.38 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$3,406.56.

# Safety-net payments issued to Texas farmers

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Texas State Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, announced FSA has begun issuing financial assistance for the 2014 crop year to those agricultural producers who are participating in the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill. The new programs, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), are designed to protect against unexpected drops in crop prices or revenues due to market downturns.

"Unlike the old direct payments program, which provided funds in good years and bad years, these new programs only provide financial assistance when prices or revenues drop below normal," said Canales. "For example, nationwide, farms participating in ARC-County that are receiving payments experienced a \$20 billion drop in revenues relative to the historical benchmark. Similarly, lower prices in commodities such as peanuts and rice have triggered PLC assistance."

Funds provided by the ARC-County program can vary from county to county. The 2014 Farm Bill requires ARC-County payments to be calculated using the national average market year price (which does not vary by county), and the average county yield (which varies by county). This

creates county-by-county differences in payment rates. The yield data comes from surveys conducted by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the national standard that uses the highest-precision statistical procedures available. Where that data does not exist, the next strongest data is used: county-level crop insurance data from the Risk Management Agency (RMA). If that data does not exist, the next strongest data is used: NASS district data. Where NASS district data doesn't exist, the FSA State Committee provides data.

Canales adds that because the new programs are designed as financial assistance for prices and revenues lower than normal, not all producers will receive a payment, (as occurred with the old direct payments program). ARC/PLC payments are designed to help with unexpected changes in the marketplace, and to supplement other assistance programs, such as crop insurance. Texas-specific ARC-County revenue reference maps for corn, wheat, and soybeans can be obtained at [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/tx\\_arc\\_co\\_maps2015.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tx_arc_co_maps2015.pdf).

To learn more about the data used in calculating payments, how payments are calculated, crop-specific and state-specific information, please visit our website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

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Ronnie Alan Phillips. Offense: Possession of a controlled substance, namely Methamphetamine, under 1 gram. Conviction by Court-guilt plea. Sentenced: 3 years deferred	Melissa Reid. Offense: Burglary of a building. Original probation order 1-9-14. Motion to revoke probation-pled guilty. Conviction by court: 16 months confinement to TDCJ State Jail Division, plus fine and court costs.

# Haskell FFA competes in district, area and state contests



**STATE WINNERS**—The Haskell FFA Junior Skills and Ag Issues teams competed at the state competition in Huntsville Dec. 4-5. The Junior Skills team placed first and the Ag Issues team placed sixth. Ag Issues team members are, l-r, Sarah Fouts, Alye Stewart, Kylie Adams, Katie Newberry, Jacee Guess, Daphni Leonard. Ag Skills team members are, l-r, Taylor Manske, Kaelyn Bevel and C'era Taylor.



**PLACES SECOND**—The Haskell FFA Ag. Issues team placed second at the area competition. Team members are, l-r, Jacee Guess, Alye Stewart, Daphni Leonard, Sarah Fouts, Kylie Adams and Katie Newberry.



**THIRD PLACE**—The Haskell FFA Junior Chapter Conducting team placed third at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Tristen Swinney, Katelyn Hudson, Grace Colley, Laken Olson, Areli Torres, Ryanna Rodriguez, Hannah Stout, Allie Address and Jami Leonard (kneeling).



**PLACES FOURTH**—The Haskell FFA Ag. Advocacy team placed fourth at the area competition. Team members are, l-r, Hayden Hudson, Chase Gibson, Payton Thomas, Sam Fouts and Lane Burson.



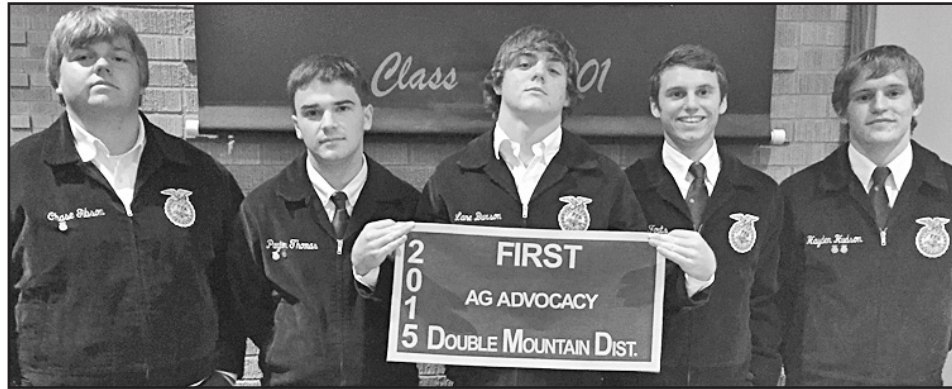
**FIRST PLACE**—The Haskell FFA Junior Skills team placed first at the area competition. Team members are, l-r, Taylor Manske, Kaelyn Bevel and C'era Taylor.



**PLACES FOURTH**—Sarah Fouts, Haskell FFA member, placed fourth at the area competition in the Sr. Creed Speaking event.



**PLACES FIRST**—The Haskell FFA Ag Issues team placed first at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Sarah Fouts, Katie Newberry, Jacee Guess, Daphni Leonard, Alye Stewart and Kylie Adams.



**FIRST PLACE**—The Haskell FFA Ag Advocacy team placed first at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Chase Gibson, Payton Thomas, Lane Burson, Sam Fouts and Hayden Hudson.



**PLACES FIRST**—Sarah Fouts, Haskell FFA member, placed first at the Double Mountain District competition in the Sr. Creed Speaking event.



**PLACES SECOND**—The Haskell FFA Junior Skills team placed second at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Taylor Manske, Kaelyn Bevel and C'era Taylor.



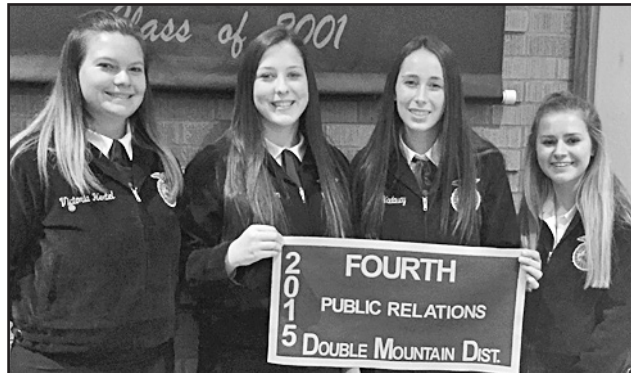
**PLACES SECOND**—The Haskell FFA Senior Skills team placed second at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Kameryn Mathis, Ariel Martinez and Kenna Ferguson.



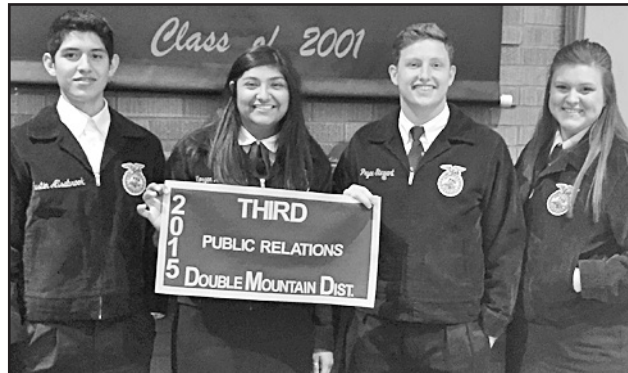
**PLACES SECOND**—This Haskell FFA Broadcasting team placed second at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Alye Stewart, Chase Gibson and Kameryn Mathis.



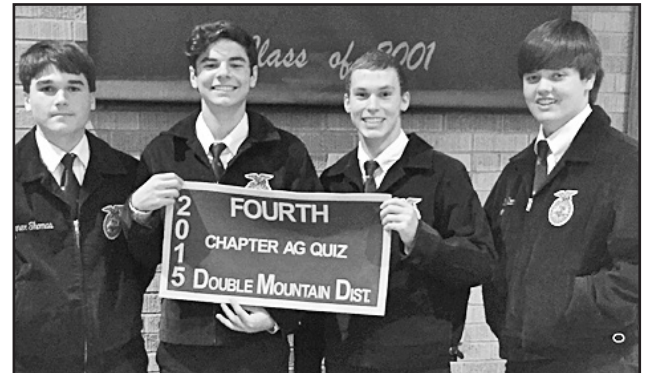
**PLACES FOURTH**—This Haskell FFA Broadcasting team placed fourth at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Pryce Stewart, Daphni Leonard and Katie Newberry.



**PLACES FOURTH**—This Haskell FFA Public Relations team placed fourth at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Vickie Hertel, Jaycee Ferguson, Hollyn Hadaway and Macey Coker.



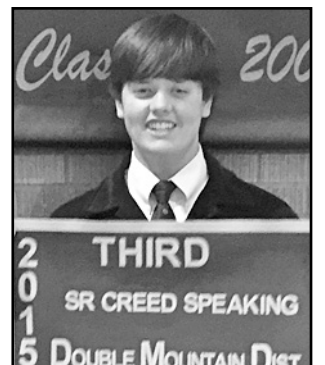
**PLACES THIRD**—This Haskell FFA Public Relations team placed third at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Isaiah Alvarez, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Pryce Stewart and Kourtney Howard.



**PLACES FOURTH**—The Haskell FFA Ag Quiz team placed fourth at the Double Mountain District competition. Team members are, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Caleb Wheat, Dalton Meinzer and Riley Sloan.



**HASKELL FFA WITH BANNERS WON AT DISTRICT COMPETITION**



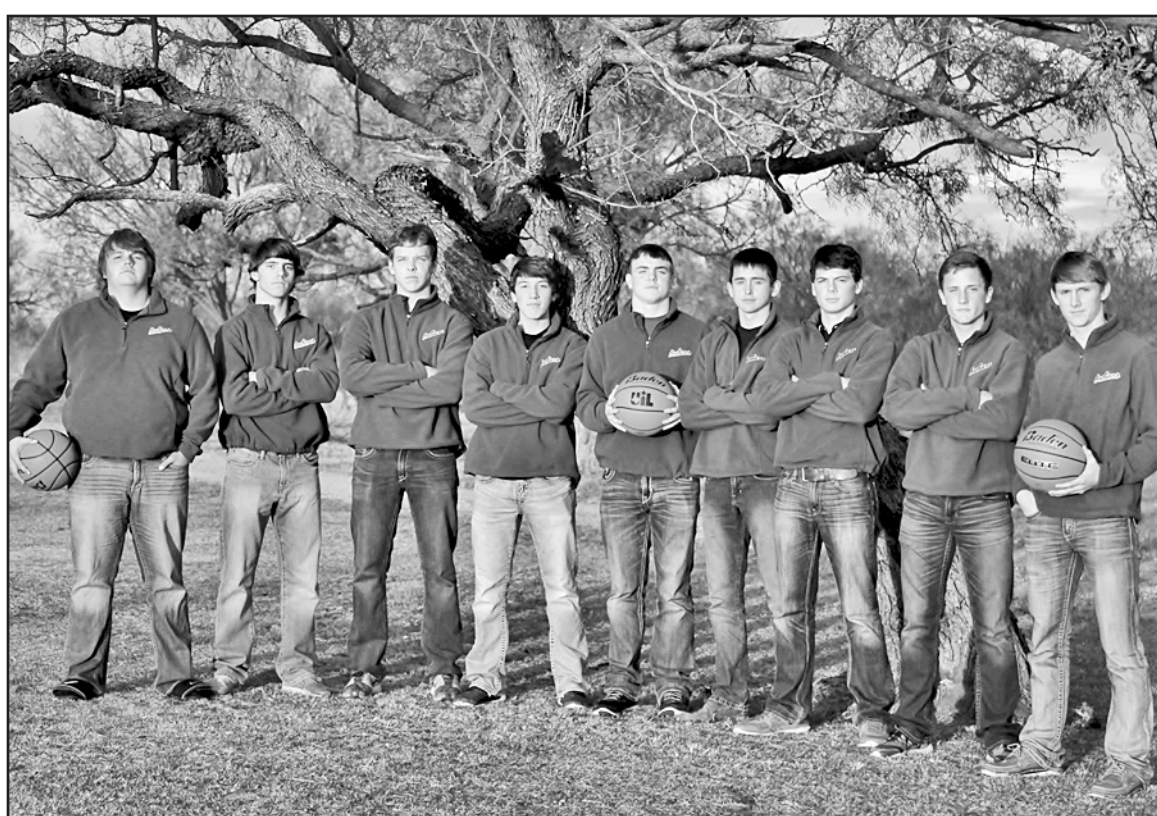
**THIRD PLACE**—Riley Sloan, Haskell FFA member, placed third at the Double Mountain District in the Sr. Creed Speaking competition.



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## Indians ★ Maidens

# Basketball



## Haskell Indians

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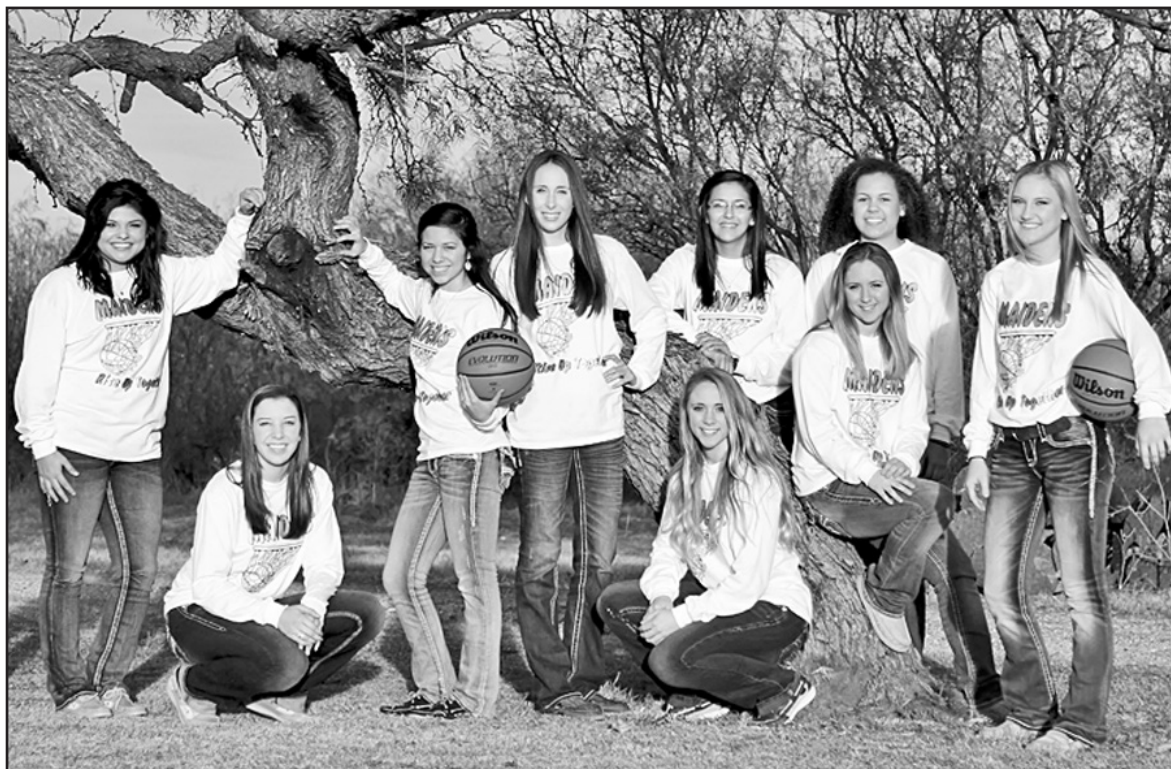
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**JV-V vs Clyde  
Mon., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.  
at Clyde**

HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians basketball team include, l-r, Chase Gibson, Rocky Haggard, Kyler Hoover, Aaron Skiles, Lane Burson, Kellen Parks, Alec Roewe, Kadin Seeliger and Dylan Hanson.

## Haskell Maidens

**JV-V vs Winters  
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at Winters**

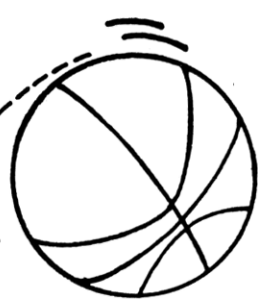


HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the Haskell Maidens basketball team include, l-r, Destiny Benavides, Taylor Manske, Ariel Martinez, Hollyn Hadaway, Jordan Garvin, Courtney Whitt, Mackinzie Garvin, C'Era Taylor and Ashlyn Bevel.

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# Maidens' basketball

## Maidens fight off Lady Cats

The Haskell Maidens outscored the Henrietta Lady Cats 15-8 in the third quarter to help secure the 47-41 win to open up pool play Thurs., Dec. 10 at the Archer City basketball tournament.

Haskell (4-5) were led by junior Ashlyn Bevel with 13 points and senior Destiny Benavides with 11. Other leading scorers were Ariel

Martinez with 6, Courtney Whitt 5, C'Era Taylor 4, Jordan Garvin 3, Hollyn Hadaway 3 and Taylor Manske 2. Leading the team in assists was Martinez with 6 and Benavides, J Garvin and Hadaway all had 2 each.

"Offensively, we had a very balanced scoring attack. When everyone contributes to our overall point total that makes it very difficult on our opponents," head coach

Blake Eddleman said. The Maidens shot 15-32 (46%) from the field, 5-10 (50%) from the 3 point line, and 12-22 (54%) from the free throw line.

J. Garvin had a team high 6 rebounds followed by Bevel with 5, Martinez 5, C Taylor 4, Benavides 4 and Whitt 4. Leading the team in steals was Bevel with 3 and J. Garvin 2. "Defensively, I thought we did a solid job

against Henrietta. We got a couple of shut down quarters (below 10) and we were able to keep them in the low 40's," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought it was a good quality win over a 3A school. I was very proud of the girls' effort and play on both ends of the floor," Eddleman added.

Haskell	9	14	15	9 = 47
Henrietta	6	13	8	14 = 41

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## Lady Cats claw past the Maidens

The Archer City Lady Cats got off the fast start and didn't slow down Thursday evening to beat the Haskell Maidens 59-37 in pool play at the Archer City tournament. Haskell falls to 4-6 on the season.

The Maiden offense was led by freshman Jordan Garvin with 11 points, Ariel Martinez 9, Ashlyn Bevel 5, C'Era Taylor 4, Taylor Manske 3, Courtney Whitt 2, Destiny Benavides 2 and Mackinzie Garvin 1. Leading the team in assists was C. Taylor and Whitt with 2 each. "Offensively, I thought we did some good things at times. We still need to be more patient on offense and improve our screening angles against a good man to man team like Archer City," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

J. Garvin had a team high 6 rebounds followed by Benavides with 5, Manske 4 and Whitt 3. Leading the team in steals was Hadaway with 3 and Manske 2. "Defensively, we did not play well at all and we definitely did not take pride in our defense. It was a very disappointing performance on the defensive end and that is something that we don't take lightly as a coaching staff," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought Archer City had a very good team and they exposed us in a few areas. I am glad we got the opportunity to play a team like them and that is one thing I love about tournaments. We have a young team this year and our tough non-district schedule is really helping us get prepared for district. I would not want it any other way," Eddleman added.

Haskell	15	9	11	6 = 41
Notre Dame	9	11	7	7 = 34

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and outside. We also did a nice job getting to the free-throw line. Unfortunately, we just didn't shoot the ball well and that has been a pattern here lately," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens out rebounded the Lady Knights 42-29. C Taylor had a career high 10 rebounds and T. Manske had a career high 8 rebounds. Bevel finished with 7 rebounds and Whitt had 5. Leading the team in steals was J Garvin with 4 and Bevel 3.

"Defensively, I thought we did a really good job on their best player and we were able to come up with three shut down quarters (below 10). Our main defensive goal is to hold our opponent's in the 30's. We have done that on average the past three seasons and that is something that we are going to strive for in district play," Eddleman said.

"Overall, we were excited about finishing second in our pool and we are looking forward to playing two quality opponents in bracket play on Saturday. There are some strong teams at the Archer City tournament and that is exactly what we need heading into the start of district on Tuesday," Eddleman added.

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Notre Dame	9	11	7	7 = 34

## Lady Bulldogs hold off Maidens

Alvord used a 17-11 second quarter run and then held off a fourth quarter push by the Maidens to get the 59-51 victory on Saturday morning at the Archer City tournament.

Haskell (5-7) was led in scoring by junior Ashlyn Bevel with 17 points and freshman Jordan Garvin with 12 points. There were several other Maidens that contributed to the scoring. Hollyn Hadaway had 6 points, Mackinzie Garvin 6, C'Era Taylor 4, Courtney Whitt 2, Destiny Benavides 2 and Taylor Manske 2. Leading the team in assists was C. Taylor and Benavides with 2 each.

The Maidens shot 18-58 (31%) from the field, 6-24 (25%) from the 3 point line, and 9-12 (75%) from the free throw line. "Offensively, we had two players in double figure scoring and all the other players that played in this game scored. The girls did a great job being unselfish and playing team basketball on the offensive end. They were sharing the ball and making the extra pass for a high percentage shots down low and uncontested three point shots from the outside," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Lady Bulldogs had some lethal shooters from the outside going 7-13 (53%) from the behind the 3 point line. "Defensively, we knew going into the game that Alvord could really shoot the ball from long range and it was obvious in warm-up. They hit some three pointers on us in transition and that is something we need to improve on. I doubt we see too many teams moving forward that shoot the ball

from the outside as well as Alvord," Eddleman said.

C. Taylor had a team high 6 rebounds followed by J. Garvin with 5 and T. Manske 4. Leading the team in steals was Benavides with 3, Bevel 2 and M. Garvin 2. "Overall, I thought we put up a great fight against a very good Alvord team. They went on to win the Archer City tournament and we definitely held our own against them. It was another great non-district game for us and one that will pay dividends down the road. I was very proud of our team's play and competitive fight," Eddleman added.

Haskell	18	11	8	14 = 51
Alvord	18	17	12	12 = 59

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## Maidens tame the Lady Tigers to capture third place

The Haskell Maidens used tough man to man defense and a 20-10 second quarter run to take down the 3A Jacksboro Lady Tigers 46-40 on Saturday evening to win third place at the Archer City tournament.

Haskell (6-7) was led by freshman Taylor Manske. She had a great all around game finishing with 8 points, 11 rebounds, 5 steals and 3 assists. "Taylor has been a huge blessing to the Maiden basketball program and our school district. She is a high character kid, super competitive, and extremely smart," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maiden offense was led by senior Ashlyn Bevel who finished with 20 points followed by Taylor Manske with 8, Destiny Benavides 6, Jordan Garvin 4, Hollyn Hadaway 4, C'Era Taylor 2 and Mackinzie Garvin 2. Leading the team in assists was T. Manske with 3 and J. Garvin 2.

The Maidens shot 16-49 (32%) from the field, 4-15 (26%) from the 3 point line, and 13-23 (56%) from the free throw line. "Offensively, we had a well balanced scoring attack and that is what I was expecting from this year's team. Every player on the team can shoot the ball and they do a great job sharing the ball with one another," Eddleman said.

Leading the team in rebounds was T. Manske with 11 followed by C. Taylor and J. Garvin with 3 each. T. Manske had a team high 5 steals and Bevel had 3. "Defensively, I thought it was one of our best defensive performances of the year. One of the referee's came up to me at half time and said that our girls play great man to man defense. I thought that was an awesome compliment and I shared that with the team as we took the court for the second half and they continued to make it tough on Jacksboro," Eddleman said.

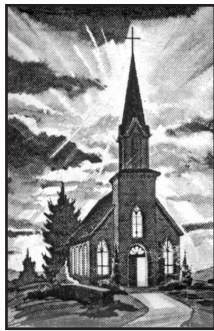
"Overall, I thought the girls did a great job on both ends of the floor. They competed at a level that Jacksboro was not able to match and that is what championship teams do. If we do that in district, great things are going to happen for us again this year," Eddleman added.

Haskell	11	20	7	8 = 46
Jacksboro	11	10	12	7 = 40



**WINS THIRD PLACE**—The Haskell Maidens took third place at the Archer City basketball tournament by beating 3A Jacksboro 46-40 last Saturday. Team members are, l-r, B.B. Rodriguez, Ariel Martinez, Mackinzie Garvin, Ashlyn Bevel, Destiny Benavides, Courtney Whitt, Hollyn Hadaway, C'Era Taylor, Jordan Garvin and Taylor Manske.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### Let Love Adorn Your Home with Holiday Happiness

Your favorite stores are all a-glitter with lights, ornaments, tinsel, candles, wreaths and gift wrappings. However, these seasonal adornments may not put you in a gala holiday mood, and if so, assuming that you have no major problems or sorrows, something must be wrong. Have you quarreled recently with a relative or friend? Are you normally impatient with people? Then it's time to get rid of these negative tendencies. Mend that quarrel, no matter whose fault it was. Let your house of worship put some love and kindness in your heart before you plug in the Christmas lights. Then your home and your life will be much brighter during the upcoming holidays, as well as at all other times of the year.

### 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**  
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**  
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 Consemينو  
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**  
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.  
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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- 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
- 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  
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# Indians' basketball

## Indians fall to Boys Ranch High School, 34-46

The Haskell Indians opened up the West Texas Invitational Tournament Thurs., Dec. 10 with a tough loss to a talented team from Boys Ranch High School.

The Indians started off slow and could never gain momentum from the Roughriders. In the second quarter the Indians closed the four point gap to go into halftime down by one point.

To start the third quarter, the Indians got a little spurt and would hold a one point advantage for their only lead of the game, which was short lived. The Roughriders would then go on a 5-0 run to extend their lead. The Indians would never be able to recover from the deficit.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about the game, "A slow start and missing shots early, and not finishing around the basket,

caused us to give up the early lead. Boys Ranch hit some big shots late in the third quarter to get the lead and we were unable to recover."

The Indians were led in scoring by Dylan Hanson with 13, Alec Roewe and Kadin Seeliger added 6 points each, Aaron Skiles added 3 points, and Lane Burson, Chase Gibson and Kyler Hoover added 2 points each to round out the scoring. The Indians were out rebounded 24 (9 offensive, 15 defensive) to 31. 11 of the 31 rebounds for Boys Ranch were offensive that translated into 22 second chance points for the Roughriders.

The Indians returned to action Friday against West Texas JV who was entered into the tournament due to a late drop.

Tuesday night score:  
JV Indians 63,  
Throckmorton (V) 60 in overtime  
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## Indians beat West Texas High School, 76-20

The Indians got a huge win on Fri., Dec. 11 over tournament host West Texas High JV.

The Indians put the most points up this year with a 76-20 dominating win. The Indians had their best shooting performance of the year finishing the game 31 of 62 (50%) from 2-point range, 8 of 16 (50%) from 3-point range, and 6 of 11 (56%) from the charity stripe. Haskell was led in scoring by Hanson with 17, Roewe and Seeliger with 14, Hoover and Skiles with 8, Parks with 7, sophomore Caleb Wheat who traveled to the tournament had 6, and Gibson with 2.

Coach Tate Thompson stated, "We came out for today's game on fire and ready to play basketball. We didn't allow them to get to the basket as we did on Thursday. This was a great bounce back game for us, but we must play the rest of the season with the same intensity we came out with today."

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Indians beat Miami, 49-43 for Consolation Championship  
The Haskell Indians

had a great finish to the West Texas Invitational Tournament in Stinnet Sat., Dec. 12 with a big win over Miami High School, 49-43 winning another consolation championship for the second tournament.

The Indians started off right where they left off on Friday versus West Texas

scoring 26 points in the first half to take a nine point lead into halftime. Miami would make a furious attempt to come back on the Indians, but the Indians would hold on for the win.

The Indians nine point lead wouldn't get any larger than that for the game. Miami would score 26 second half

points to Haskell's 23.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about the game, "I felt like we came out on fire, just like we ended on Friday, but a big third quarter from Miami and some glitches in our offense almost gave up the game. I am very proud of our kids to keep fighting and hold on to this win."

The Indians were led in scoring by Hanson with 24 points (4-3's). Also scoring for the Indians were Skiles with 6 points, Caleb Wheat with 5 points, Roewe, Seeliger and Hoover with 4 points each, and Gibson with 2 points. "Overall we had a great tournament and our athletes represented their school very well. We were very inconsistent this weekend and in order to compete for the top district spot in our district we must find that consistency and keep it up. I feel we will do that over the next couple of weeks." Thompson stated.

The Indians next match up with be versus the Windthorst Trojans on Fri., Dec. 18 at home. Tip off is set for 4 p.m. with the JV tipping off at 2 p.m.



**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Indian #24 Dylan Hanson puts the ball back up for two on an offensive rebound.



**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Indian #12 Alec Roewe takes the ball up for two points in the paint.



**THREE POINTS**—Haskell Indian #32 Caleb Wheat is good for three points for the Indians in the West Texas Tournament in Stinnett.

## Haskell FD holds annual party

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department gathered for their annual Christmas party Mon., Dec. 14 at the American Legion Hall.

Invited guests included the families of the firemen, retirees and wives, local law enforcement, local EMS

and local county and city officials.

The run report for the department included 9 structure fires, 12 brush fires, 11 vehicle related calls, one hazardous materials call, six other calls and numerous calls to assist EMS.

Fireman Mathew Cunningham received a service pin for 15 years of service to the department. He serves as fire chief. Alan Merchant, Jake Alexander and Chance Strickland received service pins for 5 years of service.



**RECEIVE SERVICE PINS**—Receiving 5 year service pins at the annual Haskell Fire Department party held Mon., Dec. 14 were, l-r, Alan Merchant, Jake Alexander and Chance Strickland. Fire chief Mathew Cunningham, right, received a pin for 15 years of service.

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**SURVIVING FLU SEASON**

With flu season upon us, now's the time to make sure you and your family members (six months of age and older) have received your yearly flu vaccine if you haven't done so already.

Each year, approximately 200,000 people are hospitalized due to the flu and anywhere from 3,000 to 50,000 will die from flu related complications.

How does one get the flu? Typically, the flu is spread through tiny droplets when people cough, sneeze or talk. In fact, a person with the flu can infect others the day before their actual flu symptoms appear and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. Symptoms of the flu include fever/chills, runny nose, sore throat and an aching body.

The Center for Disease Control recommends the following to help protect you this flu season:

1. Get your flu shot
2. Avoid contact with sick people
3. If you do get sick with a flu-like illness, stay home until after 24 hours of when your fever is gone and limit interaction in and out of your home
4. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, do not reuse tissues, throw them away
5. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand

**rub if you do not have immediate access to soap and water**

6. Clean and disinfect surfaces in your home or office that maybe infected with germs
7. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

It is also important to know that antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness and prevent serious flu complications. Treatment with antivirals works best when begun within 48 hours of getting sick, but can still be beneficial when given later in the course of illness.

Here at Haskell Memorial Hospital and our clinics, we offer the flu vaccine at a low cost and can usually bill it to insurance if you are insured.

**Dr Wayne Cadenhead-attended medical school at Texas Tech and residency at UT Medical School in San Antonio finishing in 1978 and returning to Haskell County to practice family medicine.**

**He is a third generation physician in Haskell County following in his father and grandfathers footsteps that in total have provided 100 years of healthcare service to Haskell County.**

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