

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley
 Fri., Jan. 15, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
7-8 Girls vs Anson
 Mon., Jan. 18, 5 p.m.
 at Anson
7-8 Boys vs Anson
 Mon., Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m.
 at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roscoe
 Tues., Jan. 19, 4 p.m.
 at Roscoe
PAINT CREEK
JH G-B vs Moran
 Thurs., Jan. 14, 5:30
 at Moran
VG-B vs Rotan
 Fri., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rotan
JH G-B vs Blackwell
 Mon., Jan. 18, 5:30
 at Paint Creek
VG-B vs Jayton
 Tues., Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.
 at Jayton
RULE
VG-B vs Lueders-Avoca
 Fri., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
JH G-B vs Lueders-Avoca
 Mon., Jan. 18, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-B vs Roby
 Tues., Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.
 at Roby

Calendar

Jr. Livestock Show
 The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 14-16.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the First Bank Texas community room for election of officers and sharing of funds. Carolyn Waller will present "Let's Play Jeopardy." A business meeting will follow. Dorothy Hartsfield will present Federation News and a free will offering for Heifer International will be given. President is Julia Harrell.

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 January, dining will be at Star Stop. For more information, call Pam Heezen at 940-863-4225.

Easter Cantata

The Community Choir Easter Cantata rehearsals will be held every Sunday, beginning Jan. 17, at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Chapel. The Easter Cantata will be presented Sun., March 20. A nursery will be provided.

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.

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.

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 14-16

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98 exhibitors to show this weekend at Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show and Sale

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held January 14-16, at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time and weigh in time for steers, heifers, lambs, swine and goats is Thurs., Jan. 14, by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. with the rabbit and poultry show beginning at 7 p.m.

This is the first year there will be a market goat show. Thirteen market goats have been validated for this year's show. Also expected will be nine pens of poultry, nine steers, sixteen gilts, thirty-six pens of rabbits, eighty-seven barrows and thirteen market lambs.

On Friday, Jan. 15, the lamb show will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the goat and then swine show. The steer show is scheduled for 2 p.m., with heifers to follow.

Judges this year for the swine, lambs, goats and cattle will be Borden County Agricultural Extension Agent Cody Hill, Chris Beard, Ag Science Instructor from Albany ISD, will judge the rabbits and chickens.

Auctioneers and announcers for this year's show will be Keith Medford, John Foster, Kent Colley and Mike Fouts of Haskell and Rex Ford of Stamford.

The premium sale will begin at 11 a.m. on Sat.,



2015 GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Chase Gibson, a member of the Haskell Co. 4-H Club, holds his European steer that took Grand Champion honors Jan. 16. Pre-bid sheets may be picked up at the Central Texas Farm Credit Office at 550 S. 2nd St. in Haskell or call Justin Cox at (325)370-6571 for sale information.

The Haskell County Judge and Commissioners' Court will again be serving hamburgers both Friday and

Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand serving food and drinks all three days of the show.

Last year's show finished up with a total of ninety-eight exhibitors. The 2015

at the 2015 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show. Kourtney Gibson displays his awards from the show.

premium sale brought in \$62,000 to the youth of our county. The 2016 show and sale is expecting 98 exhibitors.

Justin Cox, 2016 president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association would like to thank all the members of

Haskell County, the board members, volunteers, donors, exhibitors, ag science teachers and extension staff for their continued help in this year's Haskell County Livestock Show.

Make plans to attend this year's show and support the youth of Haskell County.

January sales tax receipts reported by Comptroller

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$617.2 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 0.1 percent less than in January 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Hegar also said that sales tax revenue for the state in December was \$2.33 billion, down 1.1 percent compared to December 2014.

"As with the previous two months, December sales tax revenue was down largely due to spending reductions in oil and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "This was expected, given ongoing weakness in oil and natural gas prices. Remittances from other sectors, such as construction and information, continued to grow."

Haskell County had a .69 percent increase for January 2016 of \$40,013.28 in comparison to \$39,736.53 for January 2015.

The City of Haskell had a 1.07 percent increase for January 2016 of \$37,207.19 in comparison to \$36,811.15 for January 2015.

The City of O'Brien had a 64.26 percent increase for January 2016 of \$279.95 in comparison to \$170.43 for January 2015.

The City of Rochester had a 8.29 percent decrease for January 2016 of \$418.56 in comparison to \$456.41 for January 2015.

The City of Rule had a 3.70 percent decrease for January 2016 of \$2,007.58 in comparison to \$2,084.76 for January 2015.

The City of Weinert had a 53.22 percent decrease for January 2016 of \$100.00 in comparison to \$213.78 for January 2015.



GOOD GANGS—The Haskell CISD Junior High eighth grade class read and studied the book "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. After related class discussions/activities and STARR test preparations in Darlene Hopkins's class, the students participated in designing and signing their "Good Gang" class t-shirts. Participating in the class project l-r, are Tori Rodriguez and Marina Wagner.

Commissioners vote to prohibit weapons in Courthouse

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting Wed., Dec. 30 with Judge David C. Davis, and Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger in attendance.

The matter of prohibiting weapons in the courthouse was tabled.

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court

met in a special called meeting Mon., Jan. 4 with Judge David C. Davis, and Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Elmer Adams, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger in attendance.

A motion to post signs on all entrances of the Courthouse prohibiting concealed or open carry of weapons in the Courthouse, passed.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 4-10:

Wendy Aaron Bivins, motion to be released off bond possession controlled substance meth surety withdraw possession of prohibited weapon surety withdraw possession of marijuana driving while license invalid.

Samuel Reyes, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, failure to comply with duties on striking a fixture on the highway.

Billy Ray Thomas Jr., possession of a controlled substance.

Adrian Villarreal, parole warrant Austin

parole division, possession of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance in a correctional facility.

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
 National Weather Service
 Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature
 Mon., Jan. 4 33°/54°
 Tues., Jan. 5 30°/49°
 Wed., Jan. 6 29°/51°
 Thurs., Jan. 7 38°/62°
 Fri., Jan. 8 28°/46°
 Sat., Jan. 9 26°/41°
 Sun., Jan. 10 24°/39°
Precipitation
 Sat., Jan. 92" snow

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Attend the Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show and Sale January 14-16



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Rule ISD lists honor rolls for third six weeks

Rule ISD has released the names of students appearing on the A and A-B honor rolls and the perfect attendance list for the third six weeks of school.

Pre-K: Perfect attendance, Rylan Johnson and Callie Sorley.

Kindergarten: Perfect attendance, Hannah Hertel and Lezli Manske.

First grade: A honor roll, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Jayde Leek and Natalie Murray; A-B honor roll, Averil Baldwin, Arena Caldwell, Leslie Caldwell, Rylan Green, Haylee Stone and Brylee Teague; Perfect attendance, Rylan Green, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Jayde Leek, Natalie Murray and Fabian Valdez.

Second grade: A

honor roll, Kaitlyn Saffel; A-B honor roll, Waylynn Caldwell, Dylan Campbell, Samantha Farquhar, Juliana Flores, Skylor Kreger, Skylar Leek, Lacoste Navarrette and Kaylee Silvas; Perfect attendance, Dylan Campbell, Skylor Kreger, Leland Short and Kaylee Silvas.

Third grade: A honor roll, Diego Amaya, A-B honor roll, Kyle Adkins, Hailey Garcia, Jelena Alvarez, Kyleik Mason, Frankie Olivera and Luther Smith; Perfect attendance, Kyle Adkins, Diego Amaya, Max Hollabaugh, Luther Smith and Julio Tapia.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Shelby Saffel; A-B honor roll, Zachary Campbell, Donna Green and Astrid Guzman; Perfect attendance, Zachary Campbell, Donna

Green, Zachary Ingram, Timothy Moore, Geneva Pauley and Shelby Saffel.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Karcin Smith; Perfect attendance, Karleigh Hertel, Patrick Lightfoot, Karcin Smith, Ragen Thompson and Trinity Whorton.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Abigail Ortiz; A-B honor roll, D.J. Jameson, Kurt Leek, Lenzi Manske, Jaella Alvarez, Macy Rogers and Bryson Silvas; Perfect attendance, Daena Diaz, Jillian Herrera, Kurt Leek, Lenzi Manske and Macy Rogers.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Dean Kreger, Jysela Alvarez and Christian Speck; Perfect attendance, Kayla Hollingsworth and Yesenia Moreno.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Ian Sotelo; A-B honor

roll, J.W. Eppler, Kennedy Fritzler, Danny Kreger and Madalyn Navarrette; Perfect attendance, J.W. Eppler, Kennedy Fritzler, Fabian Hollingsworth, Cheyenne Kreger and Ian Sotelo.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Del Fritzler; A-B honor roll, McKenzie Gray, Kourtney Hertel and Leann Manske; Perfect attendance, Isaiah Castillo, Del Fritzler, Kourtney Hertel, Leann Manske and Chase Thompson.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Kaysen Barnett and Thomas Short; Perfect attendance, Adolfo Gonzalez and Christina Moore.

Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Austin Redden.

Twelfth grade: Perfect attendance, Gabriel Baiza and Dominic Gonzales.

Student in the News

Andrew K. Hertel of Rule graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Angelo State University in San Angelo during commencement exercises held Dec. 12.

Area Basketball scores

Boys
Lueders-Avoca 63, Paint Creek 43
Scoring for Paint Creek: Acosta 12, Priddy 12, Pate 10, Masias 5, Trotter 4.
Jayton 57, Rule 29
Scoring for Rule: Thompson 13, Mitchell 8, Helms 8.

Obituaries

James 'Owen' Griffin



Funeral services for James 'Owen' Griffin, 57, of Lake Stamford were held Sat., Jan. 9 at Paint Creek Baptist Church in Paint Creek with Rev. Tony Grand officiating and Rev. Robbie Harris assisting. Graveside services

were held at the McAdoo Cemetery in McAdoo under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Griffin passed away Jan. 1.

Born Oct. 22, 1958 in Spur, he was the son of Leo and Lillie (Shaw) Griffin. He was employed by Red Diamond Trucking of Knox City and lived at Lake Stamford. He attended school at McAdoo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Griffin.

Survivors include his three daughters, Audrey Freeman and husband Chris of Buffalo Gap, Nicole Griffin of Amarillo and Kelsey Griffin of Post; two sisters, Beverly Herrera and husband Manuel of Spur and Cheryl Adams and

husband Harold of Dickens; one brother, Jerry Griffin and wife Judy of Brownwood; seven granddaughters; one grandson; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be given in Owen's name to First Baptist Church, 704 S. Main St., Vega, Texas, 806-267-2440; McAdoo Cemetery Association, Box 56, McAdoo, Texas 79243; Paint Creek Baptist Church, 4520 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-3358; Cedar Ridge Aviation, P.O. Box 37, Knox City, Texas 79529, 940-658-3079.

Online condolences may be shared with Owen's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Attie Doris Burson



Funeral services for Attie Doris Burson, 93, of Rockwall, formerly of Haskell, were held Thurs., Jan. 7 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Bro. Ollie Pierson officiating. Burial

was at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Burson passed away Mon., Jan. 4 at Rockwall Hospital in Rockwall.

Born Feb. 19, 1922 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Samuel Lafayette Parks and Clara Leona (Boatright) Parks. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Doris enjoyed playing canasta and loved making dolls, doll clothes and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Lafayette Parks and Clara Leona (Boatright) Parks; husband, E.C. "Botch" Burson; and sister, Faye

Stiewert.

Survivors include her daughter, Rosa Lea Melton and husband, Howard of Terrell; son, Ron Burson of Abilene; two grandchildren, Kathy Melton of Lewisville and Keith Melton of Terrell; seven great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desired, memorials may be given in Doris's name to the Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene, TX 79601, 325-677-8516.

Online condolences may be shared with Doris's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Janice Sue Smith



Funeral services for Janice Sue Smith, 56, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 12 at the Assembly of God in Haskell with Bro. J.C. Amburn officiating. Burial

was in Rochester Cemetery in Rochester under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Smith passed away Fri., Jan. 8 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born April 16, 1960 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Ottest Virgil and Stella Mae (Aycock) Howell. She enjoyed crafts and especially her grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ottest Virgil Howell and Stella Mae (Aycock) Howell; and sister, Stella Fay (Howell) Jackson.

Survivors include her husband, Timmy Wilson of Haskell; daughter, Jessica Jackson of Haskell; two sons, Brandon Isbell and fiancé Michele of Haskell and James Matthew Smith of Jayton; brother, Ray Howell of Abilene; two grandsons, Braxton Jackson and Iziah Chase Jackson Barnes both of Haskell; granddaughter, Kayleigh Jay Jackson of Haskell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be shared with Janice's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

HASKELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL and HASKELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CLINIC

Welcome

Dr. Leon Joplin

Dr. Leon Joplin will join our medical staff January 5, 2016 and will begin seeing patients on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Dr. Joplin has been a physician since 1992 and practicing in the Stamford Hospital clinic since 2007. He has many years of experience in both the clinic and emergency room setting and we are very excited to have him join us at our clinic and hospital.

Dr. Joplin will see patients on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hospital Clinic located at 1400 South 1st.

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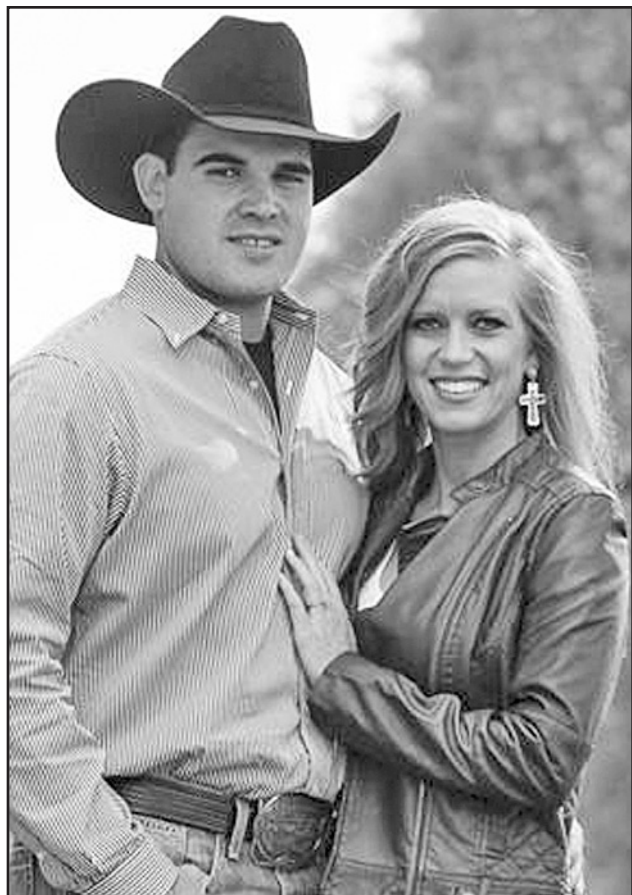
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KIEL ROWAN – JESSICA PILLOW

Pillow, Rowan plan April wedding

Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Kiel Rowan, to Jessica Pillow of Elgin, Oklahoma. An April wedding is planned. The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of June Locknane and the late Eugene Locknane of Clovis, New Mexico, and the late Ivan and Cleo Rowan of O'Brien. He is a 2012 graduate of Tarleton State

University and is employed by Rattan Oklahoma Public Schools. The bride-elect is the daughter of Bobby and Shari Pillow of Rattan, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Jack Stuckey and the late Linda Stuckey, and late Weldon and Jackye Cox, all of Lawton, Oklahoma. She is a 2013 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Daily aspirin risk may outweigh benefit

For most individuals who have not had a heart attack or stroke, the risks of a daily low-dose aspirin regimen may outweigh the benefits, say UT Southwestern Medical Center physicians.

Aspirin makes the blood slower to clot, and for individuals who have already had a heart attack or stroke, daily low-dose aspirin can significantly reduce the likelihood of another event.

But millions of Americans take a daily 81 mg aspirin hoping to prevent a first heart attack or stroke. Cardiologists call this primary prevention. A number of recent studies of aspirin use for primary prevention showed only minimal reductions in heart attacks, says Dr. James de Lemos, cardiologist at UT Southwestern. At the same time, individuals who take daily aspirin have an increased likelihood of major bleeding from the gastrointestinal

tract or even intracranial bleeding. As a result, health organizations are now revising recommendations on aspirin use for primary prevention.

Dr. de Lemos says patients who are currently taking daily aspirin for primary prevention of heart attacks and stroke should have a conversation with their physician about whether to continue. He suggests people can prepare for the conversation by getting an estimate of their heart attack and stroke risk at <http://tools.cardiosource.org/ASCVD-Risk-Estimator/>.

"If the risk is above 7.5 percent, and the person is not at high risk for bleeding, then low-dose aspirin may be reasonable for primary prevention," Dr. de Lemos says. "If the estimated risk is much lower than this, then the risks of aspirin would likely outweigh the benefits."



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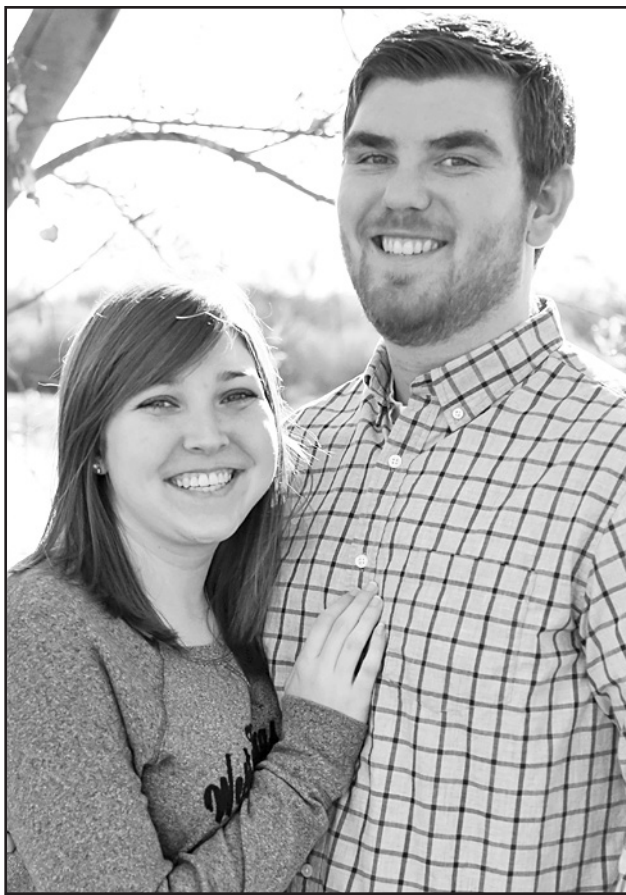
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MADISON MAYFIELD – NICHOLAS STANLEY

Mayfield, Stanley to marry in July

Joe Bob and Deborah Smith of Haskell and Mondy Mayfield of Weinert, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Madison Mayfield, to Nicholas Stanley of Stamford. A July wedding is planned.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and

will graduate from West Texas A&M University in May 2017.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Douglas and Connie Stanley of Stamford. He is a graduate of Stamford High School and will also graduate from West Texas A&M in May 2017.

Haskell National Bank earns 5-Star banking award

BauerFinancial Inc., Coral Gables, Florida is announcing that Haskell National Bank has once again earned its coveted 5-Star Superior rating. Earning and sustaining Bauer's highest rating for the most recent 95 consecutive quarters, Haskell National Bank has also put itself in the top 10 percent which carries with it the added designation of "Sustained Superiority."

"A 5-Star rating indicates that Haskell National Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation, excelling in such areas as capital, loan quality, profitability and much more. Earning the Sustained Superiority designation proves that Haskell National Bank has been getting it right for a long time," expressed Karen L. Dorway, president

of BauerFinancial, the nation's bank rating firm.

"BauerFinancial has been touting the benefits and mainstays of community banks since its inception in 1983," Dorway continues. "I am thrilled to be able to say that the January 2015 issue of Consumer Reports agrees. According to its own surveys, Consumer Reports concluded that smaller banks are best for personal service as they 'tend to focus more on relationships;' over three-quarters of respondents indicated they were 'highly satisfied' in the CR survey."

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Alzheimer's group to meet Jan. 21 in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" Thurs., Jan. 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105, in Abilene.

At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health. These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. To assist

individuals in aging well, "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" covers four areas associated with healthy aging: cognitive activity, physical health and exercise, diet and nutrition, and social engagement. In each area, we will discuss what we know, drawing on current research, as well as what we can do—steps to take now to improve or maintain overall health in each area.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

January 12, 2006

Haskell Elementary students collected \$6,635 for the American Heart Association during their annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Top donation collectors were Morgan Nava-Munoz, second grade; Jacie Klose, third grade; Gus Estrada, fourth grade; and Cole Casey, fifth grade.

20 Years Ago

January 11, 1996

Marcus Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallar Overton of Paint Creek, received his Eagle Scout in a ceremony held at Pat Morrison Auditorium in Paint Creek.

The Weinert FCE Club has made and donated a quilt each year for seventeen years, to the West Texas Rehab Center. A brunch was held at the WTRC, recognizing quilters throughout the Big Country for their donations. Attending from Weinert FCE Club were Myrtle Phemister, Rene Vojkufka, Alice Yates, Erma Liles and Estalynn Liles.

Listed on the Dean's List at Angelo State University were Hans Overton, undecided major from Paint Creek; Rusty Stocks, Kinesiology major from Haskell; and Thomas Davis, Pre-pharmacy major from Rule.

30 Years Ago

January 9, 1986

Steven and Karen Lehrmann of Sagerton are the parents of the first baby born in Haskell County in 1986. Lauren M'Lynn was born at 1:25 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Two Haskell men, Billie Jack Ray and J.C. Yeary, have been awarded the designation of "Knight of the York Cross of Honour." The honorary degree, highest in the York Rite of Freemasonry, is conferred only on those who have held the highest office in each of the four bodies of the rite.

Coach Jim Raughton's Haskell Indians brought their season record to 12-4 by defeating Anson 66 to 48. Sammy Baker pitched in 25 points to pace the scoring. Mark Young contributed 16 points and Lance Hanson added 14.

40 Years Ago

January 8, 1976

An impressive Eagle Court of Honor was held in the First United Methodist Church in Haskell. Scouts receiving their Eagle rank were Jimmy Browning, Chris Colbert, John Cox, Robert Browning and Joseph Browning.

The Rule Philadelphian Club met with Mrs. Pete Kittley as director. Mrs. Cecil Lewis gave a review of the constitution and by-laws. Also on the program were Mrs. Harold Woods and Mrs. C.F. Norman.

Airman Ollie Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Johnson, Sr. of Haskell, has graduated at Lackland AFB from the U.S. Air Force security policeman course conducted by the Air Training Command. He is a 1975 graduate of Haskell High School.

50 Years Ago

January 13, 1966

Buddy Herren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Herren of Haskell, has been named "Star Salesman for December." He is a Pension Consultant for Davenport-Dillard, Inc. A graduate of HHS, he and his family live in Chicago, Illinois.

Donna Renfro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loid (Fuzzy) Renfro of Haskell, has been invited to ride in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Invitational Girls Barrel Race in Fort Worth. She is sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

100 Years Ago

January 8, 1916

F.G. Alexander & Sons this week celebrated their 25th anniversary. At the same time, this progressive firm inaugurated a big "Silver Jubilee Sale," which bids to be a phenomenal success. F.G. Alexander, president of the firm, came to Haskell in the year 1884. He first located on the Fluidy Ranch, on the double fork of the Brazos River.

One sure sign of prosperity in any city is the increased prices of land and real estate. Prices are soaring in Haskell and several trades and sales have been made, in which the consideration was large. There is rumor to the effect that a company is to purchase a building site for the purpose of erecting there on a splendid building with elevators and all conveniences in which will be housed a mammoth department store.

Indians' basketball

Indians beat Hamlin, 47-31

The Haskell Indians traveled to Hamlin on Tuesday night Jan. 5 to take on the Pied Pipers in a District 7-2A match up. The Indians came out with a 16 point victory to even their district record to 1-1 and overall record to 7-8.

The Indians started off the game in quick fashion of putting up two points. They had a 7-0 lead before the Pipers would put two points on the board. Haskell would extend their lead to 10-7 by the end of the first quarter. The Indians would start the second quarter off scoring quickly to extend that lead to 14-7 before Hamlin would get the ball to the offensive end of the court. Haskell would hold Hamlin to five points in the second quarter, scoring nine points and taking a seven point lead into halftime.

The Indians would come out of the break firing on all cylinders and extending their lead to 9 before the buzzer would go off. The fourth quarter proved to be too much for the Pipers as the Indians wore them down, extending their lead to 21 with three minutes left in the game. Haskell would finish the game winning by 16 points.

"I was pleased with how we finished off the game tonight. We didn't start off too well and were missing some easy shots when we got to the basket early, but we came out after halftime and started finishing and we looked like the team I know we can be. We still have a lot of work to do, but don't have long to do it as we will play a very talented Stamford team on Friday night," Coach Tate Thompson stated.

The Indians were led in scoring by Kellen Parks and Aaron Skiles with 7 each, Kyler Hoover and Caleb Wheat with 6 each, Lane Burson, Dylan Hanson and Chase Gibson with 5 each, Alec Roewe with 4 and Rocky Haggard with 2.

Haskell 10 9 12 16 = 47
Hamlin 7 5 10 9 = 31
JV Indians 33, JV Pipers 9

Indians fall to Stamford, 48-50

The Haskell Indians squared off Friday night against another tough district 7-2A opponent in the Stamford Bulldogs. It was a hard fought battle until the final seconds that saw Haskell drop the contest, 48-50.

Haskell started the game on fire hitting 4-3 pointers for their first 12 points and carrying a two point deficit into the second quarter. The Indians would have a strong second quarter defensively, that would allow them to take the halftime lead into the locker room at 22-21.

The Bulldogs came out at halftime on a mission and were able to grab a 4 point lead heading into the final quarter, where Stamford's lead would never reach double digits and the Indians would make a final push to win the game. Alec Roewe and Kellan Parks hit 2-3 pointers each to give Haskell a chance with just 3.5 seconds left in the game, but a errant throw from the other end of the court to Roewe by Hoover, would

end the Indians' chances and turn the ball over to the Bulldogs which allowed them to close out the two point win.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about the game, "I felt like we played great defense against a very talented Stamford team. We just went cold shooting the ball in the third quarter and they hit some big shots. I was extremely proud of our kids because they kept fighting even when things started to not go our way."

Haskell 12 10 8 18 = 48
Stamford 14 7 13 16 = 50

JV Indians 44, Bulldogs 31 (played in Knox City JV Tournament)

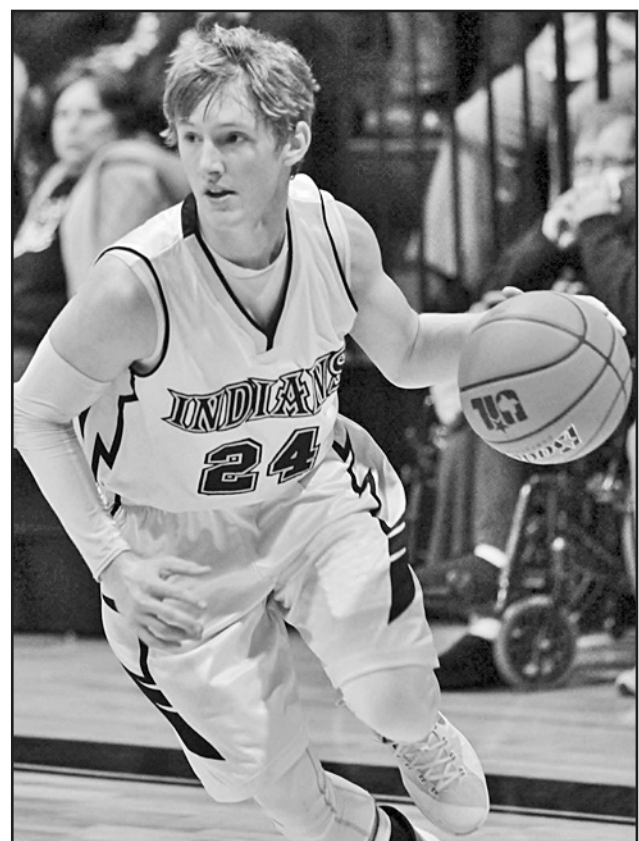
District standings as of Jan. 10: Anson 3-0; Albany 2-1; Stamford 2-1; Hawley 2-1; Haskell 1-2; Roscoe 1-2; Hamlin 1-2 and Winters 0-3.



SCORE-Haskell Indian #34 Rocky Haggard goes up in the paint during the Indians win against Hamlin.



TAKES THE SHOT-Haskell Indian #40 Kyler Hoover takes an offensive rebound up for two points against the Pied Pipers.



MOVES IN TO SHOOT-Haskell Indian #24 Dylan Hanson drives the baseline to the basket against Stamford.



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to abilenemacuser2@gmail.com or call Barbara Craig Kelly at 325-692-1087.

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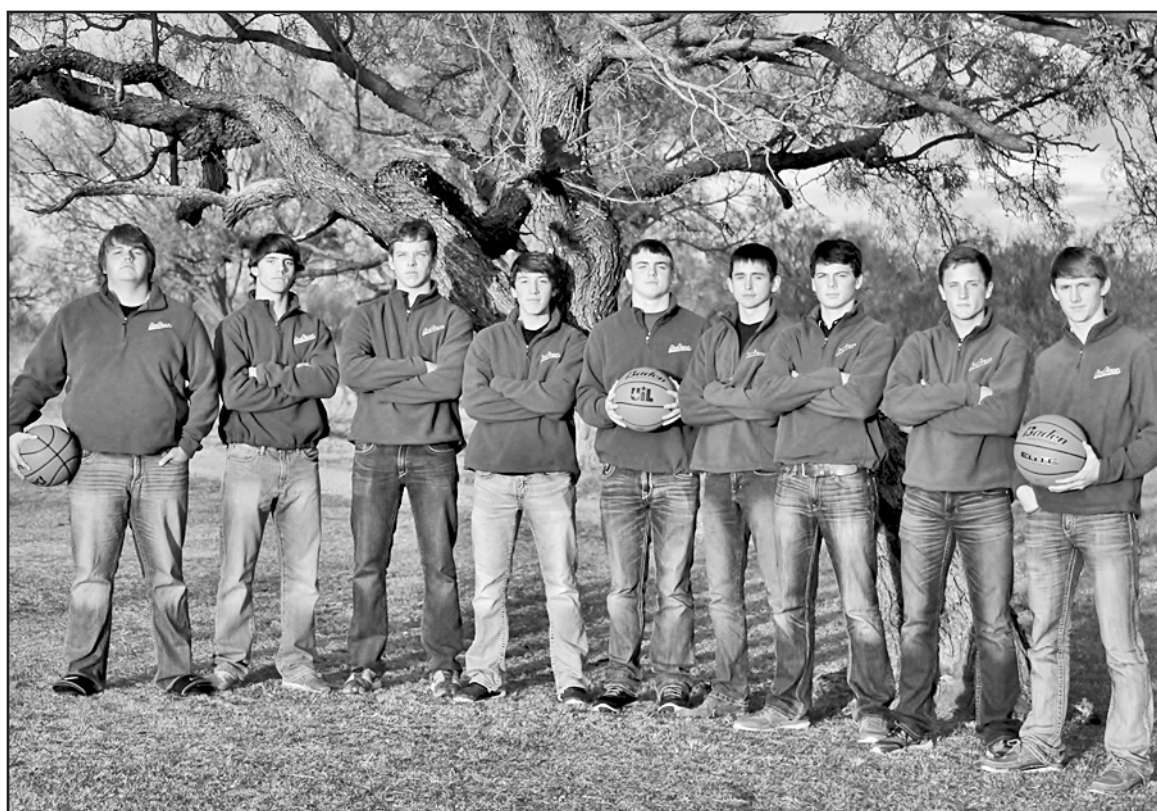




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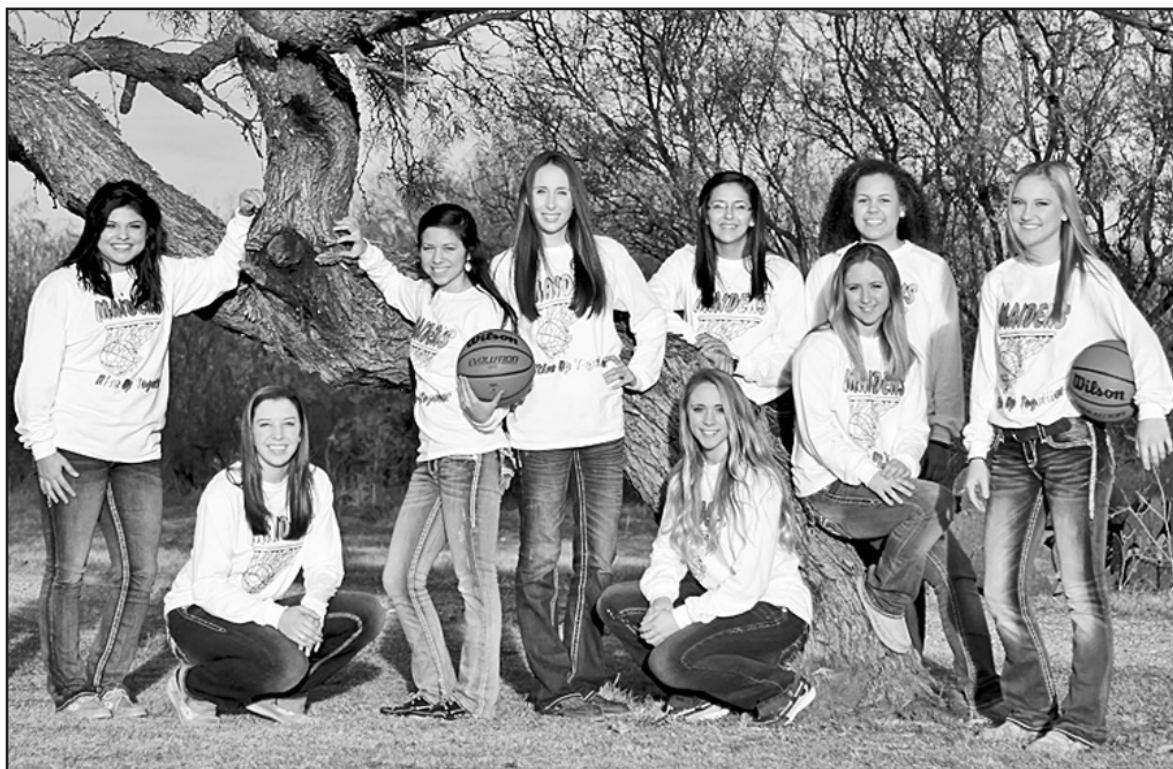
JV-V Indians vs Roscoe
Tues., Jan. 19, 4 p.m.
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HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians basketball team include, l-r, Chase Gibson, Rocky Haggard, Kyler Hoover, Aaron Skiles, Lane Burson, Kellen Parks, Alec Roewe, Kadin Seeliger and Dylan Hanson.

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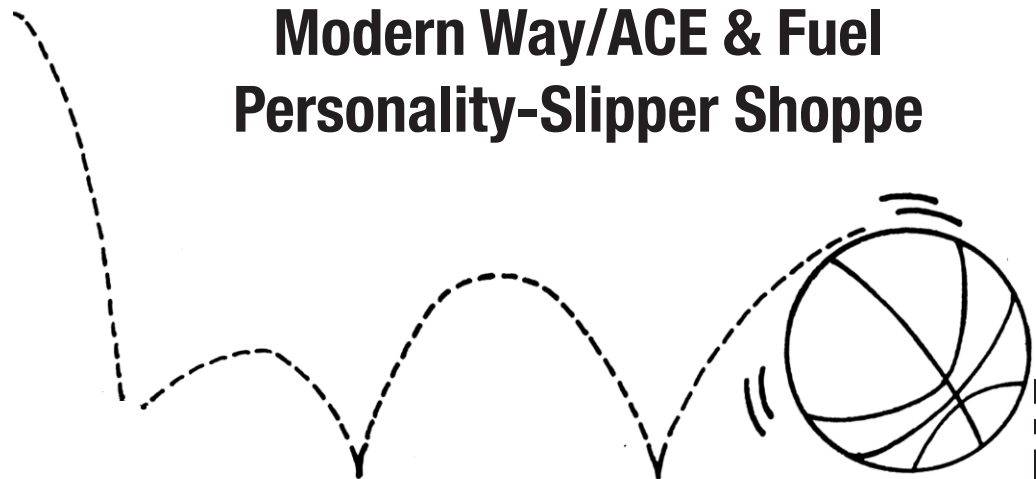


HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the Haskell Maidens basketball team include, l-r, Destiny Benavides, Taylor Manske, Ariel Martinez, Hollyn Hadaway, Jordan Garvin, Courtney Whitt, Mackinzie Garvin, C'Era Taylor and Ashlyn Bevel.

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Haskell Junior High wins UIL Zone Championship

Haskell Junior High competed at the University Interscholastic League Academic Contest held in Stamford recently. For the second year in a row, they won the UIL Zone Championship with 985.5 points. Second place was Stamford with 973 points, third was Albany with 834.5 points and fourth was Hamlin with 276 points. Approximately sixty students from Haskell participated in the event.

Following are the results of this year's competition.

Winning first and adding thirty-four points to the total, was the Jr. High One Act Play, "Foiled

by an Innocent Maid." The cast included Skyler Rhoads, All Star Cast; Chambray Phemister, All Star Cast; Krislyn Tatum, Honorable Mention All Star Cast; Cash Bassett, Honorable Mention All Star Cast; Halee Alsabrook and Eddie McBroom. Alternates and crew were Spencer Simmons, J.R. Brown, Lauren Coleman, Alex Hollingsworth (Tech Award), Braelyn Bevel, Kourtney Gibson, Landry Olson and Kiannah Luce. Directors were Melissa Tatum and Dorthy Hollingsworth.

Sixth Grade
Oral reading-Emma



JUNIOR HIGH UIL—Thurs., Dec. 3, Haskell Junior High students traveled to Stamford ISD to compete in district UIL. Haskell brought home first place overall with a point total of 985.5 points. This is the second year in a row that Haskell has won the UIL academic competition. Students participating in UIL include, front row, l-r, Kyle Smith, Aubri Isbell, Jacey Rodriquez, Chambray Phemister, Cody Coleman, Cash Bassett, Eddie McBroom, Ethan Drager, Luke Leonard, Collin Hollingsworth, Blessing Jordan, Annette Baker and Brayden Brozowski; second row, Sarah Stout, Alex Hollingsworth, Mirhir Bhakata, Maddox Drager, Nathan Martin, Jolie Torres, Kailee Benton, Maddey Wymer, J.J. Fuentes,

Marc Williams, Kolby Rubio and Corbyn Walker; third row, Kiannah Luce, Piper Smith, Tanna Manske, Jazlyn Rodela, Tristen Payne, Delaney Hanson, Emma Roewe, Brice Bridges, Melody Martinez, Calie Everett, Kelsea Tidrow, Cutter Medford, J.R. Brown, Nate King and Makayla Arendall; fourth row, Skyler Rhoads, Spencer Simons, Ashlyn Payne, Ashley Castorena, Autum Gibbs, Marina Wagner, Kourtney Gibson, Braelyn Bevel, Landry Hanson, Halee Alsabrook, Kobie Walker and Krislyn Tatum; back row, Ramiro Olvera, Addisyn Decker, Garrett Dutton, Jacey Hudson, Abby Address, Kacie Easterling, Hadley Sloan, Logan Burson, Caleb Wright, Koby Compton and Taylor King.

Roewe, sixth
Ready Writing-Maddie Wymer, third; Jacey Rodriquez, fifth
Impromptu Speaking-Delaney Hanson, tie for third; Roewe, fifth; Piper Smith, sixth
Editorial Writing-Sarah Stout, fourth; Roewe, fifth Art-Stout, sixth
Music Memory-Garret Dutton, second; Jolie Torres, third; Collin Hollingsworth, fourth; team, first
Dictionary-Nathan Martin, first; Melody Martinez, fifth; and team, second

Maps, Graphs and Charts-Brayden Brozowski, second; Hanson, third; team, second
Social Studies-Maddox Drager, first; Kyle Smith, fifth; Cody Coleman, sixth; team, first
Calculator-Martin, third; team, second
Spelling-Roewe, fourth;

Kailee Benton, fifth; P. Smith, sixth; team, second
Number Sense-Wymer, fifth; team, third
Listening-Aubrey Isbell, second; Drager, third; P. Smith, fourth; team, first
Math-Taylor King, second; Martinez, tie for fifth; team, third

Seventh Grade
Oral Reading-Kiannah Luce, fifth
Modern Oratory-Eddie McBroom, fifth; Abby Address, sixth
Ready Writing-Ashlyn Payne, first; Addisyn Decker, second; Ashley Castorena, fifth

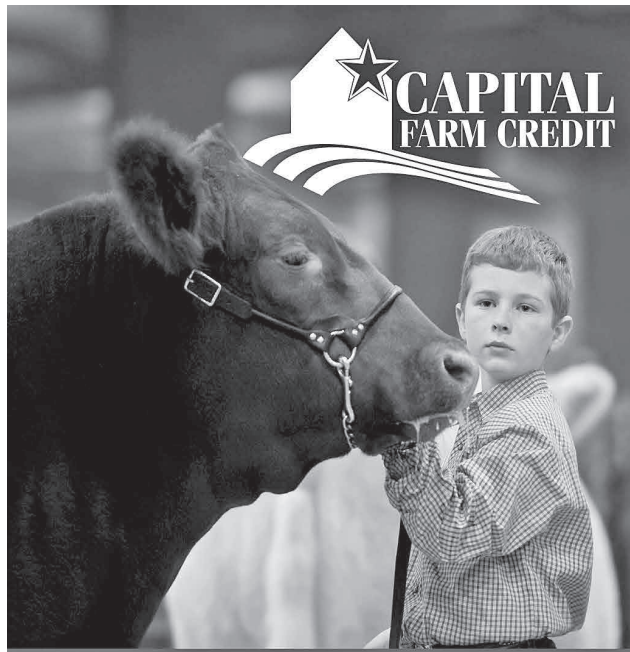
Editorial Writing-Jacey Hudson, third; Address, sixth
A r t - A l e x Hollingsworth, tie for first; Decker, Brice Bridges and Spencer Simmons, tie for third; Marc Williams, sixth; team, first
Dictionary-Bridges, second; Simmons, third

Maps, Graphs and Charts-Jazlyn Rodela, sixth; team, third
Social Studies-Ethan Drager, first; Simmons, third; team, first
Calculator-Simmons, third; Makayla Arendall, sixth; team, first
Spelling-Cash Bassett, first; Simmons, second; Hudson, third; team, first
Science-Williams, second; Drager, fifth; Brody Jones, tie for sixth; team, second
Number Sense-Jeremy Fuentes, second; Simmons, fourth; team, first
Listening-Payne, first; team, third
Math-Rodela, second; Fuentes, fourth; team, first

Eighth Grade
Modern Oratory-Kobie Walker, fourth
Ready Writing-Kourtney Gibson, fourth
Impromptu Speaking-Blessing Jordan, third
Editorial Writing-Gibbs, fourth

Art-J.R. Brown, sixth
Dictionary-Logan Burson, first; Gibson, second; Landry Hanson, fifth; team, first
Maps, Graphs and Charts-Halee Alsabrook, fourth; Ramiro Olvera, sixth; team, third
Social Studies-Koby Compton, second; Caleb Wright, tie for third; Burson, fifth; team, first
Calculator-Braelyn Bevel, first
Spelling-Brown, tie for fourth; Hanson, sixth; team, second
Science-Olvera, first; Wright, fourth; Gibson, fifth; team, first
Number Sense-Wright, first; Krislyn Tatum, third; Bevel, fifth; team, first
Listening-Wright, first; Walker, third; team, first
Math-Tatum, tie for third; Kelsea Tidrow, fifth; Gibson, sixth; team, second

It takes many hours of practice and study on the part of the students and teachers, to achieve this level of success. Congratulations to all involved on a job well done.



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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 495,544	\$ 11,163	\$ 506,707
5800 State Program Revenues	1,126,693	8,394	1,135,087
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	174,078	174,078
5020 Total Revenues	1,622,237	193,635	1,815,872
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	841,272	108,814	950,086
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,861	-	1,861
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,474	-	1,474
0023 School Leadership	105,617	125	105,742
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	51,233	-	51,233
0033 Health Services	10,707	-	10,707
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	60,547	-	60,547
0035 Food Services	3,217	99,584	102,801
0036 Extracurricular Activities	53,609	-	53,609
0041 General Administration	185,582	-	185,582
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	143,356	-	143,356
0053 Data Processing Services	30,724	-	30,724
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	52,742	-	52,742
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	16,064	-	16,064
6030 Total Expenditures	1,558,005	208,523	1,766,528
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	64,232	(14,888)	49,344
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	500	-	500
7915 Transfers In	-	14,888	14,888
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(14,888)	-	(14,888)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(14,388)	14,888	500
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	49,844	-	49,844
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	778,794	-	778,794
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 828,638	\$ -	\$ 828,638

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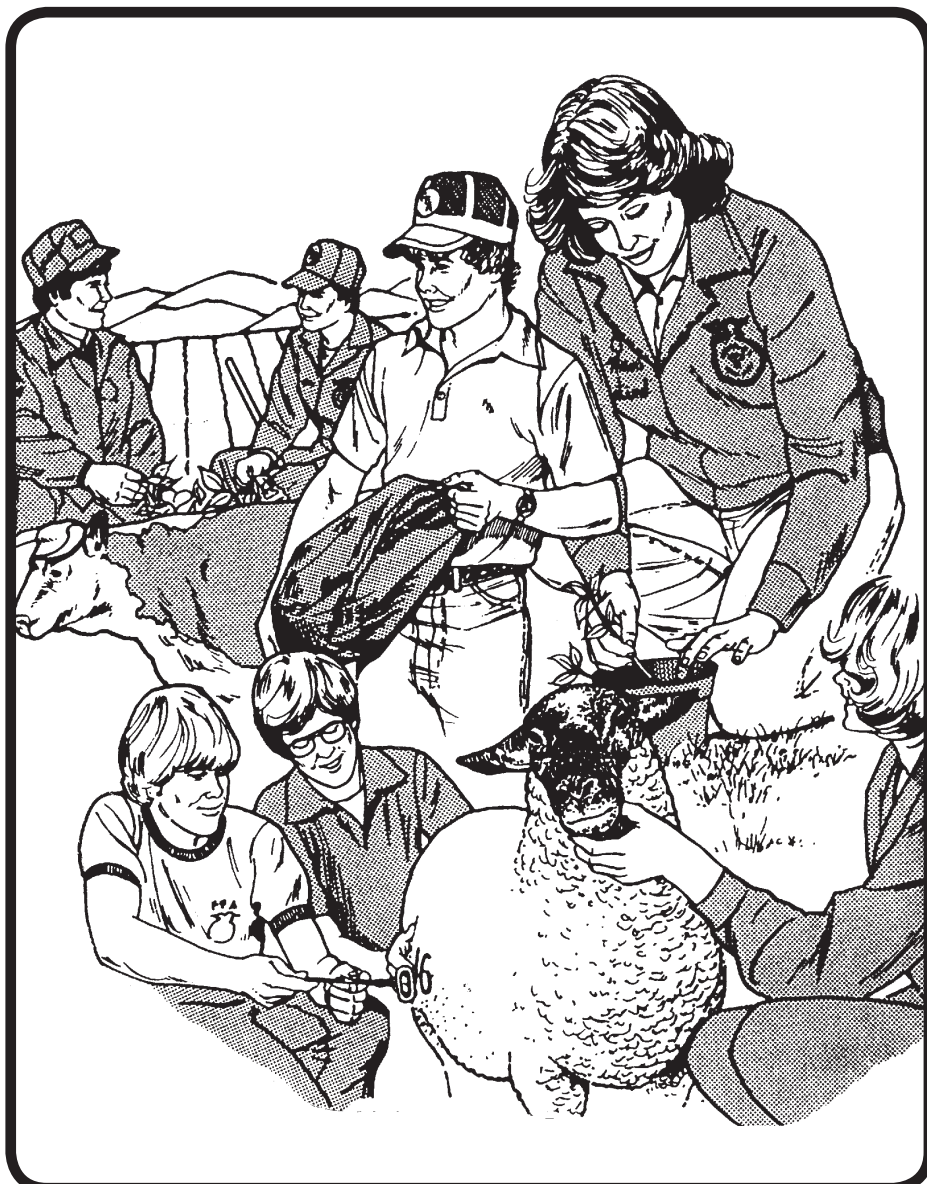


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Water conservation policy effectiveness depends on farmer economics

Farming is a business, and the actions of farmers will be based on economics—even when it comes to water conservation, according to a recent study by Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

Extremely small recharge rates in the Ogallala Aquifer indicate depletion is inevitable, and that has policymakers scrambling to find ways to prolong its life and ensure a smooth transition to the dryland production to minimize impacts on the overall economy, said Dr. Seong Park, AgriLife Research economist in Vernon.

Park said, however, not all tools proposed or implemented by policymakers will be effective in working toward that goal.

The paper, "Will farmers save water? A theoretical analysis of groundwater conservation policies," was recently published in the Water Resources and Economics journal and provides a look at the alternatives being offered and their potential to conserve water.

The study was conducted by Park; Dr. Tong Wang, former AgriLife Research post-doctoral researcher now in the South Dakota State department of economics, Brookings, South Dakota; and Dr. Hailong Jin, in the Black Hills State University College of Business and Natural Sciences, Spearfish, South Dakota. Funding was provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Ogallala Aquifer Program.

Using the Ogallala Aquifer as an example, their paper analyzes whether current and potential groundwater conservation policies across the Southern Great Plains provide profit-driven farmers with incentives to save water.

"We wanted to focus on the incentives provided by selected

policy tools to ensure water savings on the farmer's side and achieve the sustainability goal," Park said.

He said their theoretical study of the impacts of different policy options on groundwater conservation potential was conducted after previous studies determined voluntary and incentive-based water conservation programs may have "unintended or even perverse consequences."

"Very few attempts had been made to analyze the effectiveness of different policy alternatives in incentivizing an individual farmer to actually save water," Park said. "We also wanted to look at the effectiveness of the alternatives based on regional characteristics such as groundwater depth, saturation thickness and feasible crop patterns."

He said a majority of existing literature modeled the future depletion rate of the Ogallala Aquifer from the perspective of a regulatory agency that can allocate water use effectively and in an efficient manner.

However, farmers tend to make short-term decisions in response to current output prices and input costs without considering long-term profit consequences.

"What we found was that in order to achieve the water-saving goals in regions with high pumping cost, rather than providing a subsidy for the new technology installation or charging a unit water tax, policymakers should offer a unit subsidy for saved water and a subsidy for water-conservation crops," Wang said. "These are more promising to achieve water savings, as it directly rewards farmers for actual water saved."

Water rights retirement programs or water buyout programs are an example of

providing compensation on a land basis for farmers willing to retire their water right, she said.

"However, our results show a fixed compensation rate tends to attract the land with low productivity and high water cost, thus compromising the program's effectiveness because most of the enrolled land initially did not use much irrigation water."

Wang said conceptual models on farmer incentives rarely take these factors into account, so their study filled in those gaps.

"We studied farmer's incentive-driven responses to the following policy tools: irrigation technology subsidies, increased water costs, unit subsidies for water savings and subsidies on water-conservative crops," she said.

Wang said they found in regions with high pumping costs, no water savings will occur after converting to a more efficient technology. Instead, farmers take advantage of the new technology to pursue increased profit.

"While the technology subsidy can be effective in the preventative stage, or before the water table declines too much, it is often unjustified when water depletion is already a serious problem," she said.

Similarly, they noted, an increase in water cost may serve its purpose if well pumping capacity is not a constraint. However, if well pumping capacity is limited due to falling groundwater levels, the cost increase may not be practical because water usage will not respond to the small price increase.

"To achieve the required water savings goal, it often takes a large price increase, which is detrimental to the farmers' profit and is likely to be met with resistance on implementation," Wang said.

"We found that policy

alternatives such as a subsidy for unit water saved and price subsidy for water-conservative crops is likely effective in achieving water conservation even in the case of high pumping costs," she said. "Therefore, in areas where groundwater is already a constraint, these direct rewards serve the conservation purpose better."

Compared to the subsidy of new technology, a subsidy for water saved discourages the farmer from using the saved water to gain additional profit, while a subsidy for water-conservative crops discourages farmers from switching to more water-intensive crops, Wang said.




Beyond the policy implications, the researchers questioned: Among the farmers who adopt more efficient technologies, is there any relationship between water-use adjustment and pumping cost? And, prior to the enrollment, is the average irrigation amount of the land enrolled in a water buyout program comparable to that of the land outside of the program?

Park said future studies should examine the relationship between water pumping cost, crop price and crop patterns to identify the proper price subsidy to more water-conservative crops to achieve the water conservation goal.

"Theoretical modeling from the farmer's standpoint as well as empirical studies based on farm-level data in different regions could provide policymakers with more detailed information on the extent of water savings by the varied water-conservation policy tools," he said. "After all, it is the farmers who make the water-conservation decisions."

The full paper can be found at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212428415300128>.

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BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP—Two (2) scholarships of \$4,000 each (\$500 per semester for 8 semesters or 4 years) will be awarded. Applicant must reside with a parent or guardian who is a member of BCEC and must be a current year graduating senior. Applications due January 29, 2016.

TREWA (Texas Rural Electric Women's Association) SCHOLARSHIP—Fifteen (15) TREWA scholarships, of \$1,500 each, will be awarded to TREWA members and their children. Applicants must also be a current member or an employee of a Texas electric cooperative (such as BCEC). Applications must be postmarked by March 13, 2016.

GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DIRECTORS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—\$2,000 payable \$500 for each of four semesters through the sophomore year. The scholarship is available to an entering freshman college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of a rural electric cooperative (BCEC), which is an owner (member) of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative. Applications due March 15, 2016.

More detailed information and applications are available at bigcountry.coop—click on the Scholarships link. Please contact Sarah McLen with any questions: smclen@bigcountry.coop or (325) 776-3803.



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Haskell Elementary students compete in UIL events

Haskell Elementary was one of four teams competing in the University Interscholastic League's academic contest held on November 23 and December 3. It was hosted by Oliver Elementary in Stamford. Students in grades second

through fifth spend many extra hours studying and practicing for these events. Following are results of this year's contest.

Second Grade
Oral Reading-Kaden Rosbrush, third place; Raegan Adkins, fifth place;

Calee Phemister, sixth place; Rhonda Hanson, coach

Music Memory-Jameson Daniels, tie for fifth place; team of Daniels, Colton Gober and Matthew Gober, second place; Pam Gibson, coach

Creative Writing-Dallas

Silvas, Zander Coker and Colton Gober; Rhonda Hanson, coach

Third Grade
Oral Reading-Kelbi Parks, first place; Rhonda Hanson, coach

Music Memory-Kelbi Parks, fifth place; Pam Gibson, coach

Ready Writing-Hailey McCormick, sixth place; Vanessa Shiplett, coach

Spelling-Caden West, fifth place; team of West, Colt Moore and Ada Pierson, second place; Donna Waggoner, coach

Fourth Grade
Oral Reading-Colton Hopkins, second place; Luke Peacock, fifth place; Michael McBroom, sixth place; Tonya Cypert, coach

of Peacock, Hopkins and Mollie Easterling, second place; Wendi Parks, coach

Ready Writing-Luke Peacock, second place; Michael McBroom, fifth place; Stacy West, coach

Spelling-Colton Hopkins, sixth place, team of Hopkins, Vasquez and Easterling, third place; Wendi Parks, coach

Fifth Grade
Oral Reading-Cassidy Phemister, third place; Tonya Cypert, coach

Art-Za'Rance Billington, sixth grade; team of Billington, West, Ashleah Edwards, Trevor Henry and Madison Saucedo, second place; Stacy West, coach

Dictionary Skills-Shalee Dunnam, second place; Brock Bridges, tie for fourth place; team of Dunnam, Bridges and Cooper Wheat, first place; Kristi Gibson, coach

Listening Skills-Corey Mathis, second place; Cooper Wheat, third place; Cassidy Phemister, fourth place; team of Mathis, Wheat and Phemister, first place; Jennifer Roewe, coach

Maps, Graphs and Charts-team of Eli Peacock, Brock Bridges and Ashleah Edwards, third place; Lakay Caparoon, coach

Music-Shalee Dunnam,

first place; Za'Rance Billington, second place; Madilyn Moore, fourth place; team of Dunnam, Billington, Moore, Kenley Cox and Zoe Shiplett, first place; Pam Gibson, coach

Number Sense-Zoe Shiplett, fourth place; team of Shiplett, Brayden Tidrow and Cassidy Phemister, second place; Kamron Arce, coach

Reading Writing-Madilyn Moore, first place; Jennifer Roewe, coach

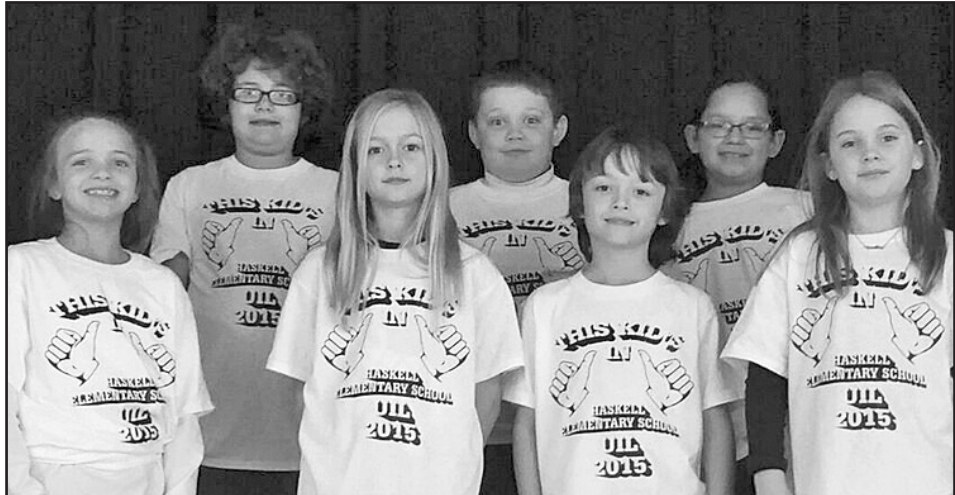
Spelling-Shalee Dunnam, tie for first place; Madilyn Moore, third place; Josslin Leech, fourth place; team of Dunnam, Moore, and Leech, first place; Jennifer Roewe, coach.



UIL FIFTH GRADE—Haskell Elementary fifth grade students participating in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Brayden Tidrow, Za'Rance Billington, Zoe Shiplett and Trevor Henry; middle row, Eli Peacock, Colby West, Cory Mathis, Kenley Cox, Cassidy Phemister and Madison Saucedo; back row, Brock Bridges, Cooper Wheat, Madilyn Moore, Ashleah Edwards, Alyssa Stocks, Josslin Leach and Shalee Dunnam.



UIL FOURTH GRADE—Haskell Elementary fourth grade students participating in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Colton Hopkins and Harbor Rogers; middle row, Michael McBroom, Grady Vasquez and Reagan Daniels, back row, Luke Peacock, Evan Enriquez, Joy-Anna Stout, Mollie Easterling and Carter Crosson.



UIL THIRD GRADE—Haskell Elementary third grade students participating in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Kayce Coleman, Kelbi Parks, Colt Moore and Kobiye Seeliger; back row, Ada Pierson, Caden West and Hailey McCormick.

Art-Harbor Rogers, tie for first place; Grady Vasquez, sixth place; team of Rogers, Vasquez, Carter Crosson, Reagan Daniels and Evan Enriquez, first place; Stacy West, coach

Music Memory-Harbor Rogers, second place; Reagan Daniels, fourth place; team of Rogers, Daniels, Enriquez and McBroom, second place; Pam Gibson, coach

Number Sense-Luke Peacock, third place; Colton Hopkins, fifth place; team

An assembly to present the UIL awards will be held on Friday, January 22, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Haskell Elementary. The public is invited to attend.


Elementary UIL coordinator, Amy Sloan, said, "Everyone worked very hard and we are very proud of how our students competed and represented themselves. As always our coaches put in the extra hours to make this happen."

Congratulations to all participants and winners on a job well done.





UIL SECOND GRADE—Haskell Elementary second grade students participating in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Matthew Gober, Dallas Silvas, Raegan Adkins and Kaden Rosbrugh; back row, Zander Coker, Jameson Daniels, Colton Gober and Calee Phemister.

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Jan. 18-22
Breakfast

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice; and muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers and cheese are offered at every meal.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Sausage kolache with yogurt or cereal variety and toast
Friday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and toast

Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, roll, sweet potato waffle fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, cookie
Wednesday: Mexican combo plate, Spanish rice, salsa, corn, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles
Friday: Pizza, garden salad, Key West blend veggies, chocolate/vanilla pudding, sliced peaches



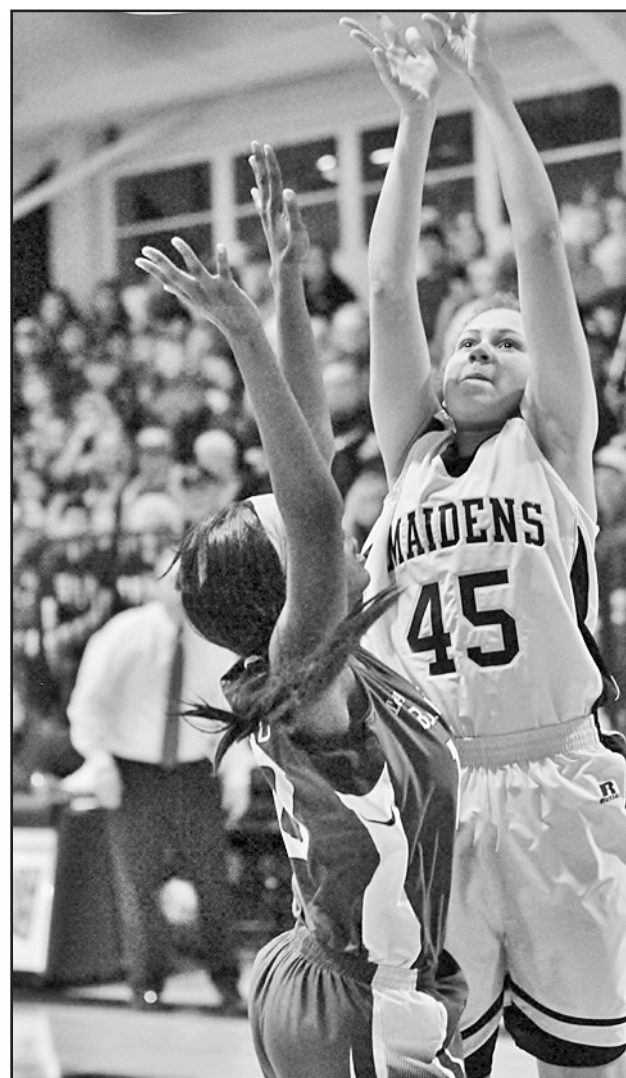
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PLAYING DEFENSE—Haskell Maiden #5 Taylor Manske fights around the Stamford defender for position on a free throw.



UP FOR TWO—Haskell Maiden #45 C'era Taylor takes the jump shot up for two points.

Lady Pied Pipers take down Maidens in overtime
 The Haskell girls traveled to Hamlin last Tuesday night, Jan. 5, for another district 7-2A match-up. The Lady Pied Pipers outscored the Maidens 6-2 in overtime to get the 38-34 tough district win. Hamlin improves to (2-2) in district and Haskell falls to 11-8 (3-1).

The Maidens were (11-59) 18% from the field, (2-23) 8% for three pointers, and (10-17) 58% from the free-throw line. Ashlyn Bevel had 14 points, Ariel Martinez 6, C'era Taylor 4, Hollyn Hadaway 4, Jordan Garvin 4 and Mackinzie Garvin 2. Hamlin's tough man to man defense forced Haskell to turn the ball over 21 times. C'era had a team high three assists followed by Destiny Benavides with two.

"Offensively, we just did not get the job done and that is the bottom line. We shot the ball poorly and we turned the ball over too much. You can't win district games at the varsity level playing like we did on the offensive end over at Hamlin," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Hamlin shot 34% from the field and dominated the Maidens in rebounding 40-26. C. Taylor had a team high 9 rebounds followed by J. Garvin with 5 and Manske 5. Leading the team in steals were J. Garvin with 7 and Manske 4. "Defensively, I thought we did a great job on their two best players. We held Mikayla Dillon to

9 points and Olivia Bills to 6. Unfortunately, their role players stepped up and scored points. I give those kids a lot of credit for being able to do that," Eddleman said.

"Overall, we just did not shoot the ball well enough to win and I thought we had a let down coming off the big win over Anson. It happens at all levels of sports. We have a young team this year and we just did not handle the big win very well. I need to do a better job getting them ready mentally and emotionally for the next game. Hopefully, we will all learn from this experience moving forward," Eddleman added.

Haskell 6 8 9 9 2 = 34
 Hamlin 8 10 7 7 6 = 38
JV Maidens (11-2, 3-1) lost to Hamlin 33-32

Maidens hold off Lady Bulldogs

The Haskell Maidens used tough man to man defense and rebounding last Friday night, Jan. 8, in a 41-36 victory over the Stamford Lady Bulldogs 15-6 (4-1). The Maidens were down one point heading into half time. Haskell outscored Stamford 29-22 the second half to secure the win and move to 12-8 overall and (4-1) in district 7-2A.

The Maidens were led by freshman Taylor Manske who recorded her first career double-double. She finished with 18 points and 14 rebounds. "Taylor had a great all around game on both ends of the floor. She is a special young basketball player with a very bright future. We feel blessed that she is a member of our basketball program," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maiden's scoring was also led by Ashlyn Bevel

who finished with 10 points followed by Courtney Whitt 4, C'era Taylor 3, Destiny Benavides 3, Jordan Garvin 2 and Ariel Martinez 1. Haskell was (17-65) 26% from the field, (2-18) 11% for three pointers, and (5-14) 35% from the free-throw line. Benavides had a team high five assists and Martinez finished with three.

"Offensively, I thought we did a great job executing our man offenses and quick hitters. We still need to shoot the ball better. If we would have shot the ball like we are capable, the game would not have been that close at half time or at the end of the game," Eddleman said.

Haskell forced Stamford to shoot 23% from the field and the Maidens out rebounded the Lady Bulldogs 48-34. Taylor Manske had a career high 14 rebounds followed by C'era Taylor with 9 and J. Garvin 9. Bevel and Benavides led the team in steals with three each and C. Taylor had two. "Defensively, the girls did a great job individually and collectively. They were focused and determined to make things tough on their man and the Stamford offense. They did an excellent job pressuring the ball without getting beat and our defensive rotations were solid when called upon," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I was so proud of the girls and happy for them. They prepared hard before the game and they worked hard during the game. I was a little worried about how our young team would respond to the disappointing loss to Hamlin. They stepped up and responded like a champ. That says a lot about their character and that is something we can all be very proud of as coaches, teachers, parents, and fans," Eddleman added.

Haskell 7 5 15 14 = 41
 Stamford 6 7 10 12 = 36
JV Maidens (12-2, 4-1) beat Stamford 39-21
JH Maidens versus Stamford results:
 7th B lost 22-10
 8th B won 49-6
 7th A lost 17-9
 8th A won 53-6

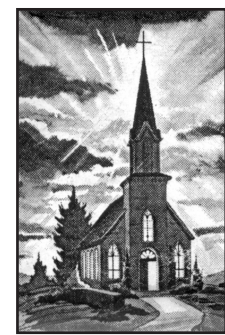
Rule School Menu

Jan. 18-22
Breakfast

Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles
Tuesday: Breakfast club
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage
Thursday: Sausage kolache, yogurt
Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas
Tuesday: Pizza choice, salad, peaches, Tuscan vegetables, chocolate/vanilla pudding
Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, mexicali corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Chili with cornbread, broccoli bites, orange smiles
Friday: Sloppy Joe sandwich, waffle fries, fresh fruit

This Week's Devotional Message:



When it's time for a change, God helps you make it

Once in a while, we all have to make a change of some kind. It might be the retirement from a job of long standing, a move to a different area, or any number of other things. Whatever it is, you will be starting a new chapter in your life, and you must adopt a cheerful and constructive attitude about it. There is no better time than this to start or continue to attend your

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—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
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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.
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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.
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—O'BRIEN—

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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
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809 S. ASPEN AVE, KNOX CITY-3/2. \$54,500-**REDUCED**
533 CR 186, ROCHESTER-2/1 on 3 acres with barns and sheds. \$35,000-**PENDING**
7567 FM 267, MUNDAY-3/3 on 3 acres with barns and sheds. \$68,500-**REDUCED**
608 SUNNY AVE, RULE-3 or 4/2 with a pool and hardwood floors. \$59,900-**PENDING**
1008 SE 5TH ST., KNOX CITY-3/2 with great storage. \$59,900-**REDUCED**
405 S. HILMAR, WEINERT-3/2. \$97,500-**SOLD**
COMMERCIAL
510 N. 1ST ST-WHORTON BAIL BONDS-Perfect comm. office space or residential investment. Must see to appreciate. **POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE**
621 5TH ST., RULE-BOBCAT CAFE-2500 sq. ft. turnkey bldg. with newer roof. \$29,900-**REDUCED**
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512 N. 1ST ST.-Better Bodies Gym and Fitness with fixtures and all equipment. \$135,000-**NEW**
551 US HWY 277, MACIAS BALLROOM-Over 9000 sq. ft. multi-use building. \$212,500
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2 +/- ACRES EAST ROAD-Perfect Home site! \$9,500
3 +/- ACRES HWY 380 E-Great Home site! \$25,000
500 BLK N AVE A-Hwy By-pass Access. \$24,500
N AVE B-4 Lots. \$14,900
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506 N 11TH-\$6,900
1601 DERRICK DRIVE-\$8,500
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1602 ROBBYN LANE-\$7,500
1608 ROBBYN LANE-\$8,500
1601, 1603, 1605, 1607, 1609 ROBBYN LANE-\$5,000 EACH
AVE K EAST-Two lots. \$7,500
1105 AVE M-Residential Lot. \$3,250.00 **UNDER CONTRACT**

RESIDENTIAL
706 N 18TH-Stunning Custom Home on Edge of Town! 5/4.5. \$315,000 **REDUCED**
1387 N HWY 6-O'BRIEN-Ideal Package. Lovely Three Bedroom Home on 117 +/- Acres. \$297,000 **NEW**
1103 N. AVE. E-Everything You Could Want in a New Home! 3/3. \$269,000 **NEW**
121 Hwy 380 W-Outskirts of Town w/ 3.5 Acres! 3/2. \$229,000 **REDUCED**
821 HWY 380 W-6 +/- Acres 3 Miles from Town! 4/2. \$190,000 **REDUCED**
701 N AVE L-Country Living in Town on 1 +/- Acre lot! 4/3.5. \$184,900 **REDUCED**
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1002 N 3RD E-Don't miss this One! \$147,500 **SOLD**
1000 MAIN-ROCHESTER-Fantastic Home and Barn on 2 acres! 3/2. \$125,000 **REDUCED**
1604 ROBBYN LANE-2013 Built Custom Home! 3/2. \$132,500 **SOLD**
203 N. AVE. G-Unbelievable Space 4/2! \$115,000 **NEW**

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907 S ASPEN, KNOX CITY-Unlike anything you will find! 3/2 \$109,000
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101 S AVE K E-Endless Possibilities on the outskirts! 3/2. \$99,900 **NEW**
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3121 HWY 6 ROCHESTER-Country Living at its Best! 3/2. \$82,900 **REDUCED**
1005 N AVE E-Something Special 2/2. \$89,900 **SOLD**
1605 N. AVE E-For Sale or Lease. 3/2. \$75,000
102 S AVE L-Cute. Move in ready! 2/2 \$66,900
605 S AVE G-Cottage Like Home! 3/2 \$62,000 **NEW**
1307 N AVE L-Don't Miss this Opportunity! 3/2. \$66,500 **UNDER CONTRACT**
130 MADDEN LANE-Lake Stamford Vedas Camp-fully furnished 3/2. \$36,500
5275 FM 2163-Lots of possibilities on 2 Acres! 2/1 \$25,000 **SOLD**
1387 N HWY 6-O'BRIEN-Ideal Package, Lovely Three Bedroom Home on 117 +/- Acres \$297,000 **NEW**



TOUR CAMPUS—Welding class members of the Rochester VoTech Center toured the TSTC/Breckenridge campus and welding facilities Thurs., Dec. 10.

Pipeline operators sponsor first responder training

Local pipeline and gas distribution companies are hosting a pipeline safety and awareness program Thurs., Feb. 25 in Abilene. This event includes a complimentary meal and incident exercise for the First Responders in our communities.

Quality First Responder training is essential in establishing the communication network needed to effectively manage

an emergency situation. In an attempt to enhance these communications, local pipeline operators and gas distribution companies are providing First Responder training at no cost. The meetings will last approximately 90 minutes, and in certain areas Continuing Education Credits will be awarded to the First Responders in attendance.

The following objectives will be covered during the program:

- Virtual Incident Exercise and Discussion
- Safety Initiatives
- Leak Recognition and Response
- Pipeline Purpose and Reliability
- Product Hazards and Characteristics
- Defining High Consequence Areas

To register online for a meeting and learn more about your local pipeline meeting sponsors, please visit tx.pipeline-awareness.com.

Haskell Co. DA Dispositions

**Case Dispositions
Felony Court
Haskell County Texas
Month of December,
2015**

Salvador Rodriguez. Offense: Theft. Original probation order 12-11-14. Motion to revoke probation. Agreed order amending conditions. Confinement to County Jail for 60 days.

Charles Wayne Volkman. Offense: DWI-3rd or more. Conviction by Court-guilt plea. Sentenced: 14 years confinement TDCJ Institutional Division plus court costs.

James Moore. Offense: Possession of marijuana. Plead guilty. 4 years deferred adjudication/ placed on community supervision plus court costs, fine and restitution.

Aimee Moore. Offense: Possession of marijuana. Plead guilty. 2 years deferred adjudication/ placed on community supervision plus court costs.

Steven Ray Johnson. Offense: Possession of a controlled substance. Original Probation Order/Deferred Adj. 4-9-15. Motion to adjudicate guilt-guilty plea. Sentenced: 4 years confinement to TDCJ Institutional Division, plus fine, court costs and restitution.

Azalea Andrada. Offense: DWI/with child passenger. Original Probation Order 4-10-14. Motion to revoke probation-plead true. Sentenced: 16 months confinement TDCJ State Jail Division, plus court costs and fine.

Steve Alex Lopez. Offense: Assault. Plead guilty. Sentenced: 8 years deferred adjudication/ placed on community

supervision, plus fine and court costs.

Aggie moms to meet Jan. 19 in Abilene

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Jan. 19 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene. A light supper will be served. Dub Prichett will be guest speaker. For more information, contact Shelley Hughes at 325-669-6271 or Emily Meador at 325-864-3902.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS January 31, 2016

is the deadline to pay your 2015 taxes at the appraisal district before penalties and interest are added. All payments post-marked by January 31, 2016 will not have to pay penalty and interest. All payments received in office or postmarked **after** January 31, 2016 will have to pay penalty and interest. You may pay with cash, check or money order at the appraisal district. Credit cards can be accepted online at www.haskellcad.org for an additional fee.

On January 29 and February 1, we will only be accepting payment of taxes. Please hold other questions until February 2.



Welcome to the
**Haskell County
Junior Livestock
Show & Sale**
January 14-15-16
**Rule Co-op Gin
& Elevator**

301 Adams - Rule - 996-2421
Colby Christie, Manager

2015 will go down in history...

as a year that began—and ended—with treacherous winter storms. **Big Country Electric Cooperative** would like to thank our members for their patience and understanding during the recent appropriately-named winter storm

GOLIATH

Ice, wind and mud created miserable conditions for everyone, and we appreciate the kind words of support and encouragement from our members and community friends that came on Facebook, over the phone, and even in person.

We would also like to thank Primary Utility Services, our contractor, who goes above and beyond providing assistance and is truly part of the co-op family. We would also like to thank first responders who, as in many other instances, endured harsh conditions to meet the needs of others.

Our entire team—linemen and office staff alike—fought the elements to achieve restoration of power and for that, we recognize their dedication. Many people offered tractors and bulldozers to help pull our crews to locations that were almost unreachable: That cooperative spirit—neighbor helping neighbor, coming together in the worst of times—is the best thing about living in West Texas!

Thank you

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