

## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
**JVG-B, VG-B vs Rotan**  
 Fri., Jan. 22, 4 p.m.  
 at Rotan  
**JVG-B, VG-B vs Seymour**  
 Tues., Jan. 26, 4 p.m.  
 at Seymour  
**PAINT CREEK**  
**VG-B vs Throckmorton**  
 Fri., Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Paint Creek  
**JH vs Rule**  
 Mon., Jan. 25, 6 p.m.  
 at Rule  
**RULE**  
**VG-VB vs ACHS**  
 Fri., Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Rule  
**JH vs Paint Creek**  
 Mon., Jan. 25, 6 p.m.  
 at Rule  
**VG-VB vs Woodson**  
 Tues., Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Rule

## Calendar

### Wild hog meeting

An open meeting of the Haskell County Hog Control group will be held Mon., Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

### Medical fund

A medical fund to benefit Tammy Parham has been set up at First National Bank of Haskell to help defer expenses due to an extended hospital stay. Parham is at M.D. Anderson Medical Center in Houston.

### Special service

Peter Lewis Whitebird and the comedy of Bubba Burke will be ministering in song at the Haskell Church of God, east Highway 380 in Haskell, Sun., Jan. 24 beginning at 6 p.m.

### Medical fund

A fund to help with medical expenses for Kim Hutto has been established at Haskell National Bank.

### Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Jan. 26 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2798 for more information or visit [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

### Chamber banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their 56th annual banquet Tues., Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. The meal will be catered by the Junior class and their parents. Entertainment will be by Sagebrush. Tickets are \$9 and may be purchased from a chamber member or at the door.

### Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

### Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

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## Opportunities to help Haitians offered locally

by Caron Yates  
 For more than a week now, as we turn on our televisions, we see the tremendous destruction that an earthquake of 7.0 magnitude can level on a country.

While the suffering and

despair is heart wrenching, most of us feel powerless to help. The good news is that yes, even from as far away as Haskell County we can make a difference for these people.

The Church of Christ of Haskell has had a special

interest in Haiti for many years through the sponsorship of an orphanage, a radio program and a school for training pastors. Various members have made trips into the country to offer their help, as well as conduct Vacation Bible Schools.

It appears that for the most part, the school and orphanage the local church is affiliated with, is mostly intact. The preachers that assist and guide members visiting in Haiti are safe, but have family members injured.

Money to purchase essential supplies is the number one way we can help. It is always a good idea to research organizations before sending money, and never give money or personal information to email or phone solicitors.

John and Cindy Foster, of Haskell, have done the research and have found that Healing Hands International at [www.hhi.org](http://www.hhi.org) is a very good organization to which to donate money.

HHI is recommended for several reasons. They are known worldwide to be a "first responder" in disaster relief situations. They already have a presence in Haiti, so they are better able to get the relief where it is most needed. HHI has an established four phase disaster relief plan that can be viewed on the website. They are also known in the country to help all missionary work and to assist wherever it is needed.

One of the most important things HHI is doing is sending water filters. They have sent enough for 9,000 people, but need money to purchase more. At \$50 each, one can filter 300 gallons of water per day, which can supply 150 people, not only for immediate use, but also for the future. HHI is set up to take one time donations as well as long term donations. These can be made via their website or by calling 615-832-2000.

Many other local churches also have established organizations where disaster relief donations can be made. There are, of course, national and international organizations such as Salvation Army or American Red Cross which are accepting donations for this disaster relief.

For a country where the people had so little, and now have even less, generously giving to those who can help, will truly make a difference.



**GRAND CHAMPION STEER**—Kelsie Adams, far right, a member of the Haskell Sr. 4-H Club, holds her European steer entry that took the Grand Champion honors at the Haskell Junior Livestock Show held last weekend. Helping her display her award are, l-r, show judge Glenn Blount, Agriculture Science Teacher of Bells ISD, Paige Adams and Chase Gibson.

## Feb. 1 is last day to register to vote in primary

by Caron Yates  
 One way to have a say in your county and state government, is by being a registered voter and then exercising that right to vote.

The last day to register to vote in the upcoming March primary is Feb. 1. Ballots by mail may be requested through Feb. 23, with early voting by personal appearance taking place Feb. 16 through Feb. 26, in the County Clerk's office at the courthouse.

Election day is Tues., March 2, with both a Democratic and Republican primary being held. The Republican voting location for all boxes will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse kitchen on the 3rd floor. Democratic voting locations are: Box 1, St. George's Catholic Church; Box 2, Assembly of God Church; Box 3, Extension building; Box 4, Experienced Citizens Center; Box 5, Rule High School Library; Box 6, Rochester Fire Department; Box 7, O'Brien

City Hall; Box 8, Weinert School; Box 9, Paint Creek School Library; and Box 10, Sagerton Community Center.

In the county election, there are five contested races, as well as two that are uncontested.

There are many state wide offices up for grabs. Among them will be Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, U.S. Representatives and State Sentors and Representatives, just to name a few.

To vote in the election, voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

If you are a registered

voter and have not received your voter registration card, you can contact the county tax assessor/collectors office.

If you intend to register and just have not done so yet, you only have two weeks left before time runs out.



**FINISHING TOUCHES**—Tony Williams puts the finishing touches on this water main repair that occurred during the recent cold spell. City Administrator Brandon Anderson reports that during the cold spell the city had a total of nine breaks. A few more small leaks may surface yet. The City feels fortunate that only a few leaks occurred as this was some of the coldest weather that Haskell has experienced in quite some time. Mayor Bob Smith and Anderson would like to thank the City's Public Works employees who had to work overtime in these cold conditions to help keep our customers supplied with water. The City of Haskell would also like to apologize for any inconveniences these leaks may have caused our citizens.

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**ENTER TOURNAMENT**—The Rochester eighth grade Maidens played in the Stamford eighth grade tournament Jan. 14 and 16. Pictured are front row, l-r, Morgan Garcia, Meg Glover, Beca Raynes and Emily Fouts; back row, Kaley Mathis, Dana Rodriguez and Marlee Andrada. The Maidens are coached by Chet Forehand.

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**A Dog Sits Waiting**  
 By Kathy Flood

A dog sits waiting in the cold autumn sun,  
 Too faithful to leave, too frightened to run.  
 He's been here for days now with nothing to do  
 But sit by the road, waiting for you.  
 He can't understand why you left him that day  
 He thought you and he were stopping to play.  
 He's sure you'll come back, and that's why he stays  
 How long will he suffer: How many more days?  
 His legs have grown weak, his throat's parched and dry  
 He's sick now from hunger and falls with a sigh.  
 He lays down his head and closes his eyes  
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# Obituaries

## Lelia Nell Jones Hix



**LELIA HIX**

Funeral services for Lelia Nell Jones Hix, 68, of Haskell were held Sat., Jan. 16 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Mike Roberson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Hix passed away Thurs., Jan. 14.

Born Dec. 3, 1941 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Rev. Jesse Jones and Annie Lena Curry Jones. She attended school in Haskell and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She furthered her education with numerous post graduate certifications including her Superintendent Certification. She taught school in Wichita Falls and Bowie, as well as serving as assistant principal at Cleburne High School and principal of Bowie Elementary. She also served as Superintendent of Schools for the Gold-Burg ISD as well as working for the Region IX Education Service Center where she was instrumental in the application of computer-based learning in its infancy. She had a

deep love for learning and literature. Among the gifts she gave her children were inquisitive minds and the desire to read.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Jesse Jones and Annie Jones of Haskell; her sisters, Mary Jo Price of Kermit and Jessie Ruth Nesbitt of Denison, Iowa.

Survivors include her children, Paul Hix of Amarillo, Mark Hix of Carrollton, Kimberly Hix Trant of Decatur and Douglas Hix of Longview; and fifteen beloved grandchildren and one great grandchild; and her brothers, David Jones of Fairhope, Alabama and Chester Jones of Houston.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children hospital. PD. NOTICE

## Weather Whys

### Famous Blizzards

**Q:** What are some of the country's worst blizzards?

**A:** You can find several, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Buffalo, New York, had a blizzard that paralyzed the city for days in 1999, and Denver had a similar situation in 1997 and Boston suffered terrible blizzard conditions in 1978," he reports. "Chicago had two of the worst-ever blizzards in 1979 and one in 1967. The '67 blizzard totaled 23 inches of snow with drifts up to 9 feet and the city was virtually shut down for days, with city officials estimating that 75 million tons of snow fell. At least 60 people died, many of them from heart attacks while shoveling snow. Although records tend to be sketchy, perhaps the country's worst blizzard occurred in 1888. In parts of the Midwest, the temperature fell 74 degrees to minus 28 within hours and the Colorado River froze solid throughout much of Texas. That blizzard killed 238 people."

**Q:** How strong is a storm before it's classified as a blizzard?

**A:** There are some specific requirements, McRoberts adds. "In meteorological terms, a blizzard is a severe storm that has below freezing temperatures, winds of at least 35 miles per hour and heavy snowfall, with visibility reduced to no more than one-fourth of a mile," he explains. "All of these conditions have to last at least three hours. So just a heavy snowfall is not always a blizzard. They occur most often in the Great Plains, North Central U.S. and parts of the Northeast."

## Alma Ruth Smith



**ALMA SMITH**

Funeral services for Alma Ruth Smith, 79, of Rule were held Sun., Jan.

17 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Russell Stanley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Smith passed away Thurs., Jan. 14 in Stamford.

Born Feb. 23, 1930 in Rule, she was the daughter of W.V. and Hazel Almond. She was a lifetime resident of Rule. She married Donald Kent 'Speedy' Smith Jan. 23, 1949. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Baptist Church and loved china painting with the ladies of Rule.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband

of 59 years; two brothers, Wesley Almond and Weldon Almond; and one sister, Betty Almond.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Speck and husband, David of Knox City, Kay Perry and husband, Bill of Haskell; one son, Kent Smith and wife Sharla of Rule; six grandchildren, Shana Marin of Knox City, Matt Perry of Beaumont, Melanie Grindstaff and husband Sam of Rule, McKenna Smith of Rochester, Dwayne Chaney and wife Keri of Abilene, Amanda Johnson and husband Brice of Abilene; and seven great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## Craig Gordon Story



**CRAIG STORY**

Funeral services for Craig Gordon Story were held Tues., Jan. 19 at Crossroads Christian Church in Grand

Prairie. A procession to Moore Memorial Gardens followed. Services were under the direction of Arlington Funeral Home of Arlington.

Officer Story, a seven year veteran of the Arlington Police Department, died in the line of duty in a vehicle crash Wed., Jan. 13.

Officer Story joined the 24th Academy Class of the Arlington Police Department in May 2002. He worked patrol in the north and east districts and was nominated for East Officer of the Year in 2005. During his seven years with the department, he received 19 commendations.

He was also a member of the tactical unit and had joined the traffic unit as a motorcycle officer last year. Most importantly, Officer Story was a family man.

Survivors include his wife, Danielle; and two year old son, John Barrett; his mother, Shirley Larned Story; father Danny Story and wife, Edwayna; sister, Michelle Choat and family, and multiple aunts, uncles and extended family.

Memorials may be made to the Story family by mail to Arlington Police Association Foundation, Box 27, Arlington, Texas 76004. PD. NOTICE

## Preventing financial exploitation of the elderly

Adult Protective Services (APS), a division of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), is partnering with banks and other groups to educate the public about financial exploitation of the elderly and people with disabilities. Signs of exploitation include:

- Sudden changes in

bank accounts or banking practices.

- Unexplained or unexpected withdrawals of large sums of money.

- Adding names to an elderly or disabled person's bank signature card.

- Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.

- Unauthorized withdrawals of funds using an ATM card or sudden transfers of assets.

- Sudden changes in financial document.

- Unpaid bills despite having adequate money.

- Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming rights to a person's affairs and possessions.

- Abuse of power of attorney.

APS is also distributing brochures and other materials that provide tips on how Texans can protect themselves and some clear examples of exploitation. And, APS is holding conferences in many communities to further understanding of financial exploitation and build on the efforts of APS, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors to combat it.

Everyone needs to understand that taking the money of an elderly parent

or a person with disabilities is not okay," says APS Assistant Commissioner Beth Engelking. "We want people to realize that if it's not their money, it's a crime. If you suspect exploitation, call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS and law enforcement can investigate."

In addition, APS urges all Texans who know someone with a disability or who is elderly to be on the lookout for signs of financial exploitation, because stopping abuse and exploitation is truly everyone's business.

"There is an old Spanish proverb that I think illustrates why everyone has a stake in stopping elder abuse," said Engelking. "As you see yourself, I once saw myself. As you see me now, you will be seen. At some point we all need help and that is why financial exploitation is everyone's business."

APS' It's Everyone's Business campaign is a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities.

It's Everyone's Business features two main themes:

- Adult abuse prevention.
- Financial exploitation prevention.



# Scam artists prey on older Texans' best traits

Older adults are rightly admired for their tendency to be polite, open-hearted and generous. Most of us respond to those traits with respect and efforts to follow their example.

Con artists, unfortunately, are responding with a growing number of scams—often phone and Internet-based—that turn Texas seniors' character assets into liabilities.

Laura Albrecht of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) said many older people consider it rude to question a pleasant-seeming stranger's good intentions.

"These folks were raised in an era when politeness earned trust and it felt deeply uncomfortable to tell a nice-sounding person, 'I won't give you that information' or 'I never do that kind of business over the phone,'" Albrecht explained.

There's no clearinghouse of statistics on fraud against elders, but AARP surveys suggest that telemarketers most often target victims 50 and older with scam attempts increasing with age.

Some of the more common phone-based scams identified by law enforcement agencies and consumer advocates include:

- Pitches, often for travel packages and sweepstakes, that start with the phrase,

"You've already won!" but require you to pay upfront for "postage and handling" or other charges. "Must act now" is another sure fire tipoff line.

- Phone messages in which the caller demands a callback to "discuss an urgent matter concerning your credit card account." Never call the given number. Instead, call the toll-free customer service number on your bill and ask if there's an issue with your account.

- Any unsolicited call in which you're asked to give your credit card number or expiration date, date of birth, bank account number or Social Security number, or any kind of account password.

- Sales offers for deeply discounted vitamins, medicines or health care products.

- Charities that ask you to give over the phone.

Albrecht noted that seniors should be especially cautious about phone charity calls made in the aftermath of major disasters such as hurricanes.

"That's a classic time when you see a lot of solicitations designed to prey on people's emotions," Albrecht said. "Some may be legitimate, but it's best to be double safe and not respond directly to the call. Look them up first."

That's also good advice for any phone request for a donation. Decline the phone donation request

and check the charity out with the Better Business Bureau ([www.bbb.org/us/charity](http://www.bbb.org/us/charity)) before making your contribution.

Although senior-targeted Internet scams still lag behind telemarketing fraud, they're growing fast. The creativity of Internet swindlers sometimes rivals the legitimate masterminds of Apple and Google. However, their meat-and-potatoes schemes tend to focus on credit card fraud, identity theft, fraudulent billing, illegal pharmacies (often selling counterfeit medicines) and merchandise that will not be delivered.

Because physical as well as financial health is at stake, consumers should take special care in buying medicines online. Never buy from unlicensed distributors or ones that sell drugs without a prescription.

If your medicines look different from what you've been taking—or look suspicious in any

other way—show them to a pharmacist or doctor before taking them.

Internet-based credit card fraud often concentrates on "phishing" scams aimed at getting your credit card account or other personal information. Never respond to unsolicited e-mails that require you to supply or "verify" your information. This is often done by e-mailing you a link to a fake (though often very real-looking) website.

Non-delivery of ordered merchandise and other Internet scams can be reported to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. Go to [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) and search on Internet Fraud. Information and contact information for the Complaint Center, as well as other advice on Internet fraud, is on this site.

Another good resource for Texas consumers is the Attorney General's Consumer Protection unit: [www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/scams.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/scams.shtml).

## Alzheimer's need not bring driving to an abrupt end

Taking the keys away from a person with Alzheimer's disease can be one of the most emotional situations a family faces.

"Driving represents independence and capability, so being asked to give it up can put the person with Alzheimer's in deep conflict with their loved ones," says Kristin Martin-Cook, clinical research coordinator and support-group facilitator of the Alzheimer's Disease Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

But with care, a diagnosis of Alzheimer's does not have to put a total halt on driving.

"The most important thing is to discuss the issue soon after diagnosis, when the person can fully participate in decisions," Martin-Cook says.

Other suggestions

include:

- Start with moderate restrictions—perhaps driving only during the day, or only to certain places, or only with someone else in the vehicle.

- Find other ways the patient can get around, like senior transportation services. This can maintain a sense of independence.

- Watch for physical changes that affect driving safety. These include changes in attention span, in hand-eye coordination, and in the ability to react quickly.

- Enlist your health care provider's help in talking about liability and safety. He or she can serve as the "bad guy" who's taking the keys away. This may lessen or redirect the patient's potential anger at loved ones.

## Births

John and Lori Wheat of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Payden Dean Wheat, born Jan. 9 at 4:26 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center weighing 7 lbs. 9.3 oz. He was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Betty Sue McDermett of Haskell, John Wayne McDermett of Fort Worth and Charles Wheat of Amarillo.

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## Friske paints Hill Country scene at art meeting

Paul Friske of Abilene was the guest artist for the January meeting of the Brazos West Art Club on Jan. 12.

Friske chose a Hill Country scene of a big oak tree, bluebonnets and beautiful clouds. Working quickly in pastels, he soon completed the painting, but stated that he would normally take several days to finish a picture.

Attending were members

Gary Conn, Betty Sanders, Betty Berry, Barbara Fouts, Doris Reeves, Betty Hook, Marsha Whittemore, Nelwyn Beakley, Jennie Lyckman and guests, Travis Dean, Phyllis Coleman, Barbara Darnell and Melissa Summers.

Beakley and Whittemore were hostesses.

February's program will be by member, Nelwyn Beakley.

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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

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### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### State officials shelve mansion expansion proposal

AUSTIN—A proposal to add a two-story addition to the Governor's Mansion has been abandoned by the State Preservation Board after a chorus of complaints.

Board Executive Director John Sneed said the proposed addition to the 153-year-old mansion has been withdrawn from consideration. The Preservation Board was moving ahead with the expansion before the idea was greeted with a wave of protests.

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, recently objected to the 3,000-square foot addition. He joined earlier objections voiced by former Govs. Dolph Briscoe and Mark White, both Democrats. Straus is a member of the Preservation Board.

Gov. Rick Perry initially appeared to support the plan, but he backed off after it became a political liability. The mansion is undergoing renovation after it was heavily damaged by an arson fire in 2008. No one has been arrested in that incident.

#### Senate studies health care

In response to health care reform measures in Congress, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has issued a charge to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to study ways to make health care in Texas more affordable, accessible and efficient. The committee will take on that task in the interim before the 82nd Legislature convenes in January 2011.

"The problem with our health care system in America is not that we spend too little. The problem is that we don't spend our health care dollars effectively," Dewhurst said. "America actually spends more per capita than any other industrialized country in the world, often with poorer results."

Dewhurst said committee members will study the effects of any federal health care reform bill on Texas; recommend changes in the exchange of health care information statewide to improve care; examine ways to improve Texans' health; and study ways to make use of best policies in health care.

State Sen. Jane Nelson, chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, said, "As we monitor the discussions about federal health care reform, it is important that we examine the underlying challenges in our health care system, as well as our broader mission to protect the overall health of our citizens."

#### Straus looks at budget

House Speaker Joe Straus has named a select committee to study how to manage a strained

state budget in a declining economy. The House Select Committee on Fiscal Stability will assess whether the state budget is facing a shortfall in 2011 and what to do about it.

Straus named state Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton, to chair the committee, and state Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, as vice chairman. "Fiscally responsible work we do today will put Texas in better shape tomorrow," Straus said.

#### Perry refuses race-to-top funds

Gov. Perry said Texas will not compete for up to \$700 million in federal education grants, calling it a sprint to "mediocrity." The Race to the Top grants, funded from the 2009 stimulus package approved by Congress, are to encourage education reform and innovation.

Perry said the grants are based on Texas developing national curriculum standards for math and English, which "smacks of a federal takeover of public schools."

Critics of Perry's position, noting that half the points toward the grants are based on past educational accomplishments, said the governor is admitting Texas cannot compete nationally.

Texas and Alaska are the only two states not participating in the development of national curriculum standards in math and English. Perry's Republican primary opponent, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, said she also would not have sought the grant money.

#### Cameras for state homes

Security cameras will be placed in the state's 12 homes for people with mental disabilities, formerly known as state schools. After a series of violent incidents, the 2009 Legislature approved funds for the cameras to protect residents.

More than 3,000 cameras will be installed in 335 buildings. Cameras already have been installed at the state home in Corpus Christi, where employees were found to be staging fights among residents. Cameras also will be added to the homes in Austin, Abilene, Brenham, Denton, El Paso, Harlingen, Lubbock, Lufkin, Mexia, Richmond, San Angelo and San Antonio.

#### Reminder: registration deadline

Monday, Feb. 1, is the deadline to register to vote in the 2010 primary elections. County offices, some post offices and libraries offer voter registration applications. Texas residents also can print out a voter registration application available online at: www.votexas.org. For more voting information, call the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE.

## BOB BOZO COMMENTS



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago January 20, 2000

Melynn Hunt, Haskell assistant athletic director and Maidens' basketball coach, received a plaque, roses and a basketball commemorating her 500th win as a coach.

Brandy Gardner, Paint Creek senior, has been nominated to compete for a National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Kevin Patton, son of Kenneth and Judy Patton of Haskell, has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Tonya Burson of Haskell received a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in psychology during a commencement ceremony at Angelo State University.

### 20 Years Ago January 18, 1990

Dala Harris was named to the all-tournament team at the conclusion of the Lubbock Christian University Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Charles "Ike" Neal has been awarded a certificate in personal insurance by the Life Underwriter Training Council. He has been with the local Farm Bureau for nine and one-half years.

Lonnie Hodgkin, president of Haskell County Farm Bureau, presented Joan Strickland, county librarian, with copies of a medical consumers information book.

For the eleventh

consecutive year, the Weinert Extension Homemakers Club made and donated a quilt to the Rehab Auction. Making the presentation were Jimmy Weinert, Alice Yates and Faye Jettton.

### 30 Years Ago January 17, 1980

New candidates who have filed for local office in the March democratic primary are Charles Chapman, running for County Attorney and Frankie SoRelle running for Commissioner Precinct 1.

Ruth Ann Klose of Haskell was among the students who qualified for the Dean's List at Western Texas College.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Sanford of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Shannon Lee Sanford.

Charles Swinson, honorary member of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, read a history of the local fire department during dedication ceremonies.

### 40 Years Ago January 15, 1970

Officers for the H-Club at Haskell High will be president Terry Chapman, vice-president Mike Guess, secretary/treasurer Wayne Reeves and reporter Donald Love.

First Baptist Church of Haskell formally dedicated their new educational building. According to Pastor Troy Culpepper, it will house thirty-six classrooms, administrative area, library and kitchen facilities.

Members of the Haskell Chapter of Young Homemakers attending the

state convention are Lyla Stegall, Mrs. Bob Connel, Mrs. Waymond McBroom and Mrs. W.P. McCollum.

Chosen as Friendliest Girl at Rochester High School was Karen Sanderson and as Friendliest Boy was Tommy Byrd.

### 50 Years Ago January 21, 1960

Vernon Lusk and Alfred Turnbow of Haskell demonstrated their skill in dominoes when they nosed out Paul Pendleton and Jack Tidwell of Munday for the championship of the annual Weinert Lions Club domino tournament.

Chaplain Robert Barnett of Haskell has been recommended for "Chaplain of the Year" from Fort Lewis in Washington.

The Paint Creek Chapter of FHA sponsored a program on Teen-Age Fashions. Guest speaker and fashion commentator was Mrs. Mattie Muriel Felker and modeling the styles were Jane Earles, Margaret Fischer and Paulette Fischer.

### 100 Years Ago January 15, 1910

C.E. Bowers has returned from a trip to St. Louis, where he purchased spring stocks for his store.

W.D. Joiner has announced as a candidate for Constable of the Haskell precinct.

At the meeting of stockholders of the Haskell National Bank, the following directors were elected: Mrs. M.S. Pierson, T.E. Ballard, G.R. Couch, F.S. Morton, S.W. Scott and John A. Couch.

## ECC receives grant money

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is awarding approximately \$9.5 million to agencies that serve meals to homebound elderly and disabled Texans. The grants are provided through TDA's Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.

"Home-delivered meals are critical to the health and well-being of fellow Texans who would go hungry without this food," Commissioner Staples said. "This funding will allow meal providers to continue their mission of fighting hunger in Texas and I am proud to support such an honorable and necessary initiative."

The Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program was created during the 80th Legislative Session in 2007 to give supplemental funding to home-delivered meal providers. The grants, based partly on the number of meals eligible applicants served the year prior to applying, can only be used to supplement and expand existing services related to the delivery of meals.

The Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell will receive \$166.57.

"By providing food to elderly residents in their own homes, we help maintain their independence, which saves Texans about \$30,000 in tax dollars annually per individual served," Commissioner Staples said. "I want to thank the legislators who approved this critical funding that enables us to assist Texans who need a helping hand."

TDA will award almost 200 grants totaling \$9.5 million to home-delivered meal providers across the state who served more than 13 million meals statewide last year. Over the three-year life of this program, TDA has awarded nearly \$30 million to these organizations.

## Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of December.

- Forgery: 1 case.
- Assault, family violence: 2 cases.
- Violation of protective order: 2 cases.
- Manufacture of controlled substance less than 4 grams: 1 case.
- Aggravated assault with deadly weapon: 1 case.
- Injury to a child: 1 case.
- Public intoxication: 3 cases.
- Disorderly conduct: 6 cases.
- Traffic warrants: 2 cases.
- Possession of a controlled substance: 3 cases.
- Theft: 4 cases.
- Driving while intoxicated with child: 1 case.
- Surety withdrawals: 2 cases.
- Theft by check: 1 case.

## AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

### Beware Of Charitable Scams During Haiti Relief Effort

Many Texans make generous donations to charitable organizations when disaster strikes. Before reaching for their wallets to provide much-needed financial support for recovery efforts in Haiti, Texans should ask questions and check the facts. By doing a little research, well-meaning Texans can ensure their dollars actually help the recovery effort—and don't end up in the hands of a scam artist seeking to capitalize on a tragedy.

Texans who are solicited by telephone or e-mail and asked to make a charitable donation toward relief efforts in Haiti should keep the following in mind:

- Know the soliciting organization. Ask for credentials, including the

exact name and telephone number of the organization, particularly if the charity is unfamiliar.

- Call the charity directly and confirm that the solicitor is actually associated with it.

- Be on the watch for questionable charities using names that closely resemble those of well-known charities.

- Find out how the donation will be used.

- Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion and short on descriptions about how charitable contributions will aid the recovery effort.

- Don't succumb to high-pressure tactics and demands for an immediate decision. A legitimate charity welcomes background checks on their operations.

- Never give a credit card or bank account number to a solicitor.

- Never give cash and never agree to give money to a courier. Write a check in the name of the charity, not the soliciting individual, and get a receipt.

For information about specific relief operations now underway, Texans should contact the American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP). AIP is a national charity watchdog service that assists donors with identifying reliable charitable organizations. Texans should visit their Web site at www.charitywatch.org.

Texans who wish to file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General regarding suspicious e-mail charity solicitations may call the Consumer Complaint Hotline at 800-252-8011 or file a complaint online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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## Indians

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JVB, VB vs  
Rotan

Fri., Jan. 22, 4 p.m.  
at Rotan

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JVB, VB vs  
Seymour

Tues., Jan. 26, 4 p.m.  
at Seymour



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tyrone Neskorik, Christian Myers, Austin Marshall, Kelson Aguero and Clint Howard; back row, Austin Nanny, Ross Wittenborn, Kosta Mahlelis, Simon Rodriguez and Sterling Bird.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Marissa McGhee, Aubrey Bassett, Briè Torres, Kayce Wilcox, Cheslee Hearn; back row, Jordan Burson, Ashley Short, Lisa Rodgers, Miranda Johnson, Harley James and Lonnie Alvarez.

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# 2010 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show



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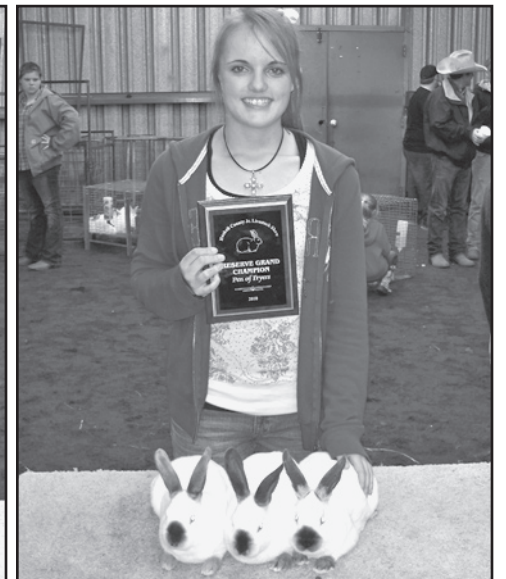
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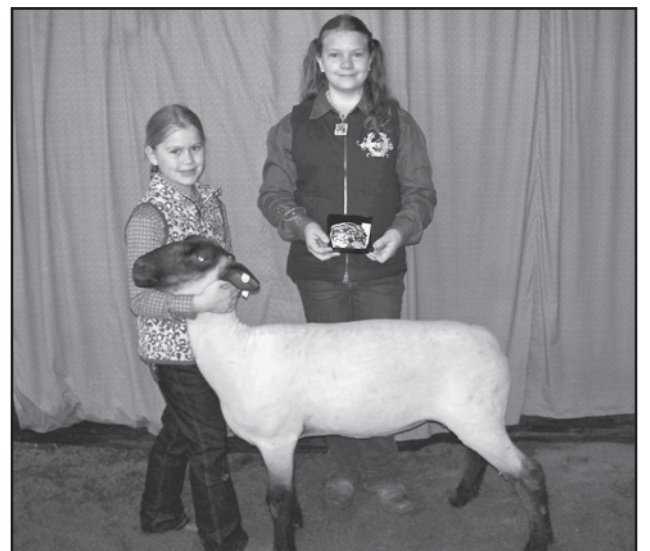
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GRAND CHAMPION BARROW-ALYE STEWART



RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW-KAELYN BEVEL



JR. SWINE SHOWMANSHIP-ASHLYN BEVEL



# Haskell County Junior Livestock Show results

One hundred and eight students entered this year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show held Jan. 14-16 at the Haskell County Show Barn. Approximately \$70,000.00 was raised during the annual sale. Officials remark that the total is about \$15,000.00 below the 2009 sale total. Those wishing to contribute to the sale may still do so by contacting Dale Bullinger or Brandon Anderson.

Results include:

**RABBITS**

Class 1: 1. Shelby Still, Haskell FFA; 2. Jasmine Klose, Haskell FFA; 3. Katie McLemore, Haskell FFA; 4. Amber Allen, Haskell FFA; 5. Cynthia Gillispie, Haskell FFA; 6. Veronica Benton, Haskell FFA.

Class 2: 1. Arabella Garcia, Haskell FFA; 2. Morgan Frierson, Haskell FFA; 3. Lonnie Alvarez, Haskell FFA; 4. Jacie Klose, Haskell 4-H; 5. Wyatt Hertel, Haskell 4-H; 6. Madison Mayfield, Haskell FFA.

Class 3: 1. Harley James, Haskell FFA; 2. Maci Colley, Haskell FFA; 3. Tillie McGuire, Haskell FFA; 4. Carson Hadaway, Haskell FFA; 5. Sarah Duncan Herricks, Haskell 4-H.

**Grand Champion Rabbits**  
Harley James, Haskell FFA  
**Reserve Champion Rabbits**  
Maci Colley, Haskell FFA

**POULTRY**

Class 1: 1. Candice Hill, Haskell FFA; 2. Preston Morrow, Haskell FFA.

**Grand Champion Poultry**  
Candice Hill, Haskell FFA

**Reserve Champion Poultry**

Preston Morrow  
Haskell FFA

**MARKET LAMBS**

Class 1: Fine Wool  
Cross. 1. River McTasney, Paint Creek 4-H; 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell 4-H; 3. Zhenia McTasney, Paint Creek 4-H.

Class 2: Medium Wool Light Weight. 1. River McTasney, Paint Creek 4-H.

Class 3: Medium Wool Medium Weight. 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell 4-H; 2. Zhenia McTasney, Paint Creek 4-H; 3. Victoria Hertel, Haskell 4-H; 4. Victoria Hertel, Haskell 4-H.

Class 4: Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool. 1. River McTasney, Paint Creek 4-H.

**Lamb Breed Champions**  
**Fine Wool Breed Champion**  
River McTasney  
Paint Creek 4-H

**Fine Wood Reserve Breed Champion**  
Brooke Bullinger

Haskell 4-H  
**Medium Wool Breed Champion**

Brooke Bullinger  
Haskell 4-H

**Medium Wool Reserve Breed Champion**  
River McTasney  
Paint Creek 4-H

**Grand Champion Lamb**  
Brooke Bullinger  
Haskell 4-H

**Reserve Champion Lamb**  
River McTasney  
Paint Creek 4-H

**Jr. Lamb Showmanship**  
Zhenia McTasney  
Paint Creek 4-H

**Sr. Lamb Showmanship**  
Brooke Bullinger  
Haskell 4-H

**SWINE BARROWS**

Duroc Class 1: 1. Trevor Reese, Haskell FFA; 2. Jacob Kreger, Haskell FFA; 3. Tyler Reese, Haskell FFA; 4. Miranda Johnson, Haskell FFA; 5. Cody Reece, Rule FFA; 6. Cody McLemore, Haskell FFA.

Duroc Class 2: 1. Jonathan Primm, Haskell FFA; 2. Ethan Frierson, Haskell FFA; 3. Claire Carmichael, Haskell 4-H; 4. Riley Meinzer, Haskell 4-H; 5. Maegan Hearn, Haskell FFA.

Duroc Class 3: 1. Cody Dutton, Haskell 4-H; 2. Sam Fouts, Haskell FFA; 3. Sarah Fouts, Haskell FFA; 4. Lucy Carmichael, Haskell 4-H.

Duroc Class 4: 1. Jim Young, Haskell FFA; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Tyler Reese, Haskell FFA; 5. Emily Fouts, Haskell FFA; 6. Riley Sloan, Haskell 4-H.

Duroc Class 5: 1. Taylor Burson, Haskell FFA; 2. Jim Young, Haskell FFA; 3. Meghan Glover, Haskell 4-H; 4. Paige Glover, Haskell 4-H; 5. Laycee Tullios, Haskell 4-H.

Hampshire Class 1: 1. Payne Utley, Haskell 4-H; 2. Stewart Ulrich, Haskell FFA; 3. Kaelyn Bevel, Haskell FFA; 4. Cannon Edwards, Haskell FFA; 5. Krista McLemore, Haskell FFA; 6. Drake Everett, Haskell FFA; 7. Aaron Ulrich, Haskell FFA.

Hampshire Class 2: 1. Brady Leach, Haskell FFA; 2. Jonathan Primm, Haskell FFA; 3. Sarah Campbell, Rule 4-H; 4. Cody Reece, Rule FFA; 5. Mason Grindstaff, Rule FFA.

Hampshire Class 3: 1. Hayden Leach, Haskell FFA; 2. Claire Carmichael, Haskell 4-H; 3. Kellen Parks, Haskell FFA; 4. Riley Sloan, Haskell 4-H; 5. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Layne Petty, Haskell 4-H.

Hampshire Class 4: 1. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell FFA; 2. Brady Leach, Haskell

FFA; 3. Reed Lee, Haskell FFA; 4. Ashlee Short, Haskell FFA; 5. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Shawn Herricks, Haskell 4-H.

Hampshire Class 5: 1. Lane Burson, Haskell FFA; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Dalton Meinzer, Haskell 4-H; 4. Reed Roewe, Haskell 4-H; 5. Riley Sloan, Haskell 4-H; 6. Alec Roewe, Haskell FFA; 7. Riley Meinzer, Haskell 4-H.

Yorkshire Class 1: 1. Samantha Garvin, Haskell FFA; 2. Payne Utley, Haskell 4-H; 3. Cole Hutchinson, Haskell FFA; 4. Max Weise, Haskell FFA; 5. Pamela Walker, Haskell FFA.

Yorkshire Class 2: 1. Kaelyn Bevel, Haskell FFA; 2. Sara Weise, Haskell FFA; 3. Kylie Adams, Haskell FFA; 4. Ashley Adams, Haskell FFA.

Yorkshire Class 3: 1. Alye Stewart, Haskell FFA; 2. Taylor Stewart, Haskell FFA; 3. Pryce Stewart, Haskell FFA; 4. Bayden Graham, Paint Creek 4-H; 5. Cole Hutchinson, Haskell FFA.

Spot Class 1: 1. Emily Fouts, Haskell FFA; 2. Allison Petty, Rule FFA; 3. Riley Meinzer, Haskell 4-H; 4. Brittany Grindstaff, Rule FFA.

Spot Class 2: 1. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Bailey Hawkins, Paint Creek 4-H; 3. Kellen Parks, Haskell FFA.

Berk Class 1: 1. Jordan Burson, Haskell FFA; 2. Hayden Leach, Haskell FFA; 3. Cody Reece, Rule FFA; 4. Caitlin Medford, Paint Creek FFA.

OPB Class 1: 1. Sarah Fouts, Haskell FFA; 2. Sam Fouts, Haskell FFA; 3. Riley Sloan, Haskell 4-H.

Cross Class 1: 1. Ashlyn Bevel, Haskell FFA; 2. Pryce Stewart, Haskell FFA; 3. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Allison Petty, Rule FFA; 5. Aaron Ulrich, Haskell FFA.

Cross Class 2: 1. David Newton, Haskell FFA; 2. Ashlyn Bevel, Haskell FFA; 3. Riley Sloan, Haskell 4-H; 4. Brady Leach, Haskell FFA; 5. Alye Stewart, Haskell FFA; 6. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 7. Kadin Seeliger, Haskell 4-H; 8. Jaylea Seeliger, Haskell 4-H.

Cross Class 3: 1. David Newton, Haskell FFA; 2. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell FFA; 3. Payne Utley, Haskell 4-H; 4. Stewart Ulrich, Haskell FFA; 5. Jordan Burson, Haskell FFA; 6. Cannon Edwards, Haskell FFA; 7. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek 4-H.

Paint Creek FFA; 8. Dalton Meinzer, Haskell 4-H.

Cross Class 4: 1. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell FFA; 2. Drake Everett, Haskell FFA; 3. Brison Tullios, Haskell 4-H; 4. Cheslee Hearn, Haskell FFA; 5. Alec Roewe, Haskell FFA; 6. Jolene Navarrette, Haskell 4-H.

Cross Class 5: 1. Bayden Graham, Paint Creek 4-H; 2. Cody Dutton, Haskell 4-H; 3. Riley Sloan, Haskell 4-H; 4. Paige Glover, Haskell 4-H; 5. Meghan Glover, Haskell 4-H; 6. Angel Navarrette, Haskell 4-H.

**Duroc Breed Champion**  
Taylor Burson  
Haskell FFA

**Duroc Reserve Breed Champion**  
Jim Young, Haskell FFA

**Hampshire Breed Champion**  
Lane Burson, Haskell FFA

**Hampshire Reserve Breed Champion**  
Kate Rowan, Rule FFA

**Yorkshire Breed Champion**  
Alye Stewart, Haskell FFA

**Yorkshire Reserve Breed Champion**  
Kaelyn Bevel, Haskell FFA

**Spot Breed Champion**  
Kate Rowan, Rule FFA

**Spot Reserve Breed Champion**  
Bailey Hawkins  
Paint Creek 4-H

**Berk Breed Champion**  
Jordan Burson  
Haskell FFA

**Berk Reserve Breed Champion**  
Hayden Leach  
Haskell FFA

**OPB Breed Champion**  
Sarah Fouts, Haskell FFA

**OPB Reserve Breed Champion**  
Sam Fouts, Haskell FFA

**Cross Breed Champion**  
David Newton  
Haskell FFA

**Cross Reserve Breed Champion**  
Kymbre Kupatt  
Haskell FFA

**Grand Champion Barrow**  
Alye Stewart, Haskell FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Barrow**  
Kaelyn Bevel, Haskell FFA

**SWINE GILTS**  
OPB Class 1: 1. Bailey Hawkins, Paint Creek 4-H; 2. Hollyn Hadaway, Haskell 4-H; 3. Reed Roewe, Haskell 4-H.

OPB Class 2: 1. Sarah Campbell, Rule 4-H; 2. Kade Colley, Haskell FFA; 3. Jimmy Abner, Paint Creek FFA.

**Grand Champion Gilt**  
Bailey Hawkins  
Paint Creek 4-H

**Reserve Grand Champion Gilt**  
Hollyn Hadaway  
Haskell 4-H

**Jr. Swine Showmanship**  
Ashlyn Bevel, Haskell FFA

**Sr. Swine Showmanship**  
Kymbre Kupatt  
Haskell FFA

**STEERS**

American Steer Class 1: 1. Chase Gibson, Haskell 4-H; 2. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell FFA; 3. Ty Coleman, Haskell 4-H.

English Steer Class 1: 1. Kyle Kimbrough, Haskell FFA; 2. Taylor Buchanan, Haskell 4-H; 3. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell FFA; 4. Griffin Buchanan, Haskell 4-H.

English Steer Class 2: 1. Katie Newberry, Haskell 4-H; 2. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell FFA; 3. Griffin Buchanan, Haskell 4-H.

European Class 1: 1. Kourtney Howard, Haskell FFA; 2. Taylor Buchanan, Haskell 4-H; 3. Stewart Ulrich, Haskell FFA; 4. Aaron Ulrich, Haskell FFA.

European Class 2: 1. Kelsie Adams, Haskell 4-H; 2. Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Kourtney Howard, Haskell FFA.

European Class 3: 1. Kelsie Adams, Haskell 4-H; 2. James Williams, Haskell 4-H; 3. Madeline Williams, Haskell 4-H; 4. Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek FFA.

**American Steer Breed Champion**

Chase Gibson, Haskell 4-H

**American Steer Reserve Breed Champion**  
Meagan Kimbrough  
Haskell FFA

**English Steer Breed Champion**  
Katie Newberry  
Haskell 4-H

**English Steer Reserve Breed Champion**  
Kyle Kimbrough  
Haskell FFA

**European Breed Champion**  
Kelsie Adams, Haskell 4-H

**European Reserve Breed Champion**  
James Williams  
Haskell 4-H

**Grand Champion Steer**  
Kelsie Adams, Haskell 4-H

**Reserve Champion Steer**  
James Williams  
Haskell 4-H

**HEIFERS**

Hereford: 1. Jimmy Abner, Paint Creek FFA; 2. Jimmy Abner, Paint Creek FFA.

European: 1. Chase Gibson, Haskell 4-H; 2. Chase Gibson, Haskell 4-H.

**Grand Champion Heifer**  
Chase Gibson, Haskell 4-H

**Reserve Champion Heifer**  
Chase Gibson, Haskell 4-H

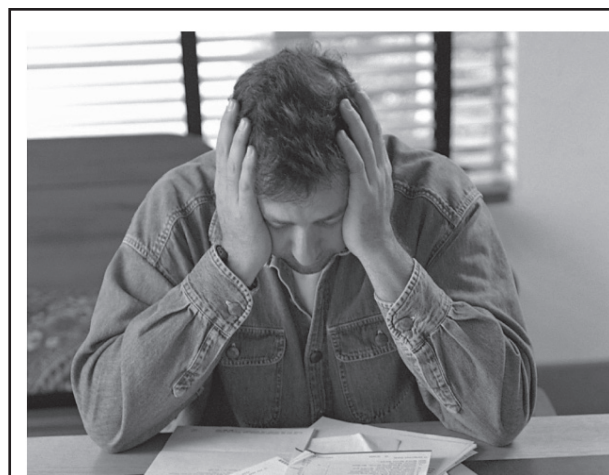
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Kourtney Howard  
Haskell FFA

**Sr. Beef Showmanship**  
Katrina Buerger  
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# Rule ISD lists honor and perfect attendance rolls

Rule ISD has announced the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the third six weeks of school.

First grade: A honor roll, Sidney Campbell, Ryan Cooper, Kacie Easterling and Joey Flores; A-B honor roll, Michael Medford and Brandon Rainville.

Second grade: A honor roll, Kenndy Fritzler, Danny Kreger and Madalyn Navarrette; A-B honor roll, Bobby Nieto and Jessica Ramos.

Third grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel; A-B honor

roll, Del Fritzler and Avery Tanner.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Alexandra Cooper and Thomas Short; A-B honor roll, Xaviar Bruce, Mason Helms, Alexandria Martinez, Christina Moore, Pablo Sandoval and Giavonni Marin.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh, America Shelton and Hunter Threet.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baiza, Kade Lowack and Braden Tanner.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Christina Herrera.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Marissa Holder; A-B honor roll, Chris Lewis.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero; A-B honor roll, Daniel Turner and Darryl Williams.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Dennise Salas.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Grace Burgess and Jenny Dudensing; A-B honor roll, Cade Brown, Allison Petty and Brittany Roberts.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Joseph Turner; A-B honor roll, Vickie Benavides, Brittany Grindstaff, Nick Johnson and Robbie

Whorton. Students with perfect attendance during the third six weeks include:

Early Childhood: Timothy Moore.

Pre-K: Karleigh Hertel, Trinity Whorton and Cory Mathis.

Kindergarten: Emily Turner and Sean Gatlin.

First grade: Kayla Hollingsworth, Hannah Sears, Kacie Easterling, Sidney Campbell and Dean Kreger.

Second grade: Jessica Ramos, Bobby Jo Nieto, Madalyn Navarrette, Fabian

Hollingsworth and Yesenia Moreno.

Third grade: Madison Hays, Del Fritzler and Jordan Stiewert.

Fourth grade: Pablo Sandoval, Thomas Short and Christina Moore.

Fifth grade: Abel Sandoval Cruz, Austin Redden and Alysia Hollabaugh.

Sixth grade: Sara Leonard, Shanisha Vanderbilt, Kade Lowack, Sarah Campbell, Kylie Deville, Braden Tanner and Gabriel Baiza.

Seventh grade: Jessica Gutierrez, Christina Herrera, Ryan Pace, Stormie

Hollabaugh, Daniel Campos, Josh Starr and Colton Rogers.

Eighth grade: Charlie Thomison.

Ninth grade: Jennifer Starr, Josh Quintero, Darryl Williams and Daniel Turner.

Tenth grade: Orrin Salazar, Dennise Salas and Lizzie Benavides.

Eleventh grade: Shelby Starr, Brittany Roberts, Cody Reece, Allison Petty and Cade Brown.

Twelfth grade: Kate Rowan, Nick Johnson, Lorena Diaz, Vickie Benavides and Joseph Turner.

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 JANUARY 25, 2010  
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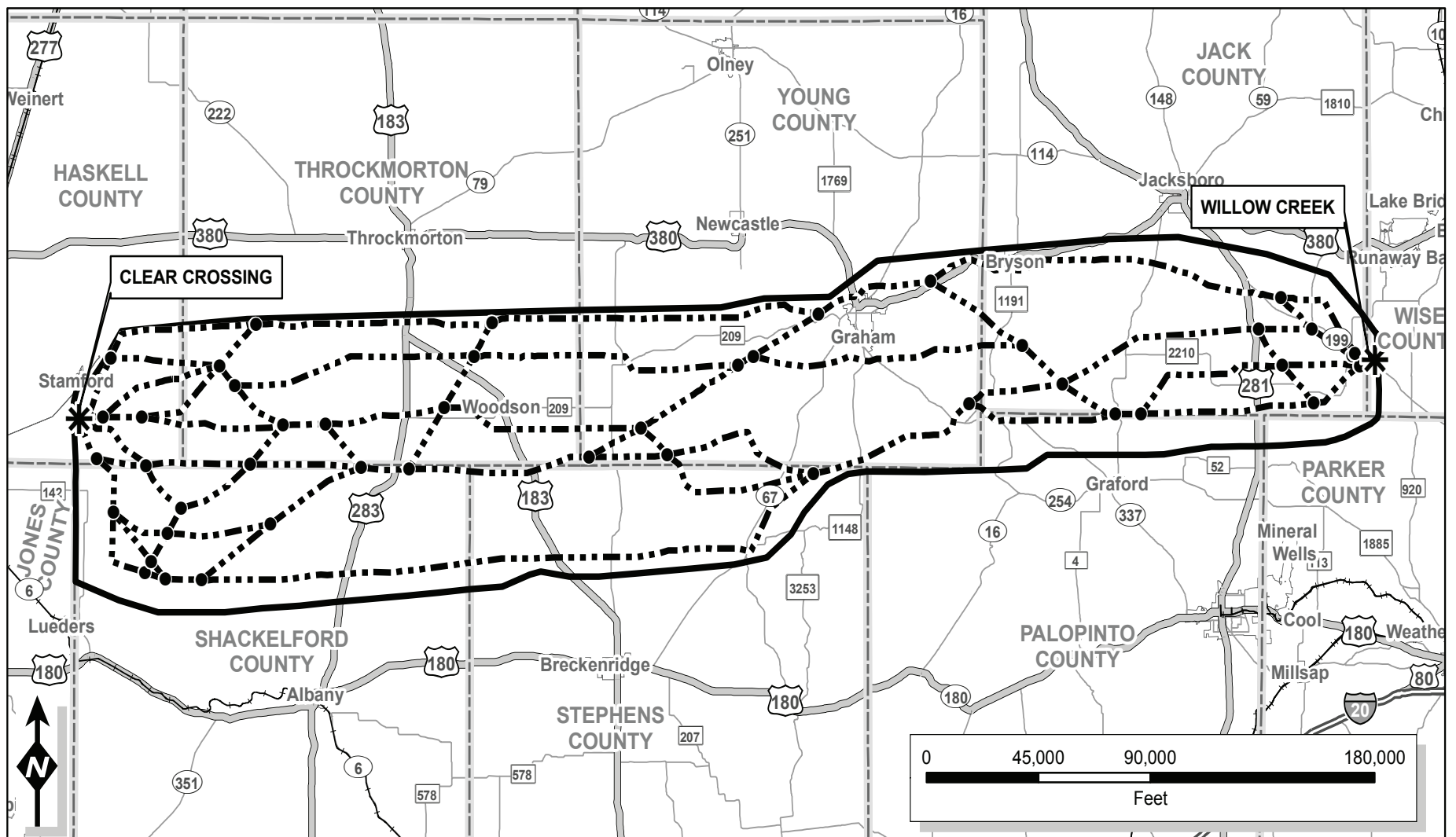
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 4:00 TO 8:00 P.M.  
**GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
 1000 BRAZOS STREET  
 GRAHAM, TEXAS 76450

AND

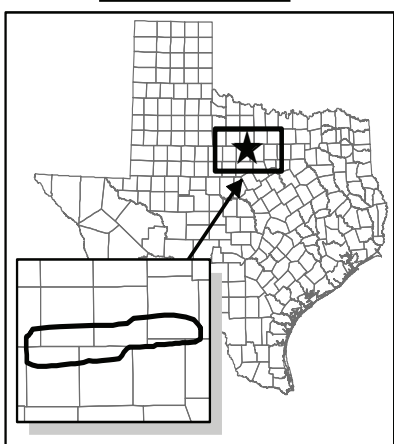
**WEDNESDAY**  
 JANUARY 27, 2010  
 4:00 TO 8:00 P.M.  
**WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
 100 COWBOY LANE  
 WOODSON, TEXAS 76491

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) is proposing to construct a new 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Haskell, Jones, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Young, Stephens, Jack, Palo Pinto, Wise, and Parker Counties. The proposed transmission line will be approximately 100 miles long, depending upon the route certificated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The proposed transmission line will connect the proposed Clear Crossing project endpoint located in Haskell County to the existing Willow Creek Switching Station (located approximately 0.5 mile northeast of State Highway 199) in Wise County (see associated map).

Oncor is committed to routing the proposed transmission line in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, the Texas Utilities Code, the Public Utility Commission of Texas rules and policies. The project has been recommended by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to ensure continued safe and reliable electric service in the State in light of increased integration of electric energy generated by wind projection facilities. Completion of the project will enable the new transmission system to efficiently move wind-generated power to market and add capacity to the entire system. In support of the routing process, Oncor is holding three identical public open house meetings to solicit input for use in determining the preferred route for the proposed transmission line and share information about line routing alternatives. POWER Engineers, Inc. (POWER), a consulting firm retained by Oncor for the project, has identified preliminary alternative transmission line routes for consideration which are shown as dashed lines on the associated map. Ultimately, Oncor will select a preferred route and alternate routing that will be submitted for certification. The Public Utility Commission of Texas will then make a determination on which route, if any, will be constructed. Maps with greater detail will be exhibited at the meetings. Individuals attending these "come and go" open house meetings will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide information to representatives and technical experts from Oncor and POWER regarding the routing of the proposed transmission line. These preliminary alternative routes are subject to modification based on information received at these public meetings and further study. If you have any questions concerning these meetings, please contact Greg Ward or Martha Henson at (214) 486-7338.



### VICINITY MAP



### PRELIMINARY

### CLEAR CROSSING TO WILLOW CREEK 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT PRELIMINARY ROUTING SEGMENTS

#### LEGEND

- STUDY AREA BOUNDARY
- \* PROJECT ENDPOINT
- - - - - PRELIMINARY SEGMENT
- PRELIMINARY SEGMENT NODE
- INTERSTATE
- US HWY
- STATE HWY
- FARM TO MARKET ROAD
- ++++ RAILROAD
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- CITY BOUNDARY



Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC



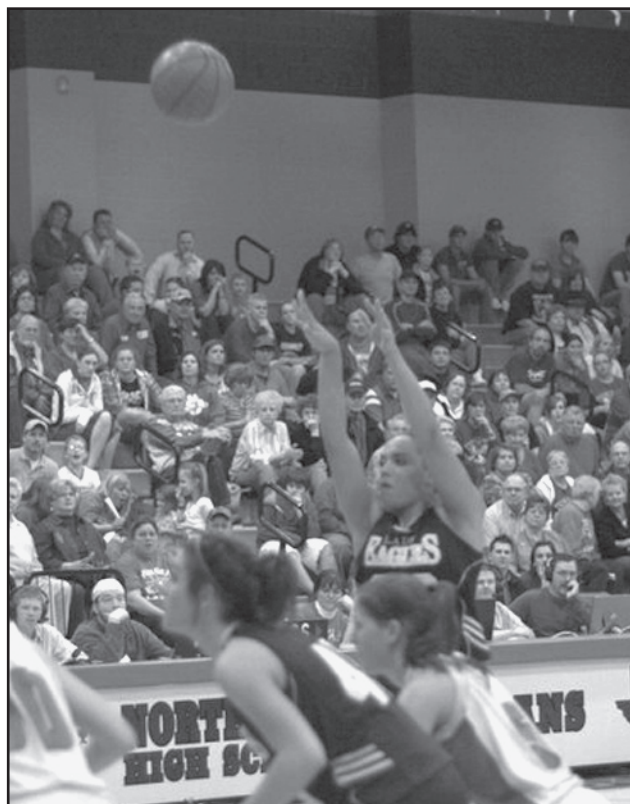
# Harris plays in tournament

The number one state ranked Brock Lady Eagles competed in and won the Championship of the Whataburger Invitational Tournament held in Saginaw recently. Eleven state ranked teams entered the tournament from 2,3,4A and TAPPS.

The number four ranked team in the State of Alaska, West Anchorage, was also entered. Brock won their way to the championship to find out they would be playing the number three ranked team in 2A in the state and district rivals, the Peaster Lady Hounds.

Peaster has played Brock as close as anybody. Brock has won the last three of four, but in all four games combined, the difference has been seven points total. Two weeks earlier, in the first District 9-2A battle royale in Peaster, they put a triple team on Kenisha Harris, who plays for the Lady Brock Eagles, and through three quarters, it worked beautifully. Brock was down ten points. Harris finished the third quarter on the bench with one point and four fouls. But her team mates kept them within striking distance and Harris came in during the fourth quarter and ran off twelve points in the final period. Brock won by one point.

Brock won the Whataburger Championship game by two over Peaster. Harris made all tournament team and Tournament MVP. Brock plays Peaster again



**FREE THROW**—Kenisha Harris puts up a free throw for the Brock Lady Eagles in a game against Ponder played during the Whataburger Invitational Tournament held in Saginaw recently.

Jan. 22 and may have to beat them four times as they could meet again at the regional tournament.

Harris broke her single game scoring record with 31 points, 12 rebounds and seven steals against the Boyd Lady Dragons in a Tuesday game.

Brock is 23-2 and has only lost to two 5A schools, one of which was Georgetown who is ranked eighth in the state 5A.

The Lady Eagles are known for peaking at the end of the year and are looking

forward to another deep run in the playoffs hopefully resulting in another state championship. The hard part will be getting out of regional in Stephenville because the top three ranked teams Brock, Winnsboro, and Peaster are all in Region 2. All three were at state last year.

Harris is the daughter of Jim and Evett Harris and the granddaughter of Jerry and Jerry Ann Harris of Haskell. She is the great granddaughter of Euanna Hicks.



**WINS TOURNAMENT**—The seventh grade Rochester Maidens won the Stamford seventh grade tournament Jan. 16. Pictured are front row, l-r, Jacie Klose, Hayley Holland, Reagan Hadaway and Breiana Bell; back row, Mackenzie Shelton, Destiny Billington, Crissy Bassett and Alannah Luce. The Maidens are coached by Missy Burson.



**LADY PIRATES VS HORNETS**—The Paint Creek Lady Pirates played Aspermont Fri., Jan. 8. Lady Pirate #10 Katie Bosnjak, left, watches for a play during the game. Lady Pirate #33 Hsin-Di Liu plays defense for Paint Creek against the Hornets.



**PIRATES IN ACTION**—The Paint Creek Pirates played Aspermont Fri., Jan. 8. Pirate #1 Jordan Adkins, left, faces off against an Aspermont Hornet. Pirate #25 Hunter Hall, right, dribbles the ball down the court. The Hornets defeated the Pirates by a score of 55-44. Scoring for the Pirates were Adkins, 12 points; Hall, 9 points; Curtis Bishop, 7 points; J.J. Garcia, 7 points; Dalton Barnett, 3 points; Jimmy Abner, 2 points; and Nathan Edwards 2 points.

# Speech contest set Feb. 22

Big Country Electric Cooperative is announcing sponsorship of the 2010 Texas Government-In-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June 2010. A scholarship award is also included in the awards package.

The Government-In-Action Youth Tour is more than a thousand high school students going to Washington, D.C. every June, year after year, from towns and small cities all over rural America. They come because their rural electric cooperatives think education is important—education about rural electricity and education about America.

The purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for outstanding young people to better understand the value of rural electrification and to become more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capitol. This is achieved through visits to monuments, government buildings and cooperative organizations. Also, the opportunity to visit elected officials allows youth to better understand how the federal government works.

In the beginning, the Youth Tour was inspired by then Senator Lyndon Johnson when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. "If one thing goes out of this meeting," the Senator declared, he hoped it would be "sending youngsters to the national capitol where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Beginning that year, 1957, and for several more years, some of the Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office, to learn more about government in action.

The next year, 1958, rural electric people in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capitol. Later that same year, another bus load came to Washington from

Illinois. The idea grew, and other states sent bus loads of young people throughout the summer. In 1959, the Youth Tour had grown to 130 youths.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate the program and suggested that the states arrange to be in the city the same week. The first year of the coordinated tour included some 400 young people from 12 states. The idea has continued to grow, and today more than 1,000 young people and chaperones participate in the Tour each year.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is sponsored by local cooperatives, statewide organizations, and NRECA. Local cooperatives select a student who will attend the Youth Tour by means of a speech contest, essay and various other methods. Statewides organize the trip to Washington, D.C. They arrange for transportation, chaperones, the tour schedule and coordinate with NRECA on group events such as Youth Day activities. On Youth Day, all Youth Tour participants meet together to listen to prominent speakers and wind up the day with a dinner and dance. NRECA coordinates hotel space for the tour, run a Youth Tour office, hire a nurse, coordinate group events such as Youth Day and the Co-op educational seminars. NRECA also arranges for insurance for the Youth Tour participants.

Many people are involved to give youth the opportunity to grow and experience many things that may never be offered to them again. Although few are chosen, many do go that would not have been able to otherwise. Many youth of Texas and across the nation will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Mount Vernon and more, experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face

what's going on in National Government. Congressmen will meet with students from their districts and answer questions about current governmental issues.

The speech contest is open to any boy or girl who is enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior at any of the high schools in the Big Country Electric Cooperative service area except for children of BCEC employees or directors and their immediate family. The entry deadline is Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Contestants will be required to give a 6-8 minute speech on: "What will be the effects of proposed Climate-change legislation?" Each speaker will be asked one question by the judges. The questions will be taken from the "Questions & Answers" furnished to each entrant.

The contest will be held at the Roby High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 22. More detailed information is available through each participating school or from any of the offices of Big Country Electric Cooperative: Roby 325-776-2244, Stamford 325-773-3684, or Snyder 325-573-3161.

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# Is your money protected?

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Not long ago, the deposit insurance limit was \$100,000. Recently, Congress raised the limit to \$250,000. If you have more than \$250,000 at your bank, your deposits may also be protected under several different types of "ownership" categories. Suppose you have \$575,000 in different ownership categories at your bank, e.g. some funds in a single account, some in a joint account, and the rest in

retirement accounts. It is possible that the entire \$575,000 is insured by the FDIC (as long as you don't have more than \$250,000 deposited in any one ownership category).

•Single (one name) accounts are insured up to \$250,000.

•Each depositor who has money in joint accounts (accounts owned by two or more people) is protected up to \$250,000 for the funds he/she has in joint accounts.

•Certain retirement accounts, including IRAs, are covered to \$250,000.

•Revocable trust accounts (deposits intended to pass along to named beneficiaries when the account owner dies) can be protected to \$250,000 for each named beneficiary. However, with this category, you would need to confer with your personal banker.

What if I'm a single person with more than \$250,000 in my bank account? You might consider putting the excess money in a joint account with another individual or put it in an account with

beneficiaries (revocable trust account). You need to realize that with a joint account you are giving the other joint owner legal ownership of the money in the joint account. Check with your bank (who must employ someone who understands the FDIC deposit insurance) and your accountant or attorney before finalizing your plans. Consider moving your excess funds to another FDIC-insured institution. And, ask your banker about other methods for insuring excess funds—there are some third party methods available (e.g. CDARS).

Review your insurance coverage periodically to make sure you still fall within the \$250,000 insured limit. Here are some things that might trigger a reexamination of your accounts:

•Before you open a new account, review all of the accounts your family currently has at the institution to make sure you will have adequate coverage.

•Death of a loved one. The FDIC will automatically insure the deceased person's

share for another six months, but after that, you need to make sure there's not more than \$250,000 in that account.

•If you receive a large payment from the sale of a house or insurance claim.

•If you have accounts at two institutions that merge, be sure the combined funds do not exceed the \$250,000 insurance limit.

If my bank fails tomorrow, how quickly will the FDIC pay me the total amount of my insured funds? Contrary to misinformation that spreads as quickly as a wildfire, federal law requires the FDIC to pay deposit insurance as soon as possible, usually the first business day after the bank is closed. And, if a bank failure or consolidation causes you to exceed the \$250,000 limit, you'll want to move your money around.

Remember, in 75 years, no one has lost a penny of FDIC-insured deposits.

For more information on FDIC insurance and how your money can be affected, log on to [www.myFDICinsurance.gov](http://www.myFDICinsurance.gov).



SHAMBRIE RODRIGUEZ



BREANNA VILLA

## Students visit Rotary Club

Shambrie Rodriguez is the daughter of Mary Rodriguez and Sam Rodriguez of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School, she participated in UIL Mathematics, Calculator, Accounting and Computer Applications. She has served as the secretary of her class all four years of high school. She was named a class favorite during her senior year.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, is an honor roll student and has advanced to regional competition in calculator her sophomore and junior years.

She enjoys playing golf with her brothers, watching movies, hanging out with her friends, working at Rodriguez Inn and shopping

with her friends.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University or South Plains College pursuing a bachelor's degree in business and accounting.

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Breanna Villa is the daughter of Gloria Ozuna and Chris Villa of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School, she participates in journalism and is on the honor roll.

She enjoys texting, hanging out with her friends, shopping and watching movies.

She plans to attend Midwestern State University or take courses at Cisco Jr. College and attend the

Radiology program at Hendrick's Medical Center, majoring in Radiology and become an ultrasound technician.

## This Week's Devotional Message:

### Brighten your life with the Golden Rule



Do unto others, the Bible has said.  
As you'd have others do unto you;  
And if you will follow this passage you've read.  
You will find it is certainly true  
That in business, your home life or simply with friends.  
It is easier getting along  
If you'll never be forced into making amends,  
Just because you have done someone wrong.  
So to learn more about this unfailing advice  
That will frequently serve as a warning.  
You should go to your church, where it's only the price  
Of an hour on next Sunday morning.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Jim McCurley, pastor  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
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.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**  
C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
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.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, 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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**  
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

- Jan. 25-29**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast bagel  
**Tuesday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, Chex mix  
**Thursday:** Grilled cheese sandwich  
**Friday:** Honey bun  
**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.  
**Monday:** Chalupas, cheese, salsa, corn, garden salad, pineapple tidbits  
**Tuesday:** Lasagna, green beans, garden salad, breadstick, fruit salad  
**Wednesday:** Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, orange slices  
**Thursday:** Enchiladas, salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, Spanish rice, peaches  
**Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato slices, curly fries, cookie

## Paint Creek School Menu

- Jan. 25-29**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Toast or cereal  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** Eggs, toast  
**Friday:** Donuts  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, peas, salad, pudding  
**Tuesday:** Taco salad, refried beans, cobbler  
**Wednesday:** Baked potatoes, ham, salad, jello  
**Thursday:** Carne guisada, beans, salad, cake  
**Friday:** BBQ sandwiches, chips, pickle spears, rice krispies

## ECC Menu

- Mon., Jan. 25**  
Lunch—Beef-a-roni, cream potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, strawberry cake, tea or coffee  
**Fri., Jan. 29**  
Lunch—Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, green beans, garlic toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee  
**Wed., Jan. 27**  
Lunch—Frito pie and trimmings, pinto beans, onions, pickles, jello, choco chip, tea or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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**YARD SALE:** 404 N. Ave. D. Sat. 7 a.m. til 12 noon. Jewelry, ladies and toddler clothing, stuff. 3c

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\$1000 REWARD for the recovery or information leading to the recovery of four black and white border collie puppies. Six weeks old. Taken between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Fri., Jan. 15 from Hwy. 277. Call 256-2700. 3c

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**FOR SALE:** Brick, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. CH/A. Large rooms. Great location. Expandable to 3 bedrooms. Bill Jackson Realtors, 325-773-3358 or 325-669-8691. G.W. Clark, agent. 20tfc

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**HUMAN RESOURCE Manager.** Rolling Plains Correctional Facility, Haskell, Texas: Education and experience requirements: Bachelor's degree in human resources management or related field and three years related experience required, one of which must be in a supervisory capacity. Excellent verbal and written communication skills and computer proficiency required. Benefits include health insurance, prescription plan, life insurance at no cost; PTO, paid holidays; optional dental, vision, othersupplementsbenefits. Please send your resume to Rolling Plains, P.O. Box 877, Haskell, Texas 79521 or fax to 940-864-5790.

### Help Wanted

**THE TEXAS Department of Family and Protective Services** has an opening for a Family Based Safety Services caseworker position in Haskell. The position is responsible for providing in-home and on-going family based safety services to protect children from abuse and neglect and prevent removal of children from their family and advanced social work related to protective services, intake, child abuse and/or neglect investigations. Initial Screening Criteria: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university. Prefer knowledge of child development, family dynamics, case management, policy and procedures, and community resources; must be computer literate, able to work after hours, and conduct home visits. Monthly entry salary is \$2689.43. Travel is approximately 50%. Please apply on-line at <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/ComeWorkForUs/apply.asp>. Refer to Requisition #138630 for full details and closing dates. Only State of Texas Applications will be accepted on-line or faxed to the AccessHR Service Center. Call 1-888-894-4747 for application inquires, problems or fax number. 3c

### Go Indians and Maidens!

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Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support during my illness. I certainly do appreciate everyone who remembered me by your prayers and many other acts of kindness.

My office kept me informed of the many calls of support and well wishes from the citizens of the county. Being in touch with my office, service has continued in my absence. They have all done well. The Deputies have carried on with their duties which makes me very proud of them. I thank them all for a job well done.

Please continue to pray for us, as I begin my second round of chemo; then, six weeks or radiation and possibly surgery afterwards for throat cancer.

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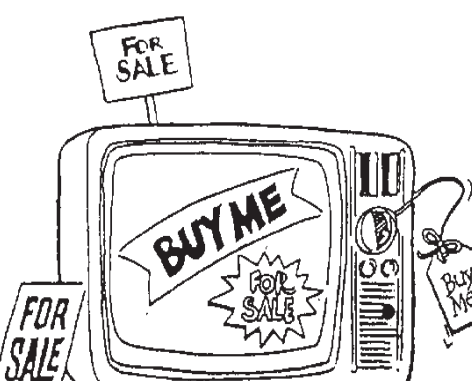
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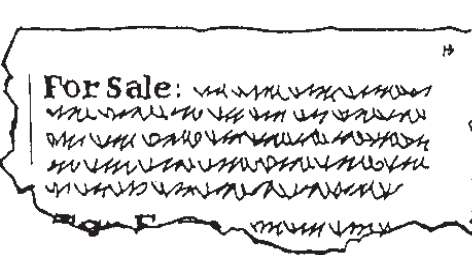
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# Couple develops unique line of dog furniture

by Caron Yates

The Greek philosopher, Plato, once said, "Necessity is the mother of invention." That is certainly the case for a new business in town.

JoNell and Jimmy Roberts, both Haskell High School graduates, have developed this new business, at least in part, because of a need to move the family dachshund to a new sleeping area. The move entailed having the dog sleep in the pet taxi in the bedroom. After tripping over it one night, while returning to bed, Jimmy thought a new plan was in order.

This incident was the catalyst that started them thinking about a piece of furniture that could house the dog and at the same time not be an eyesore or clutter the room as the pet taxi did. Jimmy's love of carpentry and skill at building took the idea and made it a reality. After much brainstorming, measuring and experimenting the prototype was finished. They now had a beautiful multipurpose night stand, in which the dog could sleep.

They were so pleased with the result, that they began wondering if other pet owners would be interested. The following months, the Roberts spent time researching facts and information about pet owners and the products they purchase. Working with the Small Business Association in Lubbock, they began putting together a business plan.

In January 2008, Roberts Fabulous Furniture, LLC was formed. They purchased a warehouse to store the furniture as it arrived from the factory.

The next step in the plan, of course, was to sell their product. They began looking at trade shows where they could showcase

the furniture and attract the most buyers. They first attended AKC shows in San Antonio and Houston. It was exciting to see every imaginable breed of dog, but even more exciting was the unbelievable response to their furniture.

Some people would stop and stare at it, while others would walk pass the booth, and then quickly return to view what was inside. JoNell and Jimmy, of course, were quick to explain how the furniture worked. The solid wood pieces include end tables/night stands, better suited for small pets and entertainment centers/ accent tables that work well for larger pets. They can be purchased in dark or light stain color and with a variety of tops.

JoNell, whose family owned Anderson Tire Company for many years, received her teaching degree from North Texas State University. She retired in 2008 from Haskell CISD, after thirty-six years in the teaching field. Jimmy, also a Haskell native, works as a control room operator for American Electric Power. He is currently at the Oklaunion Power Plant in Vernon.

The Roberts have taken their furniture to several big trade shows in Lubbock, Arlington, Fredericksburg and Oklahoma City. They currently have a booth at the Canton Marketplace during First Monday Trade Days. Future plans include the Home and Garden show at Dallas Market in June. They also have a website where interested customers can get information and view samples of the furniture.

JoNell says, "We are having such a fun time with this. And the bonus is, we get the opportunity to meet people from all over Texas, and many other states."

## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular session Jan. 11 with all members present.

David Key met with the court to discuss wind generators.

The County Treasurer's monthly and quarterly reports were approved.

A report was given on the Experienced Citizens Center.

A discussion was held

concerning applying for more funds on TDRA Grant #728447.

A contract with CIRA Services was renewed in the amount of \$350 per year.

Fri., Feb. 5 was proclaimed as National Wear Red Day.

A motion to combine the Democratic and Republican Primaries into a joint election was rejected.

## Student in the News

Caleb J. Hudgens of Haskell, has been named to the Fall 2009 Dean's List at Texas State University-San Marcos.

To be named to the

Dean's List at Texas State, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.



**DRIVES AGAINST HAMLIN**—Haskell Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn drives for the basket during the Hamlin game. Haskell won by a 47-30 score.



**MOVES BALL**—Haskell Maiden #23 Kayce Wilcox brings the ball down the court during the Hamlin game. Wilcox posted four points during the game won by Haskell 47-30.



**MAKES A SHOT**—Haskell Maiden #53 Miranda Johnson makes a shot during the Munday game. Haskell was the victor. Johnson posted eleven points during the game.



**GETS SHOT OFF**—Haskell Maiden #41 Briè Torres gets a shot off during the game against Munday. Haskell came away with the victory by a 50-40 score.

## Area basketball scores

**Girls**  
**Haskell 50, Munday 40**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 13, Johnson 11, Rodgers 10.  
 JV: Haskell 25, Munday 22, OT.  
**Haskell 47, Hamlin 30**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 9, Torres 9, Rodgers 8, Johnson 8, McGhee 5, Wilcox 4, Short 3, Alvarez 1.  
**Rule 60, Paint Creek 38**  
 Scoring for Rule: Polk 19, Benavides 19, Lyon 12.  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Waggoner 15, Armstrong 8, Buerger 7.  
**Rule 53, Lueders-Avoca 40**

Scoring for Rule: Polk 29, Lyon 9, Benavides 5, Muniz 5, Rowan 3, Petty 2.

**Boys**  
**Munday 64, Haskell 39**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Myers 13, Rodriguez 11, Bird 6, Howard 3, Agüero 2, Marshall 2, Neskoriik 2.  
**Haskell 32, Hamlin 30**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Rodriguez 8, Wittenborn 6, Neskoriik 5, Myers 4, Howard 4, Bird 3, Marshall 2.  
 JV: Haskell 39, Hamlin 20.  
**Paint Creek 42, Rule 38**  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 24, Barnett 8, Garcia 7.

Scoring for Rule: Brown 12, Large 10, Turner 5.  
**Woodson 72, Paint Creek 37**  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 22, Adkins 4, Garcia 4, Abner 4, Hall 2.

**Lueders-Avoca 81, Rule 52**  
 Scoring for Rule: Large 14, Short 12, J. Turner 9, Brown 8, Shelton 4, Stewart 2, D. Turner 2, Reece 1.



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