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Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Hamlin
 Fri., Jan. 29, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
7-8 Girls vs Winters
 Mon., Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
 at Winters
7-8 Boys vs Winters
 Mon., Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m.
 at Haskell

JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
 Tues., Feb. 2, 4 p.m.
 at Stamford

PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Lueders-Avoca
 Fri., Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.
 at Lueders-Avoca
JH G-B vs Trent
 Mon., Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-B vs Rule
 Tues., Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

RULE
VG-B vs Jayton
 Fri., Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
JH District Tourney
 Sat., Jan. 30, 6 p.m.
 at Roby
VG-B vs Paint Creek
 Tues., Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

Calendar

Easter Cantata

The Community Choir Easter Cantata rehearsals are held every Sunday, 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.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vasa@yahoo.com.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 18-24: No arrests.

Twenty calls were made to 911.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
 National Weather Service
 Volunteer Co-op Observer
 Temperature

Mon., Jan. 18 22°/42°
 Tues., Jan. 19 28°/58°
 Wed., Jan. 20 28°/56°
 Thurs., Jan. 21 30°/61°
 Fri., Jan. 22 30°/61°
 Sat., Jan. 23 30°/62°
 Sun., Jan. 24 30°/70°

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Six Indians named to All-Big Country Football Team

Although the high school football season has been over for a couple of months now, recognition and awards for outstanding play for several Haskell Indians continue to roll in.

Each year the sports' staff at the Abilene Reporter-News selects, by classification, an All-Big Country Football Team from the many teams

across the Big Country. This year six Haskell Indians were part of the 2015 Class 2A All-Big Country Team.

Caleb Wheat, the Indians' sophomore kicker, was chosen 1st team kicker, in addition to his previous district and state recognitions. Equally as impressive, he was named to the 2nd team All-Big Country Super Team.

The Super Team is chosen from players across the Big Country in all classifications, 1A-6A. Wheat was 44/55 or 90% on extra points, 6/8 on field goals with two over 40 yards, and had 65 kickoffs for an average of 47.8 yards, while scoring 62 points for his team in eleven games.

Junior Lane Burson, who played linebacker and

running back for the Indians landed a spot on the 1st team defense as a utility selection. Burson recorded 69 total tackles on the 2015 season, 7 of those tackles for a loss, as well as recovering 3 fumbles. As a running back he rushed 137 times for 810 yards, while scoring 12 touchdowns.

Chase Gibson, a junior offensive lineman and captain for the Indians' team was selected for the 2nd team. He accounted for 63 dominate plays and was a unanimous selection for All-District in District 7-2A.

Junior Alec Roewe was named to the All-Big Country 2nd Team, as a defensive back. Roewe was 3rd in tackles for the Indians, collecting 56 total and leading his team in interceptions with three.

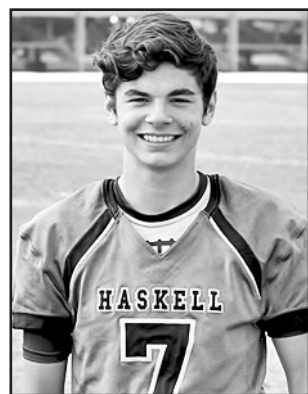
Seniors Dylan Hanson, quarterback, and Garret Tatum, linebacker, complete the list for the Indians with All-Big Country Team Honorable Mention recognition. Earlier both received All-District honors as well. Hanson threw for 5,131 yards and 58 touchdowns, rushed for 2,261 yards, finding the end zone 35 times in his career.

Coach Grady Benton said, "Dylan was a student of the game. The obvious was his athletic ability, but the kid knew our offense inside and out, due to his mental preparation. He allowed us to be very diverse offensively, due to being able to retain a bunch of information."

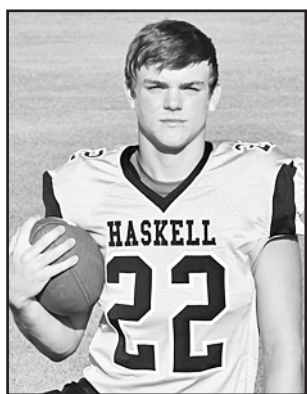
Tatum recorded 202 total tackles, 35 for loss and 4 sacks in his 3 year career. In the past two seasons, he led the Indians in tackles and tackles for loss. "Garret developed into the leader of our defense. You knew when he got to the ball carrier, he was going to finish in dominate fashion. He is a true team player," stated Benton.

Coach Benton continues, "When a team experiences success, individual accolades are the by product of that success. Congratulations to all six of these young men on being selected to the 2015 2A All-Big Country Football Team. This is a great honor and representation of our football program in Haskell."

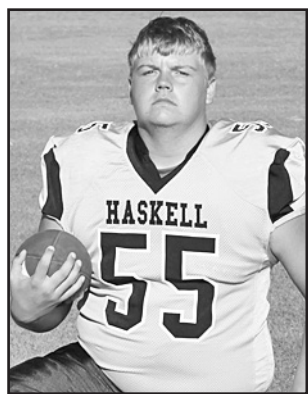
We add our congratulations as well, to each of these Indians for their individual and team accomplishments.



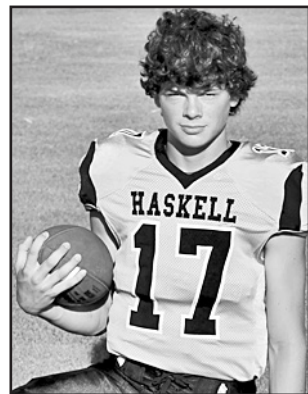
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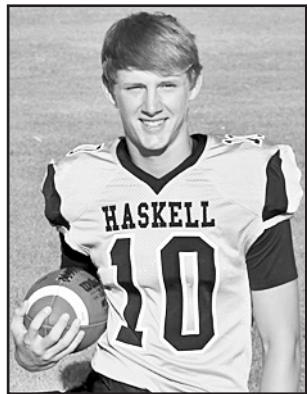
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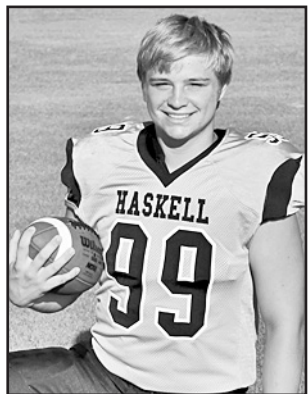
CHASE GIBSON



ALEC ROEWE



DYLAN HANSON



GARRET TATUM

New Keep Haskell Beautiful committee formed

by Caron Yates

Setting and accomplishing goals individually in life is very important, but setting and achieving goals as a group, especially in regards to our community, opens up a whole new realm of opportunity.

That is the theory behind the Keep Haskell Beautiful committee that has recently been formed in Haskell. Working as an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, the group hopes to achieve several goals.

Combining efforts with the Betterment Committee and the Knox and Haskell County Texas Rural Leadership groups, as well as other organizations in town, the objective is to make some noticeable and lasting improvements in the city of Haskell.

Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates are qualifying cities, counties and communities that work toward the mission to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their communities.

Officers and board members of Keep Haskell Beautiful include Christina Isbell, president; Veronica Anderson, vice-president; Mynea Short, secretary; Jamie Ferguson, treasurer; and Jill Druesedow, historian; Danny Edmond, Steven Streal, Bert Alvarez, Ben McGee and Scott Bearden. These members represent business owners, churches, school,

leadership group members, Betterment Committee, the Chamber as well as individuals interested in promoting Haskell.

The ultimate goal is to apply and receive the Governor's Community Achievement Award. With this award, comes opportunities to receive several grants. For more than two decades, Keep Texas Beautiful, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation, has awarded the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Awards to ten Texas communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the state each year. The competition distributes \$2 million in funding from TxDOT across these communities, with the amount based on population.

The grant distribution is based on the community's efforts in community leadership and coordination, public awareness, education, beautification and community improvement, litter prevention and cleanup, solid waste management and litter law and illegal dumping enforcement.

That is where all citizens of Haskell, young and old alike, can help. To achieve this goal, it will take the entire community's help, serving as volunteers, team members and fund-raising.

Throughout the next year, there will be many

opportunities for input from the community, including ideas for projects, fund-raising, grant writing and volunteering on projects. The committee hopes to have accomplished enough of their goals, to be able to apply in February 2017 for the Governor's

Award.

Isbell says, "It is a win-win situation. Even if we don't receive the award after the first year, we still will have improved our community. In fact, our neighbor to the north, Munday, has received the award on two different

years."

For more information contact any member of the Keep Haskell Beautiful committee. While you are at it, volunteer to help out in any way you can, because we all are responsible for the well-being of our community.

Register to vote in March primary by Mon., Feb. 1

by Caron Yates

The ballots have been set for the March Primary and now it is up to the registered voters to decide who will proceed to the November general election.

There are many contested races on the federal, state and local levels. At present, there are still several republicans seeking the office of president, in addition to several democrats who have filed.

We will also be voting on a new U.S. Representative for District 19, since our current representative, Randy Neugebauer, has announced his retirement. Running for this position are nine republicans. In addition, voters will be deciding on Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Justices for places 3, 5 and 9, and three judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

On the state level, Haskell County voters will help elect a member of the State Board of Education for District 15, our State Senator in District 28 and

the State Representative for District 68. All three are unopposed and will appear in the Republican primary.

In Haskell County, there are three contested races, including Haskell County Sheriff, Commissioner Precinct 1 and Commissioner Precinct 2. On the Democratic ticket, incumbent Sheriff Winston Stephens has filed for reelection, while Chris Rogers will appear on the Republican ballot. They will go head to head in the November general election. Commissioner Bill Hester is being challenged by Fritz Buerger for the Pct. 1 position. They are both running on the Republican ticket. Two republicans, Dale Carroll and Scott Langford, as well as democrat Elmer Adams, have filed for the unexpired term of Pct. 2 Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield, who has resigned.

Also filing, but drawing no opponent, are Mike Fouts, District Attorney; Kris Fouts, County Attorney; Connie Benton, Tax assessor-collector; Kenny Thompson,

Commissioner Precinct 3; and Kim Bassett, Haskell County Constable Pct. 1.

The primary election for both parties will be held March 1, 2016. If you intend to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary, you must be registered to vote by Monday, February 1. Early voting runs Feb. 16 through Feb. 26, and will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse.

You may only vote in one primary, either the Republican or Democratic, but not both. In the November general election, all registered voters are eligible to vote, regardless of the primary in which they voted.

If necessary, a Primary Run-off Election will be held May 24, 2016, and the general election is scheduled for November 8, 2016.

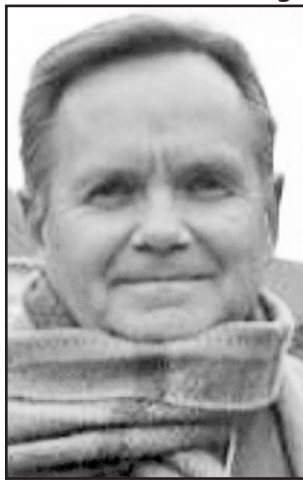
As Americans, we have an obligation to be a part of the process, which has helped make our country great. That process includes being registered, being informed and then voting.

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Obituaries

Lyndell Keith Quade



KEITH QUADE
Lyndell Keith Quade, 65, of Keller died Wed., Jan. 6

at Gentiva Hospice in Fort Worth.

Born Aug. 18, 1950 in Stamford, he was the son of Glyn and Ethel Quade. He grew up on the family farm at Sagerton. He graduated from Stamford High School and the University of Texas at Austin. Musically trained, he was pianist, organist and choir member at various churches and organizations. He was a champion of volunteering in service to the needs of others.

He retired from a career of 40-plus years with Texas

Workforce Commission, having filled positions of district office administration and quality control in coordination with the U.S. Department of Labor. He was a resident of Keller.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include one brother, Larry of Grapevine.

Memorials may be directed to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of Houston, White's Chapel United Methodist Church, or a charity of choice.

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in their regular meeting place Tues., Jan. 12 with Judge David Davis, and Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Elmer Adams, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger present.

Commissioner Thompson reported that no water has been pumped out on the road since Sheriff Winston Stephens paid a visit to Stonecold.

Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer, submitted the monthly and quarterly reports, along with the County Attorney's reconciliation report and the Experienced Citizens Center monthly reports. All were accepted.

No action was taken on the McKinstry consulting proposal for the installation of air conditioning and updating of light fixtures.

A motion to purchase a 2008 Tahoe from Murphy Used Cars for the Constable passed.

No actions were taken on the matter of Billy Hughes representing American National Leasing.

Local hospitals working together to save rural healthcare

The future of rural hospitals in America is uncertain. Nationally, fifty-seven rural hospitals have closed with 283 more on the brink of closure. Since January 2013, more rural hospitals have closed than in the previous 10 years combined with 13 hospital closures in Texas alone. Recently, Bowie Hospital closed its doors.

It is clear continued cuts in hospital payments by Medicare have taken their toll, forcing closures and leaving many of our nation's most vulnerable populations without timely access to care. Currently, several local hospitals are struggling but hanging on. If the existing situation continues, more hospital closures, possibly in this area, are inevitable.

There is hope that the Save Rural Hospitals Act

recently introduced to Congress can help keep rural healthcare available. The act would provide rural hospitals with financial and regulatory relief that would allow them to stay open and care for rural residents while continuing to strengthen local economies. Unfortunately, the bill has just recently been introduced and has a long way to go before it could possibly become law. This form of relief may not come soon enough.

In a proactive effort, leaders from area hospitals have begun meeting together to discuss the challenges facing rural healthcare. Representatives from the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) have also been working with the group to provide resources and support. The goal is to

create a long-term strategy to ensure sustainable healthcare services to the Texas Midwest area.

"Local healthcare is vital to Haskell County," said Fran McCown, administrator. "Without it, lives will be lost and our local economy will suffer. It is our hope that by collaborating with other local hospitals we can explore possible avenues that will allow us to maintain the maximum amount of healthcare services locally."

McCown also said, "We are hopeful that Congress will pass the Save Rural Hospitals Act and we are working diligently with TORCH and our legislators to ensure passage of this very important bill."

For more information about the Save Rural Hospitals Act and how you can help, please visit www.ruralhealthweb.org.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Dec. 14 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Jill Druessedow and Councilmen Allen Morrow, Randy Bowers, Jason Isbell and Dan Hoover in attendance.

A motion to approve Resolution R-12142015-1 authorizing signatories required for implementation of the Texas CDBG Contract #7215209 was approved.

A motion to approve Resolution R-12142015-2 appointment of labor standards officer for Texas CDBG Contract #7215209 passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R-12142015-3

designation of environmental review compliance liaison for the Texas CDBG Contract #7215209 passed.

Resolution R-12142015-4 designation of civil rights officer for the Texas CDBG Contract #7215209 passed.

Terri Klose was appointed to the Haskell County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The council adjourned to executive session to discuss and evaluate the city manager prior to the end of a six month probation period.

The council returned to open session and voted to extend City Manager Edward Hansen's probation period for six months with the council

maintaining the option to end probation period at the council's discretion.

The Haskell City Council met in a special called meeting Mon., Dec. 28.

Mayor John Gannaway, and Councilmen Randy Bowers, Allen Morrow and Dan Hoover were in attendance.

The meeting was called to consider and act upon appointing Mayor Gannaway to the City of Haskell checking accounts.

The checking accounts signatories were changed, deleting the name of Linda St. John, and adding the name of Mayor Gannaway.

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Paint Creek ISD releases names of honor roll students

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students appearing on the A and A-B honor rolls for the third six weeks of school.

First grade: A honor roll, Emberly Cochran and Urijah Livingston; A-B honor roll, Sherita Blair, Adrian Castorena, Zander Elias, Carissa Elkins, Adrianna Ramos, Cort Rogers, Jenny Scheets, Sean Townsend and Wyatt Walburg.

Second grade: A honor roll, Jasmine Anguiano,

and Amelia Ngoun; A-B honor roll, Harry Boyd, Zak Jones, and Aubrie Payne.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Trinity Black, Andrew Castorena, Adrian Cisneros, Natalya Mays, Cayden Rogers, Audie Shaw and Alisa Walburg.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Sirena Baiza, Mark Hall, Cowan Rogers and Phaiden Spikes.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Levi Rhoads.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Mark Garcia

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Jasmine Boyd, Zak Elkins, Haylee Garcia, Ashton Grand and Brianna Yanez.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Desiree Acosta; A-B honor roll, Sarah Calvillo, Jaclyn Snelling and Bailee Thomas.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Manuel Acosta, George Bogle, Bailey Hawkins and Amanda Roden.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz; A-B honor roll, Gauge Guadalcazar.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Corey Mengwasser, and Buddy Trotter; A-B honor roll, Devon Benitez, Sara Edwards, Alysia Hollabaugh, Catherine Lemon, Zhenia McTasney and Autumn Rogers.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Jarrett Lopez and Everett Priddy; A-B honor roll, Dakota Mayor.

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by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Taylor Co.

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Texas Food Establishment Rules state that each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on March 21 and March 22 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is

March 7.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will

learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Jane Rowan at 325-672-6048. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA Club met Thurs., Jan. 14, at the extension kitchen with ten members in attendance.

Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order and roll call was answered to "What is your pet peeve about television?"

Plans were finalized for the stock show concession stand Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each member

stated items they would bring and hours they would work. The concession stand is open all day Friday and Saturday until the conclusion of the show.

Upcoming projects were discussed, including the possibility of a booth at the Texas Independence Day festivities. DaLinda Black, Extension Agent, reported on ongoing 4-H projects.

Refreshments were provided by Kathryn Schonerstedt and Mary Jennings.

The meeting adjourned to the expo grounds to set up and prepare for the stock show concession stand.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 11 at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature sponsors local town hall in Abilene

The second Biennial Intergenerational Town Hall Forum will be conducted on the ACU campus at the Hunter Welcome Center, Feb. 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to discuss concerns and aging issues affecting seniors. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The town hall is one of several being conducted throughout Texas by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. TSHL delegates of West Central Texas are conducting the Abilene forum in partnership with ACU Pruett Gerontology Center, ACU Foundation and WCT Area Agency on Aging. More than 80 students, current and retired faculty are participating with senior citizens, elected officials and delegates from several TSHL districts throughout Texas.

Results will be considered by the 16th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Session, meeting at the State Capitol, April 4-8. TSHL members representing West Central Texas are Nancy Byler, TSHL Speaker of Brownwood, Walter Graham, Speaker Pro Tem of Cisco, Chris Kyker, Speaker Emeritus of Abilene, Bruce Davis of Abilene, and Dolan Brinson of Rochester.

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for the event. Lunch will be provided, but reservations are required.

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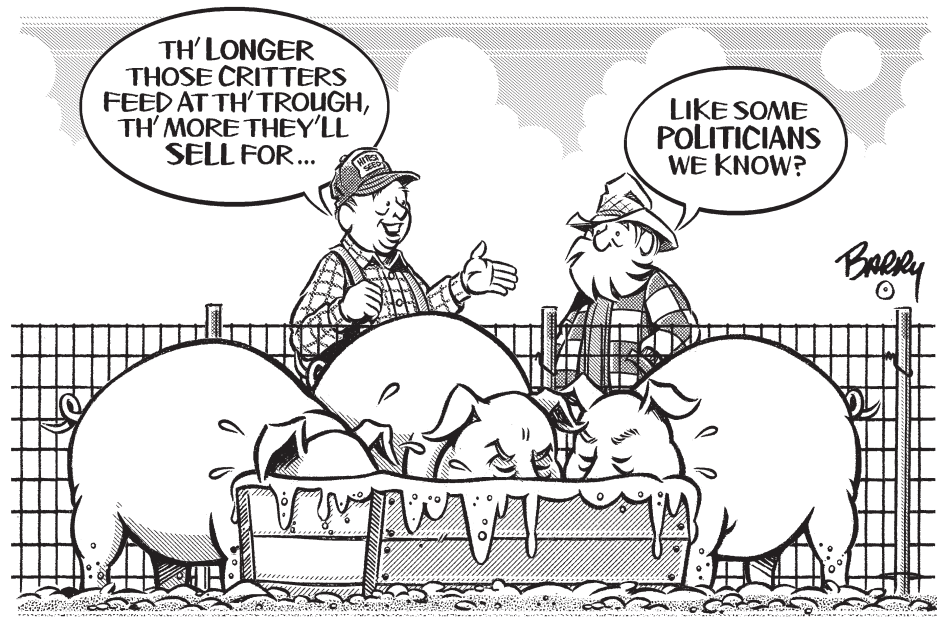
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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

January 26, 2006

Haskell County had three players named to the All-Big Country Super Team. They include from Haskell High School, Josh Barbee, first team offense; and Jeremy Sorrells, honorable mention offense. Emery Dudensing from Rule High School was chosen honorable mention on defense.

Eleven Haskell County TxDOT employees were honored for their outstanding safety efforts during the Abilene District's Safety Awards Banquet. Recognized for having amassed 124 years of safe driving and 122 years of no work related injuries, were Bobby Howard, Andy Rodriguez, Gary Teichelman, Kyle Martin, Mike Poteet, Jonnie Hise, Bobby Lowack, Darrel Dutton, Cody Collom, Joe Sweeney and Danny Kierepka.

20 Years Ago

January 25, 1996

Several Haskell High band members auditioned for the Region 2 South Zone District Band. Selected were Jacy Cypert, clarinet; Amy Burson, clarinet; Marci Elmore, French horn; and Kaki Stapleton, alternate mallet percussion.

Attending the installation of officers for the Sons of Hermann, which was held in Rowena, were Sagerton residents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Teichelman, Odene Dudensing, Jack Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teichelman.

30 Years Ago

January 23, 1986

Vic Lowry of Knox City, retired after 31 years of service to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. After completing game warden studies at Texas A&M, he was assigned to Kent, Stonewall, Garza and Haskell Counties. For the past 22 years he has been a game warden for Knox, King and Cottle Counties.

Art Briles, graduate of Rule High School, has been

named head football coach at Class 5-A Georgetown. He has been at Hamlin for the past two years, where he compiled a glittering 27-1-1 record.

Two Haskell High School science students, Kelly Klose and Michael Rodriguez, have received national awards from the United States Achievement Academy. Nominated by teacher Gerald McCoy, Klose is the son of Elton and Ruth Ann Klose. Rodriguez is the son of Joe and Janie Rodriguez.

40 Years Ago

January 22, 1976

Kerry Therwhanger had the Grand Champion hog at the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show. Kim Hager showed the Grand Champion Heifer, while Reida Mullino exhibited the Grand Champion Steer and Stanley Hager won Reserve Champion with his steer.

Carol Dudensing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudensing and a freshman at Texas Tech University, is leading scorer for the Tech Raider women's basketball squad. She is averaging 12.7 points per game.

The Indians came out on top with a 71-59 win over Knox City in a basketball

matchup. Leading scorers were Jackie McAdoo, 21 pts.; Nathan Frierson, 13 pts.; Chris Love, 11 pts.; and Johny Larned, 9 pts.

50 Years Ago

January 27, 1966

Several scouts from Haskell Troop 36 recently received their Eagle Scout badges in a Court of Honor ceremony. They are Freddy Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ray; Larry Jewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jewell; Mark McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCoy; and Jim Smith, son of Mrs. Ruby Smith. Scout Master is Ed Smart.

100 Years Ago

January 22, 1916

At McNeill & Smith Hardware Co., they are this week demonstrating their new Iowa Cream Separator. This separator is small, being designed strictly for home use, and is said to fill the bill better than anything yet seen on the market.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of Haskell National Bank, officers were elected. They are Mrs. M.S. Pierson, president; G.R. Couch, vice president; T.E. Ballard, vice president; R.C. Couch, cashier; Q.B. Norman, assistant cashier; and Fred Mauldin, bookkeeper.

Tax credits can help with education expenses

With the start of another school year upon us, the Internal Revenue Service reminded parents and students that now is a good time to see if they will qualify for either of two college tax credits when they file their 2015 federal income tax returns.

"Getting a higher education can be costly, but tax credits can provide some relief," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman. "To help determine eligibility for these benefits, taxpayers should visit the Education Credits Web page or use the IRS's Interactive Tax

Assistant tool. Both are available on IRS.gov."

In general, the American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit is available to taxpayers who pay qualifying expenses for an eligible student. Eligible students include the taxpayer, spouse and dependents. The American Opportunity Tax Credit provides a credit for each eligible student, while the Lifetime Learning Credit provides a maximum credit per tax return.

Though a taxpayer often qualifies for both of these credits, he or she can only claim one of them for a particular student in a particular year. To claim these credits on their tax return, the taxpayer must file Form 1040 or 1040A and complete Form 8863, Education Credits.

The credits apply to eligible students enrolled in an eligible college, university or vocational school, including both nonprofit and for-profit institutions. The credits are subject to income limits that could reduce the amount claimed on their tax return.

Normally, a student will receive a Form 1098-T from their institution by Jan. 31 of the following year. (For 2015, the due date is Feb. 1, 2016, because otherwise it would fall on a Sunday.) This form will show information about tuition paid or billed along with other information.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Winter Wheat conditions after late-December snow

What impact would 8-15" snow have on Texas wheat conditions in the High Plains and northern Rolling Plains? Several factors may contribute to current wheat conditions, including how well wheat was established. However, remember first that wheat and other grasses like rye and triticale are cool-season grasses. Popular wheat varieties planted in the Texas High Plains like Winterhawk, Hatcher, and TAMs 111, 112, & 113 are also well adapted several hundred miles to the north, for example, in northwest Kansas.

Temperatures were actually not that cold for wheat, perhaps to about 10°F in some of the Texas Panhandle. These same varieties will experience significant sub-zero weather in northwest Kansas, often for several days.

A more likely concern for some growers, whether early planted wheat for grazing or later-planted wheat for grain, is the status of winter adaptation of the current crop. It was in the mid-50s and low 60s for several days before the cold, wind, and snow started on December 26th across the region. So the abrupt change in temperature and the snow might be a potential 'shock' to regional wheat. This could lead to some leaf burn or desiccation of the foliage and ultimately some brown or dead leaves (Fig. 1).

However, let's go back the other direction toward favorable conditions for wheat survival and continued growth: soil temperatures were relatively warm. Those same warmer days before Christmas kept soil temperatures a few inches deep in the soil even in the low 50s. And for wheat this

is favorable as the growing point for most fields is around 1" deep in the soil, perhaps a little deeper. Furthermore, moist soils—present in virtually all of the region—mitigate the potential impact of cold temperatures on wheat. Yes, cold temperatures can damage the foliage, but the growing point is below ground though cold temperatures when soils are relatively dry do have a higher potential for wheat injury.

Dr. Jackie Rudd, Texas A&M AgriLife Research breeder, Amarillo, believes the sudden cold and wind of Nov. 12-13, 2014 was far more injurious to the region's wheat crop last cropping season. Back then, for much of the Texas High Plains south of Amarillo, area wheat had not yet experienced a freeze, so the potential for tissue and even growing point damage was greater due to the sudden, pronounced, and prolonged impact of that November change of weather. Meanwhile our 2015-2016 wheat crop had already experienced several light and even moderate freezes.

What about late planted wheat only recently emerged or yet to do so?

Some late-planted wheat in the region was only recently emerged before the storm, and I estimate the Lubbock region may have had as much as 100,000 acres of wheat remaining to be planted the first week of December. Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo, notes that some Panhandle wheat planted in late November with only 1-2 emerged leaves appears to have some light winter kill after the storm. But for the most part she reports central Panhandle wheat fared well after the Dec. 26-27 storm. Most Panhandle wheat had already experienced some winter

weather, and the Panhandle has received very good fall moisture so the Sept.-Oct. planted wheat was in very good condition going into the storm.

The Texas South Plains has wheat acreage that is more likely not yet emerged. Obviously cool conditions will slow emergence and growth. But as noted above, soil temperatures were warmer than normal so there is no reason to believe this wheat is injured. And like the recently emerged wheat Dr. Bell noted above, the growing point is below the soil surface so even if existing leaves were damaged, new growth will appear soon.

Will the cold and snow affect wheat diseases levels?

Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo, has few if any concerns related to the December cold and heavy snow. There should be no major cold impacts on wheat plant health due to disease, as virus and fungal diseases (and bacterial for that matter) are not active when temperatures are still cold. He does not expect the first significant sightings or detections of foliar diseases on wheat, triticale, rye until at least mid-March in the Texas High Plains. In a cold year, rusts may even disappear if we get an extended sub-freezing spell.

Lower wheat leaves (which are older anyway and may senesce some) may yellow and show some secondary rots due to them being in touch with soil and very moist. Possible root rots will also be "dormant" until weather is good for root growth, which also means it is good for the fungus.

Finally, Dr. French reminds growers that in a wet year, we need to be on the watch for foliar diseases such as leaf and strip rusts, as well as root rots.

However, amounts shown on this form may differ from amounts taxpayers are eligible to claim for these tax credits. Taxpayers should see the instructions to Form 8863 and Publication 970 for details on properly figuring allowable tax benefits.

Many of those eligible for the American Opportunity Tax Credit qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student. Students can claim this credit for qualified education expenses paid during the entire tax year for a certain number of years:

- The credit is only available for four tax years per eligible student.

- The credit is available only if the student has not completed the first four years of postsecondary education before 2015.

Here are some more key features of the credit:

- Qualified education expenses are amounts paid for tuition, fees and other related expenses for an eligible student. Other expenses, such as room and board, are not qualified expenses.

- The credit equals 100 percent of the first \$2,000 spent and 25 percent of the next \$2,000. That means the full \$2,500 credit may be available to a taxpayer who pays \$4,000 or more in qualified expenses for an eligible student.

- Forty percent of the American Opportunity

Tax Credit is refundable. This means that even people who owe no tax can get an annual payment of up to \$1,000 for each eligible student.

- The full credit can only be claimed by taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is \$80,000 or less. For married couples filing a joint return, the limit is \$160,000. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels. No credit can be claimed by joint filers whose MAGI is \$180,000 or more and singles, heads of household and some widows and widowers whose MAGI is \$90,000 or more.

The Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$2,000 per tax return is available for both graduate and undergraduate students. Unlike the American Opportunity Tax Credit, the limit on the Lifetime Learning Credit applies to each tax return, rather than to each student. Also, the Lifetime Learning Credit does not provide a benefit to people who owe no tax.

Though the half-time student requirement does not apply to the lifetime learning credit, the course of study must be either part of a post-secondary degree program or taken by the student to maintain or improve job skills. Other features of the credit include:

- Tuition and fees

required for enrollment or attendance qualify as do other fees required for the course. Additional expenses do not.

- The credit equals 20 percent of the amount spent on eligible expenses across all students on the return. That means the full \$2,000 credit is only available to a taxpayer who pays \$10,000 or more in qualifying tuition and fees and has sufficient tax liability.

- Income limits are lower than under the American Opportunity Tax Credit. For 2015, the full credit can be claimed by taxpayers whose MAGI is \$55,000 or less. For married couples filing a joint return, the limit is \$110,000. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels. No credit can be claimed by joint filers whose MAGI is \$130,000 or more and singles, heads of household and some widows and widowers whose MAGI is \$65,000 or more.

Eligible parents and students can get the benefit of these credits during the year by having less tax taken out of their paychecks. They can do this by filling out a new Form W-4, claiming additional withholding allowances, and giving it to their employer. Details can also be found in the Tax Benefits for Education Information Center on IRS.gov.

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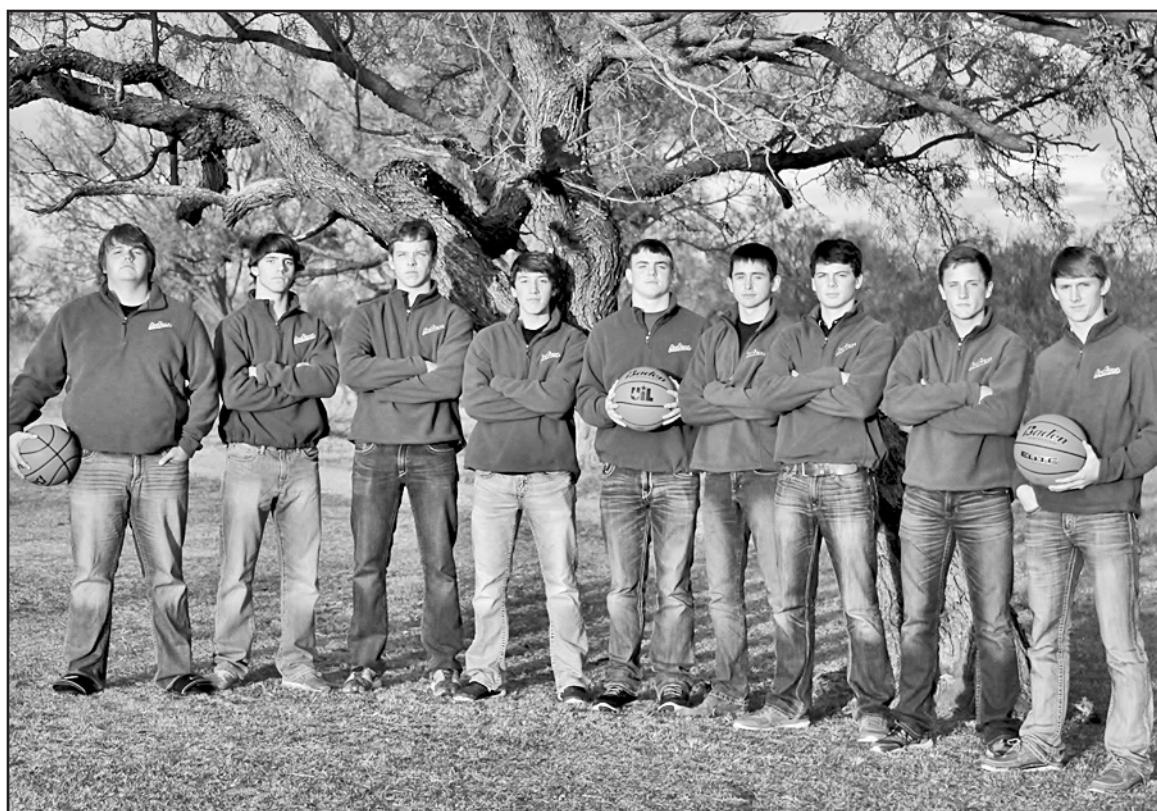




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Haskell Indians

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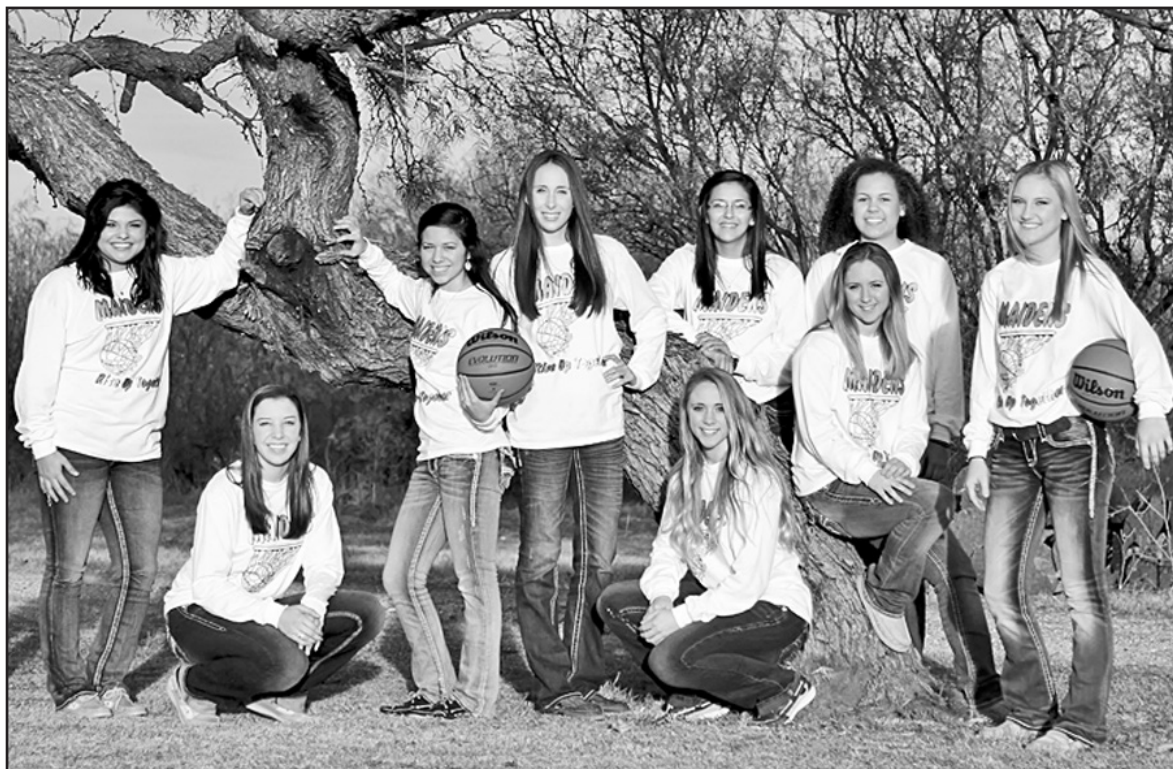
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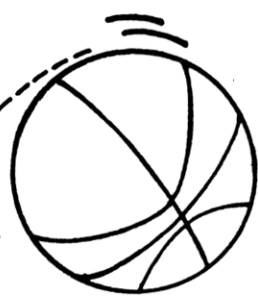


HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the Haskell Maidens basketball team include, l-r, Destiny Benavides, Taylor Manske, Ariel Martinez, Hollyn Hadaway, Jordan Garvin, Courtney Whitt, Mackinzie Garvin, C'Era Taylor and Ashlyn Bevel.

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Maidens' basketball

Maidens sweep the Plowgirls

The Haskell Maidens used a big run in the third quarter last Tuesday night, Jan. 19 to pull away for a 52-34 victory on the road over the Roscoe Plowgirls (0-8) in district 7-2A girls' basketball. Haskell outscored Roscoe 17-3 the third quarter to secure the win and move to 15-8 overall and (8-1) in district.

Haskell was (20-66) for 37% from the field, (2-14) for 14% from the three point line, and (10-21) for 47% from the free-throw line. Taylor Manske led all scorers with 13 points followed by Jordan Garvin with 9, Ashlyn Bevel 8, Hollyn Hadaway 8, C'Era Taylor 4, Courtney Whitt 4, Mackinzie Garvin 4 and Destiny Benavides 2.

Leading the team in assists was Ashlyn Bevel with 5, J. Garvin 2, and M. Garvin 2. "Offensively, I did not think we played very well. We had too many turnovers and we did not shoot well from the three point line or free-throw line," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell forced Roscoe to shoot 28% from the field and out rebounded the Plowgirls 52 to 20. Manske led all rebounders with a career high 16 boards followed by Whitt with 8, Taylor 6, Hadaway 6, J. Garvin 6, and Bevel 5. Leading the team in steals was Manske with 5, M. Garvin 3, Taylor 2, and

Whitt 2.

"Defensively, I was disappointed in our play especially during the fourth quarter. We gave up too many points in this game. We have kept the best teams in our district in the low 30's so there is no reason why we should have given up 34 to Roscoe. I thought our performance was due to a lack of focus and discipline," Eddleman said.

"Overall, we had a lot of players score for us on offense and we did enough good things on defense to win the game. We will need to play better if we want to beat the best teams in our district on the road and I am confident that the girls have it in them to do it," Eddleman added.

Haskell 10 15 17 10 = 52
Roscoe 9 7 3 15 = 34

JV Maidens (15-2, 7-1) beat Roscoe 2-0 due to forfeit

Maidens heat up and sweep the Lady Blizzards

The Haskell Maidens used a well balanced scoring attack and rebounding last Friday night, Jan. 22 at home in a 64-32 victory over the Winters Lady Blizzards (3-6). Haskell outscored Winters 36-16 the second half to secure the win and move to 16-8 overall and (8-1) in district 7-2A. The Maidens have won 11 out of their last 12 games as they head into a tough three game district stretch.

The Maiden offense put up a lot of shots against the Lady Blizzards. They were (23-93) for 24% from the field, (6-33) for 18% from the three point line, and (12-25) for 48% from the free-throw line. The Maidens had a well balanced scoring attack that allowed every player on the team to score. Ashlyn Bevel had 16 points, Jordan Garvin 11, Courtney Whitt 10, Ariel Martinez 6, Taylor Manske 6, C'Era Taylor 5, Mackinzie Garvin 5, Destiny Benavides 3 and Hollyn Hadaway 2. Leading the team in assists was Martinez, Bevel, Benavides, Hadaway, and Manske with 2 each.

"Offensively, it's always great when you have three kids with double figure scoring and everyone else scoring as well. This is the most fundamentally sound team and most balanced team when it comes to scoring that we have had in the past four years. I think this is the biggest reason we are averaging 57 points a game in district," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell forced Winters to shoot (10-45) for 24% from the field and dominated them in the rebounding 63-18. Whitt led all rebounders with a career high 11 boards followed by Manske with 10, J. Garvin 9, Taylor 8, and Hadaway 8. Leading the team in steals was J. Garvin with 3 and

Benavides 2.

"Defensively, I thought we played much better than we did against Roscoe. We did a great job keeping the ball out of the paint with our half court man to man defense and we dominated them in rebounding.

"Overall, I thought we did some good things offensively and defensively. We started off a little slow the first half but we finished strong the second half. We've got some tough games coming up and two of them are on the road. We are looking forward to the challenge and I am confident we can win those games if we play up to our potential offensively and defensively," Eddleman added.

Haskell 16 12 17 19 = 64
Winters 10 6 8 8 = 32

JV Maidens (16-2, 8-1) beat Winters 40-13

Jr. High Maidens versus Anson results:

- 7th B (4-2) won 20-4
- 8th B (6-0) won 24-4
- 7th A lost 12-26
- 8th A (9-0) won 55-21

Jr. High Maidens at Clyde Tournament results:

- 7th A lost to Jim Ned 1-40
- 7th A lost to Ballinger 13-25
- 7th A lost to Clyde 20-29
- 8th A (10-0) beat Jim Ned 41-17
- 8th A (11-0) beat Clyde 37-24
- 8th A (12-0) beat Sweetwater 22-21 to win the championship



MAIDEN OFFENSE—Haskell Maiden #25 Jordan Garvin drives past the defender from Winters.



MOVES DOWN COURT—Haskell Maiden #31 Hollyn Hadaway drives the ball down the court in the Maidens win over Roscoe.

Area Basketball scores

Boys

Jayton 76, Paint Creek 19
Scoring for Paint Creek: Priddy 6, Acosta 4, Masias 3, Pate 2, Trotter 2, Guadalcazar 2.

Roby 47, Paint Creek 23
Scoring for Paint Creek: Priddy 9, Lopez 5, Guadalcazar 3, Trotter 2, Acosta 2.

Girls

Roby 76, Rule 4
Scoring for Rule: Manske 4.

Roby 90, Paint Creek 23
Scoring for Paint Creek: Jenkins 15, McTasney 4, Rameriz 2, Lemond 2.

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TWO POINTS—Haskell Maiden #45 C'Era Taylor with the jumper good for two against Roscoe.

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To enter, contestants must submit a 2-4 page essay on the topic "How would your life change if electricity no longer existed?" by 5:30 pm January 28, 2016. Six finalists will be selected from the submitted essays. Finalists will deliver their essay as a presentation Monday, February 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm at BCEC's Roby office. Three winners will be selected to win an all-expense paid 10-day trip to Washington, D.C. on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in June 8-17, 2016. You do not have to be a BCEC member to compete and win! Each winner and one runner-up will also receive \$1,500 scholarships. Essays due January 28, 2016 for a chance to win a ticket for this adventure, which has been called the trip of a lifetime. You may complete the entry form and submit your essay online!

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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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Indians' basketball

Indians fall to Hawley, 41-45

The Indians (1-3) faced off against the Hawley Bearcats (3-1) on Fri., Jan. 15 in a big district 7-2A matchup. The Indians got the early lead over the Bearcats, due to a technical being administered to start the game for dunking. The Indians would have a huge first quarter (17 points) led by Hanson and would take a 8 point lead into halftime.

The Indians came out of halftime cold and were held to five third quarter points, while Hawley would score 13 points to bring the

game to a tie at the end of the third quarter.

The Bearcats and Indians would trade baskets back and forth for most of the fourth quarter, but Hawley soon pulled ahead for the 4 point district win.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about another tough loss, "We continue to give ourselves a chance to win these close district games, but holding a lead going into the third quarter has been a problem all year. We go cold scoring and that hurts us. This is the fourth district game that we've lost by 4 or less and

in three of those we had a third quarter lead."

Haskell was led in scoring by Dylan Hanson with 16 points, Lane Burson with 12 points, Alex Roewe with 4 points, Rocky Haggard with 3 points, Kyler Hoover and Kellen Parks with 2 each, Caleb Wheat and Aaron Skiles with 1 each.

Haskell 17 10 5 9 = 41
Hawley 12 7 13 13 = 45
JV Indians 34, Hawley 31

Current 7-2A standings: Stamford 4-1; Anson 4-1; Hawley 4-1; Albany 4-1; Roscoe 2-3; Haskell 1-4; Hamlin 1-4; and Winters 0-5.

Indians fall to Roscoe, 36-50

The third quarter scoring woes continued Tuesday night, Jan. 19 for the Indians, as they dropped a pivotal district 7-2A contest to the Roscoe Plowboys 36-50. The Indians opened up the game by scoring 13 points in the first quarter to Roscoe's 5. The Indians would have another tough night in the middle quarters, only scoring 10 points to Roscoe's 30.

The Indians would attempt a fourth quarter comeback but never gained enough momentum to cut the lead to less than 9. Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about the game, "Our leading scorer went out of the game early with an ankle injury, and we just had a hard time getting going after that. Roscoe played well and shot well and my hat goes off to them."

The Indians were led in scoring by Kellen Parks with 18, Caleb Wheat with 8, Dylan Hanson with 5, Rocky Haggard with 3 and Kyler Hoover with 2.

Haskell 13 7 3 13 = 36
Roscoe 5 17 13 15 = 50

JV Indians 47, Plowboys 27

Indians beat Winters, 42-29

The Haskell Indians needed a win Fri., Jan. 22 and they got one, a huge one. The Indians played host to the Blizzards from Winters at the teepee.

Haskell was without leading scorer and senior Dylan Hanson due to an ankle sprain, but juniors Kellen Parks and Alec Roewe stepped up in a huge way to lead the Indians to the win.

The Indians got off to a slow start only scoring 6 points in the first quarter and holding a one point advantage. The Indians would get going and out score the Blizzards 14-8 in the second quarter to hold a 7 point halftime lead.

Coming out of the break has been a very rough spot for the Indians this season, but on Friday night they pushed over the hump and scored 15 points to Winters' 5 points, ending the third quarter with a 17 point lead. The Indians would never allow the Blizzards to get closer than 10 points and closed the night with a 42-29 victory. The win allows the Indians to stay in the running for the playoffs.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about the win, "Our kids came out and played a great third quarter, which has been a struggle for us. Hopefully, we are over that hump for the start of the second round of district."

The Indians were led in scoring by Parks with 14, Roewe with 9, Lane Burson with 6, Kyler Hoover and Aaron Skiles with 5 each and Caleb Wheat with 3.

The Indians will need another huge victory on Tues., Jan. 26 as they travel to Anson to take on the Tigers, who they lost to in round 1 of district play, 42-41.

Haskell 6 14 15 7 = 42
Winters 5 8 5 11 = 29

JV Indians 37, Winters 12

District standings as of Jan. 25: Stamford 6-1; Albany 6-1; Hawley 6-1; Anson 4-3; Roscoe 3-4; Haskell 2-5; Hamlin 1-6; and Winters 0-7.

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My name is Bill Hester and I am running for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of Haskell County, Precinct One. I am a lifelong resident of Haskell County and have lived in Precinct One, three miles east of Rochester for sixty years. My wife Sheila and I raised three children, Wayne Hester, Michael Hester and Shelly Hall. All have families of their own now, and have given us eight wonderful grandchildren.

I am no stranger to the office of County Commissioner. I was elected to the office in 1992 and served until January 2000. I ran again in 2012 for the same position and have served for the last three and a half years. In those years of service, we balanced the budgets and made tough choices to keep the county operating. I am again asking for your vote because I believe the people of Precinct One need someone with a proven track record in our local government. We have several issues facing us that require a strong commitment to the office and the people of the county.

I am very qualified to be that person. Since 2000, I have been the assistant building superintendent for Hale Mills Construction on the prison project for 14 months and stayed on to become the Maintenance Supervisor for the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center for 11 years. I served on the administrative staff at the prison and was a certified jailer in the state of Texas.

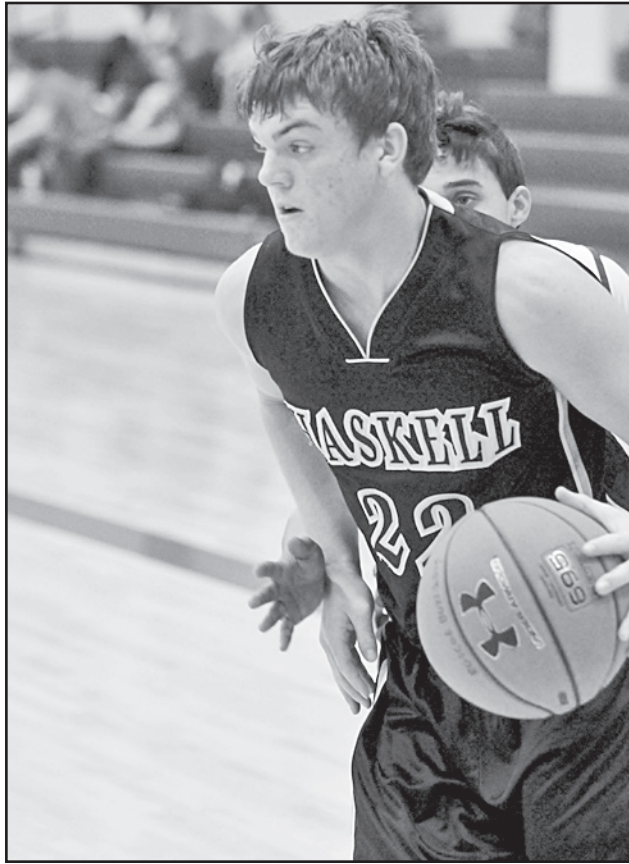
If elected, I will work with the other commissioners, to serve the people of Haskell County to the best of my ability. We should be looking to the future to make Haskell County a better place to live and raise our families. We have seen in the last few years, a number of young people moving to (and back to) Haskell County to start businesses and employ home town people with jobs that will make a difference in everyone's lives. I fully support these efforts to improve the living standards in Haskell County. If re-elected I will strive to be respectful, both to the office and to the people of Precinct One and Haskell County. I will always keep the best interests of the people of Haskell County in mind when making decisions that will affect us all.

A vote for Bill Hester will be a vote for a conservative member of the Commissioners Court of Haskell County. Thank you for your support and your vote. God Bless America!

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INDIAN DEFENSE—Haskell Indian #32 Caleb Wheat helps on the trap, putting the Winters ball handler in a bind.



HEADED TO THE BASKET—Haskell Indian #22 Lane Burson beats the Roscoe defender to the basket.

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MENTAL HEALTH & YOUR THYROID

Worldwide, it is estimated that up to 300 million individuals suffer from some type of thyroid disorder. Over 15 million cases have been documented here in the United States and thyroid dysfunction is a much more prevalent in women than in men. Interestingly, researchers are now beginning to see possible links between mental health and the function of the thyroid.

The thyroid is a tiny, butterfly-shaped gland that sits at the base of your throat. It performs the important task of regulating your basal metabolic rate - which is the speed at which your body burns food for energy. When everything is working well, the thyroid works with the pituitary gland and hypothalamus to keep the levels of thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3) at a proper balance within your body.

When things go wrong and too much TSH collects in the blood, one is said to have hypothyroidism which accounts for 80% of most thyroid dysfunction diagnoses. Symptoms of hypothyroidism include fatigue, cold intolerances, weight gain, brain fog, emotional extremes, anxiety, depression, constipation as well as muscle and joint pain.

As you can see from the list above, several of the symptoms are direct overlays

to mental health.

While there is not enough clinical evidence at this time to associate TSH levels with psychiatric symptoms or to recommend T4 for depressed patients, there is strong enough evidence to recommend thyroid function tests in seriously depressed patients.

To gather information about your thyroid, ask your doctor or nurse practitioner to run your complete thyroid panel through a blood draw. If you suffer from depression, before taking that serotonin reuptake inhibitor, ask your provider if a thyroid panel might be a good test to run first.

Misdiagnosis of depression when it really is a thyroid problem will only make symptoms worse, so it's a good idea to check both boxes before deciding if it is one over the other.

Jeanne Cason graduated from Frontier School of Family Nursing in Kentucky in February of 2007.

Since 2007, she has served as a nurse practitioner with experience in clinics and emergency rooms in rural areas as well as the Abilene area.

Jeanne joined Haskell Memorial Hospital Walk-In Clinic in August 2015.



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Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Tolerance/Resistance to Sugarcane Aphid Are Right for You in 2016

In 2016 Texas grain sorghum producers will find more information from seed companies and other sources about grain sorghum hybrids that may offer potentially increased—or better documented—tolerance/resistance to sugarcane aphid (SCA). I provide a link to a list of recent seed company

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 1
Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, green beans, Parmesan toast, dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 3
Pork chops with mushroom gravy, new potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 5
Hamburgers and trimming, pinto beans, chips, dessert, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

designated SCA-tolerant/resistant hybrids below, but I recommend caution in evaluating information regarding sugarcane aphid tolerance/resistance. Access the full document for additional considerations. Foremost, at this time:

1) Assume all grain sorghum hybrids—even if designated tolerant/resistant to SCA—have some level of susceptibility (and all would be viewed as highly susceptible in some fields) to sugarcane aphid.

2) All grain sorghum hybrids must be scouted, and at this time the same SCA treatment thresholds apply to these hybrids as any other. No sorghum hybrid is immune to SCA. Some Texas farmers made the mistake of assuming too much about early purported tolerant hybrids for 2015, and they failed to treat SCA in timely fashion, or even scout their fields regularly if at all.

Dr. Ron Schnell, AgriLife cropping systems agronomist, College Station, and Dr. Bill Rooney, Texas A&M AgriLife Research sorghum breeder, College Station, both contribute further helpful comments in understanding how to properly assess the designation of specific grain sorghums as having substantial tolerance/resistance to sugarcane aphid. Together the we offer three “Bottom Lines” for potentially selecting a suitable grain sorghum hybrid for your farming conditions:

1) Texas sorghum producers should view all hybrids as susceptible at some level and follow standard scouting and treatment thresholds for every sorghum hybrid.

2) Many field reports of SCA field activity in different hybrids are simply observations that someone has seen tolerance at some point. It certainly doesn't mean that you can ignore the SCA without implication.

3) Texas A&M AgriLife suggests producers consider planting adapted high-yielding grain sorghum hybrids then expect and plan to manage the sugarcane aphid, because even if you plant a tolerant/resistant hybrid, you likely still have to manage it and you may be giving up significant yield potential with an SCA-tolerant/resistant hybrid if it doesn't yield well.

Read the full document for additional information on grain sorghum hybrid tolerance/resistance to sugarcane aphid, including:

- Understand the potential caveats of designated SCA-tolerant/resistant hybrids. Here are some questions you can ask seed companies regarding their hybrids:

1) “What hybrid(s) do you have with a proven SCA resistance gene in its parentage?”

2) “If you do, does that genetic background transfer actual hybrid resistance to SCA in the field?”

3) “What field evidence do you have for this hybrid's substantial tolerance/resistance? Seedling tests? Field observations? Field insect counts? Yield data?”

4) “Is at least some of your field data from independent or external sources?” (If so, who?)

5) “How does the yield of your current SCA tolerant/resistant hybrid(s) compare to your company's best grain sorghum hybrids?” (Agronomically, you want to understand the grain yield potential of good grain sorghum hybrids even if susceptible to SCA vs. tolerant/resistant hybrids. If there are significant yield differences be sure to ask/understand if those differences may be due to likely lower-yielding shorter maturity in a hybrid.)

• Seed company initial list of designated tolerant/resistant grain sorghum hybrids (summarized by

United Sorghum Checkoff Program). Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist, USCP, has compiled an initial list (Dec. 17, 2015) of grain sorghum hybrids where each seed company has confirmed their designation of individual hybrids they believe demonstrate evidence of notable tolerance/resistance to sugarcane aphid. Review his additional comments and access the link to the current list found in the full version of this publication. Dr. Bean's focus emphasizes potentially stronger SCA tolerance/resistance—the hybrids each company has the most confidence in. Hybrids that at this time are regarded as ‘moderately’ tolerant/susceptible are not included in the list.

• Current sugarcane aphid resources for Texas grain sorghum producers. This lists six Texas A&M AgriLife, USCP, and Texas Sorghum Association websites that maintain information different aspects of grain sorghum and sugarcane aphid.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 1-5 Breakfast
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice; and muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers and cheese stick are offered at every meal.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles or cereal variety and toast
Tuesday: Breakfast club 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 pizza or cereal variety and toast
Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll
Tuesday: Pizza, garden salad, Key West vegetable, sliced peaches, chocolate or vanilla pudding
Wednesday: Mexican combo plate, Spanish rice, salsa, Mexicali corn, charro beans, cinnamon apples
Thursday: Chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles
Friday: Popcorn chicken, roll, sweet potato waffle fries, cucumber dippers, cookie, fresh fruit

Rule School Menu

Feb. 1-5 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Sausage, biscuits, gravy
Tuesday: Cheese omelet with tortilla
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Waffles, sausage
Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

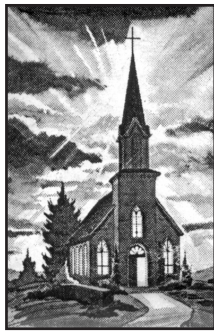
Monday: Country fried steak, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry cup
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, salad, rice, refried beans, applesauce
Wednesday: Pizza, veggie medley, salad, apple slice
Thursday: Frito pie, baby carrots, Mexicali corn, oranges, cookie
Friday: Chicken strips, toast, gravy, fries, zesty cucumbers, peaches

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 1-5 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Breakfast club
Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage, egg
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadstick, peaches
Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, pudding
Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, corn, beans, applesauce
Thursday: Teriyaki beef sub, salad, chips, oranges
Friday: Popcorn chicken, fries, salad, roll, fruit

This Week's Devotional Message:



The lessons we learn in faith must be put into practice

You are to be commended if you go to your house of worship every Sabbath day and listen carefully to the sermons. However, it is equally important for you to take those messages home with you and act on them the other six days of the week. There are many ways of doing this; for example, from those lessons you should have developed a kind and loving attitude which you manage to display even to strangers and which should help you overcome all the minor

irritations of everyday life. In addition, to the best of your ability you should do something to help those less fortunate than you. In fact, it is quite likely that your house of worship offers opportunities for service to others. The best way to show your appreciation of God's love is by passing it along; so do not leave the lessons of your faith behind, but carry them with you and make use of them every day of your life.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Terry Bunch, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista

El Calvario

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United

Methodist Church

Rev. David Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George

Catholic Church

Father Angelo Consemينو
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent

Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
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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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Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

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

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester
—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home

Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296

West Bethal

Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek

Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
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To be named to the President's List undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

Hermann Sons lodge located in Haskell recognized for meeting new member goal

The Hermann Sons lodge located in Haskell has been recognized for reaching its goal as part of a membership campaign conducted by Hermann Sons Fraternal Life Insurance in 2015.

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STUDENTS STUDY MASKS—First grade students at Rule School have been reading about masks in other countries. They read and followed directions to make their own original mask. Modeling the masks they designed are, front row, I-r, Rylan Green (butterfly), Leslie Caldwell (cheetah), Jayde Leek (girl), Arena Caldwell (tarantula) and Madisyn Hollabaugh (zebra); back row, Haylee Stone (black cat), Fabian Valdez (Flat Stanley), Conner Russell (zombie), Natalie Murray (turtle), Averi Baldwin (monkey) and Brylee Teague (butterfly).

Applications being taken for city and school elections

by Caron Yates

Political candidates are certainly grabbing the headlines on the national level these days. However, on a local level, it is also time to start thinking about our city government and school board elections.

The date for city elections, as well as school board elections has been set for May 7, 2016. If you intend to run as a candidate, you have until 5 p.m. on February 19 to apply. Applications to file for a place on the ballot may be obtained from the respective city hall and school administration offices.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect two aldermen

to two year terms. Council seats held by Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow will be up for election. The mayor's position will also be on the ballot this year.

On the Haskell CISD school board, places #1 and #6, currently held by Joel Torres III and Tyke Meinzer, will be voted on. Both are three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote on two council seats, along with the mayor's position. Serving the city presently are Mayor Jerry Cannon, Patrick Pace and Bobby Robinson.

The Rule ISD school board has three spots up for election. Incumbents are Wade Gomillion, Elana Mathis and

Theresa Baiza.

In the Weinert city government, places held by Cherie Dutton and Mary Murphy will be on the ballot. These seats are for two year terms.

The Rochester city council seats now served by John Hicks and Juan Herrera will be up for election as well.

If you have not registered to vote, you my want to do so as soon as possible. Early voting by personal appearance, runs from April 25 through May 3. Early voting will take place during regular business hours at the city hall of each city, as well as the respective school administration office for the school elections.

Big game plans should include sober ride

The Texas Department of Transportation's statewide "Plan While You Can" campaign is reminding football fans to make a sober ride part of their game-watching plans for the upcoming playoffs and the big game. The campaign runs through Super Bowl Sun., Feb. 7.

"As many Texans will be watching football playoffs leading up to the big game, we strongly urge drivers to plan for a sober ride to attend watch parties," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division Director. "Crashes caused by drinking and driving are 100 percent preventable. Before you drink, make a game plan to get home safely. It's a decision that could save a life."

During the 2014 football season (Sept. 4, 2014–Feb. 1, 2015), there were 10,676 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. Those crashes resulted in 492 fatalities—an increase of 7 percent over the previous year.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol can face up to \$17,000 in fines, legal fees, impoundment and other costs. As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.



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