

Basketball

HASKELL
JHG-JHB vs Munday
 Thurs., Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Boys at Munday
Girls at Rochester
JVG-B, VG-B vs Rotan
 Fri., Jan. 20, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
JHG-JHB
Munday Tournament
 Sat., Jan. 21, TBA
Boys at Goree
Girls at Munday
JHG-JHB vs Stamford
 Mon., Jan. 23, 5 p.m.
Boys at Stamford
Girls at Rochester
JVG-B, VG-B vs Hamlin
 Tues., Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Lueders-Avooca
 Fri., Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
JH vs Woodson
 Mon., Jan. 23, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-VB vs Throckmorton
 Tues., Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
JVB-VG-VB vs Throckmorton
 Fri., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
 at Throckmorton
JH vs Aspermont
 Mon., Jan. 23, 6 p.m.
 at Aspermont
JVB-VG-VB vs Woodson
 Tues., Jan. 24, 5 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Little Dribblers

Little Dribblers will have registration and board meeting at 5:30 Wed. Jan. 25 in the high school gym foyer. Students in the third through sixth grade interested in playing should attend. Cost is \$15 or \$25 for 2.

McGuire retires

The students and staff of Paint Creek ISD would like to invite the friends and family of Phoi McGuire to a retirement celebration to honor her for 30 years of service in education. The celebration will be held Tues., Jan. 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the Paint Creek gymnasium.

GED classes

Big Country Adult Education Co-Op is still offering free GED Classes in the Haskell/Knox County area. The classes will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Haskell Elementary Computer Lab from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please bring your driver's license or photo ID and social security card with you. If you have workbooks from last year, bring them also. These classes are free and space is limited.

Enchilada lunch

An enchilada lunch will be held Sun., Feb. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell. Adult plates are \$7 and plates for children age 10 and under are \$3.50. Take outs will be available.

Basketball shirts

2011-2012 Haskell High School basketball shirts are on sale for \$5 while supplies last. Short sleeved adult sizes only are available. Contact Amanda Hadaway at ahadaway@haskell.esc14.net or call 940-864-8535 ext. 245 for delivery.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

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"The People's Choice"

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GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Madaline Williams, a member of the Haskell 4-H Club, holds her grand champion steer that took Grand Champion honors at the Haskell Junior Livestock Show held last weekend. Displaying her awards is Kourtney Howard.

Three named to All-Big Country teams

by Caron Yates

Three Haskell County football players have garnered additional honors for their efforts during this past football season.

In the six-man division, Paint Creek High School's Andrew Matthies, was named as the All-Big Country first team punter. The 6'1", 170 lbs. senior punted fourteen times for a 35 yard average. He was earlier named to the second team All-District in Division I-District 9.

Haskell Indians Brett Shelton and Garrett Brueggeman were also recognized. Chosen as Honorable Mention for the offensive line in the Class A division, was senior Brueggeman. The 5'10", 200 lbs. offensive guard scored 81% in district play with 3 pancakes.

Shelton, named Honorable Mention on the defensive line, collected 52 tackles, 13 of which were solos. The 6'2", 190 lbs. junior had five tackles behind the line, along with two sacks.

Both Brueggeman and Shelton, were chosen as first team picks in District 4.

The All-Big Country Football team for each classification, is chosen from nominations, along with their stats and other data, sent in by area coaches. The Abilene Reporter-News staff then goes over all the information for each class and selects who they believe are the most deserving athletes. An effort is made to spread the awards around to as many players as possible. The competition is stiff, as they cover football for close to eighty schools in the Big Country.

Congratulations to each of these young men in being recognized for their accomplishments.

Grand honored by City of Haskell

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council held Mon., Jan. 9 retired Police Chief Steven Grand was given a token of appreciation by Director of Public Works and Safety, Matthew Duran in recognition of his years of service to the City of Haskell in the capacity of police officer, sergeant and police chief.

Jeff Gregg of Davis Kinard & Co. PC gave the annual financial audit report which was approved by the council.

A three year agreement with Davis Kinard & Co. PC was approved.

A five year depository contract from Haskell National Bank was accepted. Bids were received from Citibank and

Haskell National Bank.

The request by Billy Joe Campbell for a specific use permit for the property at 400 N. 3rd East was tabled to a later date. No quorum was present at the zoning board meeting Jan. 6.

A budget resolution was approved.

The council approved with regrets to accept the resignation of Mike Guess from the Housing Authority Board.

The proposed holiday schedule for the 2012 calendar year was approved.

A community calendar was discussed.

An executive session was entered by the council to discuss personnel matters regarding changes implemented at the police department and a officer search continues; and consultation with the attorney to discuss pending litigation.

No action was needed upon returning to general session.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

• Councilmen received packets with the results of the Appraisal District Board election as well as the annual agreed upon procedures report. The Board of Directors for the Appraisal Board are Russell Beakley, Terri Klose, Wallar Overton, Johnny Scoggins and Susan Turner.

• Jackie Lackey, Inc. has relocated to Haskell and the city is very excited to have them and wish them well.

• The city is working to complete the water line for the pivot south of town. City workers are also working as quickly as possible to get the potholes and other road issues worked on that have surfaced from the recent rains.

Sales tax shows increase in January receipts

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has announced that state sales tax revenue in December was \$1.98 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2010.

"Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 21 consecutive months," Combs said. "Sales taxes from retail trade and restaurant activity continue to improve, with tax revenue from the oil and natural gas sector also providing a lift to overall collections."

Combs sent January sales tax allocations totaling \$495

million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.1 percent compared to January 2011.

The sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in November.

Haskell County had a 9.22 percent increase for January 2012 of \$36,350.73 in comparison to \$33,279.73 for January 2011.

The City of Haskell had an 11.81 percent increase for January 2012 of \$34,593.30 in comparison to \$30,936.61 for January 2011.

The City of O'Brien had a 53.88 percent increase for January 2012 of \$137.33 in comparison to \$89.24 for January 2011.

The City of Rochester had a 21.73 percent increase for January 2012 of \$318.86 in comparison to \$261.94 for January 2011.

The City of Rule had a 38.80 percent decrease for January 2012 of \$1,137.29 in comparison to \$1,858.56 for January 2011.

The City of Weinert had a 22.91 percent increase for January 2012 of \$163.95 in comparison to \$133.38 for January 2011.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

January 16, 2012	
Haskell	
Haskell County Gin.....	662
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	7,516
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	2,892
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....	305
Weinert Gin.....	570
Total bales.....	11,945



RIBBON CUTTING—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at Haskell Feeds and Jeff Robertson Cattle Co. LLC, located at 337 U.S. Business Hwy. 277, Mon., Jan. 16. Attending were, l-r, Brandon Robertson, Tammy Cunningham, Tom Bassett, Ricky Dunnam, Erin Dunnam, John Gannaway, Jeff Robertson, Sheila Hester, Steven Crain, Shelby Dunnam, Cannon Edwards, Hunter Ivy and Chamber manager Sally Rueffer.

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LADY PIRATES IN ACTION—Paint Creek Lady Pirates Danielle Oliver, Baleigh Lopez, Dalinne Reed and Stormy Darnell, left, head to the other end of the court during a game against Aspermont. Dalinne Reed, right, drives to the basket during the game.



Obituaries

Billy Dale Pittman



BILLY PITTMAN

Funeral services for Billy Dale Pittman, 45, of Rochester were held Thurs., Jan. 12 at First Baptist Church in Rochester with Bro. Joseph Barrett officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of

Haskell. Mr. Pittman passed away in Abilene Mon., Jan. 9. Born Feb. 5, 1966 in Knox City, he was the son of Billy Kenneth and Winnie Goode Pittman. He married Cathy Rose in Haskell Feb. 17, 1993 and has lived in Rochester most of his life. Pittman was a shop foreman and fabricator with Smith Pipe of Abilene. He was a member of HOG, an avid welder and diesel mechanic. He enjoyed and was interested in anything to do with trucks. Pittman owned a trucking company. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Kenneth Pittman; two uncles, Ken Wolsch and Elmer Goode; his grandparents, Floyd and Bobbie Goode, Maudie Hargrave and Charles William Pittman. Survivors include his wife, Cathy Pittman of Rochester; his daughter, Tina Pittman of Rochester; a son, Colton Pittman and wife Adria of Haskell; two stepdaughters, Shauna Caldwell and husband Jeffery, and Erica Schwind and husband George; his mother, Winnie Pittman of Rochester; a brother, Kenneth Pittman of Rochester; five sisters, Angela Campbell of Wichita Falls, Alicia Shaw of Rusk, Terry Hill of Rawls, Shirley Nichols of Akron, Ohio, and Karen Holmes of Corpus Christi; nine grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

PD NOTICE

Area basketball scores

Girls	Boys	Paint Creek 30
Haskell 37, Roscoe 25 Scoring for Haskell: R. Hadaway 12, Johnson 10, C. Hadaway 8, Cassidy 5, Klose 2. JV: Roscoe 27, Haskell 20. Munday 71, Haskell 37 Scoring for Haskell: C. Hadaway 12, Shelton 9, Cassidy 5, Klose 4, Johnson 3, Burson 2, M. Rodriguez 2.	Haskell 63, Roscoe 29 Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 17, Shelton 9, Bell 9, Bird 8, Martinez 7, Leach 7, Newton 4, Torres 2. JV: Roscoe 8, Haskell 51. Munday 50, Haskell 35 Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 15, Martinez 5, Leach 5, Bell 3, Shelton 3, Torres 2, Bird 2. Aspermont 51	Scoring for Paint Creek: Gardner 9, Barnett 6, McCord 5, Waggoner 4, Pannell 3, Masias 2, Young 1. Paint Creek 57, Rule 49 Scoring for Paint Creek: Gardner 16, McCord 13, Barnett 11, Pannell 9, Young 4, McTasney 4. Scoring for Rule: Hardmon 12, Rogers 11, Taylor 9, Quintero 9, Perez 2.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.



PIRATE BASKETBALL—Paint Creek Pirates Cole Gardner and Hunter Jordan attempt to block a shot of an Aspermont opponent.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith's Warning Signal says to Stop, Look and Listen

When everything seems out of whack
Because we've wandered off the track,
It's time we should be turning back;
So STOP and get on board.
Though good intentions will abound,
Temptation often gets around

And sidetracks us, until we've found
We LOOK to be restored.
So let's pretend we're engineers
And train ourselves to shift the gears
Away from sin; then use our ears
To LISTEN to the Lord.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Frank Slayton, minister
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
Rev. David White, pastor
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., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, 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., 10:45 a., 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
Phillip 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

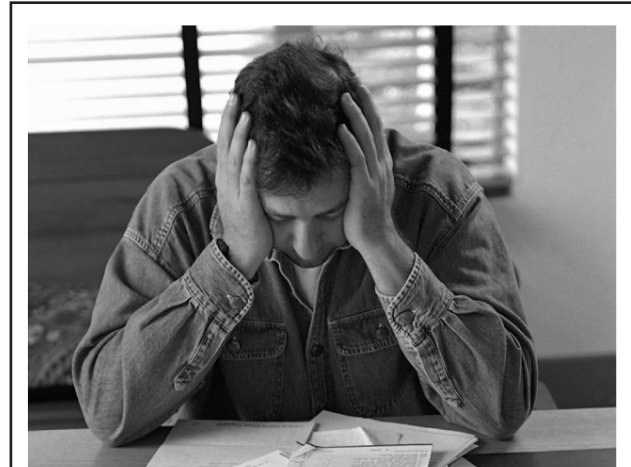
Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 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.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.
Weinert
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
Stephania 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 Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.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 Bible Class
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McKeever presents book review at Study Club meeting

Twenty members of the Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Jan. 12, at the Haskell County Library. President Lynn Dodson called the meeting to order followed by prayer led by Connie Benton and the pledges to the flags by Oleta Cornelius.

The program consisted of a review by Billie McKeever of *The Help*, written by Kathryn Stockett. McKeever gave the group a feel for the circumstances and events of the book set in the early 1960s without giving away all the secrets. A lively discussion of club members' personal experiences of desegregation was held and enjoyed by all. Susan Cockerell presented McKeever a check for a donation to the Wall of

Honor in the name of McKeever's dad.

The slate of officers for the club years 2012-2014 was presented by the Nominations Committee, Debbie Kennedy. Those nominated were Susan Cockerell, president; Susan Turner, first vice president; Freida Ivy, second vice president; Linda Lane-Blaise, recording secretary; Tommy Jo Clark, corresponding secretary; Connie Benton, treasurer; and Julia Harrell, historian. The officers were elected by acclamation.

Chosen the Outstanding Club Volunteer for 2011 was Lynn Dodson, and the Outstanding Club Program was the March program on Texas Heritage by Susan Turner. The minutes

were approved as was the treasurer's report.

Dorothy Hartsfield reported that we started out needing \$60,000 for the Wall and are getting closer to the goal. She said we did receive the \$5,000 check as promised from the anonymous donor when the club itself was able to match that amount by Thanksgiving. Hartsfield also said that the dealer is coming to pick up the large amount of scrap metal on the vacant lot soon.

In Federation news it was announced the spring convention will be held in Moran March 17, and the State Convention in Beaumont April 26.

Hostesses were Ruby Turner, Janis Brzozowski, and Hartsfield.

Rule ISD Employee Spotlight



FONDA NEWTON

Fonda Newton of Haskell has been employed by Rule ISD for 11 years and teaches Family & Consumer Science and art.

She has been married to Phillip for 28 years. They have three children, Kerri, Lauren and David.

She enjoys exercising, reading, working in her flower beds and computer.

Her favorite quote is, "Attitudes are contagious."

Students in the News

Angelo State University in San Angelo has announced the Dean's List for the 2011 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Honorees from the Haskell area include Codi B. Foster and Angelica I. Gonzalez.

Two students from Rochester were among the 248 graduates to receive degrees from Hardin-Simmons University during fall commencement ceremonies held Sat., Dec. 17 in Behrens Auditorium on the HSU campus.

Natalie Barrett graduated with a Master of Arts degree in religion from the Logsdon School of Theology.

Joseph Barrett graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in theology from the Logsdon School of Theology.

Wichita Brazos Musuem news

Sun., Feb. 5 will be a big day for many Knox County residents and friends from surrounding counties. They will be attending the annual barbeque and fund-raiser at Benjamin for the Wichita Brazos Museum from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

Served will be the usual brisket, sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, pinto beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and pies—all homemade by Knox

County supporters—even homemade barbeque sauce.

The silent auction tables will be set up by 11 a.m. for people to place bids. The auction has included everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques. There is always something there that you must have. There were 104 items bid on last year. Bidding will close at 1:30 p.m.

Door prizes will be given

away throughout the meal.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for visitors to view this year's exhibits, entitled, "Knox County Entertainment."

This annual event is a wonderful time to have a delicious meal, pick up a good bargain at the silent auction, visit the museum, and enjoy visiting with friends.

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 23

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, Italian green beans, garlic wheat toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 25

Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, potato wedges, tartar sauce, peach chantilly, tea or coffee

Fri., Jan. 27

Sloppy Joes, country potato salad, carrots, zucchini, creamy fruit square, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Teamkid

Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for students ages 4 years through the sixth grade. Parents may call the church office at 864-2581, if their child needs a ride.

Rule School Menu

Jan. 23-27

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pork sausage biscuit, Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit.

Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage, gravy, Lucky Charm cereal, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast taco, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, applesauce.

Thursday: Waffles with syrup, Cocoa Puff cereal, pears.

Friday: Biscuit with egg, Trix cereal, applesauce.

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti with roll, bologna and cheese

sandwich, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, applesauce, blue slushy

Tuesday: Corndog, turkey and cheese sandwich, glazed carrots, pork and beans, fresh fruit, crackers, blue slushy

Wednesday: Crispy beef tacos, ham and cheese sandwich, Mexicali corn, refried beans, cinnamon apple slices, lettuce and cheese, blue slushy

Thursday: Chicken strips with gravy and roll, tuna sandwich, mashed potatoes, crackers, fresh fruit, peaches, blue slushy

Friday: Pizza, po-boy sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, blue slushy

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 23-27

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancakes

Tuesday: Biscuits

Wednesday: Waffles

Thursday: Breakfast burritos

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken noodle

soup, peas, grilled cheese, cobbler

Tuesday: Tater tot casserole, corn, salad, applesauce

Wednesday: Nachos, refried beans, salad, bananas

Thursday: Ham, mac and cheese, green beans, salad, bread, pears

Friday: Chicken patty sandwiches, chips, salad, cake

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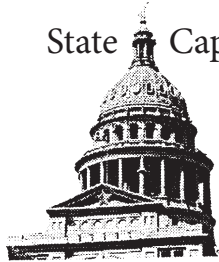
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Supreme Court hears Texas redistricting arguments

AUSTIN—The U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 9 heard oral arguments on the merits of the state House, Senate and congressional redistricting plans enacted by the Texas Legislature last spring and the remedial plans drawn up by a panel of three San Antonio federal district court judges.

A transcript of the hearing shows the attorneys for appellants Rick Perry, governor of Texas et al. and appellees Shannon Perez et al and Wendy Davis et al. sticking to their guns as they were peppered with questions by justices. Appelles' allegations of discrimination against minorities under the Voting Rights Act were at the heart of the cases before the court.

Early in the proceedings, Justice Sonia Sotomayor pointed out that a denial of preclearance is an injunction that stops the maps from taking effect, and beyond that, the court has no duty to produce a roadmap to show the state how it should accomplish the task of redistricting.

Along the same lines, Texas Solicitor General Paul Clement said the denial does not operate like a line-item veto in which the appellate court instructs the regional court (San Antonio) on exactly which boundaries to fix.

Concerns about the potential effects of court actions might have on the current election calendar emerged. Justice Antonin Scalia brought up the what-if-the-clock-runs-out idea. Scalia, in effect asked, suppose all deadlines pass for a legally enforceable set of maps to be used. What then?

Principal Deputy U.S. Solicitor General Sri Srinivasan responded by acknowledging Scalia's implied suggestion that the Legislature's enacted maps could be used, but "only if there is no time for the (San Antonio) district court to adopt a different plan."

Justices explored both sides' reasoning in how boundaries should be drawn and spent time on particulars related to a contested district in El Paso, but also touched on contested districts in Dallas and Houston.

Attorney Jose Garza, arguing on behalf of the appellees, was pressed by justices over the deadline for conducting presidential primaries. He answered that June 26 would be the practical deadline.

Feb. 1 is the due date for final review of the case by the high court. Meanwhile, the three-judge D.C. Court of Appeals, the trial court for redistricting litigation, is scheduled to hear opening arguments on Jan. 17 and render a ruling by Feb. 3. In

its ruling, the court is expected to determine whether the Texas Legislature's redistricting plans are in violation of the Voting Rights Act, and if so, remand the task of redrawing lines back to the San Antonio court. If no violation is found, the maps enacted by the Texas Legislature may be ruled legal and enforceable.

Sonogram law to be enforced

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Jan. 13 ruled that Texas may enforce a law enacted by the Texas Legislature last spring that requires pregnant women who wish to abort to undergo a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure.

The ruling reverses an Austin trial court decision that had prevented the law from taking effect.

Under the law, a physician or a certified sonographer is required to provide the sonogram and heartbeat to the pregnant woman, and the physician then provides a description of the sonogram image. The law also requires a physician to provide a geographically indexed list of agencies offering ultrasounds at no cost to the pregnant woman.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reportedly can start enforcing the law in less than a month.

Senate candidates take stage

Five candidates vying to become the Republican nominee to succeed retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison participated in a debate at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Austin on Jan. 12.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, sports analyst Craig James and funeral home director Glenn Addison of Magnolia, fielded questions on such topics as budget cutting, tax reform, immigration policy and foreign policy.

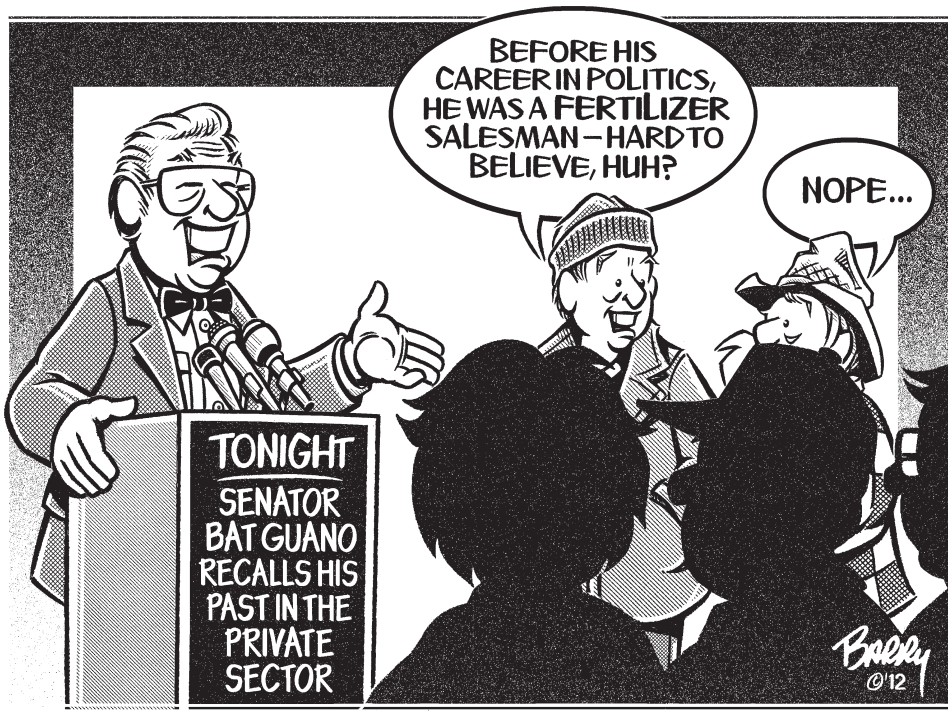
Candidates spoke of their work experience and conservative bona fides, and generally agreed on most topics. They will meet again in debates scheduled for early February and early March.

Sales tax revenues up, up, up

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 11 announced state sales tax revenue in December was \$1.98 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2010.

Her chart shows collections up 8.3 percent for cities, 15.3 percent for counties, 6.9 percent for transit systems and 25.1 percent for special purpose taxing districts.

The sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in November, Combs said.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 17, 2002

Derrick Tribbey, son of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, has won the right to compete at the 4-H State Food Show, held at Texas A&M University. A member of the Haskell County 4-H, he will prepare a dried beef spread.

The Haskell Indians defeated the Albany Lions in basketball action by a score of 52-39. Leading the scoring for Haskell was Cliff McGuire, 12 pts.; Leon Goudeau, 10 pts.; Zac McGuire, 9 pts.; Josh Webb, 8 pts.; and Wes Steele, 6 pts.

Lyla Mary Isbell of Haskell, celebrated her 80th birthday with a reception hosted by her children. She spent 31 years cooking for students at Paint Creek School.

20 Years Ago January 16, 1992

Haskell National Bank has named Andrew Gannaway as its new president. He succeeds Abe Turner, who will head the bank's business development and public relations department. Also elected executive vice-president is Randy Hise.

Four candidates have filed in the 39th District Attorney's race. They are John Fouts, incumbent; Joseph Thigpen, former District Attorney; Art Williams, Haskell County attorney; and Dwain Gibson, Throckmorton County attorney.

City Administrator Robert Baker submitted his resignation to be effective June 1. Baker, a 1956 graduate

of Haskell High School, has been city administrator since Jan. 1984.

30 Years Ago January 21, 1982

Jonathan Tatum, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tatum, was the winner of a Snoopy watch. He won by raising over \$557 for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hertel of Rule, were honored with a reception in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary. It was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Faye Mullino of Rochester, won first place with her medium heavyweight steer, exhibited at the Sandhills Hereford Show in Odessa.

40 Years Ago January 20, 1972

The combined Rule and Haskell Rotary Clubs hosted their annual Ladies Night banquet. Six charter members of the Haskell club were recognized. They were Ferrell Coston, Carl Anderson, Charles Conner, Ira Hester, Hooper Wilkinson and E.J. Stewart.

B.R. Blankenship, a central office repairman for General Telephone Company in Haskell, was recognized for twenty years of service at the service awards dinner held in Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McGary have announced they will be moving the City Cafe to its new location. It will be located in the building between Jones Cox and

Company and Dick's Barber Shop.

50 Years Ago January 18, 1962

Filing for County Commissioner Precinct 2 are Speck Sorenson, Leon Newton and Slover Bledsoe. In the race for County Commissioner Precinct 4, are Francis Blake, Bob Melton, Ira Coleman, Monroe Blackwell, Zenor Summers and Tommy Foster.

Don Ballard, sophomore at Rochester High School, showed the Grand Champion steer at the annual Haskell County FFA Livestock Show, held at Rochester.

Paint Creek School Superintendent Pat Morrison and school board members Gene Overton, Paul Fischer, Ira Coleman and Roy Medford were in Austin to attend the annual meeting of school administrators.

100 Years Ago January 20, 1912

W.I. Cox advised that he had signed up a lease with oil men on his farm. He said he had formerly noticed what appeared to be oil at two places on his farm where it came to the surface after a big rain.

Werther Long has resigned his position with F.G. Alexander and Company and gone to work in the County Clerk's office.

Rev. C.B. Meador of Stamford, was in this city paying his poll tax. He said he was preparing to have his share in voting this year.

Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Dec. 27 with all members present.

No burn ban is in effect. A motion to rescind the FMLA policy out of the Employee Policy Handbook passed.

Commissioner Neal Kreger will purchase a dozer for Precinct 4 with time warrants. Cost of the dozer is \$152,000.

A motion to allow Judge David Davis to sign grant expenses that are reimbursable without having to call a special meeting passed.

In regulating traffic and other issues pertaining to county roads, Domingo Garcia of Knox City addressed the court about a problem he encountered with Commissioner Kreger. Garcia works for Jeremy Eaton Equipment Services. Garcia had an oil field company request his services to pull in a truck down a county road that was muddy. They had problems and Commissioner Kreger would not allow them on the county road. Garcia had a problem with the way Kreger was speaking to him. Kreger asked that they contact him before going in to any county road. Garcia assured him that the oil field company would fix the county road that was torn up. No action was taken in the matter.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
The Haskell County Child Welfare Board would like to thank all those who gave to the 2011 Christmas for Kids project. With help from the churches and individuals in our community, 58 families and 136 children in Haskell County received gifts of clothes and toys this past Christmas. We deeply appreciate the donations of money which enabled us to buy these items, and also the great toys that were given. Many deserving children and teenagers were able to have a better Christmas because of the generosity of people in our community.

Sincerely,
Betsy McManamon
Haskell County
Child Welfare Board

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Maybe it's the lull after all the hub-bub of Christmas and the New Year or maybe it's a dose of that all too familiar "great white sheet" descending, but as I sit before this computer this Sunday afternoon I'm about as uninspired as one gets. I'm trying to look back over the week and see what's happened in the town. All I can think of at this time is the livestock show. That's a great endeavor for the kids and I enjoyed seeing the livestock on Friday and the sale on Saturday. There was a nice turnout of parents and interested citizens. Guess I'm still smarting over the fact that I truly wanted a hamburger with fries, but remembered the diet and quickly departed before my resolve weakened.

This diet thing is such a curse! Having been skinny all my life until around late 50's and able to eat as much of anything I wanted, I really wasn't as sensitive to the people in my family who have dieted, struggled, refrained for all their lives. Maybe God is teaching me something in my elder years. My

cardiologist was thrilled that I had set a rather ambitious goal for my weight loss and said, "Be good to yourself; do something nice for yourself." That was one impetus—that and the inability to button my pants plus the fact that three of my high school buddies have suffered strokes around the Christmas holidays. Paul Cooper succumbed to his stroke, Robbie Collins is through with rehab and my wife's cousin, Buddy Herren, just got moved from Mexico to College Station for extensive rehabbing. It seems we need to eat less, exercise at least 3 times/week, keep a watch on the blood pressure and cholesterol readings.

Maybe this lull in activity is a normal thing; my wife says that even the Civic Center schedule is mainly unfilled for the months of January and February. One of our latest mayoral runs revealed that two junked vehicles have been hauled off—that's two less that we have to enforce!

If this spring-like weather continues, we will be in the yards, trimming, weeding and preparing for the next

season. That does bring up another subject that we need to re-visit. One of the problems we have with the street deterioration is: water running out of yards and into the streets. One of the main culprits is those of us (because I'm in this number as well) who have sprinkler systems in our yards. Everyone in this group should go out and check where your water is going, what direction do you have your sprinkler-heads turned? I could name names of offenders. I must admit last year when I saw my sprinklers watering the middle of Avenue L, I was appalled...didn't know it was happening because I had the system set to water in the early a.m. hours when I was still asleep. I encourage you, if this is your situation, please make an effort to see where the sprinklers are watering. Those of you who have full head sprinklers and the head is setting close to the street need to exchange the full radius sprinkler-heads to one-half or three-quarters or you may wind up having to move the offending sprinkler heads. We've visited this

situation many times before, but it has become serious enough that we are going to have to issue warnings and then fines for offenders.

As we move into 2012, you will begin to notice changes and it is my hope that these changes will all work in such a manner as to make Haskell a better place to live. Matthew Duran and Richard Candelaria (our Chief of Police) will be making some significant changes in the Police Department. I was recently told that before implementing too many changes, I should remember that this is Haskell and we don't necessarily like change. We all need to look at these changes that are not only occurring in the Police Department but in other areas also, find out what they mean and then move forward. I don't intend to sit around and wallow in the 'what ifs' when I can and will do all that I can to help us all move forward. We have a brand new year starting out and I am going to do everything I can to make it one of our best and I look forward to your help.

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Haskell Indians ★ Maidens Basketball



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #20 David Newton, #32 Gabriel Torres, #14 Mathew Martinez and #12 Kelby Bell; back row, #34 Sterling Bird, #30 Brett Shelton, #22 Brady Leach, #24 Isaiah Llewellyn and Coach Tate Thompson.

Haskell Indians

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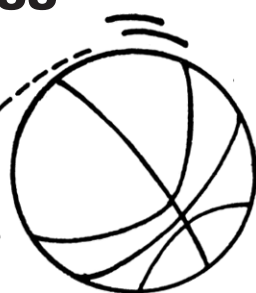


HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #35 Delecia Garcia, #25 Ashley Adams, #21 Myra Rodriguez, #5 Jacie Klose and #23 Sidney Cassidy; back row, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #31 Maci Colley, #33 Dana Rodriguez, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #11 Taylor Burson, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #41 Carson Hadaway.

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2012 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show



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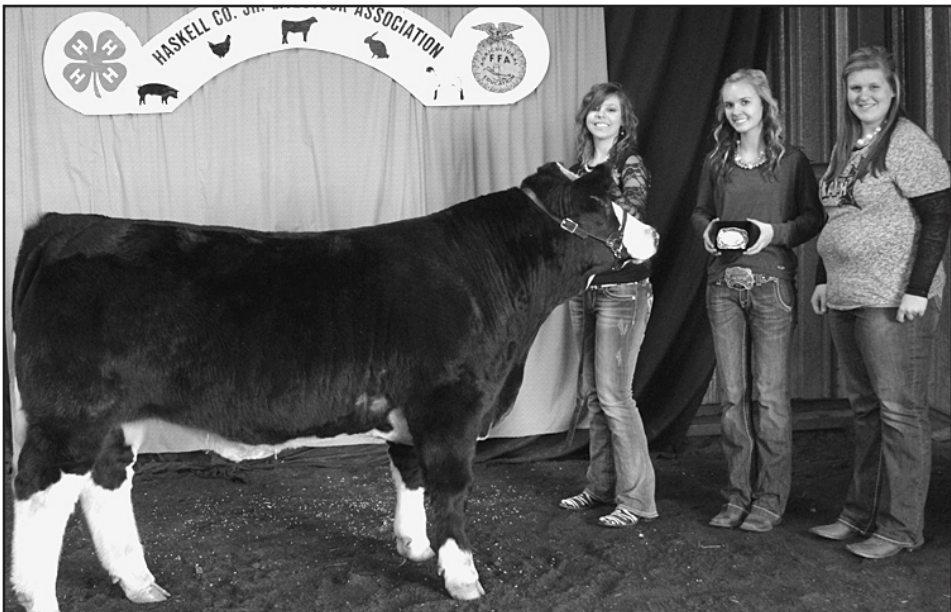
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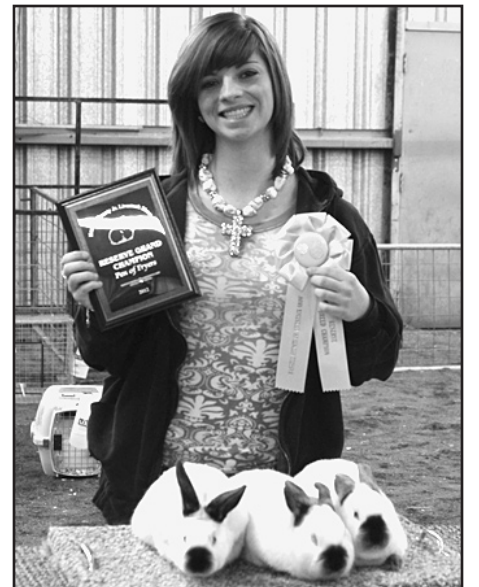
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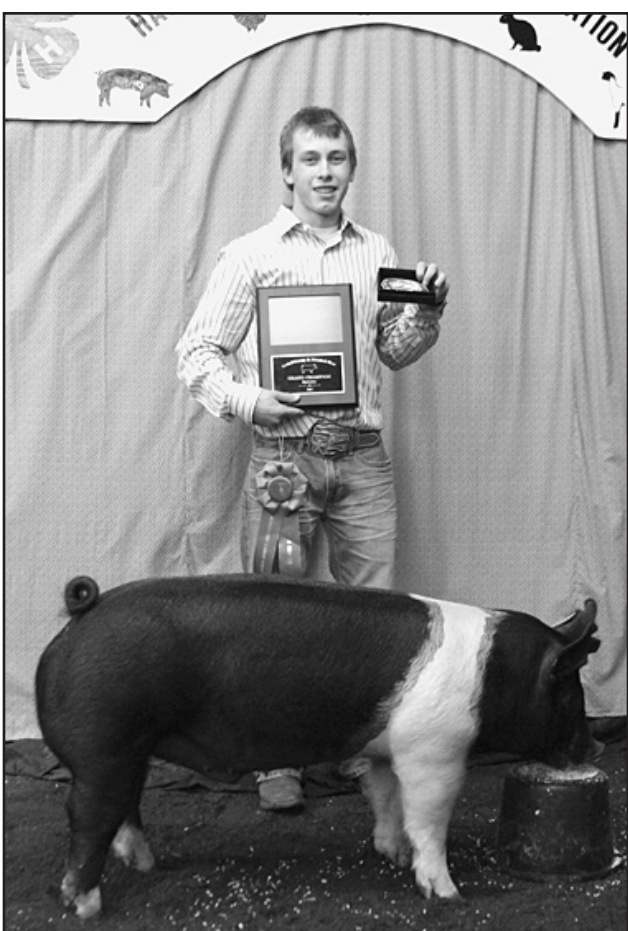
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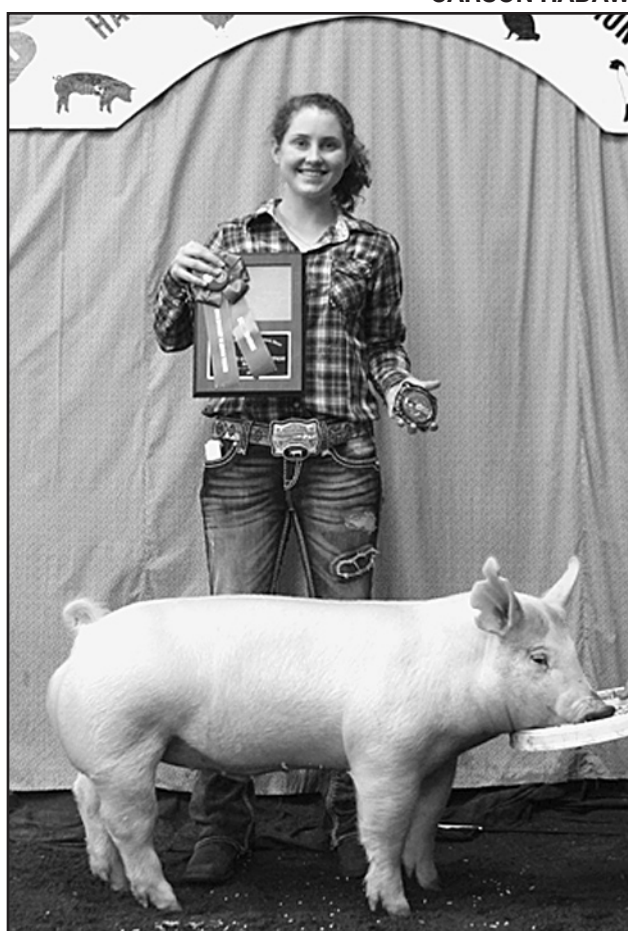
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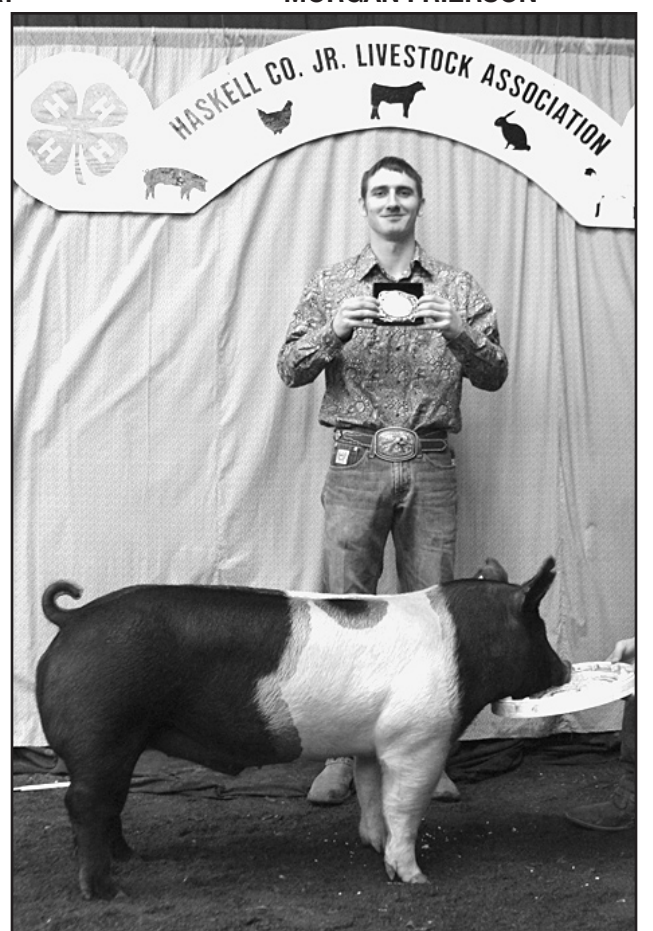
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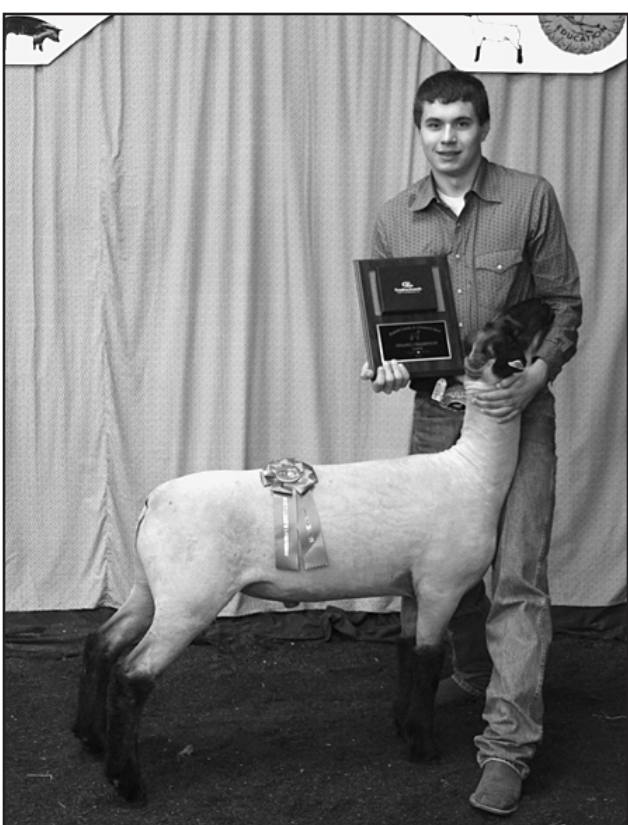
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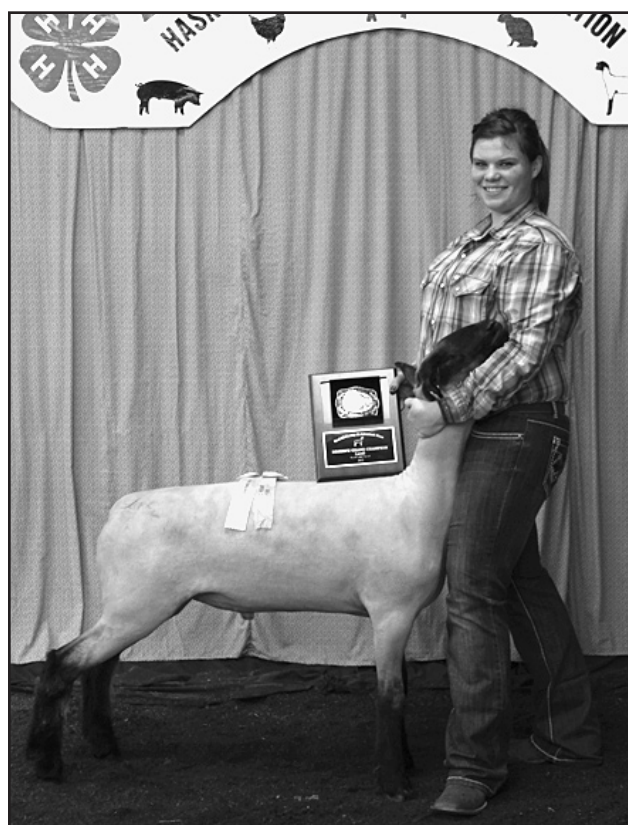
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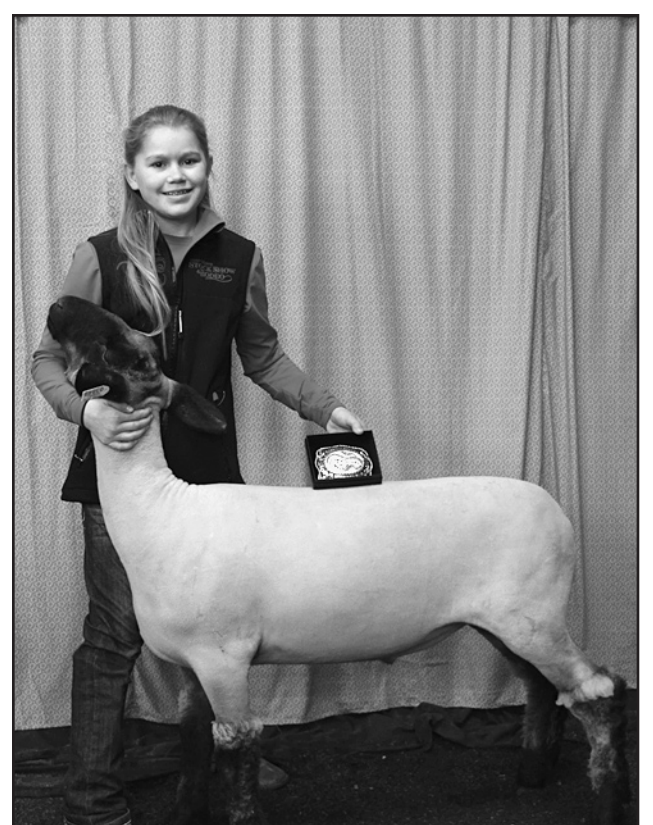
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JR. LAMB SHOWMANSHIP-ZHENIA McTASNEY



HASKELL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell second grade students participating in UIL events include, l-r, Emma Roewe, Delaney Hanson, Tess Homeyer, Aubrey Isbell and Garret Dutton.



HASKELL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell third grade students participating in UIL events include, front row, l-r, Chambray Phemister, Jysela Martinez-Alvarez, Ashlyn Payne, Kiannah Luce and Cade Anderson; back row, Shane Stanfield, Kacie Easterling, Brice Bridges, Tori Hollingsworth and Addisyn Bates. Not pictured are Eddie McBroom and Jacey Hudson.

Haskell students take top honors in UIL academic meets

Haskell Elementary and Rochester Jr. High Sixth Grade participated in the district UIL academic meet that was held in Munday Dec. 7. Students from second through sixth grades competed with students from Electra, Munday, Olney, Petrolia and Seymour.

Haskell won the meet with 527.08 points, followed by Seymour (443.75 points), Munday (442.75 points), Olney (398.5 points), Electra (300.41 points) and Petrolia (185.5 points).

“Our students did a remarkable job representing our school! The students and coaches are to be commended for their hard work preparing for this meet, and thank you to the parents for their encouragement and support,” said Tonya Cypert, elementary UIL director.

The results and participants are as follows with individual results listed first followed by team:

Second Grade Creative

Writing: Tess Homeyer, fourth place; Aubrey Isbell and Emma Roewe.

Storytelling: Garret Dutton, Delaney Hanson and Tess Homeyer.

Third Grade Music Memory: Jacey Hudson, tie for first place; Addyson Bates, Jysela Martinez; and Ashlyn Payne, tied for third place. Eddie McBroom was also on the team which won first place.

Third Grade Ready Writing: Addyson Bates, Kiannah Luce and Ashlyn Payne.

Third Grade Spelling: Shane Stanfield, first place; Brice Bridges, third place; and Jacey Hudson, sixth place. Also won first place team.

Third Grade Storytelling: Cade Anderson, Tori Hollingsworth and Kacie Easterling.

Fourth Grade Art: Alex Brennan, sixth place; Krislyn Tatum, Kelsea Tidrow, Adaline Utley and Addyson Wilhite won second place

team.

Fourth Grade Music Memory: Garrett Waggoner, tied for first place; Addyson Wilhite, tied for fifth place; Logan Burson, Kourtney Gibson and Kelsea Tidrow were on the team that tied for third place.

Fourth Grade Number Sense: Braelyn Bevel, tied for first place; Krislyn Tatum, fifth place; and Landry Hanson won first place team.

Fourth Grade Oral Reading: Braelyn Bevel, Kourtney Gibson and Adaline Utley.

Fourth Grade Ready Writing: Abree Ramos, Garrett Waggoner and Addyson Wilhite.

Fourth Grade Spelling: Garrett Waggoner, fourth place; Braelyn Bevel and Autom Gibbs won the third place team.

Fifth Grade Art: Ernie Homeyer, second place; Ty Coleman, third place; Georgia Benavidez, fifth place; Kristen Guzman and Brison Tullos won first place

team.

Fifth Grade Dictionary: Peyton Smith, fourth place; Jaylea Seeliger, fifth place; and C’Era Taylor won first place team.

Fifth Grade Listening: Peyton Smith, third place; C’Era Taylor, sixth place; and Whitney Masias won second place team.

Fifth Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Reed Roewe, R.J. Castorena and Tyler Newberry.

Fifth Grade Music Memory: Katelyn Hudson, tied for first place; Braden Payne, fifth place; Grace Colley and Allie Address won first place team.

Fifth Grade Number Sense: Ernie Homeyer, Laken Olson and Braden Payne.

Fifth Grade Oral Reading: Kaelyn Bevel, second place; Grace Colley and Katelyn Hudson.

Fifth Grade Ready Writing: Katelyn Hudson, Jaylea Seeliger and C’Era Taylor.

Fifth Grade Social

Studies: Justin Williams, tied for fifth place; Aaron Skiles and Turner Wade won third place team.

Fifth Grade Spelling: Areli Torres, second place; Ernie Homeyer fourth place; and Kaelyn Bevel won first place team.

Sixth Grade Art: Sarah Fouts, first place; Ariel Wolf, tied for sixth place.

Sixth Grade Calculator: Hollyn Hadaway and Riley Sloan, tied for first place; Griffin Buchanan, fifth place. Also won first place team.

Sixth Grade Dictionary: Sarah Fouts, Abby Blair and Kameryn Mathis won second place team.

Sixth Grade Listening: Cody Dutton, fifth place; Peyton Shotts and Servando Martinez tied for third place team.

Sixth Grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Tanner Thomas, second place; Tyler Hoover, fourth place; and Riley Sloan won first place team.

Sixth Grade Mathematics:

Ariel Martinez, sixth place; Ariel Wolf and Heaven Rojas.

Sixth Grade Music Memory: Dalton Meinzer, first place; Hollyn Hadaway, sixth place; Griffin Buchanan, Sarah Fouts and Ariel Martinez won first place team.

Sixth Grade Number Sense: Tanner Thomas, Hollyn Hadaway and Ariel Martinez.

Sixth Grade Oral Reading: Cody Dutton, Abby Blair and Sarah Fouts.

Sixth Grade Ready Writing: Ariel Wolf, first place; Dalton Meinzer, second place; and Ariel Martinez, fourth place.

Sixth Grade Social Studies: Cody Dutton, second place; Peyton Shotts, fourth place; and Cody Kucera won first place team.

Sixth Grade Spelling: Tanner Thomas, third place; Tyler Hoover, fifth place; and Kameryn Mathis won second place team.

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Haskell County Junior Livestock Show results

One hundred-four students entered this year’s Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show held Jan. 12-14 at the Haskell County Show Barn. Approximately \$62,000 was raised during the annual sale. Those wishing to contribute to the sale may still do so by contacting Dale Bullinger or Cherie Dutton.

MARKET SHEEP

Finewool X

Class I: 1. Laken Olson, 4-H; 2. Victoria Hertel, 4-H.

Class II: Brody Stanfield, 4-H; 2. Shane Stanfield, 4-H.

Grand Champion Finewool X

Laken Olson, 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion Finewool X

Brody Stanfield, 4-H

Medium Wool

Class I: 1. Wyatt Hertel, 4-H; 2. Zhenia McTasney, 4-H.

Class II: 1. Hunter Hollingsworth, 4-H; 2. Jasmine Klose, FFA; 3. Brody Stanfield, 4-H.

Class III: 1. Jasmine Klose, FFA; 2. Hunter Hollingsworth, 4-H; 3. Shane Stanfield, 4-H; 4. Zhenia McTasney, 4-H.

Grand Champion Medium Wool

Hunter Hollingsworth, 4-H

Reserve Champion Medium Wool

Jasmine Klose, FFA

Finewool

Class I: 1. Victoria Hertel, 4-H; 2. Brody Stanfield, 4-H.

Grand Champion Finewool

Victoria Hertel, 4-H

Reserve Champion Finewool

Brody Stanfield, 4-H

Grand Champion Lamb

Hunter Hollingsworth, 4-H

Reserve Champion Lamb

Jasmine Klose, FFA

Jr. Lamb Showmanship

Zhenia McTasney, 4-H

Sr. Lamb Showmanship

Jasmine Klose, FFA

FRYER RABBITS

Class I: 1. Madison Mayfield, FFA; 2. Reagan Hadaway, FFA; 3. Allie Address, 4-H; 4. Maci Colley, FFA; 5. Tristan Swinney, 4-H; 6. Makenzie Gass, FFA; 7. Hannah Stout, 4-H; 8. Leann Manske, 4-H; 9. Katie McLemore, FFA; 10. Shayla Hunt, FFA; 11. Breezy Gibbs, FFA.

Class II: 1. Carson Hadaway, FFA; 2. Morgan Frierson, FFA; 3. Tillie McGuire, 4-H; 4. Abby Address, 4-H; 5. Madyson Moore, 4-H; 6. Ashley Adams, FFA; 7. Taylor Flanary, FFA; 8. Caitlin Johnson, FFA; 9. Lori Beth Rodgers, 4-H; 10. Leann Manske, 4-H.

Grand Champion Fryer Rabbit

Carson Hadaway, 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion Fryer Rabbit

Morgan Frierson, 4-H

STEERS

European Division

Class I: 1. Chase Gibson, 4-H; 2. Cheyenne Buerger, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Abby Homeyer, 4-H.

Class II: 1. Kourtney Howard, FFA; 2. Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Braelyn Bevel, 4-H; 4. Shelby Dunnam, FFA.

Class III: 1. Madaline Williams, 4-H; 2. Ernie Homeyer, 4-H; 3. Braelyn Bevel, 4-H; 4. Kyle Kimbrough, FFA.

Grand Champion European Steer

Madaline Williams, 4-H

Reserve Champion European Steer

Chase Gibson, 4-H

American Division

Class I: Madison Homeyer, FFA

Grand Champion American Steer

Madison Homeyer, FFA

English Division

Class I: 1. Kourtney Gibson, 4-H; 2. Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek FFA

Grand Champion English Steer

Kourtney Gibson, 4-H

Reserve Champion English Steer

Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek FFA

Grand Champion Steer

Madaline Williams, 4-H

Reserve Champion Steer

Chase Gibson, 4-H

Jr. Beef Showmanship

Chase Gibson, 4-H

Sr. Beef Showmanship

Shelby Dunnam, FFA

HEIFERS

Chiana: 1. Chase Gibson, 4-H.

Grand Champion Chiana

Chase Gibson, 4-H

Angus: 1. River McTasney, 4-H.

Grand Champion Angus

River McTasney, 4-H

Grand Champion Heifer

Chase Gibson, 4-H

Reserve Champion Heifer

River McTasney, 4-H

MARKET BARROWS

Duroc

Class I: 1. Zach Garcia, 4-H; 2. Wyatt Carmichael, FFA; 3. Lucy Carmichael, FFA; 4. Brison Tullos, 4-H.

Class II: 1. James Todd, Paint Creek FFA; 2. Gabriel

Todd, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Michael Jordan, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Sarah Fouts, FFA.

Class III: 1. Cody Dutton, 4-H; 2. Claire Carmichael, FFA; 3. Cade Anderson, 4-H; 4. Jonathan Primm, FFA; 5. Shelby Dunnam, FFA.

Class IV: 1. Paige Glover, 4-H; 2. Jim Young, 4-H; 3. Felysha Walker, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Hadley Sloan, 4-H; 5. Bailey Hawkins, 4-H.

Grand Champion Duroc

Paige Glover, 4-H

Reserve Champion Duroc

Zach Garcia, 4-H

York

Class I: 1. Hadley Sloan, 4-H; 2. Kaley Mathis, FFA; 3. Kaelyn Bevel, FFA; 4. Austin Alsabrook, FFA.

Class II: 1. Stewart Urich, 4-H; 2. Shelby Dunnam, FFA; 3. Ty Coleman, FFA; 4. Crissy Bassett, FFA; 5. Pryce Stewart, FFA.

Class III: 1. Ty Coleman, FFA; 2. Alye Stewart, FFA; 3. Reed Lee, FFA.

Grand Champion York

Hadley Sloan, 4-H

Reserve Champion York

Stewart Urich, 4-H

Berk

Class I: 1. Hayden Leach, FFA; 2. Hayden Leach, FFA; 3. Sam Fouts, FFA; 4. Zach Garcia, 4-H; 5. Brison Tullos, 4-H.

Grand Champion Berk

Hayden Leach, FFA

Reserve Champion Berk

Hayden Leach, FFA

OPB

Class I: 1. Layce Tullos (Poland), 4-H; 2. Jim Young (Chester), 4-H; 3. Emily Fouts (Poland), FFA; 4. Sarah Fouts (Poland), FFA.

Grand Champion OPB

Layce Tullos, 4-H

Reserve Champion OPB

Jim Young, 4-H

SPOTS

Class I. 1. James Todd, Paint Creek FFA; 2. Laycee Tullos, 4-H; 3. Adaline Utley, 4-H; 4. Taylor Burson, FFA; 5. Meghan Glover, 4-H.

Class II. 1. Sam Fouts, FFA; 2. Stewart Urich, 4-H; 3. Layne Petty, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Emily Fouts, FFA; 5. Cade Anderson, 4-H.

Grand Champion Spot

Sam Fouts, FFA

Reserve Champion Spot

Stewart Urich, 4-H

CROSSBRED

Class I: 1. Ashlyn Bevel, FFA; 2. Kourtney Gibson, FFA; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, FFA; 4. Riley Meinzer, FFA; 5. Braelyn Bevel, FFA; 6. Kymbre Kupatt, FFA; 7. JoLene Navarrette, 4-H; 8. Kyle Adams, 4-H.

Class II: 1. Brady Leach, FFA; 2. Kaelyn Bevel, FFA; 3. Meghan Glover, 4-H; 4. Kymbre Kupatt, FFA; 5. Sidney Campbell, 4-H; 6. Max Weise, FFA; 7. Kourtney Gibson, FFA; 8. Trevor Reese, FFA; 9. Cody Dutton, 4-H; 10. Kaycie Easterling, FFA.

Class III: 1. Alye Stewart, FFA; 2. Kacie Easterling, FFA; 3. Taylor Burson, FFA; 4. Lucy Carmichael, FFA; 5. Lane Burson, FFA; 6. Riley Sloan, 4-H; 7. Cade Anderson, 4-H; 8. Aaron Urich, 4-H.

Class IV: 1. David Newton, FFA; 2. Austin Alsabrook, FFA; 3. Lane Burson, FFA; 4. Cannon Edwards, FFA; 5. Sarah Campbell, 4-H; 6. Logan Burson, FFA; 7. Pryce Stewart, FFA; 8. Halee Alsabrook, FFA.

Class V: 1. Jim Young,

4-H; 2. Kymbre Kupatt, FFA; 3. Wyatt Carmichael, FFA; 4. Payne Utley, 4-H; 5. Abbi Alsabrook, FFA; 6. Aaron Urich, 4-H; 7. Stewart Urich, 4-H; 8. Adaline Utley, 4-H; 9. Pryce Stewart, FFA.

Grand Champion Cross

Alye Stewart, FFA

Reserve Champion Cross

Brady Leach, FFA

Hampshire

Class I. 1. Ashlyn Bevel, FFA; 2. Sarah Campbell, 4-H; 3. Payne Utley, 4-H; 4. Kylie Adams, 4-H; 5. Cody Dutton, 4-H; 6. Max Weise, FFA.

Class II. 1. Krista McLemore, FFA; 2. Sidney Campbell, 4-H; 3. JoLene Navarrette, 4-H.

Class III: 1. Alye Stewart, FFA; 2. Brady Leach, FFA; 3. Cannon Edwards, FFA.

Class IV: 1. Crissy Bassett, FFA; 2. Claire Carmichael, FFA; 3. Cody Dutton, 4-H; 4. Payne Utley, 4-H; 5. Michael Jordan, Paint Creek FFA.

Class V: 1. David Newton, FFA; 2. Paige Glover, 4-H; 3. Dalton Meinzer, FFA; 4. Felysha Walker, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Hollyn Hadaway, FFA; 6. Stewart Urich, 4-H.

Grand Champion Hampshire

David Newton, FFA

Reserve Champion Hampshire

Paige Glover, 4-H

Grand Champion Barrow

David Newton, FFA

Reserve Champion Barrow

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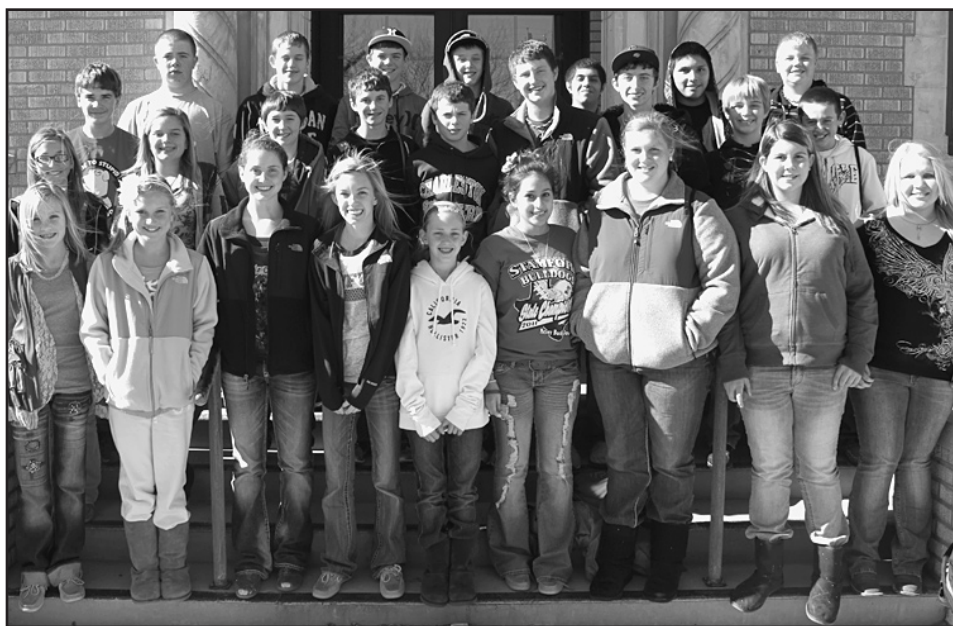
HASKELL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell fourth grade students participating in UIL events include, front row, l-r, Autom Gibbs, Addyson Wilhite, Garrett Waggoner, Krislyn Tatum, Adaline Utley, Kelsea Tidrow and Abree Ramos; back row, Landry Hanson, Logan Burson, Alex Brennan, Kourtney Gibson and Braelyn Bevel.



HASKELL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell sixth grade students participating in UIL events include, front row, Cody Dutton, Corben Davis, Sarah Fouts, Ariel Martinez, Servando Martinez, Ariel Wolf and Cody Kucera; back row, Peyton Shotts, Heaven Rojas, Hollyn Hadaway, Kameryn Mathis, Griffin Buchanan, Dalton Meinzer, Tanner Thomas, Riley Sloan, Abby Blair and Xaviar Bruce.



HASKELL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell fifth grade students participating in UIL events include, front row, l-r, Laken Olson, Whitney Masias, Reed Roewe, Areli Torres, Kaelyn Bevel and Braden Payne; second row, Tyler Newberry, Peyton Smith, Allie Andress, Katelyn Hudson, Ryanna Rodriguez, Grace Colley and Kristen Guzman; third row, Brison Tullos, R.J. Castorena, Evan Green, Ty Coleman, Aaron Skiles, Ernie Homeyer and Justin Williams; back row, Jaylea Seeliger, C'Era Taylor, Turner Wade and Georgia Benavidez. Not pictured is Mateo Aguilar.



HASKELL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell seventh and eighth grade students participating in UIL events include, front row, Kylie Adams, Ashlyn Bevel, Alye Stewart, Jacee Guess, Abby Homeyer, Kara Ramos, Kourtney Howard, Alexis Walker and Katie McLemore; middle row, Hannah Foster, Katie Newberry, Austin Alsabrook, Sam Fouts, Alec Roewe, Pryce Stewart, Taylor Buchanan, Garret Tatum and Kellen Parks; back row, Payton Thomas, Colton Wright, Hayden Hudson, Lane Burson, Dylan Hanson, Davis Benavides, Bobby DeLaSantos and Chase Gibson. Students not pictured include, Victoria Hertel, Stormie Andrade, Jonathan Primm, Garret Campbell, Rudy Espinosa, Jordan Andrade, Sarah Campbell, Destiny Pierce, Kadin Seeliger, Cody Baldwin and Taylor Hunt.

UIL contests

continued from page 7
The Rochester 7th & 8th grades competed in the University Interscholastic League literary contests held in Electra on Dec. 7. Haskell won first in the seventh grade division with a total of 337 points. Second place went to Seymour with 210 pts.; third place was a tie between Electra and Petrolia, each with 131 pts.; fourth place was Olney with 114 pts.; and Munday was in fifth with 78 pts.

and events include:
Art: Victoria Hertel, second; Jacee Guess, third; Kellen Parks, tie for fifth; team, first
Calculator: Abby Homeyer, first; Ashlyn Bevel, second; Kylie Adams, fourth; and team, first
Dictionary: Stormie Andrade, first; Abby Homeyer, second; Payton Thomas, tie for 4th; team, first
Editorial Writing: Chase Gibson, second; Jacee Guess, third

Listening: Colton Wright, fifth
Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Hayden Hudson, first; Sam Fouts, tie for fourth; team, first
Math: Payton Thomas, tie for first; Chase Gibson, tie for first; Abby Homeyer, tie for fifth; team, first
Modern Oratory: Alye Stewart, sixth
Number sense: Payton Thomas, first; Chase Gibson, tie for second; Sam Fouts, sixth; team, first
Ready Writing: Alye

Stewart, second; Hayden Hudson, sixth
Social Studies: Rudy Espinosa, first; Hayden Hudson, third; Victoria Hertel, tie for sixth; team, first
Spelling: Payton Thomas, first; Chase Gibson, sixth; team, first
In the eighth grade division Seymour took first place with 367.5 points, followed by Munday with 220.5 pts., Olney with 125 pts., Haskell with 123 pts., Petrolia with 110 pts., and Electra with 59 pts.

Eighth grade teams and winners include:
Art: Alexis Walker, second; team, second
Calculator: Hannah Foster, tie for second; team, third
Dictionary: Hannah Foster, tie for second
Editorial Writing: Katie McLemore, fifth
Impromptu: Kourtney Howard, sixth
Listening: Jordan Andrade, fourth
Maps, Graphs & Charts: Pryce Stewart, sixth
Modern Oratory: Alexis

Walker, fourth; Katie McLemore, fifth; Pryce Stewart, sixth
Oral Reading: Hannah Foster, second
Ready Writing: Hannah Foster, first; Katie McLemore, third; Pryce Stewart, fourth
Science: Cody Baldwin, fourth
Spelling: Pryce Stewart, sixth, team third.
Thanks to all the junior high UIL individuals and teams who worked very hard to represent their school with pride.

With coldest months ahead it's important to prepare your home for winter

There's nothing like needing to rinse your hair and discovering that not only are you out of hot water, but you've lost water pressure all together. Now, imagine that happening in the middle of winter.
A busted water pipe in the freezing weather is one of those things that can turn the refuge you call home into a nightmare. It's also something that can be prevented by taking the right measures before the coldest months in Texas are upon you.
According to the National Weather Service, the coldest months on average in Texas are January and February. There still is time to prepare your home for winter's wrath, which normally kicks into gear during the first two

months of the year. At least you get to sport some cool sweaters for a while.
Mark Wendland with One Hour Air Conditioning and Heating said investing in your home will ensure your family is safe and comfortable. It also may save you hundreds of dollars on your electricity bill in the long run, he added.
"Some improvements are financial investments but they don't have to be a burden on your budget," Wendland said. "We understand that not everyone has the budget to insulate the attic or replace the water heater. But there are some tips that will cost little to no money but can save you some."
Changing your habits, at least for the season, is

the most inexpensive way to protect your home and pocketbook. "We all can make an effort to use a little less energy, without impacting our comfort and lifestyles," said Jim Steffes, vice president and general manager of WTU Retail Energy. "Even the smallest efforts can yield big results."
•Keep the curtains open during the day to allow the sunlight to heat your home and keeping the curtains drawn as soon as it gets dark will keep that heat from escaping.
•Before moving the thermostat or turning on the heat, consider adding another layer of clothing. Put on that sweater or throw a blanket over your legs as you watch TV.
•Ceilings fans can be your friend in winter as well as summer. In the winter, set the fan to blow toward the ceiling. This pushes the warm air away from the ceiling and evenly distributes it in the room, according to the Department of Energy.
•Change your thermostat setting. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends setting the thermostat to 68°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home in the winter. Their stats also reveal that you can save 5-15 percent a year on heating costs when the heat is set

back 10°-15° for 8 hours - like when everyone's at work and school, for example.
•Install a programmable thermostat which can automatically lower and raise your home's air temperature when you are at work or sleeping.
•Weather-stripping or caulking around windows and doors is one of the best ways to minimize leaks and keep drafts away. Removable caulking is a good option for windows that you open in the summer but not in the winter.
•If you want to make your home feel warmer without turning the thermostat up, consider buying a humidifier.

Humidity makes one feel warmer in colder months. About 20 to 40 percent relative humidity is recommended.
•Maintain the furnace by cleaning filters monthly and replacing them if needed. When it comes to using the fireplace, less is more.
•Use the fireplace sparingly, particularly if it's an older natural one as they are inefficient and draw more heat out of the house than they produce. Close the flue to eliminate drafts when not in use.
•If your budget allows, insulate your attic. According to the Department of Energy, about 43 percent of one's electricity bill goes toward

heating and cooling costs. So check the attic insulation levels, or ask a professional to come in to check for you. Attic insulation prevents energy waste during both winter and summer months, so top up as needed.
•To prevent getting stuck with shampoo in your hair and no water in the shower, insulate water pipes with half-inch foam or pipe tape. According to the Department of Energy, insulating your pipes can save you up to \$25 a year and a big headache later.
•Ensure cavity walls are filled with insulation, which could help you save money every year.

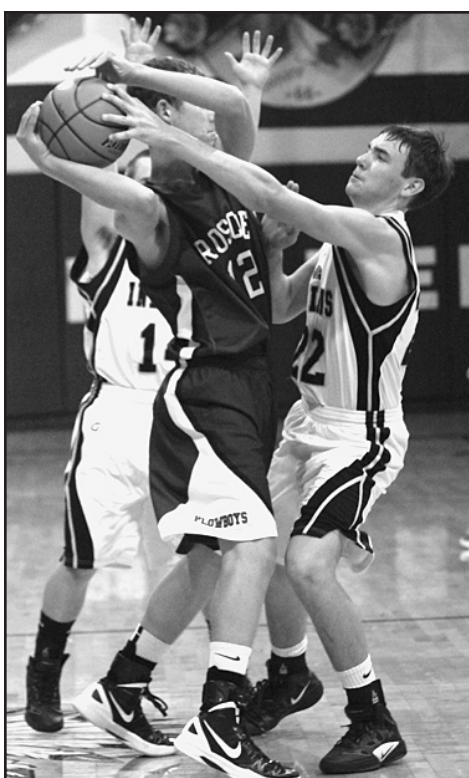
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Food Protection Training Course set in Abilene

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held Feb. 6 and 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo grounds in Abilene.
The training will allow food establishments permitted by the Texas Department of Health to

meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. The exam being used is the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe exam. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas. The course is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension in Haskell, Jones, Nolan, and Taylor Counties and the

Environmental Section of the City of Abilene.
Cost for the class is \$115, which includes the course book and exam. The cost for the exam only is \$65. Registration deadline is Thurs., Jan. 19. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048, Jones County Office at 325-823-2432, Nolan County Office at 325-235-3184 or Haskell County Office at 940-864-2546.



ROSCOE GAME—The Haskell Indians played Roscoe Tues., Jan. 10. Indian #24 Isaiah Llewellyn, left, tips off the ball in favor of the Tribe. Indian #22, Brady Leach, right, attempts to tie up the ball with the help of Indian #14 Mathew Martinez.

ROSCOE GAME—The Haskell Maidens played Roscoe Tues., Jan. 10. Maiden #43 Caitlan Johnson, left, prepares to pass the ball. Maiden #42 McKenzie Shelton, right, sets a screen for Roscoe.

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE
A request has been received from Billy Joe Campbell to change the following described property: Block 19, Lot 1, addition Brown & Roberts OL, address 400 South 3rd East, other description for specific use permit to allow a single wide

mobile home in the retail area zoning district. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for single wide mobile home.
The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on Fri., Feb. 3, 2012 at 12 noon in the City Hall Meeting Room. 3c

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We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits and phone calls through this tough time. Thanks to everyone that helped Paige and Meghan with their swine during Haskell Co. Livestock Show. It was very much appreciated. A special thanks to the doctors and medical staff at Haskell Memorial for taking care of me.
God bless—
Thanks, Chad Glover & Family

*Letter of Gratitude—
To Sheriff David Halliburton, Chief Deputy Winston Stephens and the assisting officers for solving the burglary of my residence this past summer.
My appreciation and thanks!
Rodney Miller*

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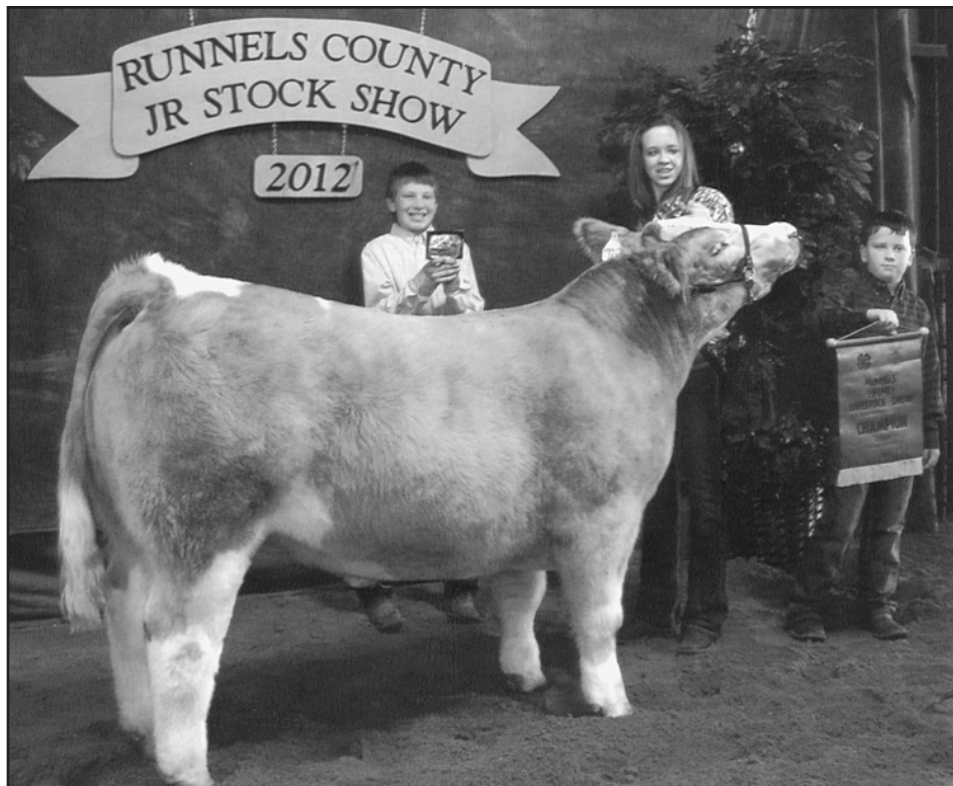
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GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Runnels County Junior Livestock Show received cheers from Haskell folks when Chelsea Toliver won the Grand Champion Steer Jan. 13 in Ballinger. Her brothers, Marcus and Eric, each showed a winner in their class. Marcus won the Junior Showmanship Award. The Tolivers are members of the Runnels County 4-H. Their parents are Joseph and Caroline Toliver of Ballinger and grandparents are Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell.

Rule ISD honor rolls

Rule ISD has released 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, Karleigh Hertel, Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis and Austen Sanford; A-B honor roll, Manuel Ortiz and Julian Trevino.

Second grade: A honor roll, Jillian Herrera; A-B honor roll, Daena Diaz, Lenzi Manske and Abigail Ortiz.

Third grade: A honor roll, Joey Flores and Carlos Cassal; A-B honor roll, Kayla Hollingsworth.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Kiya Bailey, Kennedy Fritzler, Danny Kreger and Madalyn Navarrette.

Fifth grade: A honor roll,

Kourtney Hertel and Avery Tanner; A-B honor roll, Del Fritzler and Leann Manske.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Mason Helms and Thomas Short.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Sierra Faulkner; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baiza, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack and Braden Tanner.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Jonah Caddell, Christina Herrera and Colton Rogers.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Marissa Holder.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Joshua Quintero; A-B honor roll, Darryl Williams.

Students on the perfect attendance list are:

Pre-K: Max Hollabaugh and Kaylee Silvas.

Kindergarten: Sirena

Baiza, Astrid Guzman, Timothy Moore and Harley Sears.

First grade: Karleigh Hertel, Wayland Isbell, Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis and Mason Whitehead.

Second grade: Daena Diaz, Patrick Lightfoot, Abigail Ortiz, Alfonso Ramos, Macy Rogers and Bryson Silvas.

Third grade: Carlos Cassal, Yesenia Moreno, Hannah Sears and Taylor Silvas.

Fourth grade: Kennedy Fritzler, Jessica Ramos Cruz, and Tyler Williams.

Fifth grade: Joseph Chavez, Del Fritzler and Kourtney Hertel.

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

Seventh grade: Abel Sandoval Cruz and Hunter Threet.

Eighth grade: Gabriel Baiza, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack and Braden Tanner.

Ninth grade: Josh Starr.

Eleventh grade: Josh Quintero, Jennifer Starr and Darryl Williams.



HOUSE FIRE—The Haskell and Rule Volunteer Fire Departments were called to a house fire late Saturday night. The vacant house was located north of Rule on FM 617.

Scholarship application deadline approaches

Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are SRTC members.

Ask your high school counselor for SRTC scholarship application packet, stop by your nearest Santa Rosa Telephone office or contact Donna C. Moore at 1-888-886-2217 ext. 38. The completed applications are due Feb. 1.

Last year's scholarship winners were Allison Petty of Rule, and Colby Durham of Crowell.

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.

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Haskell County Appraisal District

REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

January 31, 2012 is the last day to pay your 2011 taxes and avoid the penalty and interest charges.

Haskell Fire Dept. elects officers

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers

Mon., Jan. 16. Mathew Cunningham was elected Fire Chief. Felix Rodriguez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Eddie Klose, Donald Cunningham and Randy Shaw will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Casey Moeller, A.J. Shaw and Stephen Wright.

Kenny Bullard is the safety officer. Al Merchant will serve as the assistant safety officer.

Steven Wright was elected chaplain. Steven Wright and Al Merchant were elected trustees.

Charlotte Johnson is training officer.

Randy Shaw is training coordinator, assisted by Casey Moeller.

Bobby Scheets will serve as secretary-treasurer. Stephen Wright and Charlotte Johnson will serve as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

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HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH... AT HOME!
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Nutrition and the Elderly

Good nutrition is important at any age. For people over the age of 65, it is essential for maintaining health, an active lifestyle and when recovering from illness.

Each day we need nutrients such as **protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals**. When a person is eating a well balanced diet, the food they eat provides these nutrients. Elderly and/or ill people often don't get these vitamins, minerals, etc. for several reasons:

- They don't feel hungry
- They live alone and don't want to cook for 'just one person'
- They can't afford foods high in nutrients due to a limited income
- They are unable to chew or have some difficulty with it
- They are on medications that alter their sense of taste or appetite

Malnutrition is prolonged, inadequate nutrition. It contributes to medical problems and can decrease a person's ability to fight off or recover from an illness.

To help patients improve the way they eat, we can offer several suggestions:

- Eat several (5-6) small meals a day instead of three big ones
- Eat when you feel hungry or have a 'craving' (such as wanting breakfast foods at night or a big meat-and-potatoes meal in the morning)
- Choose foods that are easy to prepare.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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