Basketball games

HASKELL JVG-B, VG-B vs Stanton Fri., Jan. 18, 4 p.m. at Stanton 7th-8th Girls Munday Tournament Sat., Jan. 19, at Munday 7th-8th Boys Munday Tournament Sat., Jan. 19, at Goree 7th-8th Girls vs Colo. City Mon., Jan. 21, 5 p.m. at Colorado City 7th-8th Boys vs Colo. City Mon., Jan. 21, 5 p.m. at Rochester JVG-B, VG-B vs Anson Tues., Jan. 22, 4 p.m. at Anson **PAINT CREEK** VG-VB vs Roby Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. at Roby JH G-B vs Roby Mon., Jan. 21, 6 p.m. at Roby VG-VB vs Asperment Tues., Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Aspermont RULE JVB, VG, VB vs Aspermont Fri., Jan. 18, 5 p.m. at Aspermont JH B Rule Tourney Sat., Jan. 19 at Rule JH G-B vs Lueders-Avoca Mon., Jan. 21, 6 pm. at Lueders-Avoca VG, VB vs Trent Tues., Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Rule

Calendar Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Pack meeting

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold a pack meeting Tues., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room

Youth basketball

Paint Creek Youth Basketball will enroll children in Pre-K (4 years old) through sixth grade to participate in the Paint Creek Youth Basketball program through Fri., Jan. 18. Cost is \$15 and is open to all area children. Students do not have to attend Paint Creek schools to participate. Call Stacy Medford 940-864-3842 or 325-660-5250 or Tamera Hearn 940-256-0099 for more information.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Paul Friske, well-known Abilene artist, will present an oil demonstration. Guests are welcome.

Revival

Trinity Baptist Church, 114 S. Ave. D in Haskell, will conduct revival services Sun. Jan. 27 through Wed., Jan. 30. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and all evening services are at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Russell White, pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Stephenville and son of Pastor Larry White of Haskell serve as evangelist and song leader.

Little Dribblers

Haskell Little Dribblers will signup Jan. 23 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Students in the third through sixth grades are eligible. Cost is \$10. For more information call Missy Burson at 864-8161 or Terri Klose at 864-3801.

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show results inside

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GRAND CHAMPION STEER-Chase Gibson is holding his English steer entry that took the Grand Champion Steer honors during the Haskell Jr. Livestock Show held last

weekend. Gibson shows with the Haskell Jr. 4-H Club. Helping him with his entry is Kourtney Gibson and Ryan Rathmann, steer judge.

The City of O'Brien had a

54.18 percent decrease for

January 2008 of \$52.03 in

comparison to \$113.56 for

The City of Rochester had a

23.82 percent increase for

January 2008 of \$399.76 in

comparison to \$322.84 for

The City of Rule had a 19.68

percent increase for January 2008

of \$1,348.87 in comparison to

\$1,127.04 for January 2007.

January 2007.

January 2007.

January 2007.

January sales tax receipts reported

Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state collected \$1.83 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 9.1 percent compared to December 2006.

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2008-\$448.3 million, up 7.3 percent compared to January 2007.

'Since the state's 2008 fiscal year began last September, sales million, up 5.7 percent compared tax collections are up 7.3 percent to last January.

The eligibility criteria for 2007

livestock and crop year losses has

been expanded, for farmers and

ranchers who suffered recent

livestock and/or crop losses

caused by natural disasters,

announced Glenn R. Brzozowski,

Executive Director for the

Operations and Related Programs

Appropriations Act. 2008 (2008)

Act). The 2008 Act amended the

previous Feb. 28, 2007, date and

now allows for crops planted for

harvest prior to Dec. 31, 2007, to

be included for loss purposes

under the Crop Disaster Program

Similarly, under the Livestock

Program (LCP), the 2008 Act

extends the date livestock and

occurred in a primary or

contiguous county named in a

Secretarial or Presidential disaster

make 2008 crops planted in 2007

eligible for CDP, however it does

benefit farmers in that it expands

the eligibility criteria to include

"This date change does not

declaration to Dec. 31, 2007.

On Dec. 26, 2007, President

Department of State, Foreign Brzozowski.

Compensation

Agency (FSA).

(CDP).

Livestock

compared to the same point in 2007," fiscal Combs said. "While increases have moderated compared to those of the past two years, solid sales tax growth continues.

Comptroller Combs sent January sales tax allocations of \$303.2 million to Texas cities, up 7.4 percent compared to January 2007. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$26.8

crops planted in 2007 that were

intended for harvest in the same

crop year, and it adds 10 months

to the amount of eligible time

livestock losses can be considered

Agency office to apply for

benefits under these new disaster

Brzozowski.

Haskell County Farm Service local USDA Farm Service

of \$31,230.15 in comparison to \$27,767.68 for January 2007.

November.

The City of Haskell had a 11.83 percent increase for

December state sales tax

collections and January

allocations to local governments

represent sales that occurred in

Haskell County had a 12.46

percent increase for January 2008

January 2008 of \$29,164.47 in comparison to \$26,077.09 for January 2007.

crop disaster assistance under

The City of Weinert had a Disaster eligibility date extended 108.43 percent increase for January 2008 of \$265.02 in comparison to \$127.15 for began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for

CDP began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Ending dates for the sign-up for the new programs," said period have not yet been Producers should visit their determined.

For more information about LCP, LIP and CDP, contact the George W. Bush signed the assistance programs, added Haskell County FSA at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or online at http:// Sign-up for livestock disaster www.fsa.usda.gov; under assistance under LCP and LIP "Disaster Assistance Programs."

Haskell FD elects officers

Members of the Haskell Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan.

Randy Shaw was elected Fire livestock feed losses could have Chief. Felix Rodriquez will serve as Assistant Chief.

Donald Eddie Klose. Cunningham and Claude Payne will serve as captains. Lieutenants are Mathew Cunningham, A.J. Shaw and Mike Alsabrook

Jason Torres is the safety officer. Tim Wilson will be the assistant safety officer.

Steven Wright will serve as chaplain. Wes Alsabrook, Mike Alsabrook and James Martin were elected trustees.

Mathew Cunningham is training officer. Charlotte Arendall will serve as assistant training officer.

Mike Alsabrook is equipment manager. Randy Shaw is the public information officer.

Tony Haynes is the secretarytreasurer. Bobby Scheets will serve as the assistant secretary-

Library project shows progress

The library is progressing nicely thanks to the following organizations that have helped to support it financially:

Fields Foundation Haskell; Priddy Foundation Of Wichita Falls; Dian Owens Grave Foundation of Abilene; Wichita Falls Area Foundation; Meadows Foundation of Dallas: Helen Jones Foundation of Lubbock; Hillcrest Foundation of Dallas; Dodge Jones Foundation of Abilene; and Thornton Foundation of California.

By the end of February, the new library building should be finished. A grand opening will be announced. After the library has relocated, a book sale of books that were not moved to the new library will be held.

The meeting room will be available in the daytime and evenings and accommodate 20 people for a meal or 40 people for a meeting. A screen and powerpoint projector will be available for presentations. The kitchen has a microwave and warming ovens. There will be no charge for using the meeting room and it is available for civic organizations.

The library is looking for volunteers to help place books on the shelves at the new library and also to help with the book sale. Donations are still needed to help furnish the children's room and meeting

For more information, call Joan Frazier at 864-2747.



VOLUNTEER RETIRES-Randy Hise was honored for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale during the event held last weekend. Hise is retiring and received a plaque in appreciation of his years of service to the organization.

Obituaries

Wanda Sue Zarelli



WANDA ZARFIII Wanda Sue Zarelli died Fri.. Jan. 4 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Born Sept. 29, 1933 in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Birdie and Mac Mason. She graduated Prairie Grove High School in 1951 where she was editor of the yearbook, a class officer, cheerleader, and honor student who received the American Legion Merit Award.

In the early 1960's, she moved to Hollywood, California and began an illustrious career as a hairstylist and business woman. She was the first licensed female barber in the state of California.

She was once recognized as the top hairstylist in Los Angeles and appeared on a national radio show for this award.

In 1975, in Beverly Hills, California, she opened 'Zarelli Look' hairstyling salon. She was a resident of Beverly Hills and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Wanda had an impressive client list during her career as a hairstylist. Some of the names on that list included actors Lucille Ball, Barbara Eden and Vince Edward: The Lawrence Welk Show and Branson. Missouri, singer Tom Netherton, Jockey Willie Shoemaker, William Morris Talent Agency, moguls Sam Weisborg, and Norman Brokaw' renowned real estate developers Melvin Simon and Jerry Wolman. Wolman was a former owner of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Wanda moved back to Prairie Grove in 1985. She worked for ten years in the dining hall department at the University of Arkansas.

In 1993, she developed breast cancer. She did most of her treatments in Tulsa, at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. She represented the State of Arkansas at the groundbreaking

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of the new cancer treatment center hospital in Tulsa in 2005. She celebrated fifteen years of cancer survival in 2007.

In her later years, Wanda enjoyed cooking, traveling abroad, having lunch with her friends, singing in the church choir, genealogy, and visiting her grandchildren. She was a member of the Prairie Grove Methodist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She was a very talented and beautiful woman who lived an extraordinary life, and along the way, she made many friends and touched many lives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husband, Joe Robison and Leandro Zarelli: one sister, Polly; and one brother,

Survivors include two sons, Marcus Joe Robison and his wife, Leslie of Haskell and Jonathan Shawn Robison of Prairie Grove; one sister, Peggy Lou Karnes of Fort Smith; one brother, L.H. Mason of Wichita, Kansas; two grandchildren, Macy Kate Robison and McCauley Joe Robison of Sulpher, Louisiana. PD. NOTICE

Calendar

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are

not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs.. Jan. 17 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Rennegarbe is the storyteller.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 14, 2008 Haskell Haskell County Gin .. Haskell Co-op Gin 12,290 O'Brien O'Brien Co-op Gin 22,860 Rule Rule Co-op Gin.... .. 10,343 Weinert Griff's Gin 5,383 Weinert Gin... ... 7,810

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Total bales 66,286



Roy Pittman

Sat., Jan. 12 at First Christian Church in Haskell with Pastor Richard Barr and Pastor Dusty Garison officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Pittman died Tues., Jan

Born June 5, 1922 in Haskell County, he was the son of the late Riley Franklin Pittman and Emma Kate Thompson. He married Jewel Holt July 9, 1944 in Haskell. He served in the United Stated Army from Oct. 20, 1942 to Feb. 13, 1943. He spent the next 52 years as owner and operator of Haskell Butane.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and

Survivors include his wife. Jewel Pittman of the home: sons. Roy David Pittman and wife. Diane of Lubbock, Rex Allen Pittman and wife. Camin of Olney; daughter, Betty Murrel Chandler of Colmesneil: grandchildren, Joe Ammons, Taresa Ruddock, Eric Pittman, Cody Chandler, Cole Pittman, Ross Pittman, Callen Pittman; and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, grandson-in-law, Jim Ruddock and friend, Judo Johnson, Honorary pallbearers were all of the coffee drinkers at the Double A Drive Inn.

Memorials may be made the First Christian Church, 104 N. Ave. F, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Elvira Espinosa Castillo McCauley Funeral Home of

Haskell. Rosary was held Wed.,

Mrs. Castillo died Sun., Jan.

Born Aug. 19, 1937 in a small

community near Poteet, she was

one of eight children of the late

Gregorio Espinosa and the late

Santa Garcia Espinosa. She

married David Castillo Aug. 11.

1954. She worked as a CNA at

local nursing centers for several

years. She enjoyed sewing,

fishing and playing games, including cards. She was a

Jan. 16 at the church.

13 in Wichita Falls.



ROY PITTMAN

Pittman, 85, of Haskell were held

Funeral services for Roy

ELVIRA CASTILLO

Funeral mass for Elvia Espinosa Castillo, 70, of Goree will be held Thurs., Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Burial will follow in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-

member of St. George Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Ricardo 'Rick'

Survivors include her

husband of 53 years, David Castillo of Goree; sons, David Castillo Jr. and wife, Theresa of

Olivia, Minnesota, and Scott Castillo and wife, Sammie Jo of Anson; daughters, Gloria Lerma and husband, Oscar of Burleson, Eloisa Sosa of Munday, Nora Andrada and husband, Carlos, Irene Castillo and Jesse Nava, all of Haskell, Brenda Arismendez and Tino Serbantez, both of Brownfield, and Nancy Bergsma and husband, Michael of Grand Rapids, Michigan; 19 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; brother, Marcello Espinosa and wife, Josie; sisters, Dora Mendez and husband, Rey, Carmen Velasquez and husband, Manuel, Eloisa Espinosa and husband, Elia, Mary Ellen Stevens and husband, Greg, all of San Antonio, Isabel Balderas and husband, Domingo of Poteet, Rosa Cordova and husband, Max of Devine; and many friends.

Hassell E. Hunter



HASSELL E. HUNTER Funeral services for Hassell E. Hunter of Houston were held Sat., Jan. 5 in the Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel in Houston. Graveside services followed in Woodlawn Garden of Memories. Miliary honors were conducted by the American Legion Post 586 and Randolph Air Force Base.

Mr. Hunter died Dec. 31 in Houston.

Born in 1923 in Haskell, he was the son of Eugene Clark Hunter and Willie Audrey Key Hunter. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as a Staff Sergeant and radio operator. participating in the Normandy invasion and numerous other actions. He was an employee of the Atomic Energy Commission at the Nevada test site for 10 years and retired from Conoco Oil Co.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Thelma Lucille Williams Hunter.

Survivors include his daughter, Karen Hunter and husband, Eric Bolmer of Houston; son, Russell Hunter of Houston; step sister, Geri Garner; step nephew, Sam Garner; and cousins, J.E. Hunter, Juanita Hunter and Flora Lee Floyd, who still reside in the Haskell. Munday areas where the family was raised. PD. NOTICE

Sylvia Lenora Green Gibbs



SYLVIA GIBBS

Funeral services for Sylvia Lenora Green Gibbs, 83, of resident of Haskell County her

Haskell with Bro. J.C. Amburn and Bro. Larry White officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of

Mrs. Gibbs died Sun., Jan. 13 in a Haskell hospital.

Born Feb. 11, 1924 in Newcastle, she was the daughter of Elmo Green and Elizabeth Moore Green. She married Howard Pool Gibbs June 2, 1945 in Stamford. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1958. She later married Kenneth Gibbs May 5, 1961. He preceded her in death Nov. 26, 1984. She has been a

the Experienced Citizens Center for six years. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; daughter, Donna Mauryce Gibbs Martin on March 5, 2002; son-in-law, Ricky Martin; sisters, Lena Dovie Green Overcash and Lorene Lindley; and brothers, Leonard Green and Nolan Green.

Survivors include her children, Beverly Gibbs Decker and husband, Sammy, Howard Eugene Gibbs and wife, Debra, Tammy Lynn Gibbs Villa and husband, Juan, all of Haskell; eight grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; sister, Helen Haskell were held Wed., Jan. 16 entire life, being a homemaker LaFaye Moeller of Haskell; and at Trinity Baptist Church in and later working as a cook at a host of friends. PD. NOTICE

Christine Marie Curran



Christine Marie Curran, 58, of Haskell was held Fri., Jan. 11 at Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Pastor Richard Barr officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of

Mrs. Curran died Fri., Jan. 4. Born Dec. 24, 1943 in Muncie, Indiana, she was the daughter of James Morehead and Louise Swank Morehead. She married Clifford C. Curran Aug. 28, 1967.

A memorial service for She was a member of Church in the Wind of Haskell. She was preceded in death by

her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford Curran of Haskell; sons, Clifford Curran II, and James William Curran, both of Nevada; daughters, Cheri Evans, Terry Bridges and Amanda Curran, all of Haskell; and eleven grandchildren.

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IRS WARNS ABOUT VEHICLE DEDUCTION ERRORS

The IRS recently announced that more than \$30 billion in taxes are lost annually due to overstating deductions. One of the deductions the IRS believes is being overstated is the deduction for business vehicles. The IRS has issued a fact sheet reminding taxpayers about the business vehicle deduction rules that you can read on the IRS Web site. Here are some of the highlights. •Vehicle use. Not all travel is deductible. Driving from your home

to your office is generally nondeductible commuting. Deductible travel includes driving from one work location to another, visiting clients or customers, attending business meetings, or driving to a porary workplace. •Standard mileage method. Certainly the easiest method to use to

deduct your vehicle expenses is the standard mileage method. You receive a flat rate deduction (48.5 cents a mile in 2007) for every business mile traveled. You can use this method even if you lease your

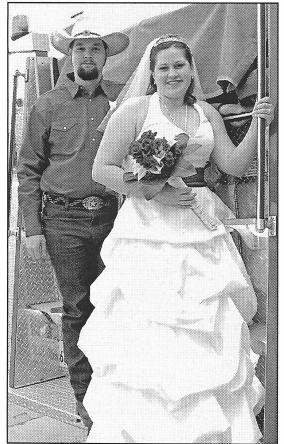
·Actual costs method. Using this method for your vehicle deduction will likely generate a larger deduction if your vehicle is expensive to operate, but it also requires more documentation. To use this method, you divide your business miles by the total miles driven for the year. That computation gives you a business-use percentage. You then use this percentage to deduct the actual expenses that you incur to operate the vehicle, such as gas, repairs, insurance, depreciation, and in some cases interest expense

•Recordkeeping requirements. Regardless of the method you use, you're required to maintain a log of business miles traveled. If you choose to use the actual method, you'll also have to maintain records for all of the actual auto expenses incurred during the year. You can claim 75% of the use of a car or light truck as business use without any records if you used the vehicle during most of the normal business day directly in connection with the business of farming. Understand that you can use whichever method provides the larger deduction.

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MR. AND MRS. A.J. SHAW

Davidson, Shaw wed Dec. 29

A.J. Shaw, both of Haskell, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony Sat., Dec. 29 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Keith Davidson, father of the bride and minister of First Christian Church of Olney, officiating. Tom Long, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Haskell assisted.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Carol Davidson of Loving. She is the granddaughter of Clarence and Lucia Bishop of Iowa and Fred Davidson of Iowa.

The groom is the son of Randy and Lisa Shaw of Haskell. He is the grandson of A.M. Stocks and Vivian Shaw, both of Haskell.

Nelda Lane, organist, and Betty Odell, violinist played traditional wedding selections.

The church pews were tied with red ribbons holding floral sprigs of red roses and white calla

The bride was presented in father of the groom. marriage by her father. She wore a white satin ball gown featuring a pickup skirt accented with a red satin ribbon falling into a train from her waist. A rhinestone encrusted tierra held her fingertip illusion veil, trimmed along the edge with red satin ribbon and embossed with red floral designs above the ribbon. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white calla lilies.

sister of the bride, was matron of Apparatus in Haskell.

Sarah Nichole Davidson and honor. Bridesmaids were Sara Shaw of Abilene, sister-in-law of the bride, and Jenny Davidson of Euless, sister-in-law of the bride. The bridal attendants wore red dresses and carried bouquets of red roses and white calla lilies.

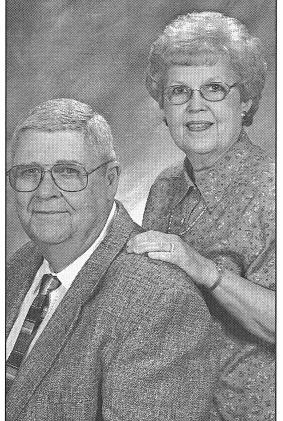
Ringbearer was Graham Davidson of South Lake, nephew of the bride. Flower girl was Caitlin Davidson of South Lake, niece of the bride.

Kris Isbell of Haskell served as best man. Groomsmen were Jason Shaw of Abilene, brother of the groom, and Joseph Felty of Haskell. Ushers were Brian Davidson of Euless and Marty Davidson of South Lake, brothers of the bride.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The houseparty included Alice Ballard, Tammy Cunningham and Jo Ann Watson. The couple left the reception aboard a fire truck driven by Randy Shaw,

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Stamford High School and attends Cisco Junior College pursuing a nursing degree. She is employed by Cadenhead Rural Health Clinic in Haskell.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Paint Creek High School. He is a 2005 graduate of Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater with an Automotive Collision Repair certificate. He is Opal Pierce of San Angelo, employed by Steele Fire



MR. AND MRS. TED JENNINGS

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Ted and Mary Jennings of Haskell will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception Sat., Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ annex.

The reception is hosted by their children Todd and Holly Jennings, Kenzie and Jace of Fredericksburg and Jill and Doug Hall, Jackson and Juliann of

Ted and Mary were married Dec. 24, 1957 at her parent's home near Sagerton. Both are 1957 graduates of Old Glory High School.

Ted attended school at Seymour and served in the Aviation branch of the U.S. Army from 1957-60 in Korea. He retired from GTE Telephone Company after 32 years of

During Ted's employment with GTE, the couple lived in Seymour, Booker, Aspermont, Shattuck, Oklahoma and in

Haskell for 37 years. Mary is retired from the Texas Department of Human Services.

They are members of the Haskell Church of Christ.

Births

Chan and Bridget Guess of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Cami Brynn Guess, born Dec. 14 at 5:38 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. She was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by

big sister, Jacee Guess, age 9. Grandparents are Mike and Beth Guess of Haskell and Ronnie and Shere Forbes of Brownfield. Great grandparents are Gentry and Mavis Middleton, and Mary Sue and Pat Henry, all

Justin and Megan Cox of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Rvan Jefferv Cox, born Dec. 12 at 9:49 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. He was 18-1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big sister, Kenley Grace Cox.

Grandparents are Jeff and Melinda Kennedy of Franklin and Dan and Esther Cox of





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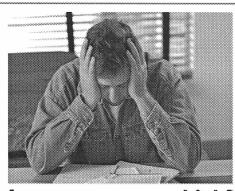
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HIGHLIGHTS

UIL adopts rules for athlete drug testing

AUSTIN-Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Jan. 10 lauded adoption of rules to conduct mandatory, random steroid testing for Texas high school athletes.

"I'm pleased the University Interscholastic League has taken a giant step forward to save lives by adopting fair and balanced testing rules ...," he said.

Students who wish to participate in UIL athletics must sign a statement saying they are aware of the health dangers of taking anabolic steroids and promise not to take them.

Parents and guardians will have to sign a statement that reads as follows:

"I have read the above information and acknowledge that a prerequisite of my student's participation in UIL athletic activities is that they refrain from illegal steroid use and agree that, if selected, they will submit to testing for the presence of illegal anabolic steroids in their body. I understand that failure to provide accurate and truthful information could subject the participant in question to penalties as determined by UIL."

Fingerprinting program begins

Texas public school employees now must be fingerprinted in accordance with a law passed by the 80th Texas Legislature last spring.

Teachers, substitute teachers and administrators are required to submit to national criminal background checks, and fingerprinting is part of that.

The FBI will analyze data gathered in the background checks and the information will be kept on file.

Dewhurst said background checks and fingerprinting have helped in identifying sex offenders and felons working in Texas schools.

Teacher pay study is released

An annual report on Texas public schoolteacher salaries and benefits indicates that teachers' pay is "up slightly" in 2007-2008.

The report, compiled by the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators, includes data collected from 747 of the state's 1,031 school districts.

The weighted average teacher salary in responding districts is \$46,336 for 2007-08, up 3.2 percent from the 2006-07 average salary of \$44.897.

Among its many findings, the

Lisa Shaw

study shows:

•465 districts pay stipends to

•102 districts reported that teachers can qualify for longevity

new hires for 2007-2008.

Appellate court rules on NCLB

The issue of unfunded federal mandates strains many Texas school districts, so this may indicate change on the horizon:

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati on Ian. 7 ruled that the federal government may not force states and school districts to spend their own funds to meet the mandates of "No Child Left Behind."

The Washington, D.C.-based National Education Association and nine school districts filed suit in a Michigan district court against the Secretary of Education, seeking among other relief, a judgment declaring that they need not comply with the act's requirements where federal funds do not cover the increased costs of compliance.

School safety audits are coming

Beginning in September 2008, Texas school districts must report the results of their first campus security audits to the Texas School Safety Center.

Texas law requires schools to conduct these safety audits every three years and practice their campus emergency management

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott encouraged all school districts to team up with law enforcement to annually practice campus safety procedures:

"Having a plan is important, but executing that plan under stress - when seconds count-is critical to saving lives," Abbott

States join in death penalty brief

The attorneys general of 19 states ioined Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz in a friend-of-the-court brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in a Kentucky case, Baze v. Rees.

Texas argues that the four-step lethal injection protocol used as the primary means to carry out capital punishment in Texas and 36 other states does not violate the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution because when properly administered, it is not 'cruel and unusual."

A decision in the case may be announced from the bench any time between now and the end of



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YOUR ADVICE?

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

her sister and family, Maxine and

visited in the home of Pud and

30 Years Ago

January 19, 1978

Junior Livestock Show were

Stanley Hager, Grand Champion

Steer; Joe Wilfong, Grand

Champion Heifer; Wade

Matthews, Grand Champion

Lamb and Kris Kupatt, Grand

Seventy-five area farmers left

Haskell for an eight day trip to

Washington D.C. where they will

lobby with other farmers from

across the nation for a better farm

at the District III 4-H Food Show

in Wichita Falls were Joanne

Cloud, Rule 4-H; Donna

Gilleland, Haskell 4-H; Sheila

Moeller, Haskell 4-H; Holli High,

Haskell 4-H; Mikeana Wilcox,

Rule 4-H; Sonja Tidrow, Haskell

4-H; Kay Campbell, Haskell 4-

H; and Kim Campbell, Haskell 4-

Underwood of Atoka, Oklahoma

visited his uncle, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Otto Lehrmann visited in

Florene Sorrells, Marie

Brothers, both of Rule, Mr. and

Mrs. Gus Rueffer of Weinert

40 Years Ago

January 18, 1968

children and Mr. and Mrs. Tullie

Herring visited in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Melvin Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hinds.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parris and

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dane of

Wallace Allison, Gary Cox,

Paducah visited in the home of

returned home after showing their

swine at the National Livestock

Rickey Lehrmann, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Norvell Lehrmann, an

eighth grader a Rule Junior High,

show in Athens, Georgia.

the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C.

Marvin Medford.

Schwartz in Snyder.

visited W.O. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford

Representing Haskell County

Champion Barrow.

program.

Winners of the Haskell County

Burgess and Maye Forehand

Roy Boling in Olney.

Susie Brockett.

10 Years Ago January 15, 1998

Marci McSmith, daughter of Bill and Carol McSmith, visited the Rotary Club.

Gavino Ortiz made nine 3pointers during the Indians victory over Chillicothe 83-63.

Haskell High School senior, Cody Caraway qualified for Area

Alvin and Alice Bredthauer were in Bartlesville, Oklahoma visiting with his son, Harold and Joy Bredthauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Don White of Jacksboro, visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis.

20 Years Ago January 21, 1988

Haskell High School English teacher, Lynda Burris, is one of 300 teachers nominated for a Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers. This award recognizes creative teachers who make special efforts to prepare their students for high education. Burris, a teacher of 12 years, was nominated by her principal.

Haskell band boosters began selling Haskell Indian spirit

The Haskell City Council passed a litter control ordinance to address many of the litter problems in the city. The ordinance is expected to support the efforts of the Beautify Haskell campaign through which Haskell is competing for the governor's award of \$25,000.

Traci Fry of Rochester, a Junior English education and news editorial major at Abilene Christian University, made the dean's honor roll with a 4.0

Mark Young has been named to the Abilene Report News allarea football team.

Lee visited her daughter, Jean Forehand and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Stout and children of Bedford visited in the home of his parents, Floyd and

Ida and Willie Farrell visited

McTasney.

Paige Ramirez.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Destiny Carson; A-B honor roll, Sara Edwards, Taylor Hunt and

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Joey Bosnjak; A-B honor roll, Bryant Booe, Hanna Colley, Chris Elias and Micah Waggoner.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Shawn Myers; A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Ben Groves, Katelyn Martin, Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford, David Powell, Dalinne Reed, Chris Richardson and Tarah Trotter.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Cheyenne Buerger and Danielle

Basketball Tournament at Paint 50 Years Ago

January 16, 1958

team at the Junior High

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OUR WINTER ROADS..

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Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Patterson of Hobbs, New Mexico visited Mrs. Lou Kelso.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. W.E. Hellums was her sister, Mrs. H.E. Gossett of Portales, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leggett and Mrs. Melvin Turnbow and family, W.J. and Loretta Turnbow spent the weekend in Lovington, New Mexico visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trussell. Trussell is a daughter of Turnbow and a sister of Leggett.

Visitors in the W.P. Russell home were all their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hones and daughter of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Patterson and daughter of Hobbs, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lee and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Russell and family of Rochester.

Minnie Watson who has been a resident of Haskell County since 1909 celebrated her 87th

Haskell Indians came from behind in the final quarter to defeat the Anson Tigers 54-53, in a district 4-AA basketball season opener. Top scorers were Chester Jones and Bobby Camp.

100 Years Ago January 18, 1908

Mrs. O.E. Patterson left on a visit to her parents at Taylor. Constable L.F. Burns of Sagerton was in Haskell.

Judge P.D. Sanders left for Abilene to attend a meeting of the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs, which he was invited to address.

J.W. Collins spent several days at his farm. He is building tenant Grace Skipworth of Robert John Pike and Cecil Lewis have houses and preparing his crops.

M.R. Hemphill returned from Fort Worth where he had shipped two loads of cattle.

F.G. Alexander left the first part of the week on a business trip to Fort Worth and other Texas was elected to the all tournament points.

Paint Creek honor students named

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

First grade: A honor roll, Jr. Bogle, Bailey Hawkins, Dakota Hearn, Logan Escamilla Cequin McIlwain, Kyler Rainey, Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez; A-B honor roll, Chase Thompson.

Second grade: A honor roll, Cheyenne Elias and Felicity Gentry; A-B honor roll, Chance Hobert, Hagen Isbell, Devery Reed, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White.

Third grade: A honor roll, Kasie Isbell, Catherine Lemond and Buddy Trotter; A-B honor roll, Sabrina Conn and Eugenia

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Katrina Buerger and Caleb McCord; A-B honor roll, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Haley Myers and Felysha Walker.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop; A-B honor roll, Denton

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Britney Martinez and Brittany Waggoner.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll,

Lacey Stephens. Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Charlie Myers and Rusty Rogers; A-B honor roll, Chandra Ingram and Miranda Powell.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

January 11, 2008

USDA's January supply/ demand report was deemed neutral to positive by cotton market observers despite an increase in crop production estimates and a reduction in U.S. cotton exports.

USDA raised its estimate for U.S. 2007-08 cotton production to 19.03 million bales from 18.99 million estimated in December and lowered U.S. exports to 16.0 million bales from 16.20 million in the previous report. Therefore, ending stocks were bumped up from 7.7 million to 7.9 million bales.

"The U.S. numbers were largely unchanged and stayed close to analysts' projections," a market watcher explained. "There were no big surprises where U.S. numbers were concerned, but world numbers held a few interesting figures.'

USDA's world cotton forecast included lower beginning stocks, production, consumption, trade, and ending stocks when compared to the previous month's report. Global cotton consumption was projected at 128.02 million bales, down slightly from 128.07 million, and world cotton production was lowered to 118.25 million bales from 118.76 million one month ago. As a result, world ending stocks were lowered approximately 500,000 bales.

While analysts expected lower production from China and Pakistan, the fact that the department raised India's production figure caught many in the market off guard. Production in India, the world's second largest cotton producing country, increased by one million bales to 25 million in USDA's latest report. Additionally, the country's exports were pushed up to 5.8 million bales from 5.3 million.

"We knew India was exporting more cotton so to raise exports makes sense, but most of us weren't expecting them to raise production as much as they did," one analyst

USDA shaved one million bales off the production forecast for China, the world's top cotton producer. The department pegged China's cotton production at 34.50 million bales and lowered the country's imports to 14 million bales from 14.5 million the month before. Therefore, China's ending stocks estimate was pushed down to 15.64 million bales from 17.14 million.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of 60,700 bales in the week ended Jan. 3, a four percent increase from sales the week before, but 64 percent less than the four-week average. Primary buyers were China, Hong Kong, Turkey and Taiwan. Export shipments of 162,700

bales were up 32 percent from the previous week but down 10 percent from the four-week average. Major destinations included Turkey, Indonesia, Thailand and Mexico.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 55,496 bales in the holiday-shortened week ended Jan. 3 compared to 66,452 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 57.48 to 62.05 cents per pound versus 58.02 to 61.79 cents per pound one week earlier.

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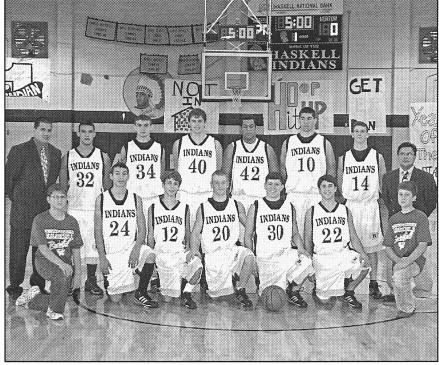
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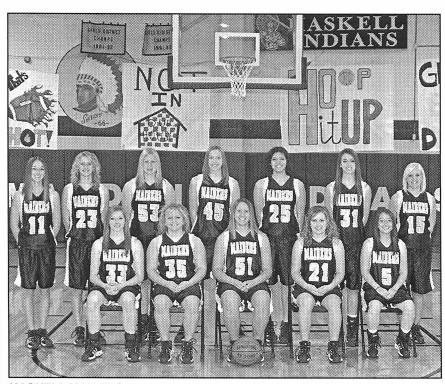
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HASKELL INDIANS-Front row, I-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriquez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski and Coach Toby Villa.



HASKELL MAIDENS-Front row, I-r, Hope Reid, Lauren Newton, Lacey Peiser, Paige Adams and Claire Isbell; back row, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace and Aerial Thane.

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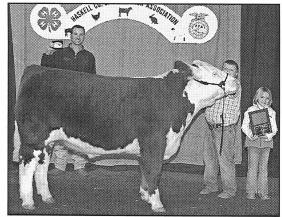
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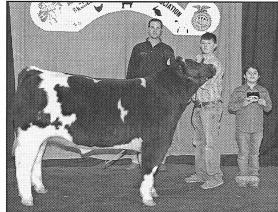
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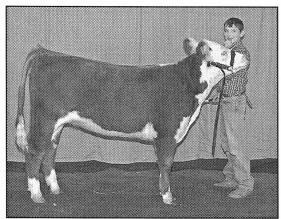
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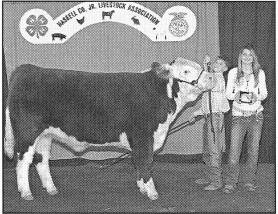
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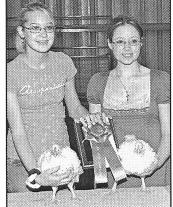
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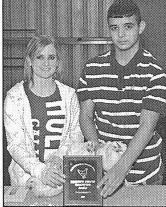
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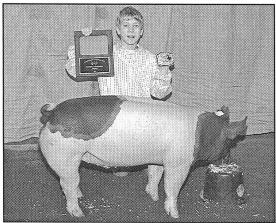




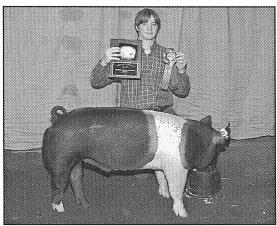
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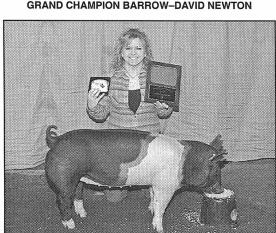
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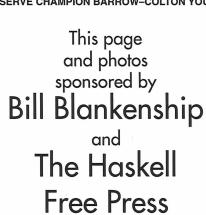
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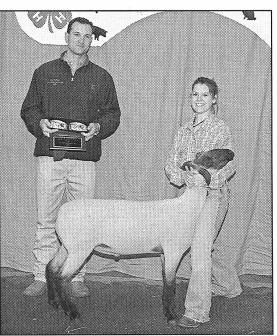


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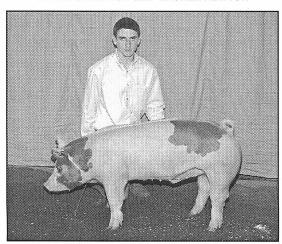


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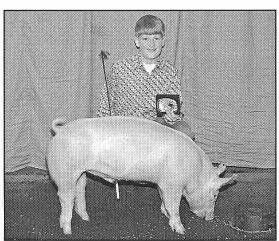




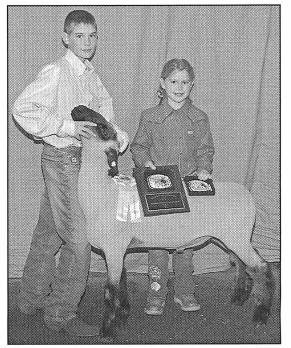
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB & SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP BROOKE BULLINGER, right



SENIOR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP-PAYNE UTLEY



JUNIOR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP-MAX WEISE



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB & JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP **RIVER McTASNEY, left**

Haskell County Junior Livestock Show resu

year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show held Jan. 10-12 at the Haskell County Show Barn, Approximately \$83,000 was raised during the annual sale. Results include:

SWINE BARROWS

Chester 1st Class: 1. Jim Young, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Sam Fouts, Haskell Jr. FFA; 4. Bryant Booe, Paint Creek FFA.

Cross 1st Class: 1. Meghan Glover, Rochester 4-H; 2. Payne Utley, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Morgan Lisle, Rule 4-H; 4. Stewart Urich, Rochester 4-H: 5, Jonathan Primm. Haskell Jr. FFA: 6. Ashlyn Beyel. Haskell Jr. FFA; 7. Trevor Reese, Haskell Jr. FFA.

Cross 2nd Class: 1. Paige Glover, Rochester 4-H; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA: 3. Rvan Pace. Rule 4-H; 4. Katie Grand, Haskell FFA: 5. Ariel Blair, Paint Creek

Cross 3rd Class: 1. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Stewart Urich, Rochester 4-H; 4. Brady Leach, Haskell Jr. FFA; 5. Kimie Hutchinson, Haskell FFA; 6. David Newton, Haskell Jr. FFA.

Cross 4th Class: 1. Jordan Burson, Haskell FFA; 2. Drake Everett, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell Jr. FFA: 4. Rebecca Foreman, Rule FFA; 5. Chris Lewis, Rule FFA; 6. Levi Grand, Haskell Jr. FFA.

Cross 5th Class: 1. David Newton, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Payne Utley, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Lauren Newton. Haskell FFA; 5. Dustin Rainey, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 6. Tyler Reese, Haskell FFA; 7. Nick Johnson, Rule FFA; 8. Payne Utley, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

Duroc 1st Class: 1. Sydney Saucedo, Rule 4-H; 2. Tate Rainey, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 3. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Trevor Reese, Haskell Jr. FFA.

Duroc 2nd Class: 1. Emily Fouts, Haskell Jr. FFA: 2. Miranda Johnson, Haskell FFA; 3. Aeriel Thane, Haskell FFA; 4. Zeb Petty,

Duroc 3rd Class: 1. Meghan Glover, Rochester 4-H; 2. Jordan Burson, Haskell FFA; 3. Cody Reece, Rule FFA; 4. Amber Gilbreth, Paint Creek FFA.

Duroc 4th Class: 1. Cedar McIlwain, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. C. J. Saucedo, Rule 4-H; 3. Caitlin Medford, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Drake Everett, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Tyler Reese, Haskell FFA.

Hampshire 1st Class: 1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Jonathan Primm, Haskell Jr. FFA; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell Jr. FFA; 4. Ashlyn Bevel, Haskell Jr. FFA; 5. Tate Rainey, Haskell Jr. 4-H 6. Cody McLemore, Haskell FFA; 7. Aubrey Bassett, Haskell FFA.

Hampshire 2nd Class: 1. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Lauren Newton, Haskell FFA; 3. Aaron Urich, Rochester 4-H; 4. Dustin Rainey, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Caleb Whitfield, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Cannon Edwards, Haskell Jr. FFA; 7. Katie Grand, Haskell FFA.

Hampshire 3rd Class: 1. Paige Glover, Rochester 4-H; 2. David Newton, Haskell Jr. FFA; 3. Lane Burson, Haskell Jr. FFA; 4. Payne Utley, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Laycee Tullos, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 6. Kimie Hutchinson, Haskell FFA: 7. Kymbre Kupatt, Haskell Jr. FFA; 8. Taylor Burson, Haskell Jr. FFA: 10. Brennan Medford, Paint Creek Hayden Leach, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Bryant Booe, Paint Creek FFA: 4. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek FFA 5. Sarah Campbell, Rule 4-H 6. Sarah Campbell, Rule 4-H; 7. Cole Hutchinson, Haskell Jr. FFA.

Hampshire 5th Class: 1. Colton Young, Haskell FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Destini Ravnes, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Cody Reece, Rule FFA; 5. Tate Rainey, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 6. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek FFA; 7. Miranda Johnson, Haskell FFA.

Yorkshire 1st Class: 1. Cole Hutchinson, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Aerial Thane, Haskell FFA; 3. Max Weise, Haskell Jr. FFA.

Yorkshire 2nd Class: 1. Aaron Urich, Rochester 4-H; 2. Sara Weise, Haskell FFA; 3. Ashlyn Bevel, Haskell Jr. FFA; 4. Kimie Hutchinson, Haskell FFA.

Yorkshire 3rd Class: 1. Colton Young, Haskell FFA; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Rebecca Foreman, Rule FFA; 4. Aubrey Bassett, Haskell FFA; 5. Dustin Rainey, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

OPB 1st Class: 1. Sam Fouts, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Kourtney Howard, Haskell Jr. FFA; 3. Jim Young, Haskell Jr. FFA; 4. Allison Petty, Rule FFA.

OPB 2nd Class: 1. Emily Fouts, Haskell Jr. FFA; 2. Laycee Tullos, Haskell Sr. 4-H: 3, Rance Sorley, Rule FFA.

Barrow Breed Champions Chester Breed Champion Jim Young, Haskell Jr. FFA Chester Reserve

Breed Champion Kate Rowan, Rule FFA **Cross Breed Champion** David Newton, Haskell Jr. FFA Cross Reserve

Breed Champion Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA **Duroc Breed Champion** Sydney Saucedo, Rule 4-H **Duroc Reserve Breed Champion**

Cedar McIlwain Haskell Jr. 4-H **Hampshire Breed Champion** Colton Young, Haskell FFA

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Yorkshire Reserve **Breed Champion** Aaron Urich, Rochester 4-H **Barrow Overall**

Grand Champion Barrow David Newton, Haskell Jr. FFA Reserve Champion Barrow Colton Young, Haskell FFA **SWINE GILTS**

OPB: 1. Dustin Rainey, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Joseph Turner, Rule 4-H; 3. Cedar McIlwain, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Daniel Turner, Rule 4-H; 5. Shawn Duncan, Haskell Sr. 4-

Hampshires: 1. Lauren lewton, Haskell FFA; 2. JoLene Navarrette, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 3. Tate Rainey, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Samantha Lewis, Rule FFA.

Gilt Breed Champions OPB Breed Champion Dustin Rainey, Haskell Sr. 4-H **OPB** Reserve

Breed Champion Joseph Turner, Rule 4-H Hampshire Breed Champion Lauren Newton, Haskell FFA Hampshire Reserve

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JoLene Navarrette Haskell Jr. 4-H Gilt Overall **Grand Champion Gilt** Lauren Newton, Haskell FFA Reserve Champion Gilt

Dustin Rainey, Haskell Sr. 4-H **Swine Showmanship** Jr. Swine Showmanship Max Weise, Haskell Jr. FFA Sr. Swine Showmanship Payne Utley, Haskell Sr. 4-H

STEERS

English Steers 1st Class: 1. James Williams, Haskell FFA; 2. Katrina Buerger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell Jr.

English Steers 2nd Class: 1. Chase Gibson, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Kyle Kimbrough, Haskell Jr.

European Steers 1st Class: 1. Kelsie Adams, Haskell Sr. 4-H: 2. Madiline Williams, Haskell Jr. FFA; 3. Katrina Buerger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Cheyenne Buerger, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

European Steers 2nd Class: 1. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell Jr. FFA; Paige Adams, Haskell Sr. 4-H;
 Luke Terry, Haskell FFA.

Steer Breed Champions English Breed Champion Chase Gibson, Haskell Jr. 4-H

English Reserve Breed Champion Meagan Kimbrough Haskell Sr. 4-H **European Breed Champion** Shelby Dunnam Haskell Jr. FFA European Reserve

Breed Champion Paige Adams, Haskell Sr. 4-H **Steer Overall Grand Champion Steer** Chase Gibson, Haskell Jr. 4-H

(English) Reserve Champion Steer Shelby Dunnam Haskell Jr. FFA (European) **HEIFERS**

European Heifers 1st & Breed Champion Chase Gibson, Haskell Jr. 4-H **Hereford Heifers**

> 1st & Breed Champion Stewart Urich Rochester 4-H 2nd & Reserve **Breed Champion** Aaron Urich, Rochester 4-H Heifer Overall

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Beef Showmanship Jr. Beef Showmanship Kyle Kimbrough Haskell Jr. 4-H Sr. Beef Showmanship James Williams Haskell FFA

MARKET LAMBS Finewool: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

Finewool X: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 3. Zhenia McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-

Medium Wool Light Class I: 1. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. Destini Carson, Paint Creek

Medium Wool Medium Class II: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 3. Zhenia McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Victoria Hertel, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Lamb Breed Champions Fine Wool Breed Champion Brooke Bullinger Haskell Sr. 4-H

Fine Wool X Breed Champion Brooke Bullinger Haskell Sr. 4-H Fine Wool X Reserve **Breed Champion** River McTasney

Haskell Jr. 4-H Medium Wool **Breed Champion** Brooke Bullinger Haskell Sr. 4-H

Medium Wool Reserve Breed Champion River McTasney Haskell Jr. 4-H Lamb Overall

Grand Champion Lamb Brooke Bullinger Haskell Sr. 4-H Reserve Champion Lamb

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

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1. Candace Hill, Haskell FFA; 1. Ricky Barrett, Haskell FFA. **Grand Champion Poultry** Candace Hill, Haskell FFA Reserve Champion Poultry Ricky Barrett, Haskell FFA FRYER RABBITS

1. Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H; 2. Tillie McGuire, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3.

Shady Dunlap, Rule 4-H; 4. Taylor Flanary, Rule 4-H.

Fryer Rabbits Overall **Grand Champion** Fryer Rabbit Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H **Reserve Champion** Fryer Rabbit Tillie McGuire, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Rule ISD lists honor students

A and A-B honor rolls for the third six weeks.

First grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel, Brittany Macias, Avery Tanner; A-B honor roll, Leann Manske, Melana Quirago.

Second grade: A honor roll, Alexandrea Martinez, Christina Moore, Alexzandra Cooper, Thomas Short; A-B honor roll, Breanna Bruce, Xaviar Bruce, Pablo Sandoval

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh, Ian Mauro, America Shelton, Casey Stiewert, Hunter Threet.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Haley Macias, Sarah Campbell, Braden Tanner; A-B honor roll, Kylie DeVille, Matthew Frazier, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack, Shanisha Vandervilt.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Christina Herrera; A-B honor roll, Daniel Campos, Keelie DeVille,

Rule ISD has announced the Shady Dunlap, Taylor Flanary, Stormie Hollabaugh, Ryan Pace. Sixth grade: A-B honor roll,

Brandon Cooper, Steven Lefevre. Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Travis Cox, Josh Quintero, Daniel Turner, Daryl Williams.

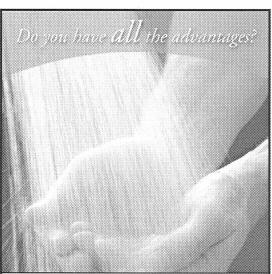
Eighth grade: A honor roll, Dennise Salas; A-B honor roll, Evelyn Campos, Alex Lyon. Ninth grade: A honor roll,

Jenny Dudensing; A-B honor roll, Samantha Benavides, Grace Burgess, Allison Petty.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Sonya Camacho; A-B honor roll, Nick Johnson, Joseph Turner.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Molly Dudensing, Andrew Hertel, Kelsie Miller; A-B honor roll, Steven Anderson, Tate Clark, Marty Hall, Vinnie Perales, Tiffany Rios, Rance Sorley.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Stephen Pace, Kiel Rowan; A-B honor roll, Lauren Messenger, Callie Papasan, Kyna Scheets.



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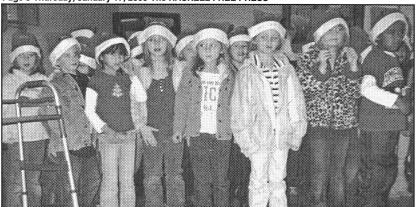
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HOLIDAY CAROLS-Haskell Elementary Kindergarten students visited Haskell Healthcare Center and the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell to sing Christmas carols. Singing in the front row, I-r, are Halee Alsabrook, Caius Tramel, Kobie Walker, Skylar Layman, Autom Gibbs, Lauryn Crane, MaKayla Arendall and Luis Hermasillo. Kindergarten teachers are Kristi Gibson, Susan Cox, Rhonda Lisle and Judy Washburn. Pam Gibson is the

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Jan. 21

Lunch-Meatballs, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, yeast rolls, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 23 Lunch-BBQ sausage, potato

salad, pinto beans, onions, pickles, garlic toast, apple crisp,

milk, tea, or coffee Fri., Jan. 25

Lunch-Chicken and macroni, onions, pickles, green beans, carrot salad, cornbread, jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Barbecue to benefit Knox City museum

Sun., Feb. 3 will be a big day for several hundred Knox County residents and friends. First, they will be attending the annual barbeque and fund-raiser in Benjamin for the Wichita Brazos Museum, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.., at the Benjamin Memorial Building. At the meal, the usual brisket, sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, beans, onions, pickles, homemade potato salad, coleslaw and desserts will be served

Knox County 4-H members will be on hand to help anyone who needs a plate carried.

The silent auction tables will be set up by 11 a.m. for people to place their bids.Bidding will close at 1:30. The auction has included everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques.

On sale at tables, on the north side of the room, will be the "2008 Ranching Calendar," with photographs of working Knox County ranchers and cowboys. Also available will be the calendars from 2005 through 2007, Knox County Heritage Cookbooks, and the 1909 Southwestern Journal with news articles of Knox County citizens.

The museum will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Knox County folks and surrounding area friends, have helped build the museum, by eating their way through hundreds of pounds of brisket, countless hamburgers and unknown quantities of homemade ice cream. Kenneth Roberts, the computer wizard, without whom the Museum could not have been built, and others will be on hand to answer

Brisket, dessert and other items will be sold after everyone

This Week's Devotional Message:



easy it is to turn a prayer into a 'wish list' of material advantages, and then we are disappointed when our wishes aren't granted. All too often we pray for silly, trivial things, or things that would be harmful to us, or even those that would benefit us at the expense of others. For example, we may pray that our team will win the game

Those of us who pray regularly know how tomorrow, when our opponents have just as much right to a victory. We should pray for good health, wisdom, and self-improvement, some of which may require a little cooperation on our part. The best prayer simply affirms our belief that God knows what's best for us and will provide it. We can learn this at our house of worship, or wherever we happen to be.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

-HASKELL East Side Baptist Church Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church Richard Barr, minister Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.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 Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario 607 S. 7th, Haskell

Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church Rev. Tom Long, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church Father George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E. Haskell First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Trinity Baptist Church Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church Rev. Tom Collins, pastor

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

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Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell Mission Revival Center Rev. William Hodge Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

1600 N. Ave. B. Haskell First Baptist Church Greg Gasaway, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind C.C. Curran, pastor

Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m. Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m. 203 S. 1st East, Haskell Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

---WEINERT---First Baptist Church Dan Bullock, pastor

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Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church Fred Garvin, pastor

Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever

Faith Chapel of Rochester Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester

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-SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephania Gilkey, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church Curtis Baker, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m., 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 First United Methodist Church Tom Long, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., 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 Larry Neal, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; 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 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

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Study club holds 'quilting bee'

The Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Jan. 10 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. President Julia Harrell welcomed seventeen members. Lynn Dodson read the Club

Billie McKeever presented an interesting and informative program on the Crime Stoppers organization. The non-profit organization consists of citizens against crime and a Crime Stoppers Program named Clear Fork Crime Stoppers recently organized including Haskell, Jones, Fisher and Shackelford counties. McKeever noted that all tips received remain anonymous. Anyone furnishing information that leads to an arrest may receive a cash award and also remains anonymous. The Clear Fork Crime Stoppers phone number is 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). The organization accepts donations which are tax deductible.

Pam Norton spoke about domestic violence and the Noah Project. Club members made blankets to be donated to the Noah Project in a old-fashioned 'quilting bee' while the business meeting continued.

Nancy Toliver gave the Federation Counselor's report and noted that all reports are due Feb. 1. An invitation was read from the Pierian Club in Stamford inviting club members to their 100-year celebration to be held Jan. 12.

Club members voted on the outstanding program for the year. The April 12 program on wellness and health was selected.

Dorothy Hartsfield was selected as Outstanding Club Volunteer.

Names submitted for the officers for the coming year included: Dorothy Hartsfield, president; Pam Norton, 1st vice president; Tinka Nelson and Julia Harrell, 2nd vice president; Oleta Cornelius, recording secretary; Jeanie Richards, corresponding secretary; Bettie Wainscott, treasurer; Evelyn Cobb, historian; and Julia Harrell, board member.

Nominating committee members for the coming year include Katherine Schonerstedt, Janis Brzozowski, Francine Johnson, Billie McKeever and Bettie Wainscott.

Keeping the 'quilting bee' theme, club members were served old-fashioned box lunches by hostesses Katherine Schonerstedt, Charlene Brothers, Julia Harrell, Tinka Nelson and Doris Reeves.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 21-25 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily

on the breakfast menu. Monday: Banana nut muffin,

Cheez-its Tuesday: Breakfast bagel Wednesday: Cereal, Teddy

Grahams Thursday: Chorito Lil' Bites Friday: Cheese omelet

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend mixed veggies, hot roll, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Chili cheese hotdogs, pickle spears, tater tots, orange wedges

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, apple slices

Thursday: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, chips, Spanish rice, garden salad, peaches Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce,

tomatoes, pickle slices, french fries, strawberry or raspberry Gogurt

Rule School Menu

Jan. 21-25

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served

daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Poptarts

Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, gravy Thursday: Oatmeal, buttered

Friday: Muffin choice,

graham crackers

Lunch

Milk is served daily. Monday: Nachoes grande, tossed salad, blushing pear

Tuesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll Wednesday: Pizza choice, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, apple

Thursday: Beef burritoes, refried beans, Spanish rice, pudding cup

Friday: Sloppy joe, chips, tossed salad, cookie

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 21-25 **Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served

Monday: Toast or cereal Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy Wednesday: Pancakes l **hursday:** Eggs, toast Friday: French toast

Lunch Milk is served daily. beans, garlic bread, salad, cake with cranberry sauce

Tuesday: Ham, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, applesauce

Wednesday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, rice krispy

Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit Friday: Hamburgers, cheese,

lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, Monday: Spaghetti, green tator tots, cake

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 579 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 12, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

228 head steers. 223 head heifers. 119 head cows and bulls. Cows: fat, 38-42; cutters, 42-48; canners, 28-35.

Bulls: bologna, 62-64, feeders, 77-88.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 105-115; 300-400 lbs., 100-105; 400-500 lbs., 95-105; 500-600 lbs., 97.50-106; 600-700 lbs., 92.5097.50; 700-800 lbs., 92.50-94.50; 800-up lbs. 84-94.50 lbs Heifers: medium and large

frame No. 1 200-300 lbs.,95-100; 300-400 lbs., 100-105; 400-500 lbs., 95-105; 500-600 lbs., 92.50-95; 600-up lbs., 85-92.50.

Bred heifers: medium frame 600-700.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 700-800; aged or small, 450-550.

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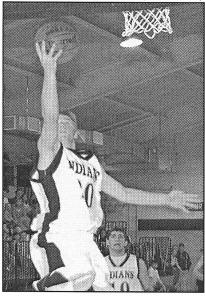
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TRYING FOR POINTS-Haskell Maiden #51 Lacey Peiser makes an attempt to score during the Maidens game against Merkel Jan. 11. The Maidens lost 23-38.

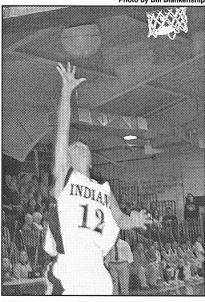


INDIAN WIN-Haskell Indian #20 Travis Adams adds two points during the game against Merkel Jan. 11. Derek Agraz looks



LONG SHOT-Haskell Maiden Briè Torres tries for a long shot to add points to the Maidens score against Merkel Jan. 11. Claire Isbell looks on as she shoots.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



TWO POINTS-Haskell Indian #12 John English makes two points for the Indians in the Merkel game. The Indians won 65-33.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Jan. 14 with Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Bob Smith and Jason Hall in attendance.

Mayor Pro tem Medford called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

The motion approving the Zoning Board's recommendation for the request from Robert Tribbey to change 1400 N. Ave. A, Frisco Addition, Block 42, Lot 1, from residential to commercial for the purpose of a billboard was passed.

A bid from Haskell National Bank was accepted to serve as the City's depository.

Action concerning the modification of a contract from North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority was tabled.

The prison R.F.P. was discussed. Bids are due Jan. 28.

The contract with Keeter Flying Service was discussed. Keeter has purchased the old airport on the west side of Highway 277.

A special warranty deed to Jim and Mattie Upham for the North 30 feet of Lot 13, Block X, Tandy and Pinkerton Addition was approved for the agreed upon price and legal fees.

The 2008 holiday calendar was approved.

In the report given by City

Administrator Brandon is pending. Anderson:

•The bids for the La Vista Place, assisted living facility, would be opened at City Hall on Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.

•Anderson will travel to London, Ontario, Canada to look at the landfill compactor the City is considering for purchase.

 Consideration for a credit/ debit card machine for the municipal judge and water bills

•The audit has been delayed due to a software problem. The problem is being fixed.

·Other items discussed included the lack of signs at the Housing Authority's south location, the tearing down of a house, and the disposal costs of the city.

•New rates at the landfill became effective Jan. 1.

EEA members attend District Training meeting

The TEEA Fall Training meeting for District 3 was held Nov. 27 in Mineral Wells. Attending from the Haskell County TEEA were club chairman, Joetta Burnett; vicechairman, Jane Smith; Pat Jenkins, treasurer; and agent, Jane Rowan. In charge of registration was Palo Pinto County. TEEA members from Parker County were in charge of hospitality and refreshments.

District Director, Ola Culwell distributed new revisions to the TEEA Procedures Manual. Culwell also conducted club chairman and vice-chairman officer training. Changes in club procedures were discussed in

detail for officers to carry back to their clubs.

Kathy Smith presented a program titled "Putting Pizzazz in Your Meeting." Smith gave new and innovative ideas to keep interest and involvement in club meetings.

The afternoon session continued with Culwell giving the Credentials Report and encouraging members to subscribe to the TEEA Messenger, the official state publication of TEEA Clubs of

Members were told that the District 3 Spring Meeting and Cultural Arts would be held March 25.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS REDUCE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills in 2008 by taking advantage of homestead exemptions Application forms are available at the Haskell County Appraisal District.

Property owners who have not received the general homestead exemption on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 2008, and those who became totally disabled or turn 65, must apply this year to receive their exemptions for 2008.

For the general homestead exemptions, homeowners must own and live in their homes on January 1, 2008. Homeowners 65 years of age and older and those who become disabled don't need to own their homes on January 1 to qualify for the age 65 and older or disabled homestead exemptions. State law provides that they may apply as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled, own the home and live in the home as their principal residence.

State law also allows that if the age 65 and older spouse dies before applying for the age 65 and older exemption, the surviving spouse age 55 or older may apply for the age 65 and older exemption for the deceased spouse. The same filing deadlines apply.

If a homestead is located in a taxing unit that overlaps into two or more counties, the homeowner must apply at each county appraisal district.

A homeowner's principal residence and land are considered the homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and improvements. Improvements include the house, a swimming pool, greenhouse or any other structures, as long as the owner uses them for residential purposes.

Property must meet four tests set by law to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1 (homeowners 65 and older or disabled need not own the property on January 1 for the age 65 and older or disabled homestead exemptions only); the property must be designed or adapted for human residence; the owner must use the property as a residence; and the property must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for

A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for the exemption if it meets the four tests.

A property owner can still qualify for the homestead exemption if part of the residence is rented out or used for other purposes, such as a home business. The home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily for a period of less than two years, so long as he or she intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead exemption elsewhere. A property owner may continue to maintain the residence homestead exemption if the owner is absent from the property for more than two years due to military service outside of the country or residency in a facility proving health, infirmity, or aging service.

Texas law provides several types of exemptions for homeowners. For school tax purposes, all homeowners may receive a \$15,000 general homestead exemption and homeowners 65 and older or disabled receive an additional \$10,000 exemption.

The school tax exemption for those homeowners 65 and older or disabled provides a special property tax "ceiling" for school taxes. While the market value of an elderly or disabled person's home may fluctuate with the market, the school taxes cannot increase above the tax amount in the first year that person qualified for that homestead for the age 65 and older or disabled exemption.

The tax ceiling can increase, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When the owner adds a new improvement, such as a room or garage, the new improvement is taxed at its current market value and the current tax rates. The new taxes are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

Homeowners 65 and older or disabled may transfer the same percentage of tax savings to a new home. The homeowner transfers the percentage of school tax paid on the former home, based on the last year the homeowner qualified that home for the tax ceiling, to the new home. The new tax ceiling is calculated to give the homeowner the same percentage of tax paid as on the former home. The homeowner may not

claim two different homes in the same year.

For example, if the homeowner had a school tax ceiling of \$100, but would pay \$400 in school taxes without the tax ceiling, the percentage of tax paid is 25 percent. If the school taxes on the new home are \$1,000, the new tax ceiling would be \$250, or 25 percent of \$1,000. The homeowner may request a certificate from the appraisal district where the former home was located that gives information about the tax ceiling. The homeowner gives this information to the appraisal district where the new home is located.

If the elderly homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the school tax ceiling if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years of age when the qualified spouse died. The surviving spouse also may transfer the tax savings with the school tax ceiling to another homestead, as discussed above.

The county, city or junior college district may decide to set a tax ceiling provision for homeowners 65 and older or disabled. Each taxing unit's governing body may decide to grant the tax ceiling provision or the local citizens in a taxing unit may petition for an election to vote on granting the tax ceiling provision in that taxing unit.

Homeowners should notify the chief appraiser when they no longer qualify for the general, age 65 and older or disabled homestead exemptions. A 50-percent penalty is added to delinquent home taxes if homeowners fail to notify the appraisal district and receive homestead exemptions to which they are not

Different types of taxing units—counties, cities and special districts—may offer different homestead exemptions. Counties must offer a \$3,000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control. Any taxing unit's governing body may grant an additional optional exemption on the homesteads of

disabled or elderly residents, or both. This optional exemption may be no less than \$3,000 from the home's appraised value and has no limit on the maximum amount. Taxing units may also offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised

value. In 2008, any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar amount of exemption for any home must equal at least \$5,000.

For more information, homeowners may contact the Haskell County Appraisal District at 604 N. 1st St., or by calling 940-864-3805.

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 43, Stamford 38 Scoring for Haskell: Peiser 10, Wallace 9, Rodgers 9, Bassett 8, Reid 3, Rutkowski 2, Newton 2. JV: Stamford 36, Haskell 30.

Merkel 38, Haskell 23 Scoring for Haskell: Torres 8, Peiser 6, Bassett 4, Reid 2, Rodgers 2, Rutkowski 1. JV: Merkel 26, Haskell 20

Rule 52, Lueders-Avoca 37 Scoring for Rule: Muniz 13, M. Dudensing 9, Johnson 8, Messenger 7, Scheets 6, Petty 5.

Roby 58, Rule 18 Scoring for Rule: Scheets 2, Messenger 4, Benavides 3, Muniz

Boys Haskell 65, Stamford 37 Scoring for Haskell:

Paint Creek ISD seeks students for **G/T program**

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T Program is designed to meet the needs of demonstrating students exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

To nominate a child for this screening, come by the office at Paint Creek School Wed., Jan. 16 to Thurs., Jan. 31 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a G/T nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 31, 2008. For further information, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 940-864-2868.

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

McCulloch 31, English 9, Adams 7, Rutkowski 6.

JV: Haskell 29, Stamford 20

Trent 67, Paint Creek 28 Scoring for Paint Creek: Groves 13, Myers 9, McDonald

*** Rule 92, Lueders-Avoca 28

Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 28, Wolfe 21, Rincon 12, Balsido 10, Pace 8, Hall 6, Clark 5, Simpson

Rule 63, Roby 23 Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 16, Pace 16, Saucedo 11, Rincon 7, Hall 5, Clark 4, Wolfe 2, Simpson



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Health Agency

Home Safety & Fall Prevention Tips **Personal Safety Activities**

•If you need glasses, wear them, but never walk around with glasses that are meant only for reading.

•If you are even slightly unsteady on your feet, use a cane. Do not hesitate to use a walker either inside the house or outdoors

•Always turn lights on and use adequate wattage light bulbs to brighten the room.

•Wear wide-base, low heel shoes with corrugated soles to help prevent slips and falls.

•Do not wear flimsy or slippery-soled shoes or slippers.

•When getting up a night, first sit on the edge of the bed to make sure you are awake and steady, then turn on a light before walking to the bathroom or around the room. •Always wear clothing with short sleeves when cooking.

Never reach over a hot burner on the stove. •Have a safety plan to call for help or to get assistance.

•If you take medication that makes you dizzy or weak, discuss these symptoms with your health care provided. Being dizzy or weak when you get up to walk or go down stairs may increase your risk of falling.

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-

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