

## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roscoe  
Fri., Jan. 28, 4 p.m.  
at Haskell  
JHG-JHB vs Rotan  
Mon., Jan. 31, 5 p.m.  
Boys at Rotan  
Girls at Rochester  
JVG-B, VG-B vs Munday  
Tues., Feb. 1, 4 p.m.  
at Munday  
**PAINT CREEK**  
VG-VB vs Rule  
Fri., Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.  
at Rule  
JH vs Lueders-Avoca  
Mon., Jan. 31, 6 p.m.  
at Paint Creek  
VG-VB vs Aspermont  
Tues., Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.  
at Paint Creek  
**RULE**  
VG-VB vs Paint Creek  
Fri., Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.  
at Rule  
JH vs Throckmorton  
Mon., Jan. 31, 6 p.m.  
at Throckmorton  
VG-VB vs Lueders-Avoca  
Tues., Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.  
at Lueders-Avoca

## Calendar

### Sports sign-up

Registration for Little Dribblers basketball (grade 3-6), girls' softball (ages 5 and up) and boys' baseball will be held Thurs., Jan. 27 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the high school gym foyer. \$15 for Little Dribblers is due at sign-up. More information on softball and baseball payment will be available at registration.

### Softball team

A new 12U select softball team is forming in Haskell and a series of tryouts will be held beginning Jan. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Feb. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Softball players are needed that were born with 1998 or 1999 birth dates and that are willing to take their game to the next level of tournament play. For more information about the tryouts, call Jeremy Fuentes at 214-557-6660.

### Krispy Kreme

The Rule High School prom is selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$6 per dozen. Pre-order by Fri., Jan. 28 by calling Julie Petty at 997-2802. Donuts will be available for pick up Fri. Feb. 4 at the Rule gym beginning at 6 p.m. during the Rule-Aspermont game.

### Shiloh to appear

Shiloh, a Southern gospel trio, will appear at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell Sun., Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

### Entertainers needed

Musicians, bands, singers, comedians and variety acts are sought for the Big Country Music Revue, a family variety show to be presented monthly at Big Country Auditorium, located at the former Methodist Church, 1000 Union in Rule. For more information, call 940-863-4191.

### Skywarn

The National Weather Service will present a Skywarn class Mon., Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. All who are interested in weather watching, including area firemen, law enforcement officials and citizens, are invited to attend.

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**Public forum Mon., Jan. 31, 7 p.m. at Civic Center**

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## Disabled soldiers enjoy goose hunt in Rochester



**GOOSE HUNTERS**—Jeremy Smith, Brian Kenney, Gavin Williams, Tim Seckle and his son Grant enjoyed a successful goose hunt this weekend in Rochester.

by **Caron Yates**

Texans claim that everything in this wonderful state is big. Included in that claim, would have to be the "big hearts" of so many who are willing to lend a hand to others in need. Evidence of this compassion was recently observed in Rochester.

Approximately four weeks ago, Fort Worth based Steel Rain Outfitters was

contacted by Tim Seckle with the Defenders of Freedom. He was trying to set up a goose hunt for some disabled soldiers and asked if they would be interested in sponsoring or hosting the hunt. Steel Rain Outfitters owners, George Hall and Joel Cloud, were more than eager to help out. They in turn contacted Orville and Nell Speck with High Plains

Hunting and Lodge, located in Rochester. The Speck's readily donated their lodge, as well as the use of their land for the hunt.

Things quickly began to come together, and with the help of not only these donations, but generous donations from Ducks Unlimited, Avery Outdoors, Quick Silver Resources and Able Ammo Company, the

hunt was on. In addition to Hall and Cloud, guides Jimmy Johnson and David Hartford were also on hand to help ensure a successful hunt for these veterans.

In Rochester for this special goose hunt were, Jeremy Smith, disabled in Afghanistan; Brian Kenney, disabled in Iraq; Gavin Williams, disabled in Korea; Tim Seckle, disabled in Iraq

and his son Grant. The men came from San Antonio, Crowley, Flower Mound and Weatherford.

Most of us understand that as adults, it is necessary to make sacrifices of one kind or another. Parents make sacrifices for their children, spouses make sacrifices for each other, and many jobs require sacrifices of time and energy. The job description for serving in the armed forces, however, is the absolute in sacrifice. It requires being away from loved ones for long periods of time, often living in uncomfortable surroundings, and understanding that there are enemies nearby who want to do you harm, requiring you to always be on alert.

Only those who have been in war can know the effects it has on you. Those effects are compounded many times over, when a soldier suffers a life changing injury. Add to that, seeing buddies who did not survive, and it is easy to see how the scars, both physical and emotional, can take a toll. In fact, these particular soldiers commented that so often they only feel secure when they are around others in their same situation. This past weekend provided them with just such a time of bonding, while at the same time allowing them to relax and enjoy a more carefree experience.

These soldiers are being assisted by the Defenders of Freedom organization, which is a non profit organization with the purpose of raising money to support our troops who are currently deployed around the world, and wounded troops.

Its founder, Donna Cranston, along with a large crew of helpers, set off for the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport 365 days a year to greet troops coming home. The foundation sends "support boxes" to our men and women in uniform, support wounded soldiers with encouragement and needed items, support the families of wounded soldiers, support the USO at DFW Airport and support disabled soldiers on hunts. She says, "Because our troops are actively working to keep America safe, Defenders of Freedom, believe passionately in showing them as much support as possible."

Sometimes it seems that our "small part of the world" is too far removed from opportunities such as greeting soldiers returning home. This past weekend goes to prove, that when we least expect it, an opportunity can happen along. Thanks to the generosity of Steel Rain Outfitters and their guides, Orville and Nell Speck with High Plains Hunting and Lodge, and Sandra Fry, who documented the hunt in pictures, these disabled soldiers were able to see firsthand the appreciation we all have for the sacrifices made for our freedom.

## Sales tax info released for January

Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state sales tax revenue in December was \$1.81 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2009.

"This marks the ninth consecutive month of year-over-year improvement in sales tax revenues, with increases posted across the board," Combs said. "There were increases in the oil and natural gas and manufacturing sectors reflecting recovering business spending. Sales tax in the retail trade and restaurant sectors were also up. As I outlined in this week's Biennial Revenue Estimate, we forecast growth in sales tax revenue for the current fiscal year as well as the next two fiscal years."

Combs has sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2011. Local sales tax revenues of \$453.2 million are up 11.9 percent compared to January 2010.

Combs sent January sales tax allocations of \$302.6

million to Texas cities, up 10.3 percent compared to January 2010. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$28.5 million, up 17.3 percent compared to last January.

In addition, \$18.9 million went to 175 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 16.8 percent compared to last January. December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

Haskell County had a 24.66 percent increase for January 2011 of \$33,279.73 in comparison to \$26,694.70 for January 2010.

The City of Haskell had a 24 percent increase for January 2011 of \$30,936.61 in comparison to \$24,948.61 for January 2010.

The City of O'Brien had a 58.36 percent increase for January 2011 of \$89.24 in comparison to \$56.35 for January 2010.

The City of Rochester had

a 19.38 percent decrease for January 2011 of \$261.94 in comparison to \$324.91 for January 2010.

The City of Rule had a 46.06 percent increase for January 2011 of \$1,858.56 in

comparison to \$1,272.38 for January 2010.

The City of Weinert had a 44.27 percent increase for January 2011 of \$133.38 in comparison to \$92.45 for January 2010.

## Second Public Forum set Mon., Jan. 31

by **Jane Rowan**  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be teaming up with the Haskell Development Corporation and the Haskell City Council to sponsor an issue forum to identify critical issues facing Haskell County and to discuss ideas for addressing these issues. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the second part "Issue Forum" scheduled for Mon., Jan. 31 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center and will last no longer than two hours.

This second meeting will

break participants into the following groups based upon the major area of professional or personal interest that each participant has. These groups will identify and prioritize potential issues in their specific area. Groups will be:

- Economic Development
- Community Development
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Families and Health
- Youth

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension office at 940-864-2658.

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## Gin Report

Jan. 24, 2011

<b>Haskell</b>	Haskell Co. Gin..... 8,858
<b>O'Brien</b>	Haskell Co-op Gin... 12,315
<b>Rule</b>	O'Brien Co-op..... 19,834
<b>Weinert</b>	Rule Co-op Gin..... 14,055
<b>Griff's</b>	Weinert Gin..... 5,481
<b>Weinert</b>	Weinert Gin..... 10,429
<b>Total</b>	Total bales..... 70,972

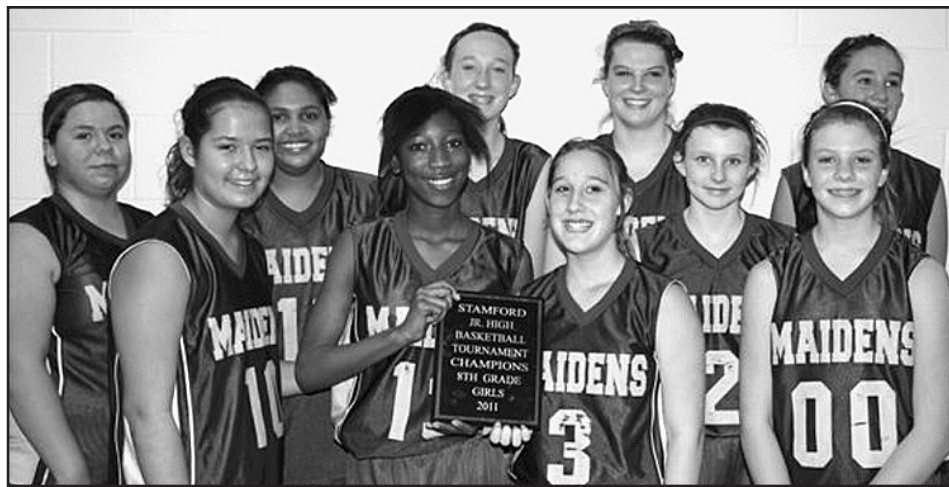
# Skiles plays football

Aaron Skiles, a fourth grade student at Haskell Elementary, recently competed in the Youth Football League in Hamlin. Teams participating in the league include Anson, Hawley, Jim Ned, Clyde, Coleman and Merkel. Skiles played quarterback

and linebacker for the Pipers in the third and fourth grade division.



AARON SKILES



**WIN TOURNAMENT**—The Haskell eighth grade basketball team, coached by Melissa Burson, won the Stamford basketball tournament held Jan. 13 and 15. Team members include, front row, l-r, Breezy Gibbs, Hayley Holland, Breiana Bell, Shawnee Hill and Jacie Klose; and back row, Alannah Luce, Destiny Billington, Reagan Hadaway, McKenzie Shelton and Crissy Bassett.



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## Obituaries

### John E. Hayley



JOHN HAYLEY

Funeral services for John

E. Hayley were held Sat., Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church in Rochester with Rev. Joseph Barrett officiating. Interment was at the Masonic Cemetery in Seymour.

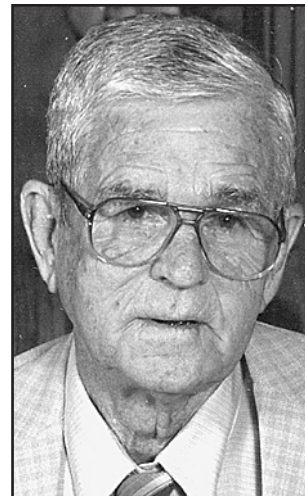
Mr. Hayley passed away Wed., Jan. 19 in Baird.

Born June 30, 1936 in Seymour, he was the son of Catherine Gore and John R. Hayley. On June 23, 1959 he married Daisy Coleman. He was a sergeant in the army in the 2nd armored division and was stationed in Germany during the Korean war era. He was a retired truck driver and carpenter.

He loved to fish and hunt and was a member at the First Baptist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife Daisy Hayley; sons, John Ed Hayley, Jr. and his wife Kyle of Benbrook and Wesley Don Hayley and wife Melinda of Santo; daughter, Jerrie Klenk and husband Randal of Richardson; brothers Glenn Hayley of Rochester and Jerry Don Hayley of Clear Lake City; sisters Peggy Massie and husband Kenneth of Mineral Wells, and Sylvia Patterson of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

### Otis Benjamin Phariss, Jr.



JUNIOR PHARISS

Celebration of Life services for O.B. 'Junior' Phariss, Jr., 84, of Haskell were held Sun., Jan. 23 at Mountain Home Baptist Church in Senate with Pastor Dennis Phariss of First Baptist Church of Lolita officiating. Interment

was in the Mountain Home Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home of Jacksboro.

Mr. Phariss passed away at the Mullican Care Center in Savoy Fri., Jan. 21.

Born July 31, 1926 in Breckenridge, he was the son of Otis B. and Martha Everts Phariss, Sr. He married Mary M. Thurman Nov. 25, 1948 in Breckenridge. He served in the Navy from 1944-47. He worked in the oil field industry for the majority of his life and retired from Crown Central Oil Co. in 1986. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Mary Phariss; a daughter, Marilyn Kaye; his parents,

Otis and Martha Phariss; three brothers, Delmar D. Phariss, Richard E. 'Dick' Phariss, and Larry L. Phariss; two sisters, Betty Lou Brown and Wanda Mae Wright; one great grandchild, Jaedyn Nicole Olivias.

Survivors include his daughters, Deborah Ann Gove and her husband, John Gove, of Bonham, and Leeta Gaye Collier and her husband, Michael Collier, of Coahoma; six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Robert 'Bob' Phariss of Haskell; numerous nieces and nephews; along with a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to a favorite charity or organization would be appreciated. PD. NOTICE

### James H. 'Sonny' Reynolds



SONNY REYNOLDS

Funeral services for James H. 'Sonny' Reynolds, 85, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 25 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in

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

Mr. Reynolds passed away Sat., Jan. 22 in Haskell.

Born Nov. 26, 1925 in Haskell County, he was a lifetime resident. He married Carolyn Lusk Reynolds April 4, 1958. She preceded him in death May 13, 2007. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and The Business Men's Bible class. He served in the U.S. Army in the 271st Regiment, Private Company A and was wounded Feb. 27, 1945 in Germany; he was awarded the Bronze Star medal and Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister Buna Perrin and two infant grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Leisa Hutchinson and husband Dieter of Haskell and Laurie Gross and husband Tim of Texarkana, Arkansas; one son Mark Reynolds and wife Sage of Riverside, Rhode Island; four grandchildren, Lauren Stanley and husband Russell, Julie Hutchinson, Matt Gross, and Leslie Baker and husband Ryan; and three great grandchildren, Katie and Jessa Stanley, and Allie Baker. PD. NOTICE

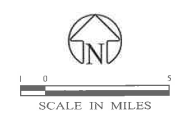
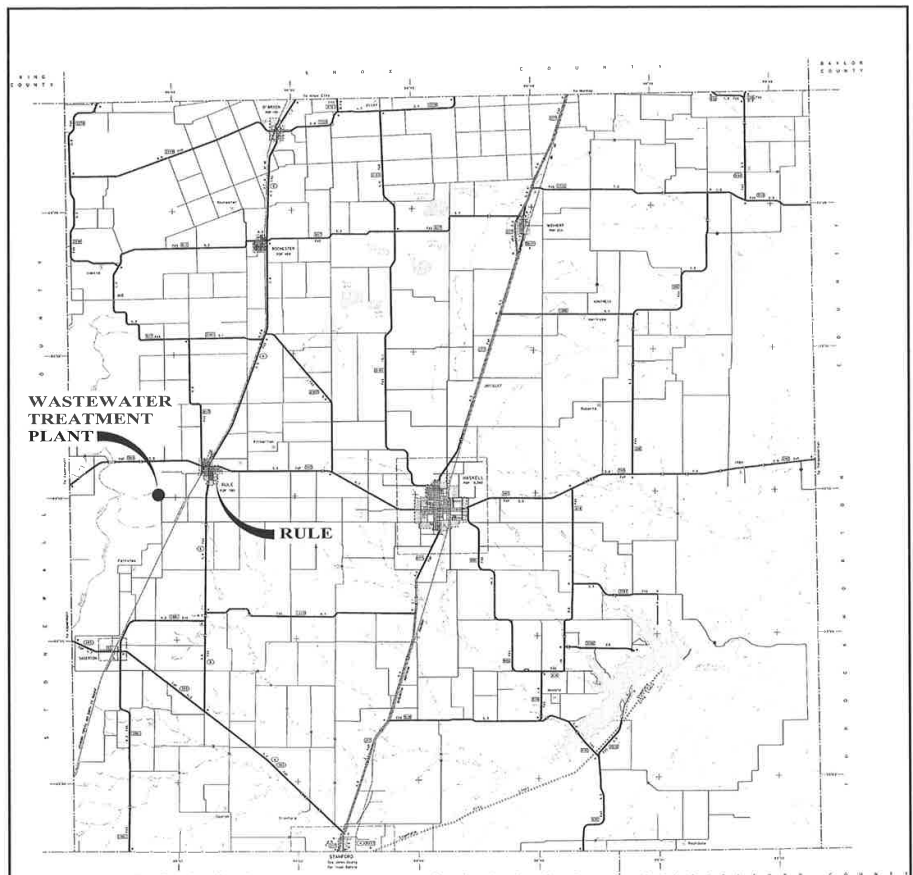
## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Rule, Texas. The proposal consists of abandoning the existing wastewater treatment ponds and construction of two new ponds at the existing wastewater treatment plant site that meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements for impervious lining. Additionally, an effluent irrigation system will be installed on an adjacent property. There will be no conversion of Important Farmland or formerly classified lands as a result of the proposal.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, the Rural Utilities Service prepared an Environmental Assessment of the proposal that assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposal and the effect the proposal may have on historic properties. The Environmental Assessment was published on November 18 and November 25, 2010 for a 30-day public comment period. There were no comments received from the public regarding the proposal. Upon consideration of the applicant's proposal, federal and state environmental regulatory and natural resource agencies including, a "no effect" determination to historic properties by the Texas Historical Commission and public input, the agency has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is there will be no effect to state or federally listed flora and fauna, no historic properties will be affected and no conversion of Important Farmland or formerly classified lands will occur.

In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Utilities Service will require the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposals design. The following mitigation measures will be utilized to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts. If cultural resources are encountered during construction work will cease in the immediate area of discovery and the Texas Historical Commission, the City and Rural Development's State Environmental Coordinator will be contacted immediately. Where there may be critical habitat for the Texas horned lizard, mitigation measures will be utilized to ensure minimal impact to this specie. Migratory Bird Treaty Act mitigation measures will be followed to prevent impact to migratory birds, if present. Invasive plant species will be mitigated by reseeding with native species.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at Rural Development's office at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Ste. 4150, Abilene, Texas, (325-690-6162) or at Rule's City Hall, 701 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas, (940-996-2214). For further information, please contact John M. Powell, Area Director at 325-690-6162, Ext. 4.



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**CLEAN DRINKING WATER**—The H2O Project is a worldwide project that raises money for clean drinking water wells in countries that do not have access to clean drinking water. It is documented that one child dies every 15 minutes in a third world country from disease that is contracted through poor quality drinking water. Participating Rule School students saved money by not buying soft drinks, etc. for two weeks and donated the money to the project. "I like to try to tie in responsibility to our world and real life scenarios whenever I can in our technology projects. I had my seventh, ninth and tenth grade technology classes create Excel spreadsheets which documented their savings and calculations for two weeks and we donated the total to the project," commented Jimmie Peters, Rule ISD teacher. Students participating included, front row, l-r, Charlie Thomison, Peyton Walton, Clay Morrow, Michael Perez, Rebecca Foreman, Samantha Lewis, Kylie DeVille and Allison Petty; middle row, Jeremy Hardamon, Rodney Foreman, Chris Lewis, Cade Brown, Marissa Holder and Brandon Cooper; top, Jeremy Ervin.

## Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group had a meeting Tues., Jan. 18 and talked about the cost of cancer again. This is something I think people just don't understand, Kim Hutto said. Whether you have insurance or not, the cost of treatments and prescriptions can send you into bankruptcy. When a patient spends more than 25% of their monthly income, it's just plain hard. Then, the cost of fuel to and from treatment centers must be added.

Hutto states that she spends more than 70% of their income just for the fight of cancer. That doesn't leave a lot to live on, but fighting is the goal for all cancer patients. In the larger cities, different organizations are available to help, but in smaller communities families have to count on each other to direct patients and families to help, even for something as little as a phone number to patient assistance for a pharmaceutical company.

Hutto struck up a conversation with a patient at Dr. Melnyk's office and the conversation came to what kind of insurance we had. This young man was speaking for his dad who has stage 4 cancer. They were not

born in America and wanted to know how he could get them on Medicare. Hutto gave them Social Security 800 number and listened to what he had to say. The dad was on Medicaid and had three prescriptions per month free of charge. Hutto explained to him that Medicare is not 100% medical, pays no mileage for appointments, nor no free prescriptions. Medicaid offers this. This made Hutto wonder about the dad who is fighting stage 4 cancer, as is Glen. The Huttos get no mileage, no prescription help, and for sure not 100% medical. But, that's part of our system.

Cancer is just mean and Hutto has said that so many times. The fight has to be fought together and families need all the help they can get.

April 1, Relay 4 Life is hosting a walk here in Haskell. Everyone knows someone with cancer. Those reading this are affected by cancer. Please attend this walk, help every cancer patient and family. Always remember, if you are here today, you are a survivor. If you are still in treatment, you are a survivor.

Feb. 1, Regan Baker from the American Cancer Society

in Wichita Falls, will be in Haskell to talk to us. She has great programs for assistance and can help us form a team for the walk.

Hutto's number is here for any cancer patient, family or friend. She has taken calls at 2 a.m. with a patient that just needs to talk. Sometimes it's easier to talk on the phone and never have to face the person. Hutto understands and will listen.

Please come help fight this battle. It's a hard fight and a fight of life. Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A meal is provided thanks to Mae Lou Yeldell and Birdie Goudeau, who cook and set up for every meeting.

For more information, call Kim Hutto at 940-864-5964.

## Fund-raiser set Sun., Feb. 6 for museum

Plans are about complete for the annual Knox County Museum barbecue at the Benjamin Ex-Students Center on Sun., Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take-out plates will be available. Barbecued brisket, sausage, and baked turkey; homemade potato salad and coleslaw; special pinto beans; deviled eggs; and homemade pies will make up the menu.

Attendees will be able to bid on dozens (104-last year) of silent auction items, including antique dishes and glasses, embroidered dish towels, lace dollies, jewelry, plus an oil change, tools and many items donated by businesses and individuals interested in the museum.

Starting at 11 a.m., door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes. These range from \$20 to \$50 dollar bills, and many other items. Door prizes and silent auction items can be delivered if winners are not present.

Besides good food, and the excitement of door prizes and silent auction, all kinds of museum and history related items may be purchased. The new 2011 calendar "Champions of Knox County" feature state champions from around the county. Family members may be shown in a calendar picture from years past.

Guests wanting to visit the Wichita Brazos Museum, beneficiary of the fund-raiser, will find it open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 6.

As the day draws to an end, those needing some delicious food to feed Super Bowl football guests, should check out the serving tables at the center. Prices will be posted and containers provided for some take home food.

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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

**With inauguration now history, it's down to business**  
AUSTIN—Governor Rick Perry spoke of Texas with suitable pomp and glowing terms at his inauguration on Jan. 18, and afterwards sat down to a barbecue meal served on the Capitol grounds for an estimated 14,000 well-wishers and officials.

San Antonio businessman Red McCombs saved the state some cash by sponsoring the catered meal, offered free of charge to those who reserved tickets online, via the inaugural committee's web site. Perry, who in his speech referred to the 21st century as "The Texas Century," enters his third consecutive four-year term as governor. Perry moved from the role of lieutenant governor to governor in December 2000, when then-Gov. George W. Bush resigned to pursue the presidency. Perry's name turns up as a potential Republican candidate for president in 2012, but the governor has not signaled interest in seeking the presidency.

**Proposed cuts command attention**  
One sentence out of Gov. Perry's inaugural speech: "We must continue investing in our people, developing young minds, grooming and attracting the best and brightest in the fields of science and medicine, and giving individuals the tools and the freedom to prosper." Perry did infer in the same speech, however, that serious belt-tightening would be needed.

A day after Perry said those words on the south steps of the Capitol, the Legislative Budget Board offered up House Bill 1, the general appropriations bill for 2012-2013. The 900-plus page state budget bill, as currently written, suggests cuts that could be made on a path to a balanced budget that would compensate for a \$27 billion revenue shortfall. Suggestions such as the cutting of about 10,000 public education jobs and four community colleges are noticed quickly. Suggestions like that are noticed quickly. For example, Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, immediately called the proposed closure of his district's Ranger College "the height of irresponsibility."

And then, Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee and serves on the 10-member Legislative Budget Board, had this to say: "I appreciate the concerns of my colleagues regarding the elimination of state funding for four community colleges. The points that have been raised are valid and deserve a full review. Over the coming days and months, other such concerns will be identified. "As I said on the House floor, I am committed to thoroughly examining this and other issues to determine whether the priorities provided for in this initial budget proposal are appropriate, and ensuring that we protect essential services while staying true to our core missions. Through the process, we will make adjustments as determined necessary by this body." So, the budget bill truly is a starting point, and maybe lawmakers will find a way to keep education cuts to a minimum. After all, it's been said many times and in many places by many state lawmakers and other top officials that education is the key to our state's economic progress and future in general.

**More added to Perry's list of musts**  
The governor's list of emergency items for the legislature to attend to this session is growing. Gov. Perry last week said he wants a law passed that requires a sonogram of a woman's embryo or fetus, so the image could be viewed before abortion procedures would ensue. Other emergency items the governor has said he wants addressed: stricter voter identification requirements, a balanced state budget, and lawsuit reform. By lawsuit reform, a governor's office news release said he means:

- Creating an early dismissal option for frivolous lawsuits;
- Ensuring victims of frivolous lawsuits do not bear the financial burden of defending themselves through the creation of a "loser pays" system;
- Ensuring new laws cannot create causes of action unless expressly established by the Legislature; and
- Setting up expedited trials and limited discovery for lawsuits with claims between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

**State's employment rate improves**  
Texas' total nonfarm employment increased by 20,000 jobs in December, the Texas Workforce Commission announced Jan. 21. Texas has gained 230,800 jobs since 2009, but today, the state's unemployment rate remains at 8.3 percent. In contrast, the U.S. Department of Labor tabulated the national unemployment rate at 9.4 percent for the month. Currently, the Texas Workforce Commission estimates the number of Texans working at 12.2 million.

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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

**January 25, 2001**

After 38 years spent in coaching, nine of which were as head coach, Haskell athletic director and head football coach Don Flippen, is retiring.

Julie Roewe Goodenough, former Haskell All-Big Country basketball star, has coached the Hardin-Simmons University women's basketball team to the American Southwest Conference title.

John Rike III was honored by First Ag Credit PCA with a retirement reception. In 1986, he was named President of Rolling Plains PCA. Following a merger with Texas PCA, he became President and Chief Operating Officer of the continuing entity.

### 20 Years Ago

**January 24, 1991**

Five students from Haskell have been selected as members of the All-District band. They include Manual Ibarra, bass clarinet; Sarah Mullen, French horn; Tiffany Lovell, trumpet; Chrissa Huff, trumpet; and Katy Martin, French horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rueffer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception and dance. They have a daughter, Kathryn Schonerstedt, and three grandchildren.

A large crowd was on hand for the auction at Jones

Cox and Co. The building, fixtures and equipment, as well as some merchandise, were sold when the 85 year old Haskell business closed its doors.

### 30 Years Ago

**January 22, 1981**

The brother-sister team of Mikeanna and Zach Wilcox of Rule exhibited the grand and reserve champion steers at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

Frank White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, has been named Coach of the Year in the small school category of the Red River 22. He is head coach at Windhorst.

Brian and Jennifer Burgess announce the arrival of a daughter, Kimberlee Robin. She is welcomed home by brother Casey.

### 40 Years Ago

**January 28, 1971**

Joe Mickler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Mickler, took home the purple banner proclaiming his big Angus Grand Champion of the Haskell County Livestock Show.

Christene Green announces the association of her daughter, Toni Greene with her beauty salon.

At the meeting of the Haskell Chapter of Future Homemakers, Betty Steele was chosen "Little Sister of the Month." James Robert Crawford was elected FHA Beau.

Gene Hester, son Mrs. Ed Hester and the late Ed Hester, will be teaching first grade in Papar, Sahab, East Malaysia as a member of the Peace Corps.

### 50 Years Ago

**January 26, 1961**

M.E. Trice, Rule postmaster, is chairman of the Haskell County March of Dimes campaign now being conducted in Rule, Rochester, Weinert, Mattson, O'Brien, Paint Creek and Sagerton.

Tommy Matthews, who is attending Lubbock Barber School, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Matthews, Sonny and Jan in this city.

Patrick M. Henry of Haskell received his baccalaureate degree in mathematics at the mid-year graduation at Texas A&M College.

### 100 Years Ago

**January 28, 1911**

G.E. Ballew and son Lee, who recently moved to Rochester, were back in town several days this week.

The last ginner's report showed Haskell County produced 15,779 bales. It is possible that 1,000 bales of good Haskell County cotton helped swell the Jones County report.

We made a trip from Haskell to Mr. Reichel's on Paint Creek last Saturday. All the farmers were busy killing fine porkers.

## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

By the time you read this, the first Town Hall City Forum will be history. There is a good possibility that I won't be there as my Best Aggie Buddy passed away and I'll be at his funeral in College Station. No one is indispensable and the city is blessed with competent council, administrator, and DCOH members; the only ones indispensable are you folk who come with the ideas.

This past Monday, Jan and I attended the Martin Luther King Celebration at the Greater Independent Baptist Church. This program included singing, praying and good messages from the town's ministers. Oft quoted scripture: "There is neither bond nor free, male or female, Jew or Greek, but all one in Christ Jesus." (forgive my paraphrasing). David White pointed out, "There are only two groups: Saints and Aints." I wish there had been a better turn-out and it was voiced that perhaps we could work on making the day a school-free one. The food was delicious...plan to make it next year.

I think in a past column we've already ascertained

that, "Change is the only constant in this life" and we have another change at the beginning of this new year. We welcome the Smith Family Funeral Home to Haskell and specifically the Smith family. We are glad to have a funeral home in our town as one citizen remarked, "That's the only business making money." But if you will, allow some reflections concerning the Holden- McCauley Funeral Home. Years ago when I was a small feller it was only Holden Funeral Home. The Holdens were neighbors of the Herrens (my in-laws) for I'm guessing close to 50 years. That beautiful two-story, red brick home was just half a block from where we live now and Mary and Bill were good friends of the in-laws as were their two children: Tom Bill and Millie. I remember my father-in-law telling stories about "Mr. Undertaker Man" (what Betty Jo called him when she was young and it sort of stuck in the family). One time down at Oates Drug Store (preceded Lonnie Meredith and Doyle High's time), the group was teasing Bill. If you remember, Bill was so meticulous, he

habitually would blow in the corpse's face when he lifted the casket lid because usually some lint had fallen on the body. This man said, "Bill, I swear, if you blow in my face when I'm in that casket, I'm gonna sit up and blow right back at you." This brought riots of laughter from the crowd and made a story for all the years of Bill's life. My middle brother, David, married their great-niece and she remembers playing in the funeral home when the Holdens lived upstairs.

We're excited we can keep Christina Isbell; she does good work and I think I'd feel a lot better knowing someone I know and trust is preparing me for a better place. Forgive me for a bit of sentimental remembrance. It'll take a mite of getting used to not seeing the familiar Holden-McCauley name out front and in the paper, but we do welcome the Smith family to our community.

Almost time to be delivering the citations about junked vehicles; vacant building on the square still need some renovations... glad Robert Tribbey bought the old HNB building or more recent Sherman

## Patronage refund made to Capital Farm Credit customers

The Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors recently approved a total patronage refund of \$105 million. Of that, \$32 million is a cash patronage that will be paid to stockholders in April. The remaining \$73 million is in the form of allocated equities and will be eligible for future cash payouts.

The declaration, which was based on 2010 earnings, continues a longstanding tradition by the rural lending cooperative of sharing its earnings with its customers. Last year, for example, Capital Farm Credit declared a patronage refund and retired a portion of allocated equities that together totaled \$72.6 million.

Since 1997, Capital Farm Credit has distributed more than \$400 million in capital through its patronage program and stock reductions.

"This declaration by our board of directors reinforces our commitment to the cooperative principle of sharing our earnings with our customers," said Ben Novosad, chief executive officer. "We've paid patronage to our customers annually for more than a decade, even during challenging economic times."

Capital Farm Credit is the state's largest rural lender and is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The lender has been making loans to farmers, ranchers and other rural property owners for more than 90 years. It is headquartered in Bryan and has offices located throughout the state of Texas.

For more information about Capital Farm Credit, its patronage program and its office locations, visit [www.CapitalFarmCredit.com](http://www.CapitalFarmCredit.com).

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## Calendar

### Bible conference

"God of Miracles, Move Among Us" Bible conference will be coming Feb. 4-6 to Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell.

### Deadlines

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

# Haskell Basketball



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## Haskell Indians

**JVB, VB vs Roscoe**

**Fri., Jan. 28, 4 p.m.**

**at Haskell**

**JVB, VB vs Munday**

**Tues., Feb. 1, 4 p.m.**

**at Munday**



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #23 Sidney Cassidy, #5 Marissa McGhee, #15 Cheslee Hearn, #21 Myra Rodriguez and #35 Delecia Garcia; back row, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #31 Maci Colley, #55 Ashlee Short, #41 Carson Hadaway and #11 Taylor Burson.

## Haskell Maidens

**JVG, VG vs Roscoe**

**Fri., Jan. 28, 4 p.m.**

**at Haskell**

**JVG, VG vs Munday**

**Tues., Feb. 1, 4 p.m.**

**at Munday**



*Go Indians! Go Maidens!*



**TRIES TO SCORE**—Paint Creek Lady Pirate #14 Katrina Buerger goes for two points against Woodson.



**TIE BALL STRUGGLE**—Paint Creek Lady Pirates Kadie McCord and Katie Bosnjak look to tie the ball against a Lueders-Avoca opponent.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Jan. 31-Feb. 4**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Oatmeal, toast  
**Tuesday:** Pancake  
**Wednesday:** Cereal

**Thursday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
**Friday:** Breakfast burritos  
**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Fish sticks, mac and cheese, beans, hushpuppies, salad, apple crisp  
**Wednesday:** Corn dogs, carrots, chips  
**Thursday:** Stew, cornbread, salad, cake  
**Friday:** Hamburgers, cheese, salad, pickles, chips, rice krispies



**FREE THROW**—Paint Creek Pirate Jordan Adkins attempts a free throw in the game against Lueders-Avoca.

## ECC Menu

**Mon., Jan. 31**  
 Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, cherry cobbler, tea or coffee

**Wed., Feb. 2**  
 Meatloaf, cream potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, strawberry fluff, tea or coffee

**Fri., Feb. 4**  
 BBQ, sausage, onions, pickles, scalloped potatoes, northern beans, white cake, tea or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Pirate basketball scores

The Paint Creek Pirates fell to Woodson 33-31 and Lueders-Avoca 45-43 last week in the final seconds of each game. Scoring against Woodson was Curtis Bishop 10, Caleb McCord 8, Hunter Hall 7, Jimmy Abner 4 and Nathan Edwards 2. Scoring against Lueders-Avoca was Bishop 19, Hall 16, Damien Pannell 3, Jordan Adkins 2, Abner 2 and Edwards 1.

The Lady Pirates lost two nail biters as well against Woodson 28-27 and Lueders-Avoca 47-46. Points against Woodson were made by Felysha Walker 15, Katrina Buerger 6, Kadie McCord 4 and Katie Bosnjak 2. Scoring

against Lueders-Avoca was Walker 10, McCord 9, Shana Armstrong 7, Bosnjak 7, Buerger 6, Tarah Trotter 4 and Caitlin Medford 3.

The junior high teams played Aspermont on Monday night. The boys fought a hard battle but lost 31-21. Micah Waggoner was high point scorer with 9, followed by Dustin Wyrick 7, Brandon Luevano 3 and Buddy Trotter 2. The girls fell to the Stingers 21-11 with points being made by Stormy Darnell 4, Kellie Jenkins 3, Paige Ramirez 2, Caitlyn Mengwasser 1 and Hanna Colley 1.

## Area basketball scores

**Girls**  
**Stamford 47, Haskell 22**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Johnson 6, Short 6, McGhee 3, Burson 2, Cassidy 2, Hadaway 2, Colley 1.

**Rotan 40, Haskell 34**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Hearn 16, Johnson 5, Colley 4, Short 4, Hadaway 2, Garcia 2, Rodriguez 1.

**Aspermont 52, Rule 32**  
 Scoring for Rule: Polk 10, Dudensing 9, Foreman 5, Burgess 4, Petty 4.  
**Throckmorton 57, Rule 18**  
 Scoring for Rule: Foreman 9, Petty 6, Polk 2, Burgess 1.

**Woodson 28, Paint Creek 27**  
 Scoring for Paint Creek:

Walker 15, Buerger 6, McCord 4, Bosnjak 2.

**Lueders-Avoca 47, Paint Creek 46**

Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 10, McCord 9, Armstrong 7, Bosnjak 7, Buerger 6, Trotter 4, Medford 3.

**Boys**  
**Stamford 64, Haskell 46**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 16, Myers 13, Agüero 7.

**JV: Haskell 48, Stamford 43**  
**Haskell 73, Rotan 29**  
 Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 20, Myers 12, Nanny 10, Agüero 10, Bird 8, Newton 8, Shelton 5.

**Aspermont 62, Rule 36**  
 Scoring for Rule: Brown 16, Turner 15, Taylor 3, Reece 2.

## Haskell School Menu

**Jan. 31-Feb. 4**  
**Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Glazed French toast

**Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick

**Wednesday:** Cereal, Graham crackers

**Thursday:** Pig in a blanket

**Friday:** Smucker's PB&J

**Lunch**  
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with

cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

**Monday:** Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, corn, sliced peaches

**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, pineapple tidbits

**Wednesday:** Chicken quesadillas, salsa, queso, tortilla chips, pinto beans, garden salad, grapes

**Thursday:** Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, sliced pears

**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked chips, orange slices

## This Week's Devotional Message:

When your house of worship needs your help, offer it



Whenever a friend does you a favor, you should reciprocate it. Your house of worship is the best friend you'll ever have, and if you have been attending it regularly you must have done so because of all the blessings it has brought you. If you or any member of your family have been ill, had surgery or lost a loved one, you know that your clergyman and the entire congregation have been a tower of strength for you. Whenever you

come to a fork in the road where a difficult decision must be made, your clergyman is always ready to listen to your problem and give you the best advice that his experience can provide. In return for these benefits and many others, be prepared to serve your house of worship to the best of your ability, even if only by dialing a few phone numbers. You have received so much there; now it's your turn to help.

### 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**  
 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. 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., 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
- 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**  
 Rev. Jim McCurley  
 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.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
 Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sunday 11 a.m  
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- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
 Steve Willis, minister  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
 Joseph Barrett, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Clovis Dever  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
 Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
 Russell Stanley, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
 John Greeson, minister  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
 Alfa y 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.  
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**THERE'S STILL TIME TO TRIM YOUR 2010 TAX BILL**

Even though 2010 is history, you may still be able to trim your 2010 tax bill. Be sure you don't overlook the following actions and deductions that could save you money.

Maximize your 2010 IRA contribution. You have until April 18, 2011, to make deductible 2010 contributions. The maximum 2010 contribution is \$5,000 (\$6,000 if you were 50 or older last year).

If you changed jobs in 2010, make sure you didn't have excess social security taxes withheld. Claim credit for the excess on your Form 1040 if you paid over \$6,622.

Look into itemizing deductions if you usually take the standard deduction. Search for allowable deductions that you might have overlooked, such as the restored 2010 deduction for state and local sales taxes in lieu of deducting state and local income taxes.

Medical deductions are allowable to the extent they exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI). Don't forget items such as eyeglasses and hearing aids. You can deduct mileage for 2010 medical appointments at 16.5¢ a mile, plus parking and toll fees.

Don't overlook tax preparation fees, safe deposit costs, and certain investment advice. They all qualify as miscellaneous deductions, subject to a 2% of AGI limit.

Up to \$2,500 of student loan interest is deductible whether you itemize or not.

The deduction of up to \$4,000 for qualified tuition and school expenses is available for 2010. Qualifying amounts for you, your spouse, and dependents may be deductible. Income limits apply.

If you're a teacher or teacher's aide, you can deduct up to \$250 for classroom supplies that you purchased with your own money.

If you made energy-saving improvements to your home, check into the credit of up to 30% of your cost, subject to a \$1,500 limit for the amounts spent in 2009 and 2010.

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### Real Estate

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### Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED PERSON to engage in oil company to lease and drill for oil. Have royalty interest located 5 miles east of Haskell. Payment will be percentage of oil revenue. Mail résumé to 305 Bellwood Dr., Belton, Texas 76513. 2-5c

### Help Wanted

NOW HIRING experienced cooks and waitresses. Apply in person at Red Rooster Restaurant. Ask for Rose. 2-6c

THE KING COUNTY Appraisal District Board of Directors is seeking applicants for the position of Chief Appraiser. Please call 806-596-4588 or email kingcad@caprock-spur.com for the application and a more detailed job description. Applications are due by February 4th. 3-5c

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WANTED: Reliable babysitter. Please call for more information. Must have references. 863-4688. 4tfc

HELP WANTED: The City of Knox City Administrator Barbara E. Rector, gave notice of retirement to the Council with the effective date of April 30, 2011. The City is now accepting applications with résumé for this position and will continue until filled. Onsite training until retirement date. This position requires management and public skills, with excellent finance and grant knowledge. Relocation to Knox City required, within City limits. More information can be obtained at City Hall, 902 E. Main, 940-658-3313. EOE. 3-4c

### Help Wanted

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE. Brazos Valley Care Home is now taking applications for Charge Nurse. Please apply in person at 605 S. Ave. F, Knox City. 4-5c

THE NEW SONIC Drive In in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

### Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS Pre-Bid Meeting Notice The County of Haskell will receive bids for its TDHCA HOME Program #1001199 until 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2011, at Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas 79521, to complete the reconstruction of Six (6) single family units with 1157 square feet per unit. All units must be completed within 120 days from the construction start date. A pre-bid conference will be held on February 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Haskell County Courthouse. If you plan to bid this project, but cannot attend this conference, contact Karen W. Allison, Project Manager, at (806) 790-0196. Only contractors with a minimum of 5 years of successful home building will be accepted. If you are a first time bidder on the TDHCA HOME Program, a list of references will be required and will be reviewed. Contractor shall provide a construction bond covering all projects awarded or standby letter of credit with requirements and conditions as specified for the total amount of projects to be awarded. Contractor must provide proof of Liability Insurance and Builders Risk Insurance. All work must meet the following codes: Texas Minimum Construction

Standards (TMCS), Texas Minimum Construction Specifications (TMC Specs), International Residential Code (IRC), Minimum Accessibility Requirements SB623, all local building codes, standards and specifications. Contractor must ensure that employees/applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, or, national origin. The County of Haskell reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any formality in the bidding. Bids will be opened publicly at the Haskell County Courthouse on March 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The County may hold bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to contract award. Contract award will be

made to lowest responsible qualified bidder.

Location of properties to be reconstructed:

1 Avenue B, Haskell  
715 S. 9th Street, Haskell  
506 S. 8th Street, Haskell  
706 Adams, Rochester  
206 S. 3rd Street, Haskell  
1206 N. 11th Street, Haskell  
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**307 N. AVE. B.** English Tudor Style remodeled brick home on a corner lot. Property has some original wood floors and some that are new wood, walls and ceilings have new sheetrock, ceiling fans, two new bay windows, new kitchen cabinets, C/HA, two baths, new sewer lines, new plumbing under the house, two car attached garage with storage and much more. The house adjacent to the property is to be sold with the brick home. It was built in approximately 1900.

**1102 N. AVE. K.** Large isolated master bedroom in this three-bedroom, two bath brick home. The kitchen and dining area are large and open into the living area. There are lots of cabinets with built-ins. An attached garage at the rear of the home has been converted into a large utility room with ample storage or can be used as a shop. The yard is fenced and there is a carport in the front of the home.

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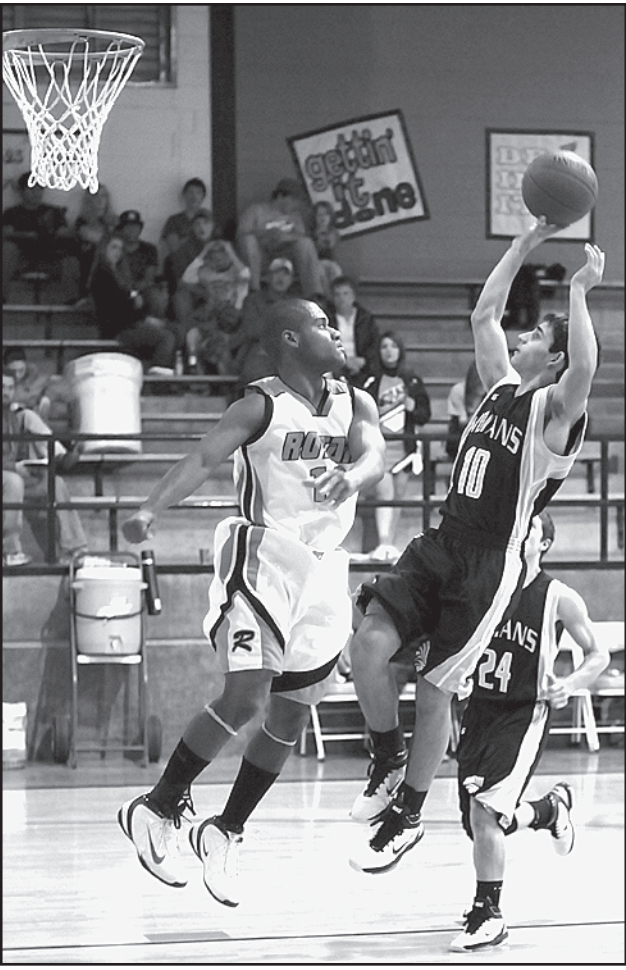
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**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Indian #10 Kelson Aguero makes two points against Stamford. Aguero had seven points in the basket during the game.



**MAKES A SHOT**—Haskell Indian #34 Sterling Bird gets a shot off against Stamford. The Indians fell to the Bulldogs, 64-46.



**MAIDEN ADVANCE**—Haskell Maiden #23 Sidney Cassidy advances the ball down court during the Stamford game. Cassidy had two points during the game. Stamford took the win 47-22.



**MOVES TOWARD BASKET**—Haskell Maiden #35 Delecia Garcia moves the ball toward the basket against Rotan. Garcia had two points during the game. Rotan defeated the Maidens 40-34.

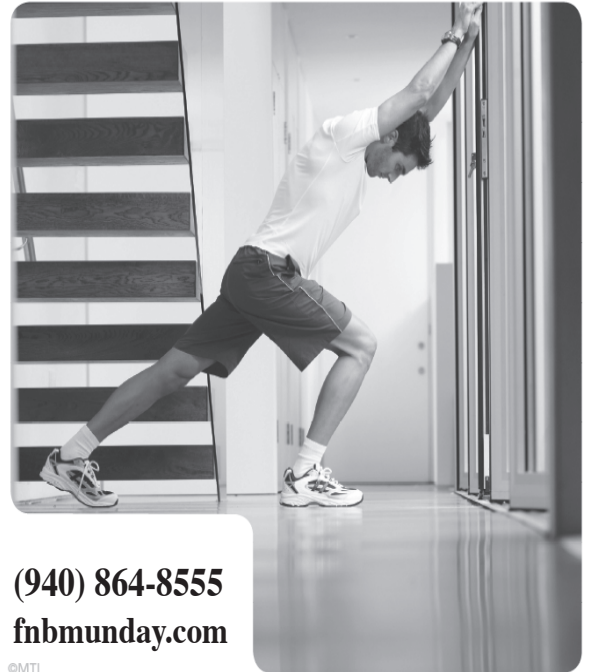
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