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Basketball

HASKELL
JVB, VB vs Hamlin
Fri., Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Throckmorton
Fri., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
RULE
VB vs Woodson
Fri., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

Softball

HASKELL
JV-V vs Wall/Junction
Scrimmage
Sat., Feb. 12, 10 a.m.
at Wall
JV vs Rotan
Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
V vs Merkel
Tues., Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL
V vs Albany Scrimmage
Thurs., Feb. 10, 4 p.m.
at Albany

Calendar

Black History

A Black History Program will be held Sun., Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. at Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St. in Haskell. Speaking will be Elder Gene Ward of Liberty Church of God in Christ of Knox City using Exodus 6:6 'No one is hopeless where hope is in God' as the theme.

Banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Mon., Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Chamber office. Entertainment will be by the Haskell Elementary School.

Fund-raiser

To raise money for Relay for Life, gourmet coffee and a doughnut will be available for \$1 at the CitiBank lobby in Haskell each Friday through March 25.

Food distribution

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

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Art Association

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

Potato lunch

A baked potato fund-raiser lunch will be held Sun., Feb. 13 at the First Baptist Church. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds benefit summer youth activities.

Fish fry

A fish fry will be held Sun., Feb. 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church to raise funds for the youth group from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$8. The menu will be fried fish, slaw, french fries, hush puppies, beans, dessert and tea. Take outs will be available.

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Haskell High School recognized by NCEA

The National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA), a department of ACT, Inc., recognized Haskell CISD for having one school in their district make the 2010 NCEA Higher Performing Schools List. Haskell High School received the honor and Higher Performing (HP) recognition in the areas of Math and Reading.

The Higher Performing Schools (formerly known as Just for the Kids Schools) are identified by two measures: consistent improvement in student achievement from previous years (growth) and/or absolute student achievement using the school's Commended Performance results on the spring 2010 TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test.

NCEA's higher performing methodology controls for school and student demographics to allow for an apples-to-apples comparison of school achievement and to demonstrate that with the commitment of educators, all schools can have success no matter the zip code. NCEA provided award certificates to each Higher Performing School and the district.

UIL POW WOW PARTICIPANTS—In the front row, students are holding the trophy Haskell High School won for 1A Sweepstakes Champion and the plaques won for first place Journalism team, first place Calculator team and first place Mathematics team. Competitors include, front row, l-r, Madison Homeyer, J.T. Schmegner, Zach Tatum, Ashley Adams, Morgan Frierson and Cailey Foster; second row, Carson Hadaway, Jasmine Wilson, Maci

Colley, Caitlan Johnson, Madison Mayfield, Kalyn Wheatley and Shelby Dunnam; third row, Doug King, Garrett Brueggeman, Jasmine Klose, Krista McLemore, A.J. Rodriguez and Manuel Deleon; fourth row, Angelica Gonzalez, Codi Foster, Sara Weise, Cheslee Hearn, Leslie Crosson, Dawn Skinner, Pamela Walker and Amber Allen; and top row, Meagan Kimbrough, Nathan Meredith, Ashlee Short, Denise Hibbetts and Ricky Barrett.

Relay for Life to feature Survivors' Lap

In a nation where more than one million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year, Haskell and Knox County residents are invited to take a stand and fight back while celebrating life at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a unique fund-raising event where teams of participants take turns walking or running the track overnight

in an effort to fight cancer. Teams camp out, eat and play games. This year's Relay For Life will be held at the Haskell High School Indian Football Field April 1.

The message of the event is cancer can be conquered. This theme of hope is illustrated as the ceremony begins with a cancer survivors' lap at 6 p.m. This emotional lap honors the courage of all who have defeated cancer. The

survivors are introduced, and participants walk, run or use a wheelchair during the opening lap—unified in victory and in hope.

The atmosphere of Relay For Life is one of camaraderie and celebration, providing an opportunity for cancer survivors and caregivers to pass the torch of hope on to

those still battling cancer or those that might be touched by cancer in the future.

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to take part in the Relay For Life of Haskell/Knox County, call Susan Cockerell at 940-256-3296. All survivors receive a free commemorative Relay For Life T-shirt.

Elementary School to host Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 21-25

Haskell Elementary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Mon., Feb. 21 through Fri., Feb. 25 for students in pre kindergarten through eighth grade. The book fair will be held at the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will close at noon on Friday.

Elementary and Junior High students will have an opportunity to purchase books as they visit the book fair with their classes during the week. The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books and interactive software. "Book Fair Carnival, Your Ticket to Read!" is this year's theme and it will be a fun-filled event for students and their families, teachers, and the community.

A special family night in the library will be held Thurs., Feb. 24, from 4:30 until 6 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to shop with their families, register

for book fair door prizes, and enjoy refreshments while they are browsing the book fair. Customers can help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List.

The Scholastic Book Fair helps promote literacy by encouraging learning and turning students into lifelong readers. For more information please call 940-864-2654, extension 309.

Haskell Rotarians present dictionaries to students

Haskell Elementary third graders have a bit more of an edge in their education this week after receiving free dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Haskell.

This is the fourth year that every third grade student has received a dictionary to call their own.

An estimated 4,170,598 third graders in the United States are enrolled this school year. An almost mind-boggling number, it is important to bear in mind each individual student represented. Mostly 8 to 9 year old students are fairly new to the world of writing and books, but are still excited to learn about the world. Do you remember what you learned in the third grade?

The solar system? The human body? This life cycle of a plant? All of these subjects introduce new ideas to young learners, and with new ideas comes new vocabulary.

Adults realize how important it is to be able to read and write well in order to share knowledge. Rotarians want to help young people succeed in school and in life and know that third grade is a crucial time for students to learn to read effectively.

The object of the Rotary Dictionary Project is to give every third grade student a personal dictionary of their very own that will serve them at least through elementary and middle school.

Receiving the dictionaries

from Rotary members is beneficial to students as well. The young people meet successful adults in their community who care enough about them to purchase these dictionaries and come to their school to present them personally.

Forty-eight students were presented dictionaries Thurs., Feb. 3 by Rotarians Ken Lane, Nelda Lane, Jimmy Lisle, Larry Howe, Bill Alcorn, Ruby Turner, Tammy Cunningham, Penny Anderson, Myra Rainey, Mike Guess, Kris Fouts, Mike Fouts, Shane Hadaway, Wallace Emerson and Bob Acree.

Third grade teachers are Tonya Cypert, Patsy Blakley and Donna Waggoner.



RECEIVE DICTIONARIES—Forty-eight Haskell Elementary third grade students were presented a dictionary of their own Thurs., Feb. 3 by Haskell Rotarians.

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PLAY IN TOURNAMENT—The Haskell seventh grade girls basketball team, coached by Melissa Burson, went 1-1 in the Stamford Basketball Tournament. Team members are, front row, l-r, Harley Foreman, Hannah Foster and Celicia Rodriguez; back row, Jolene Navarrette, Destiny Pierce, Kourtney Howard and Morgan Nava.

Tammy Cunningham promoted to manager

Tammy Cunningham, CPA, and Jennifer Shahan, CPA, of Davis Kinard &

Co, PC, were promoted to managers for their hard work and dedication to public accounting.

"I am extremely proud of Tammy and Jennifer," said Jeff Gregg, CPA, shareholder over Davis Kinard's Haskell and Seymour offices. "They have demonstrated their dedication to excellent client service and expansion of their knowledge base in their respective service areas in the ever-changing field of accounting."

Tammy Cunningham, CPA, has eight years of public accounting experience. She was promoted from

supervisor to manager, and also serves as our resident manager for the Haskell office. Cunningham has a practice concentration in individual, corporate and partnership tax return preparation planning, with an industry emphasis in agriculture and oil and gas.

Cunningham holds membership with the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) and its Abilene chapter and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She is also on the board of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Haskell Rotary Club and treasurer of the Haskell County Relay for Life, associated with the American Cancer Society.

Jennifer Shahan, CPA, has nine years of public accounting experience. She was promoted from supervisor to manager in our Seymour office. Shahan has a practice emphasis in individual, corporate and partnership tax return preparation, as well as reviews and compilations. She also has experience in financial statement audits for school districts, cities, counties, appraisal districts, not-for profits and agriculture.

Shahan holds membership with the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) and its Wichita Falls chapter and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She is also secretary for the local Farmers Mutual Protective Association (RVOS) lodge and a member of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (KJZT). Shahan is a member of St. Joseph's Church of Rhineland and Saint Anne's Mother Society.

Davis Kinard & Co, PC, was established in 1971 with the merger of the Ben M. Davis & Company, Abilene's first CPA (1926) and public practice accounting firm (1929), and Kinard & Company (1961). The Firm currently employs more than 100 employees and operates out of offices in Abilene, Haskell, Plainview and Seymour.

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Obituaries

Lydia Bertha Ivy



LYDIA IVY

Funeral services for Lydia Bertha Ivy, 96, of Plainview, formerly of Stamford, were held Sat., Feb. 5 in Kinney-Underwood Funeral Chapel with Fred Selby officiating. Interment was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Ivy passed away

Tues., Feb. 1 in Plainview.

Born Aug. 15, 1914 in Haskell, she was the daughter of the late Herman C. and Mary Stienfath Kretschmer. She married Lem S. Ivy Aug. 12, 1945 in Haskell County. To this union, a son, Danny Carl Ivy was born. Lem preceded Lydia in death Nov. 23, 1979. She enjoyed quilting and cooking for family and friends and at one time worked in the cafeteria for the Stamford schools. She was a lifetime resident of Haskell and Jones County; a member of the Texas Cowboy Reunion Oldtimers Association in Stamford, Sons of Hermann Lodge #241 and a past member of the Stamford Woman's Auxiliary V.F.W. Post 9179. Mrs. Ivy was a member of the Orient St. Church of Christ

in Stamford.

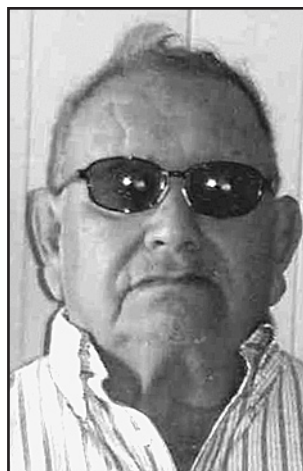
She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son, Danny Carl Ivy; and brothers, Herbert Kretschmer and Alfred Kretschmer.

Survivors include her daughter in law, Valerie Ivy of Lubbock; two grandsons and their families, Jon, Minde, Jaleigh and Kenley Ivy of Greenwood and Kevin and Courtney Ivy of Lubbock; brother, Walter Kretschmer of Haskell; three sisters, Helen Dudensing of Stamford, Bettie Bittner of Haskell and Lena Halfmann of San Angelo; and special friend, Nancy Morales of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to Orient Street Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1031, Stamford, Texas 79553.

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Jesus Herrera



JESUS HERRERA

Funeral services for Jesus Herrera, 87, of Rule were held Fri., Feb. 4 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Rule.

Mr. Herrera went to be with the Lord, Tues., Feb. 1.

Born Feb. 5, 1923 in Sequin, he was the son of the late Ynez and Rosa Herrera.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy in 1944. He married Lilly Trevino. They had one son, Jesus Herrera, Jr. He later married Victoria Rodriguez Calvillo Jan. 16, 1954. Jesus and Victoria made their home in Muleshoe, before moving to Rule. He was a custom farmer in Rule before he went into buying and selling equipment. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule for many years. He loved the Lord and his family. He was a wonderful husband, father and great popo to his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Victoria of Rule; sons, Jesus Herrera, Jr. and wife Lupe of Jourdanton, Paul Calvillo and wife Ester of Fort Worth, Juan Herrera and wife

Yolanda of Rule, Raymond Herrera and wife Amelia of Abilene; daughters, Maria Calvillo of Frisco, Helen Perez and husband Johnny Rodriguez Calvillo, Linda Flores and husband Israel of Little Elm; 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren; one sister, Clara Olivarez of San Antonio; one brother Ynez Herrera of California and a host of dear friends.

Pallbearers were grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Patrick Pace, Joe Harold Cloud, Kenny Tanner, Manuel Flores and Bob Bishop.

A very special thank you to Dr. Finley and all the staff at Munday Nursing Center for their diligence and compassion in caring for Jesus and to all our friends for all the prayers during his illness.

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Faye Murrell McMillin Jetton



FAYE JETTON

Funeral services for Faye Murrell McMillin Jetton, 96, of Haskell, a retired farmer/rancher and former director of nurses, were held Sat., Feb. 5 at the Church of Christ in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell. Arrangements were by Smith Family Funeral Homes and

Croxford Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jetton died Sat., Jan. 29 at her home from complications of a stroke.

Born Nov. 6, 1914 in Mount Springs, she was raised and educated in Cooke County until the tenth grade. She then continued on to go to LVN school and became the Director of Nurses at a care home for 25 years. She married James Edward Jetton Dec. 24, 1931 in Haskell County. She spent 20 years in Haskell as a nurse, and was a farmer for 50 years. She and her husband were life members of Church of Christ, and she was instrumental in creating the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center. Her husband was the mayor of Weinert for 25 years and she involved herself in a

lot of clubs and charity work. She enjoyed sewing, family photos, art and music. She enjoyed baking and won many a contest at fairs and gatherings.

She is preceded in death by her husband James Edward Jetton in June of 2000 and son, Willard Robert "Bill" Jetton in November 2009.

Survivors include her daughters, Jimmie (Claude) Young of Seymour, Jackie Frantz and Sandra (Donald) Stafford of Great Falls; 14 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren and daughter-in-law Dorothy Jetton of Brownwood.

Condolences to the family can be left at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com.

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Terressa Michelle Barnett



MICHELLE BARNETT

Funeral services for Terressa Michelle Barnett, 48, lifetime resident of Stamford, were held Mon., Feb. 7 at Trinity Baptist Church in Stamford with

Rev. Jessie Morton officiating. Graveside rites were held Monday in Miles Cemetery in Miles under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Barnett passed away Thurs., Feb. 3 in Abilene.

Born Jan. 27, 1963 in Stamford, she was the daughter of Johnny Jr. and Pat Bogle. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church. She worked as the dispatcher for about six years for the Stamford Police Department and then for the Jones County 911 dispatch. She worked for a couple of years for Hendrick Medical Center in the medical records and as

a medical transcriptionist. Her children were the love of her life and she enjoyed the times they had playing games at home.

Survivors include her husband, Joel Barnett of Stamford; two sons, Dustin Barnett and wife Nicole of Stamford, Dalton Barnett of Stamford; one daughter, Samantha Barnett of Stamford; three grandchildren, Dawson Barnett, Dillon Barnett and Sabrie Barnett, all of Stamford; one brother, Ricky Bogle and wife Annette of Farmersville; and her parents, Johnny Jr. and Pat Bogle of Stamford.

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Students in the News

Kaycie Sorrells of Haskell graduated with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in mathematics from the HSU Irvin School of Education and Abby Dudensing of Sagerton graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in physical therapy

from the HSU Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics during fall commencement ceremonies held in December.

Lealonnie M. Alvarez and Ashley M. Meier, both of Haskell, were recognized

by Angelo State University in San Angelo as being named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Alzheimer's seminar to be held Feb. 25 in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter announces the annual Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Seminar, entitled "Enhancing Dementia Care: Improving Patient Outcomes Through Understanding." The day-long event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Fri.,

Feb. 25, at Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo Gap Rd., in Abilene. Professional and family caregivers are invited to hear award-winning occupational therapist Heather McKay describe the changes that take place in the brain of someone with dementia and how these changes manifest

themselves as specific behaviors. Understanding why people do what they do helps caregivers better handle the everyday challenges of caring for people with dementia. Caregivers will also learn strategies and practical skills they can apply immediately.

McKay, dementia care

specialist, is the owner of Partnerships for Health, a company providing high-quality training and consultation for health care professionals, families, students and community organizations in a variety of settings. She also serves as Dementia Care Program Manager of Hospice of Alamance-Caswell and Life Path Home Health, Burlington, North Carolina. She holds a Masters degree in occupational therapy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also received an interdisciplinary certificate in aging.

McKay earned high praise for her lively presentation style and useful content when she spoke at the Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Seminars in Arlington and Waco in 2010. Her presentation is rich with examples, anecdotes and practical information designed to help people be more effective caregivers.

Registration is required for all participants, and includes lunch. The program cost for professionals is \$35, and there is no charge for family caregivers. Continuing education credit is available for activity professionals, assisted living managers, long-term care administrators, social workers and nurses. Respite assistance is available for qualifying family caregivers through the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.; walk-ins will be admitted space permitting.

For more information about the Caregiver Seminar or to request a brochure, call 325-672-2907 or toll-free at 1-800-272-3900, or visit http://www.alz.org/northcentraltexas/in_my_community_caregiver_seminar.asp.

Hutto ordained

Glen Doyle Hutto was ordained as a deacon at Greater Independent Baptist in Haskell.

Pastors officiating at the ceremony were Pastor Crystal King of Odessa, James Ray of Odessa and Rev. Henry Flint of Abilene.

Civic Center donations

Recent donations to the Haskell Memorial Civic Center include:

Jim and Delorise McMillen, Kay Wiseman Cheatham, Chester Jones and Rob and Suzanne Starr.

Haskell Lodge #241

Super Bowl Sunday found members of Haskell Lodge #241 in attendance at the monthly meeting held at the Pit 'N Grill.

Phyllis Klose led the group in a memorial in respect for Lydia Ivy, who became a member on Jan. 4, 1994 and passed away Feb. 2, 2011 at the age of 96.

The group missed Leona Seelig, as she has moved to Fredericksburg. We wish her well, but we enjoyed playing the domino game of chicken-foot with her.

There were no anniversary attendees but two birthday attendees, J.R. Merchant and Elton Klose.

One new application has been received from Alan Merchant of Stamford.

Two 60-year pin recipients were acknowledged. Genelle Weeks, a member since Jan. 14, 1951 and Roger Moeller, a member since Jan. 20, 1951 were recognized.

Installation of officers shall be in March. Inclement weather is the cause for the

delay.

Valentine boxes of candy were presented to all in attendance and door prizes were awarded to T.J. Brueggeman, Jerry Don Klose and Phyllis Klose.

After games of dominoes and an evening meal, the group adjourned, some to go home and cheer their team on to a Super Bowl win, and all looking forward to their March meeting with installation of officers and a chicken fried steak meal at the Pit 'n Grill on March 6.

Managing mealtimes

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

When it comes to managing mealtimes-What kind of a parent are you?

Managing what food to put on the table is challenging enough without having to manage who is around the table. According to Dr. Sharon Robinson, Associate Professor and Nutrition Specialist, with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, "There are three approaches to parenting that influence children's eating behavior: parent centered, child centered and balanced."

If you take the parent centered approach, or authoritarian, then you may restrict the type and/or amount of food your child can eat. For example, you might have a no junk food policy at your house. Another clue you may have a parent centered approach is if you stick to strict meal and snack times. Also you may expect your child to eat all of the food on their plate-a clean plate rule. One problem with this approach is that children often desire the foods they cannot have and will often overeat when

offered restricted foods. Children who are required to finish all of the food on their plate may develop a habit of overeating which could lead to unwanted weight gain over time.

The child centered approach (also known as permissive) to mealtime is very unstructured. Children decide what they want to eat and when they want to eat. They will often forage in the kitchen for food. This approach to parenting can be a problem when children pick foods that are not very healthy resulting in overall decrease in nutritional intake. Also children may not learn proper table manners and how to make dinner conversation.

The balanced approach to managing mealtimes is also called authoritative. It can be thought of as a happy median between the parent and the child approaches. Parents with a balanced approach:

- Offer meals and snacks regularly throughout the day thereby allowing children to feel secure

- Provide a variety of healthful foods from which children are allowed to

select

- Introduce new foods 11 to 12 times to allow children ample time to warm up to unfamiliar foods

- Create a positive mealtime atmosphere by not commenting about food not eaten or making negative statements about the child

- Are good role models.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offers free and low-cost nutrition and health classes and other events. To find out what is available in your area, contact Jane Rowan-County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 940-864-2546 or visit the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Avenue D in Haskell.

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Heart disease is the No.1 killer of women in the U.S., claiming nearly twice as many lives as all forms of cancer combined.

"There are many theories as to why women have a higher mortality rate from heart disease," says interventional cardiologist Dr. Elizabeth Holper of UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Research has demonstrated that patients who know the status of their risk factors-

including cholesterol levels and blood pressure-and who control these risks-do better in the long term."

Other steps women can take to reduce their risk of heart disease include quitting smoking, lowering the amount of saturated fat in their diets and exercising at least 30 minutes a day.

"Most of all, talk with your doctor about your risk," says Dr. Holper. "It should be a top priority."

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Haskell Indians

**JVB, VB vs Hamlin
Fri., Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
at Haskell**



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

Go Indians! Go Maidens!



TAHC officials urge awareness of global foot and mouth disease threat

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reminds Texas producers, marketers and veterinarians that maintaining a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free U.S.A. requires constant awareness and vigilance. Anyone involved with livestock needs to recognize the general signs of FMD and how to report suspicious

symptoms. FMD is not contagious to people, but the viral disease that affects cattle, hogs and other cloven hoofed animals is characterized by the presence of vesicles in the mouth, or on the muzzle, teats and feet. The FMD virus can accidentally be carried on people's clothing, footwear and vehicles from one farm location to another.
"In today's world where people travel and trade so

much internationally, we need to remember that the introduction of FMD to Texas livestock is an ongoing threat. Producers should always be aware of who's coming in contact with their livestock and where those people may have been previously," said Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas State Veterinarian. The introduction of FMD would create severe economic and trade implications for Texas

producers, added Dr. Ellis.
The TAHC and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) have created state and national response plans for dealing with high consequence animal diseases such as FMD if introduced. The TAHC and USDA routinely partner with other federal agencies as well, to help prevent the intentional or accidental introduction of foreign animal diseases or foreign pests into the United States. The TAHC works closely with the various Texas livestock industries also, to maintain viable contingency plans in case FMD was introduced into the state. Vigilance and

sound biosecurity practices are the best first-line of defense against FMD.

- Good practices include:
- Understanding the animal disease status of foreign countries when visiting farms or ranches
 - Thorough cleaning and disinfection of footwear and other clothing after foreign travel
 - Following USDA APHIS and US Customs & Border Patrol restrictions for import of animal products
 - Controlling international visitor contact with Texas livestock species and agriculture facilities
- FMD is present in a number of continents including South America,

Africa and Asia, with recent outbreaks occurring in South Korea, Japan and Bulgaria. FMD was last diagnosed on U.S. soil in 1929.

Suspicious symptoms can be reported to the TAHC year-round, 24-hours-a-day by calling 1-800-550-8242. For more information on FMD or other infectious diseases, producers are encouraged to contact their veterinary practitioner, call their local TAHC office, or visit the TAHC website.

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals and exotic livestock.

USDA announces dates of sorghum checkoff referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has finalized procedures for the upcoming referendum on the continuation of the Sorghum Checkoff Program and is announcing the dates it will conduct the referendum.

For the program to continue, the Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information order requires that a referendum be conducted no later than 3 years after the start of assessments, which began

on July 1, 2008. The order requires a simple majority vote in the referendum for the program to continue.

USDA will conduct the referendum Feb. 1-28, 2011, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices for producers and the Agricultural Marketing Service office, referenced below, for importers. Ballots may be obtained in person, by mail or facsimile at county FSA offices, or via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/sorghumpage.

Any eligible person engaged in the production of importation of sorghum from July 1, 2008, to Dec. 31, 2010, is eligible to participate. Individuals are required to provide documentation such as a sales receipt or remittance form that shows they engaged in the production or importation of sorghum.

The Sorghum Checkoff Program, and its 13-member board, is authorized by the Commodity Promotion Research and Information Act of 1996. The mandatory program is funded at the rate of 0.6 percent of the net market value on grain sorghum and 0.35 percent of the net market value of sorghum forage.

Sorghum Checkoff is a national, coordinated, self-help marketing program designed to strengthen the position of sorghum in the market place, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sorghum, and develop new markets and uses for sorghum.

The final procedures were published in the Nov. 18, 2010, Federal Register. The notice announcing the dates of the referendum were published in the Jan. 4, 2011, Federal Register.

For more information, contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2628-S, STOP 0251, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; by calling 202-720-1115; or faxing 202-720-1125.

FSA announces general signup period for CRP

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director for the Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup March 14, 2011 through April 15, 2011. This is the second consecutive year that USDA has offered a general CRP signup.

"Financial incentives available through CRP afford farmers and ranchers a low risk opportunity to implement a variety of conservation practices that will benefit the environment in a number of ways," said Brzozowski. "Over the past 25 years, CRP practices have improved water and air quality, increased wildlife habitat and prevented soil erosion," he said.

Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP

can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met. CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective Oct. 1, 2011.

All CRP offers are evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the sign-up period and after analyzing EBI data on all of the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing.

For more information, contact the Haskell County FSA Office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, Farm Service Agency County Executive Director.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing

an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Brzozowski.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file

a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Haskell County FSA Office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

State committee reappointed for USDA's Texas FSA

Juan M. Garcia, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Texas, announced the reappointment of the current five-member State Committee. The State Committee is responsible for the oversight of farm programs, county committee operations, appeals, federal farm policy determinations and provides FSA program information to the general public and other Agency stakeholders.

"I am grateful that our state committee members were reappointed and can continue their involvement with Texas FSA," said Garcia. "Their contribution to the Agency has had a positive impact on our programs, producers and employees, and I am certain that we will have another successful year of delivering federal farm programs," he said.

The individuals reappointed to serve on this

committee are:

Jerry Don Glover (Chairperson) of Muleshoe has over 46 years of experience in Agriculture policy. Glover is a third generation farmer currently farming in Parmer County.

Debra Barrett of Edroy is a fourth generation cotton farmer, and has been farming cotton and grain sorghum since 1981. Barrett served as a member of the San Patricio County FSA Committee six years prior to her appointment in January of 2009.

Armando Mandujano of Cayanosa owns Mandujano Brothers, a partnership with his three brothers. The farming operation consists of 4,000 acres producing watermelons, cotton, onions, pumpkins, and peppers in Pecos and Reeves County. Mandujano has served as an advisor to the Pecos County FSA Committee.

Wesley Ratcliff of Oakwood has been involved in agriculture for most of

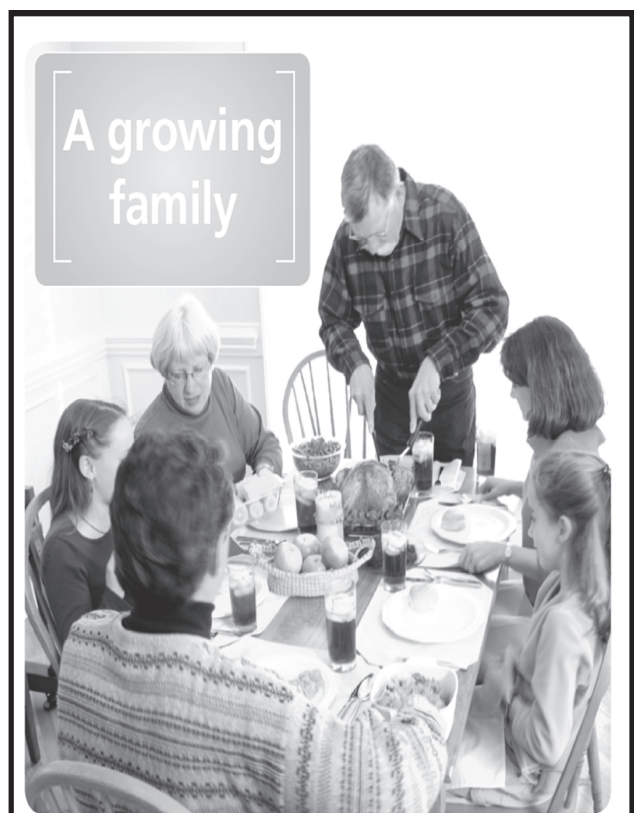
his life, and has owned and operated his current ranch for over 10 years.

Glen A. Rod of El Campo owns and operates Rod Grass Farm LLC and Jones Creek Farm JV growing rice, row crops and turf grass.

"In Texas, the State Committee has a tremendous responsibility to be accountable for the use of taxpayer dollars as our Agency allocated more than \$1.6 billion in federal farm program benefits to producers statewide in fiscal year 2010," said Garcia. "These appointed individuals have proven they can be both fair and effective in their service to Texas farmers and ranchers," he said.

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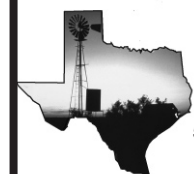
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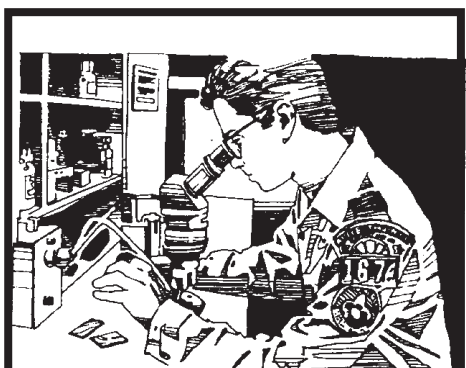
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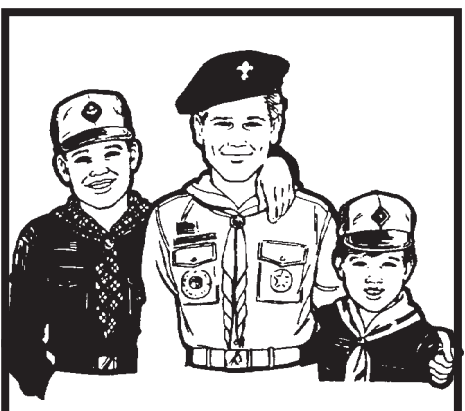
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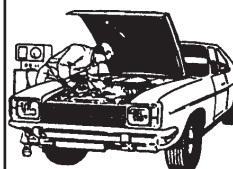
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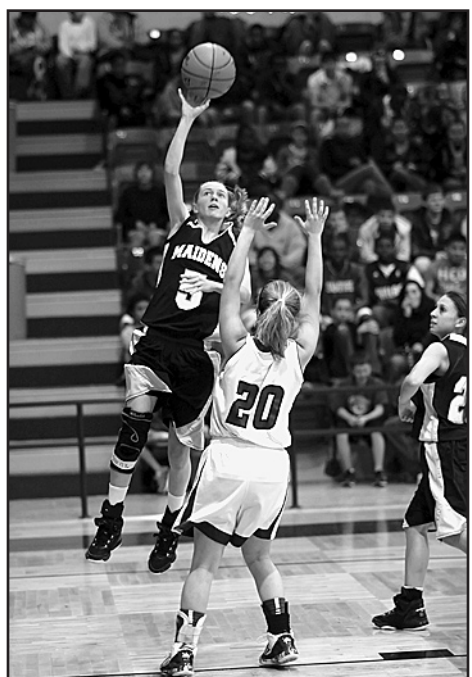
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INDIANS VS MUNDAY—The Haskell Indians dropped a game to Munday 68-51. Haskell Indian #10 Kelson Aguero, left, gets a shot off and Indian #24 Christian Myers, right, gets a lay up during the game. Myers was the top scorer with 17 points, Aguero had 9.



INDIANS VS STAMFORD—The Haskell Indians were defeated by the Stamford Bulldogs 67-65. Haskell Indian #14 Isaiah Llewellyn, left, makes a shot and Indian #22 Brady Leach brings the ball down court during the game. Llewellyn posted 13 points and Leach had 10 points on the night.



MAIDENS VS STAMFORD—The Haskell Maidens came up short against Stamford 42-34. Maiden #5 Marissa McGhee, left, goes to the basket and Maiden #23 Sidney Cassidy, right, brings the ball down court during the game.



MAIDENS WIN—The Haskell Maidens defeated Munday 45-40. #31 Maiden Maci Colley, left, drives to the basket and #15 Cheslee Hearn, right, brings the ball down court during the game. Colley scored six points and Hearn was top scorer with 16 on the evening.

Area basketball scores

Girls
Stamford 42, Haskell 34
 JV: Stamford 31, Haskell 28.
Haskell 45, Munday 40
 Scoring for Haskell: Hearn 16, Hadaway 10, Johnson 7, Colley 6, Short 3, Garcia 2, McGhee 1.
Aspermont 52, Rule 26
 Scoring for Rule: Polk 15, Foreman 6, Petty 5.
Woodson 53, Paint Creek 12
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Bosnjak 4, Buerger 2, Lopez 2, Armstrong 2, Trotter 2.
Boys
Stamford 67, Haskell 65
 Scoring for Haskell: Myers 17, Llewellyn 13, Leach 10, Aguero 9, Shelton 7, Bird 7, Nanny 2.
Munday 68, Haskell 51

Scoring for Haskell: 4, Lewis 2, Llewellyn 17, Myers 17, Leach 7, Shelton 5, Aguero 4, Bird 1.
Aspermont 60, Rule 30
 Scoring for Rule: Brown 19, Turner 9, Taylor 5, Quintero 2.
Woodson 46, Paint Creek 40
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 13, McCord 7, Edwards 7, Bishop 7, Adkins 4, Abner 2.



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