

Basketball

HASKELL
VB vs Seymour
Mon., Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
at Breckenridge

Softball

HASKELL
JV vs Sweetwater
Fri., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
V vs Coahoma
Fri., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
at Coahoma
JV-V vs Jim Ned
Tues., Feb. 22, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL
V vs Baird Scrimmage
Fri., Feb. 18, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
V vs Merkel
Tues., Feb. 22, 4 p.m.
at Merkel

Calendar

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.

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.

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. Everyone is invited.

One Act plays

An evening of one act plays is scheduled Mon., March 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Tickets are \$3 each and can be purchased from any Civic Center Board member or by contacting Luis at 864-8577. Drinks and popcorn will be available at the concession stand.

Dinner, auction

The Noah Project-North will have their dinner and silent auction Sat., March 26 at the Haskell Civic Center. Those interested in making a donation or providing something for the silent auction should contact Pat at 864-5841, Coleta at 864-8036 or Jeri at 864-3467. An advisory member will collect items around town.

Youth baseball

Haskell Youth Baseball will sign-up until Feb. 25. Turn all forms in at Sport-About. Forms may be picked up at your school. Contact Tyke Meinzer, Roger Roewe, Casey Larned or Thomas Parks for more information.

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Chamber of Commerce Banquet Mon., Feb. 21

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Filing begins for elected positions with City, School

by Caron Yates

City and school board elections have been set for Sat., May 14. Filing applications for city elections in Haskell, Rule, Rochester and Weinert are currently being accepted, as well as applications for school board positions in Haskell and Rule.

Filing for a place on the ballot began Feb. 14, and will continue through March 14. Early voting by personal appearance begins May 2 and ends May 10 at 5 p.m.

Applications may be picked up at the respective city hall offices and at the administration office of each

school district.

There will be three seats on the Haskell city council up for election. The council seats are two-year at large terms. These positions are currently held by Chan Guess, Randy Bowers and Sue Medford. Early voting will take place at the city hall from 8 a.m. until

5 p.m. Extended hours on Tues., May 3 and Wed., May 4 will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Haskell CISD will have three single member districts on the ballot. Single member district #2, is now held by Debbie Earles, and single member district #3, is being

served by Joey Thomas. These positions are for three-year terms. Single member district #7, held by Mark Stewart, will be elected for a one-year term. Anyone living in the school district may file for a seat, however you must live in the single member district for which you are voting.

Information as to which member district you are eligible to vote in, is found on your voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member districts is available at the school administration office.

Although the school will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 14-18, the administration office will be open Mar. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m.

In Rule's city election, three council seats are to be determined. Two-year terms, now held by Jerry Conner, Kenny Tanner and David Parr, are on the ballot. The two Rule ISD school board places held by Lynn Dale Dudensing and Robert Ace Turner will expire.

Voters in Rochester will be deciding on three city council places currently held by Melinda Teague, Betty Ruth White and Bobby O'Neal. Also on the ballot, will be the office held by Mayor Marvin Stegemoeller.

The City of Weinert will be voting on three council seats. These seats are currently held by Stanley Hager, Jeremy Hager and Caron Yates.

For your vote to be counted on May 14, you must have an acceptable form of identification. This can include your voter certificate, drivers license or personal identification. Other options are some form of ID containing a photograph, birth certificate, passport or citizenship papers, or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check or government document that shows name and address of voter.



HASKELL MAIDEN BASKETBALL SWEETHEART-ASHLEE SHORT
HASKELL INDIAN BASKETBALL BEAU-CHRISTIAN MYERS

Four to represent Haskell in All-Star Classic

The 139 athletes and cheerleaders who will make up the all-star class for the 12th Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Classic were officially announced Sun., Feb. 13.

The 2011 All-Star Classic, a basketball-football doubleheader, is scheduled for Sat., June 4. The girls basketball game at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum will tip off at noon followed by the football game at 7 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium.

All proceeds benefit the Big Country Chapter of the FCA.

On Sunday, 115 players, 24 cheerleaders and the coaching staffs were introduced to the media and then attended orientation meetings with organizers and coaches.

All participants will be honored again at the All-Star Banquet "Sharing the Victory" on April 17 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-a-day practices in Abilene on Wed., June 1.

Haskell Indian Christian Myers, a 5-8, 157 lbs., Option Quarterback/Safety will

play for the All-Star-North football team. Myers was named first team All-district quarterback, in addition to earning all-district honors in basketball and baseball. In addition to sports, he is involved in One Act Play. He plans to attend Midwestern State University pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

Haskell Coach Kent Colley will coach for the All-Star-North team. He has led the Haskell Indians as head football coach for the past three seasons. He also serves as Athletic Director at Haskell High School.

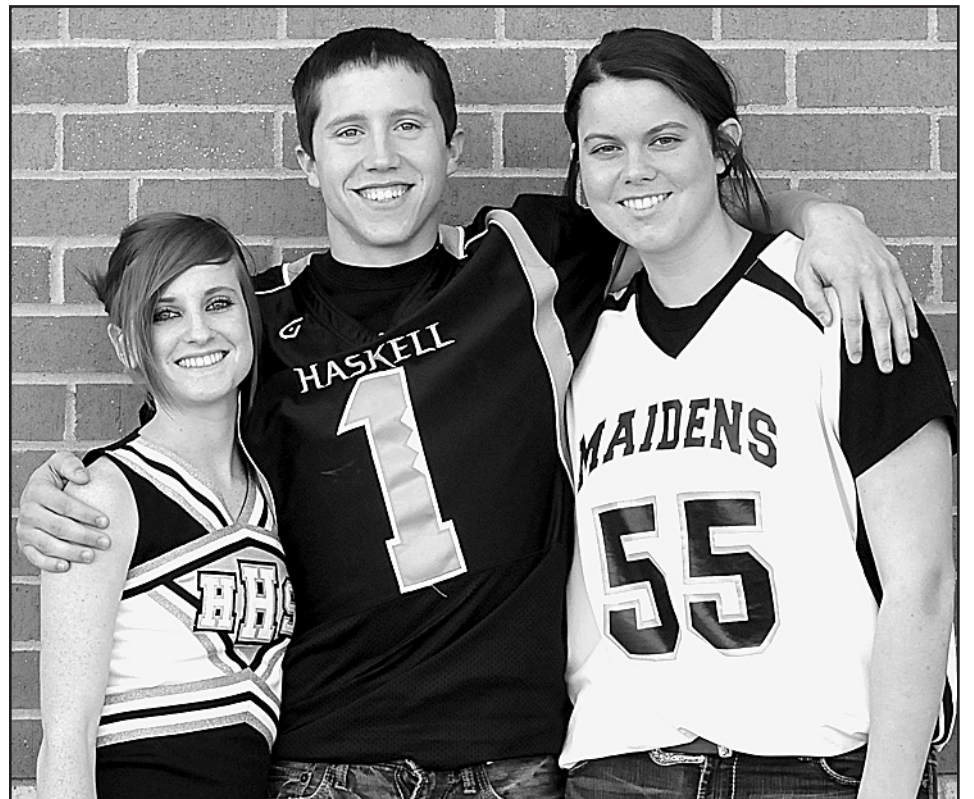
Haskell Maiden Ashlee Short, a 5-10 post, will play on the All-Star North Basketball team. She is very active at Haskell High, and is involved in track, National Honor Society, UIL, FFA, as well as basketball. Short was named to the All-district first team in basketball, her junior year. She plans to attend the University of Mary Hardin Baylor or LCU, to study accounting or coaching.

Haskell cheerleader Bailey Fillmon will cheer for the All-Star-North teams. Fillmon participates in cheerleading, UIL, and One Act Play. She was named an All-American

Cheerleader, the past two years, and received the Pin-It-Forward Leadership Award. Her plans include attending South Plains Junior College, and later transferring to

Texas Tech University, to study criminal psychology.

Information about the Big Country Chapter of the FCA can also be found at www.bigcountryfca.org.



TO PARTICIPATE IN FCA ALL-STAR CLASSIC-Haskell High School will be well represented during the 12th Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Classic scheduled for Sat., June 4. Haskell students, I-r, Bailey Fillmon will cheer for the All-Star North teams, Christian Myers will play football for the All-Star North team and Ashlee Short will play basketball for the All-Star North team. The team members were officially announced Sun., Feb. 13. Haskell Coach Kent Colley will coach for the All-Star North football team.

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Thanks for the question,
Michelle Johnson, RN

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Food Check-Out Week Feb. 20-26

During this time of economic squeeze is it possible to feed your family healthy, nutritious meals and still stay within your budget? The Haskell County Farm Bureau thinks so and it is joining the Texas Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in promoting Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 20-26.

"Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is devoted to helping teach Americans how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food," said Charles Gibson Haskell County Farm Bureau president. "America's farmers and ranchers are dedicated to producing safe, healthy, and abundant food. And they share a common concern with consumers when it comes to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget."

According to a USDA study, the cost of less-healthy foods has risen more than the cost of those foods which are more nutritious. It is still possible to spend between 10 and 11 percent of a family's disposable income on food and have a healthy diet.

"Eating healthier does not have to cost more and can even cost some families less," said Gibson. "The United States continues to have the safest, most abundant, healthiest, and least expensive food in the world."

Learning to use your grocery dollars wisely ensures that nutrition isn't neglected. Fruits and vegetables, along with whole grains, low-fat dairy products, lean meats, fish, beans, eggs and nuts are all important parts of a healthy diet, according to health professionals.

To increase awareness and celebrate the week, Haskell County Farm Bureau is holding a Food Drive..

"As a farmer, I am producing affordable food for my family and yours," said Gibson, "I am proud of what we do and hope America will join us in celebrating Food Check-Out Week."

Student in the News

Kade W. Kitley, a senior Sports and Exercise Science major of Rule, was named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University Canyon, for the fall 2010 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Go Indians!



SENIOR MAIDENS—Haskell Seniors playing basketball for the Maidens this season include, l-r, #15 Cheslee Hearn, #5 Marissa McGhee and #55 Ashlee Short. The Maidens Coach is David Middleton.

Obituaries

Frank 'Frankie' Austermann



FRANKIE AUSTERMANN

Memorial services for Frank 'Frankie' Austermann, 47, of Haskell, formerly of Merkel, were held Sat., Feb. 12 at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel.

Mr. Austermann died

Wed., Feb. 9 in a local hospital.

Born July 21, 1963 in Denver, Colorado, he was the son of Leroy Franklin and Harriet Lee (Randle) Austermann. He attended Merkel schools and was a truck driver for 12 years. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed riding dirt bikes. He loved to cook and loved football, especially the Titans.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a niece, Elizabeth.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Austermann and wife Amber and

Nicholas Austermann, both of Sweetwater, and Patrick Austermann of Merkel; three daughters, Misty Austermann and Gerald of Sweetwater, Tiffanie Austermann of Paris, Texas, and Gabby Cochran of Merkel; his father, Leroy Austermann and wife Mitsu of Tye; one brother, Keith Austermann and wife Cristy of Cherokee; two sisters, Dana West and husband Sonny of Haskell, and Sharen Gross and husband John of Sardy, Oregon; five grandchildren, Mackenzie, Madison, Zakrie, Kaitline and Brooklyn; and several nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

You can run from officers, but you'll go to jail tired

On Thursday morning Feb. 10, the Stamford Police Department had a male subject run from them on foot in Stamford. Stamford Police Department, Jones County Sheriff's Office, Anson Police Department, Hawley Police Department and Haskell Sheriff's Office looked for the suspect and did not locate him. The suspect was in a vehicle that had some stolen items inside of it.

On Friday afternoon, Haskell County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Winston Stephens was working traffic south of Haskell on U.S. 277 when he noticed a vehicle traveling south going over the speed limit. He turned on the suspect vehicle and it pulled over and as he was going to approach the vehicle it took off at a high rate of speed. Two suspects were in the vehicle. After a short run, the vehicle pulled over again and a male suspect bailed out and ran south through the field and into the pasture.

The female driver was detained at the scene and responding officers from Stamford Police Department, Rule, Rochester, Haskell and

Texas Parks and Wildlife and Haskell Sheriff's Office arrived at the area and contained a perimeter around the pasture. Officers began to walk through the pasture. Warden Ryan Peacock spotted the subject running through the pasture and took him into custody. The suspect had a few scratches about his legs and arms and was tired. It was discovered that this was the same person that had run from the Stamford Police Department the morning before. He was charged with Evading Arrest and Detention and was transported to Haskell County Jail.

On Sunday afternoon Feb. 13, a suspect ran from the Anson Police Department on a motorcycle traveling north on U.S. 277. As the suspect approached Stamford, a Stamford Police Department officer tried to stop him and the motorcycle rider fled from him and went west on State Hwy. 6 toward Rule at a high rate of speed again. Stamford Police department was in pursuit and was assisted by Haskell Sheriff's Office, Rule Police Department and units

from Stonewall County.

The suspect ran off and left the pursuing units. The chase was ended at the intersection of Hwy. 6 and Hwy. 283 south of Rule.

A short time later, the suspect was spotted hiding behind a slush pit just off of Hwy. 6. The driver had run out of gas and pushed his motorcycle behind the dike of the pit and was hiding. He was taken into custody for Fleeing to evade arrest and Detention with a vehicle, a felony. The suspect later stated that the reason he fled was the he had got away with it before and he continued to do it thinking he was going to get away with it again. He was transported to Haskell County Jail where he was booked in.

The cooperation of surrounding agencies working together in our rural area help in stopping some of the crimes in our county and other counties.

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton said, "Again, a great job by all officers involved in protecting our communities."



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Book Fair set Feb. 21-25

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Haskell Elementary School beginning Mon., Feb. 21 through Fri., Feb. 25. The book fair, for students from pre kindergarten through eighth grade, will be in the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and until noon on Friday. This year's theme is "Book Fair Carnival, Your Ticket to Read!" and there will be a large variety of great books for all ages.

Everyone is invited to the family event Thurs. evening, Feb. 24 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. Families will have an opportunity to shop together and enjoy refreshments, and there will be student drawings for book fair merchandise. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us at Scholastic's "Book Fair Carnival" for your "ticket to read." For more information, call 940-864-2654, extension 309.

Tobacco cessation program to begin

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
A "Tobacco Cessation" program will be offered in Haskell beginning March 3 and continuing through April 7. The six classes will be held each Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building.

Anyone interested in quitting smoking or smokeless tobacco is

encouraged to attend. The program will be free of charge and is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell County, Hendrick Cancer Center, The City of Haskell, and Haskell Memorial Hospital.

If interested in participating, pre-register by March 1 by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 2546.

Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs to meet Feb. 20

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold their February meeting Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 3 to 4 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the 3rd grade through the 12th grade are welcome to come and join.

The clubs will meet and prepare non-perishable snack bags and letters for the U.S. troops, and discuss

upcoming contests such as photography and clothing projects for the month of March.

The meeting will conclude with refreshments. Following the 4-H Club meeting will be a Photography Workshop for interested 4-H'ers.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

4-H photography workshop slated

Sun., Feb. 20 a 4-H Photography Workshop will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., following the Haskell Jr./Sr. 4-H Club meeting for all Haskell County area 4-H'ers.

The guest speaker will be Angela Burson formerly of Rochester. She will be discussing topics including "Getting To Know Your Camera," "Basics of Picture Making," "Managing Digital Photos-

Pixels and Resolutions" and "Photography as a Business."

Other items to be covered will include "4-H Photography Rules/Guidelines," "Tips for Submitting Photos for Competition" and "Photography Contest Opportunities."

For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.



JEFFREY PAUL RODRIQUEZ-KELSIE De'LAINIE MILLER

Miller, Rodriguez plan April wedding

Gary and Tonya Miller of Rule are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kelsie De'Laine Miller, to Jeffrey Paul Rodriguez, son of Frankie and Danielle Rodriguez of Knox City and Reva and Jeff York of Rochester.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Rule High School and is attending nursing school at TSTC West Texas.

She is an examiner for Exam One, an EMT-I, and plans to complete her LVN training in December.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2006 graduate of Knox City High School, certified welder and is employed by Gottsch Cattle Company.

The couple plans to marry in April of 2011 and reside in the Rochester area.

CAD is topic of Study Club meeting

The Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Feb. 10 at the Hospital Education Building with twenty members and two guests, Karen Kaigler-Walker and Haley Smith.

President Lynn Dodson called the meeting to order, followed by prayer by Oleta Cornelius and the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

Charlotte Johnson and Charlotte Welch spoke on Heart Health Month. They said the goal is to make the public more aware of CAD, Coronary Artery Disease, the #1 killer in the U.S. The group was reminded that elevated blood pressure and poor circulation in the legs can be the start of CAD. Prevention is the best cure. We were encouraged to eat healthy and to shop the outside aisles

at the grocery store. We were also told that trans fats is the bad no-no now and another key to heart health is to get moving.

In the business meeting, the Finance Committee reported its proposed donations. The club accepted the report and voted to make the donations as proposed.

Susan Turner and Frieda Ivy volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels Feb. 11. Turner asked members to bring one old photo to the March Texas Heritage meeting. The Relay for Life was discussed and members were encouraged to sign up for the Progressive Study Club team.

Hostesses for the evening were Dodson, Christina Isbell, and Nelda Lane.

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About the Author

Mike W. Jordan was born in Tyler, Texas and grew up in the country between Idalou and Lubbock. He graduated at Idalou ISD, class of 72.

He has worn many hats through his life. He's been a boxer, bull rider, rodeo clown, rancher, insurance adjuster and private investigator; several of these hats worn at the same time. As an insurance adjuster he has traveled the entire United States for the past 37 years chasing hail storms, tornados, fires, earth quakes, hurricanes and freeze losses.

He lives in Haskell with his wife, Deanna. Since retirement, Mike spends his time working and playing with their four grandchildren.

SHE is Mike's first novel. He has another book coming out soon named OSCAR THE BULL, a kid's book and the first in a series of five Oscar adventures.

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OPINION

Severe Weather Awareness Week set Feb. 20-26

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NOAA All Hazards Radio functions like a smoke detector and warns you anywhere and anytime. This device will automatically alert you of tornadoes, flash floods and severe thunderstorms while you are asleep or away from your favorite radio or TV station, or internet site. You can buy one at most places that sell electronic devices.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo encourages all residents and schools across West Central Texas to practice their tornado warning drill Thurs., Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. The NWS in San Angelo will transmit a Special Message through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Thurs., Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Because of the nature of this message, it may or may not activate certain NOAA Weather Radios.

BASIC SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY RULES

Some basic severe eather safety rules include:

- Stay informed with NOAA All Hazards Radio, cell phone, local radio, TV, or the internet—Have more than one way to receive weather information in case you lose power. NOAA All Hazards Radio functions like a smoke detector and

warns you anywhere and anytime. This device will automatically alert you of tornadoes, flash floods and severe thunderstorms while you are away from your favorite radio or TV station, cable channel or internet site. You can buy one at most electronic stores.

- Know the difference between a watch and warning

Watch—means conditions are favorable for severe weather.

Warning—means that severe weather such as a tornado, hail or damaging wind storm is very likely or imminent, and has been detected on radar, has been reported by you (public), and/or has been identified by National Weather Service trained SKYWARN Storm Spotters.

- Know the name of your county and those around you—Have a road map nearby your TV remote control or radio receiver.

- Know what to do ahead of time.

Tornado and High Wind Safety: Always know the safe places from tornadoes and high winds and be sure your family knows, too. An underground shelter or above ground shelter are the safest places. However, the next safest place is an innermost windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor of your home, school, or business away from outside walls and windows. Get down low and cover your head with blankets, pillows, or mattresses.

Abandon Mobile Homes for a safer place from both tornadic and straight line winds, and know where to go when a Watch or Warning is issued for your area. Recent statistics prove that people in manufactured homes are at most risk from tornadoes. Approximately 8% of all US residents live in mobile homes. From the period 1985-2002, approximately 49% of all tornado deaths occurred in mobile homes.

SBA to hold seminars

The government will be contracting millions of dollars in the next few years. Two seminars will be held by the Small Business Administration to help businesses gain access to these contracting jobs.

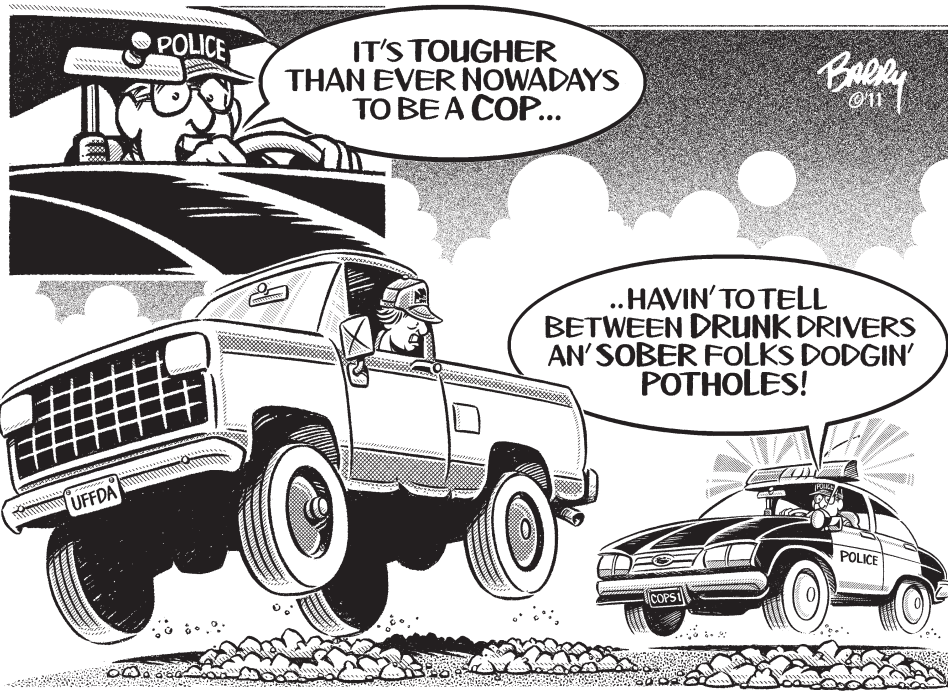
The first session will be held Feb. 24 from 8 to 12 noon and repeated from 1 to 4 p.m.

The second session will be held March 3 from 8 to 12 noon and repeated from

1 to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center at 500 Chestnut, Suite 601 in Abilene.

Those attending should bring a tax ID number, a DUNS number, contact information and an email address.

For more information, contact Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center at 325-670-0300.



Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
Attention: The Progressive Study Club is alive and well. The Scrap Metal Drive is in full force.

Cooperate with the City of Haskell, and bring your scrap metal to the container 105 N. Ave E. This donation to the scrap metal drive will go to fund for the building of the Haskell County Veteran's Memorial Wall.

Thanks a lot,
Dorothy Hartsfield

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 15, 2001

Ruby Turner was named Citizen of the Year during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

Leading cheers for the Rule Bobcats are Chrissy Ramirez, Ashley Barnett, Janae Smith, Melanie Navarratte, Stephanie Steele, Tiffany McDuff and Jenny Hisey.

Bronc Davis of the Paint Creek FFA Chapter exhibited a first place crossbred in the Junior Barrow Show during the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth.

20 Years Ago February 14, 1991

Louis and Nellie Wilson were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren.

A new restaurant, Jack's Place, opened for business in Haskell. Owners are Jack and Suzie Wilson of Rule.

Boy Scouts Hans Overton, Marcus Overton, Casey Thompson, Jim Crawford and Cody Ender of Troup 148, were seated as delegates on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives to present the Chisholm Trail Council's Report to the State.

PFC Darrin T. Wright, son of Vernon and Evelyn Wright of Haskell, is serving in Operation Desert Storm.

30 Years Ago February 12, 1981

The grand opening of the newly completed Haskell County Experienced Citizens Center is scheduled for this week.

Gene Long was elected president of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce during a meeting of the board of directors. Other officers installed were Von Marr, Suzanne Starr, and Charles Thornhill.

James Franklin, a native of Haskell, has been named a vice-president of the Bank of Dallas. Franklin was employed with Haskell National Bank from 1958 to 1967.

Marie Greenwood, new Haskell Allsup's store manager, completed a training course, a requirement for all new store managers.

40 Years Ago February 18, 1971

R.V. Earles of Paint Creek, was the recipient of the Outstanding Farmer of the Year Award in the field of soil conservation, presented at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Larry LeFevre, a three year letterman at Rule High School, is one of the tri-captains of the 1971 McMurry Indian Track Team. LeFevre set a new school record in the 440 yard dash.

The Haskell County Heart Association fund drive is

now in progress, according to Charles McCauley, finance chairman. Mrs. Abe Turner is the residential section chairman for Haskell. Other chairmen are Mrs. Bill Penman of Rochester, Harold Wood of Rule and Mrs. J.A. Mayfield of Weinert.

50 Years Ago February 16, 1961

New deputy in the county Tax Assessor and Collector's office is Ann Fisher, a Paint Creek High School graduate.

Honored at the Booster Club's Sports Banquet was J.W. Wallace, Most Conscientious Player Award; Ben Anderson, Jaycee Sportsmanship Award; and Joel Nanny, the Jaycees Football Award.

Receiving awards at the "hobo party" sponsored by the Mattson Baptist Church, were Mrs. H.H. Sego and Mrs. Jake Atchison, best dressed hobo and Mrs. Sarah Guess, most attractive.

100 Years Ago February 18, 1911

I.S. Grindstaff has moved from Whitt, to a section of land located north of town, which he recently purchased.

George Turnbow, of the Ballew community, gave a candy breaking Sat. night, which was well attended and highly enjoyed.

A Prohibition Rally was held at the courthouse, with R.C. Dial and Hon. W.P. Lane, Comptroller as speakers.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Whether we like it or not, we do have a winter season in Haskell. The city suffered several breaks in the water lines as did many of our residents. I hope that by now all of them have been repaired and things are back to some semblance of normalcy. We had word from Ruidoso that they had 428 breaks in their pipes. It resulted in water rationing and then a time when the warning came: "Don't drink the water." At least we didn't have it as bad as they did nor did we have the minus 24 degree temperature. It would not bother me one bit if we started a warming trend 'cause I'm not a real big fan of cold weather. I also know that a good slow, soaking 3" rain would improve almost everyone's attitude.

Regarding last week's column where I identified Dr. Justine Bolyard as being our pretty veterinarian. My daughter, the big-city lawyer who specializes in employee law, emailed me back a stern note: "Dad, you cannot call the female veterinarian 'pretty'; you may say she is intelligent, she is competent, she exceeds expectations, but you cannot call her pretty." I emailed her back, "Hon, this gal isn't some big-city feminist and I don't think she minds my calling her pretty."

One of the recent questions that I have gotten concerns the re-wording of the sign to the entrance to the fair grounds from "Haskell County Fair" to "Haskell Expo Center." I know of no reason why this cannot be accomplished and think this is a good idea. If anyone knows of a reason this cannot be done, speak up.

I was also queried concerning the entrance to North 14th street from the US 277 Re-route. When you enter N. 14th from the re-route, it is a blind corner, dark and scary. I am in the process of finding out who one should contact about this problem. A big lighted Sonic sign would solve the problem as would two street lights or at least two reflectors on either side of N. 14th. I'll keep you

posted. The Progressive Study Club is still asking for your scrap metal for their fund- raiser to build the Veterans Memorial on the southwest side of the Courthouse. You may leave your contribution of unwanted metal at the roll-off on the lot next to the Haskell County Insurance offices, or if it is full, leave it beside the roll-off. They would gladly accept the funds you received from selling your junked vehicles as well. This is a good cause and effectively kills two birds with one stone: we need to rid our city of junk metal and our Veterans deserve to be honored.

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned the fact that several people had commented that it would be nice to have the lights around the tops of the buildings around the square remain lighted at night. After mentioning it in my column I found out that this is a project already taken by the Chamber of Commerce. I am so glad that they are attempting to get all of the lights burning—this will improve the looks around the square tremendously. It was also suggested that the two gazebos, the one on the Courthouse lawn and the one at the park, be lighted. That would be lovely if the one in the park were lighted because it would be reflected in the creek and then when we add the fountains...it would be quite a scene for citizens as well as travelers on 277. I know the Chamber members would appreciate a kind word from all of us concerning their efforts to complete this project.

And speaking of the Chamber of Commerce—their annual banquet is Feb. 21. I remember in years past the folks used to get all dressed up to attend this fete. People just don't dress up much anymore for anything—not church, not Christmas parties, not even weddings or funerals. I miss that. I always liked hearing: "You clean up real good." Growing up we always had "Sunday clothes" and they were just that—we wore them only on Sunday to church and took them off before we

ate Sunday lunch for fear we'd stream gravy down the front. You didn't wear them to school unless you were being inducted into the Honor Society or had a band concert. And, we dead sure didn't wear our school clothes to church on Sunday morning. Things change; sometimes not for the better.

The Forum has come and gone—I certainly hope that the enthusiasm that was evident during these two meetings has not also 'come and gone'. Keep talking up the many worthy projects that were discussed and we might be surprised how many of them we bring to fruition.

As I have mentioned numerous times, the Betterment Committee is sending out cards concerning the junk vehicles in town. The cards are bright green in color and will be very difficult to ignore if you happen to receive one. It explains that you have been identified as having a junk vehicle on your property and that if you want to discuss it with someone that you can contact Brandon Anderson, our city administrator.

Even though this is a serious problem, there are always some humorous instances that occur when you address something of this nature. This is one of those cases. I was in a meeting with Anderson one afternoon and he was wondering why in the world he had received several phone messages concerning "green cards." He said, "Why are these people contacting me about green cards—I don't have anything to do with immigration law and green cards?" Then he realized: Not immigration—junk cars. This was just one more item to add to an ole boy's plate that is fairly full. However, when his plate runs over, he always has Louetta and Carolyn to help him out. When you have the opportunity, tell each and everyone of them "Thanks" for all they do for us.

As I write this it is Valentine's Day—Hope all you guys out there remembered either flowers or candy or there may be a few less of you next week.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #10 Kelson Aguero, #24 Christian Myers, #14 Isaiah Llewellyn, #20 David Newton; back row, #12 Austin Nanny, #30 Brett Shelton, #34 Sterling Bird, #22 Brady Leach and Coach Tate Thompson.

District 9-1A Runners Up

Haskell Indians

VB vs Seymour

Mon., Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.

at Breckenridge



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

District 9-1A Third Place

Congratulations

on a great season!



Go Indians! Go Maidens!





SPEECH CONTEST—Five Haskell seniors participated in the “4-Way Test” speech contest sponsored by the Haskell Rotary Club Mon., Feb. 7 at Haskell High School. Contestants were, l-r, Angelica Gonzalez, Codi Foster, Candice Hill, Pamela Walker and Sara Weise. The winner, Codi Foster, received a \$500 scholarship and will advance to the Rotary Regional contest to be held in March. The winner of that contest has the opportunity to advance to the state competition. Rotary’s 4-Way Test is a hallmark of the Club and the checklist includes: 1. Is it the Truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? and 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 21
 Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 23
 Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, cornbread, misc.

dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 25
 Ham slice, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, beets, yeast roll, fruit, cookies

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

Students in the News

Kiel Rowan of O Brien, was recently named to Tarleton State University’s Distinguished Students list. Rowan is enrolled at the university’s Stephenville campus, and is majoring in Animal Industries. Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a ‘C,’ and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a ‘C.’ All must be in good standing with the university.

Adam Conner of Haskell, has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University Dean’s List for the Fall 2010

semester.

Conner is one of 188 students named to the Dean’s List this semester.

The Dean’s List is

composed of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who have a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 for the semester.

Calendar

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Teamkid

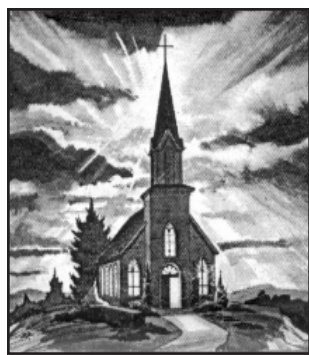
The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid “Jumping the Hurdles” for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a

child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

Speech contest

The Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) Government in Action Youth Tour contest will be held Mon., Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roby High School Auditorium. Area high school students will be competing in a speech contest that will give up to three winners an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to see our “government in action.” The contest is open to sophomore, junior, and senior high school students who live in the BCEC service area. This year’s topic will be “What does SmartGrid Technology mean for the future of electricity?” Winners and one runner up will each receive \$1,500 scholarships. For more information, contact your local BCEC office: Roby 325-776-2244, Stamford 325-773-3684, Snyder 325-573-3161. Attendance is open to the public.

This Week’s Devotional Message:



You’re an important person in the eyes of God

In this age of computers, in every regard We have all been reduced to a hole in a card. Oh, how simple it was in our house by the road, Till they added the zip and area code! In your place of employment, or out in your car, You’re a serial number wherever you are;

And you find your identity harder to claim When you’re known by a number instead of a name. So, there’s one thing to do: let your faith lead the way To the place where you still can be someone today. If you go to your church, you’ll be happy to find In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind!

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**
 Philip Sims, minister
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
 Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
 Larry White, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
 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
 Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
 Morris R. Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
 Mark Wallace, pastor
 Church Service 10 a.m.
 West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sunday 11 a.m
 Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
 Joseph Barrett, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
 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.
 O’Brien

Haskell School Menu

- Feb. 21-25**
Grandparents’ Week
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Pig in a blanket
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, poptart
Thursday: Breakfast burrito
Friday: Donut
- 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: Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, sunshine bars
Tuesday: Enchiladas, salsa, chips, rice, salad, apple crisp
Wednesday: Lasagna, green beans, salad, pears
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, peach cobbler
Friday: Cheeseburger or tuna fish sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, ice cream

Paint Creek School Menu

- Feb. 21-25**
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Biscuits
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
- Lunch**
 Milk is served daily.
- Monday:** Nachos, refried beans, salad, apple crisp
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, salad, oranges
Wednesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, jello
Thursday: Burritos, corn, salad, cake
Friday: Sloppy Joes, fries, pickle spears, brownies

Your Divine Valentine

A Valentine may play a love song for you, but God sings you the sweetest love song in the world.

The Lord your God...will rejoice over you with gladness, He will calm you with His love. He will delight you with singing. ZEPHANIAH 3:17

A Valentine may give you flowers, but God sent you the most beautiful rose of all, Jesus.

I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1

A Valentine may take you out, but God has invited you to the most amazing feast ever!

Blessed are those who are called to the wedding supper of the Lamb. REVELATION 19:9

A Valentine may bring you chocolates, but God provides you with something even sweeter, His Word.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey! PSALMS 119:103

A Valentine may send you love, but God is always with you, loving you.

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. MATTHEW 28:20

A Valentine may give you a gift, but God has given you everything.

God...gives us all the riches for us to enjoy. 1 TIMOTHY 6:17

A Valentine may love you for a lifetime, but God loved you before you were born and will love you for eternity!

Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love...with loving kindness I have drawn you to myself. JEREMIAH 31:3

Praying you’re blessed by the wonderful love of God. Expect love, love, and more love!

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For Rent

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Help Wanted

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The City of Rule has adopted complaint and grievances procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning Program. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he wished to file a written complaint about proposed TxCDBG activities or implementation of past TxCDBG assisted activities. The City will make every effort to respond fully to such written complaints within 15 working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the City Hall between the hours of 7:30-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures to be mailed to them by calling Teresa Stryker, City Secretary (940) 996-2214. 7c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
S.B. Street Operating, Inc. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Haskell Sojourner Unit Lease, Well Number 16. The proposed injection

well is located 1-1/2 miles West of Haskell in the Sojourner (Burson) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4732 to 4749 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas

Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who

can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication,

to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 5c

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6221-71-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, & REPAIR in NOLAN County, etc. will be opened on March 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,224,000.00.

All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-71-001 to be held on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR., ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN, TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 35474
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Public Meeting Notice

2012 Unified Transportation Program and 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan Revision

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021 and the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The public meeting will be held from **4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the TxDOT-El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 10767 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas.**

Unified Transportation Program

The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please go to www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle STIP revision for a single project in the San Antonio area. TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for January 2011 may be viewed online at http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips/htm or visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/. Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Marty Boyd at (915) 790-4326 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

On behalf of Jesus 'Popo' Herrera's family:
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this painful departure a 'Celebration of Dad's Passing.'

To anyone who said a kind word, who sent flowers, cards, letters, called, who gave a gentle hug, a caring shoulder to mourn, a gentle touch or concern or a caring hand, who shared memories concerning Dad's kindness, who helped ease our pain in any form, we thank you from the core of our hearts.

Special thank you out to: Dr. Finley and his staff, Munday Nursing Home for the loving care they provided during our Dad's stay, First Baptist Church and Bro. Russell Stanley, Rolling Plains Funeral Home, Sue's Flowers, Rule Banking Center, Abilene Rental, all our friends in our community who came together to provide food, a helping hand, kindness, or anything or anyone else we have missed—your kindness has not been overlooked. A special, special thanks to our beautiful 'Yolanda' for the endless hours on the phone she spent with our Mom and Dad's financial needs.

Our Lord truly blessed us with such wonderful friendships and all the years we spent with Dad.

Thank you,

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MOVES TO SCORE—Haskell Maiden #5 Marissa McGhee moves the ball toward the basket against Rotan. The Maidens defeated Rotan 33 to 21. McGhee has nine points for the evening.



INDIANS WIN—The Haskell Indians defeated Hamlin 55 to 41. Indian #14 Isaiah Llewellyn moves the ball around a Piper defender during the game. Llewellyn scored 13 points on the evening.

Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 33, Rotan 21
Scoring for Haskell; McGhee 9, Hadaway 9, Garcia 4, Hearn 3, Cassidy 3, Burson 2, Short 2, Colley 1.

Bi-District Playoff Game
Seymour 51, Haskell 29
Scoring for Haskell; Cassidy 8, Colley 5, Hearn 3, Hadaway 3, McGhee 2, Burson 2, Rodriguez 2, Johnson 2, Short 2.

Paint Creek 44, Lueders-Avoca 37
Scoring for Paint Creek: Armstrong 22, McCord 10, Buerger 6, Bosnjak 4, Medford 2.

Throckmorton 62, Rule 25
Scoring for Rule: Polk 10, Foreman 6, Petty 5, Burgess 4.

Boys

Haskell 63, Rotan 25
Scoring for Haskell: Aguero 13, Myers 13, Nanny 9, Leach 7, Silvas 7, Llewellyn 6, Shelton 4, Bird 3, Newton 1.

Haskell 55, Hamlin 41
Scoring for Haskell: Myers 21, Llewellyn 13, Bird 8, Leach 7, Aguero 2, Newton 2, Shelton 2.

JV: Hamlin 39, Haskell 37.
Lueders-Avoca 50, Paint Creek 46
Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 19, Bishop 16, McCord 6, Abner 3, Edwards 2.

Throckmorton 51, Paint Creek 29
Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 14, Abner 5.
Throckmorton 72, Rule 14
Scoring for Rule: Brown 13, Turner 1.

Independence Day to be celebrated

Calling all true Texans, transplanted Texans and Texas wannabees. Come celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style, Sat. March 5, on the Haskell Courthouse Square.

You will be entertained, educated and enthralled by re-enactments, artifacts and storytelling, including some nearly true Texas Tall Tales.

Among the activities being planned will be a book signing by noted author Nancy Robinson Masters, roaring cannons, and a drawing for \$500 in Haskell Bucks will be held.

Events begin with a flag raising ceremony at 10 a.m. and conclude with the drawing at 3 p.m.

Calendar

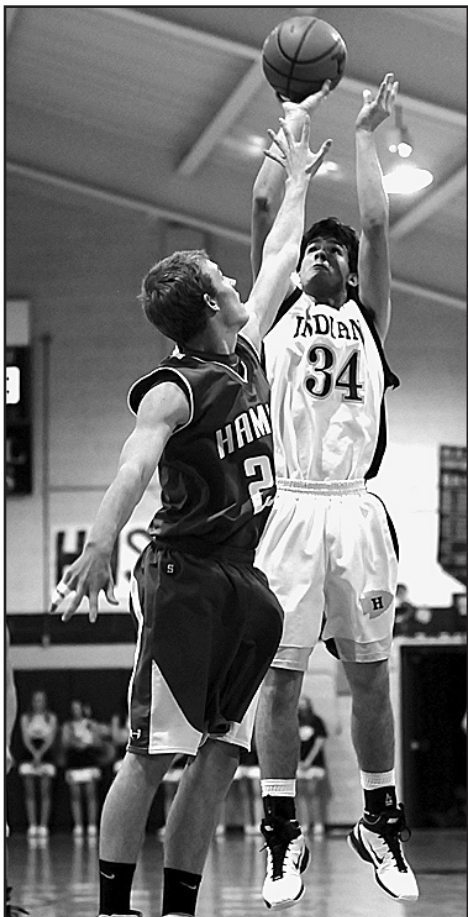
Food distribution

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.

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.



MAIDENS VICTORIOUS—The Haskell Maidens defeated Rotan 33 to 21. Maiden #55 Ashlee Short, left, scored two points and Maiden #15 Cheslee Hearn, right, scored three points during the game.



PLAYOFF BOUND—The Haskell Indians are playoff bound and will play Mon., Feb. 21 in Breckenridge for the Bi-District Title. Indian #34 Sterling Bird, left, and Indian #22 Brady Leach, right, both attempt jump shots against Hamlin. The Indians defeated Hamlin 55 to 41. Bird had 8 points and Leach had seven points during the game.



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