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Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Jan. 3 issue will be Thurs., Dec. 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Cotton conference

The Haskell and Jones County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will host the Rolling Plains Cotton Conference in Haskell Jan. 17 at the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Multiple CEU's will be available. For more information, call the Haskell Co. Extension Office. For questions about the conference, contact Wes Utley at the Haskell County AgriLife Extension office at 940-864-2658 or Steve Estes at the Jones County AgriLife Extension office at 325-823-2432.

Mission Day program

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, will hold a Mission Day program Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. Special guests are Pastor Camellia and Rev. Sammy Wade.

Burn ban lifted

The burn ban for Haskell County has been lifted. Those conducting controlled burns are asked to report the information to the Sheriff's Office dispatch.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell_vaso@yahoo.com.

Cancer support

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

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

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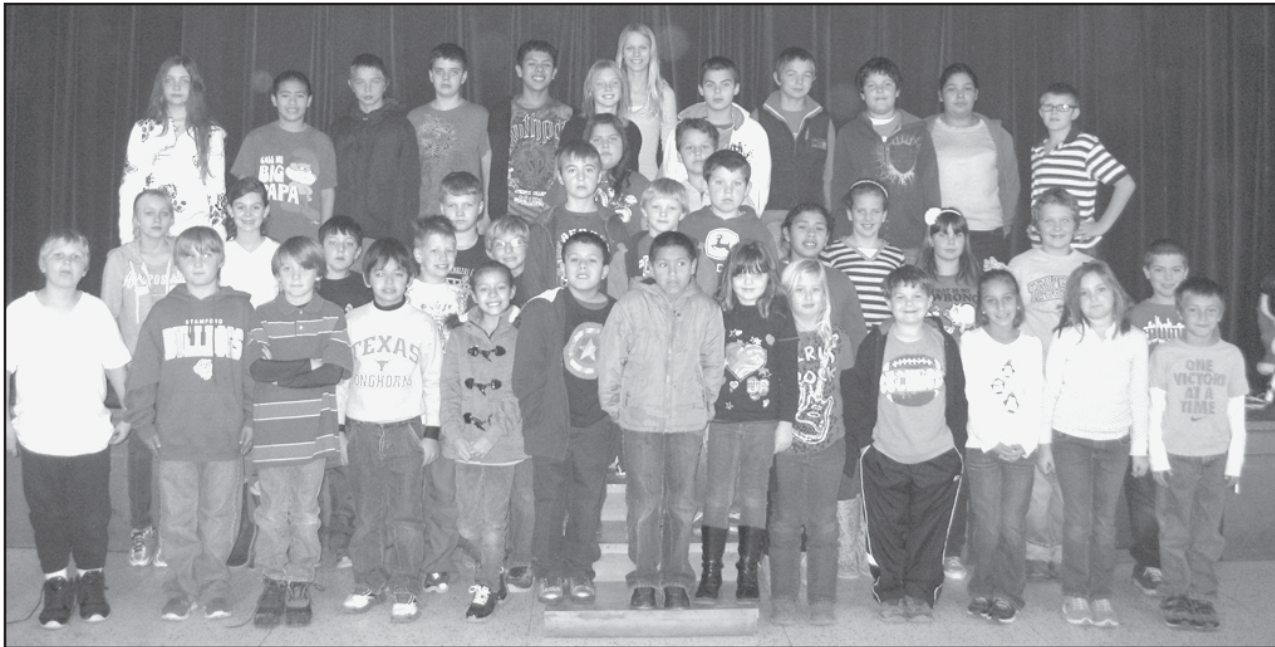
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PAINT CREEK UIL PARTICIPANTS—Paint Creek Elementary School students in grades 2-6, who participated in UIL competitions include, front row, l-r, William Bogle, Dakota Davis, Aaron Lynskey, Josh Blake, Jasmine Boyd, Chris Elias, Isidro Salinas, Ivy Cumby, Autumn Westerman, Levi Rhoads, Ragen Thompson, Addi Yarbrough and Dakota Daniels; middle row, Makannah Pruitt, Bailey Hawkins, Zak Elkins, Dylan Souther,

Garrett Arendall, Ashton Grand, Tyler Dawson, Danica Elias, Brennan Jordan, Randy Coplan, Steven Crain, Desiree Acosta, Kayla Bosnjak, Jaclyn Snelling, Gabe Todd and Ethan Jenkins; back row, Angelique Steele, Daniel Salinas, Jonny Jones, Clayton Cumby, Manuel Acosta, Gracie Oliver, Zoe Webb, Eric Perkins, Billy Jones, Tanner Booe, Natividad Ipina and Jr. Bogle. Not pictured is Crystal Aich.

Paint Creek students' UIL competition results

Results of the Paint Creek ISD Elementary and Junior High UIL competitions are as follows:

Elementary

Third grade individual results: Music Memory, Tyler Dawson, sixth place; Ready Writing, Josh Blake, fourth place; Spelling, Tyler Dawson, second place; Josh Blake, third place; Storytelling, Chris Acosta, third place.

Third grade team results: Music Memory: Acosta, Blake, Cumby, Dawson, Jenkins, third place; Ready Writing: Blake, Dawson, Jenkins, third place; Spelling: Blake, Dawson, Jenkins, second place; Storytelling: Acosta, Daniels, Lynskey, third place.

Fourth grade individual results: Art, Gracie Oliver first place, Randal Coplan second place, Steven Crain fourth place; Number Sense, Isidro Salinas and Gracie Oliver, sixth place tie; Oral Reading, Isidro Salinas, fourth place; Ready Writing, Isidro Salinas, third place; Spelling, Zakary Elkins, first place, Dakota Davis sixth place.

Fourth grade team results: Art: Oliver, Coplan, Crain first place; Number

Sense: Elkins, Oliver, Salinas, second place; Oral Reading: Perkins, Salinas, second place; Ready Writing: Boyd, Elkins, Salinas, third place; Spelling: Bogle, Davis, Elkins, second place.

Fifth grade individual results: Art, Desiree Acosta, first place; Dictionary Skills, Desiree Acosta, second place, Kayla Bosnjak, third place, Tanner Booe, sixth place, Listening, Desiree Acosta, second place; Tanner Booe, fifth place; Maps, Graphs & Charts, Jaclyn Snelling, fourth place, Tanner Booe, sixth place; Music Memory, Jaclyn Snelling, sixth place; Number Sense, Desiree Acosta, second place; Oral Reading, Kayla Bosnjak second place; Ready Writing, Desiree Acosta, second place; Social Studies, Jaclyn Snelling second place, Tanner Booe fifth place.

Fifth grade team results: Dictionary Skills: Acosta, Booe, Bosnjak, first place; Listening: Acosta, Booe, Jones, first place; Maps, Graphs & Charts: Acosta, Booe, Snelling; Music Memory: B. Jones, J. Jones, Snelling, third place; Number Sense: Acosta, Booe, Bosnjak, third place; Oral Reading: Acosta,

Bosnjak, B. Jones, third place; Ready Writing: Acosta, Bosnjak, third place; Social Studies: Acosta, Booe, Snelling, second place.

Sixth grade individual results: Art, Jr Bogle, sixth place; Calculator Applications, Manuel Acosta, third place; Dictionary Skills, Daniel Salinas, first place; Garrett Arendall, sixth place; Maps, Graphs & Charts, Gabriel Todd, first place, Garrett Arendall, second place; Mathematics, Gabriel Todd, first place; Daniel Salinas, fifth place; Music Memory, Daniel Salinas, third place, Natividad Ipina, sixth place; Number Sense, Gabriel Todd, second place, Manuel Acosta, fifth place; Oral Reading, Bailey Hawkins, fourth place; Social Studies, Gabriel Todd, first place; Spelling, Gabriel Todd, first place, Jr Bogle, sixth place.

Sixth grade team results: Calculator Applications: Aich, Acosta, Arendall, third place; Dictionary Skills: Acosta, Arendall, Salinas, first place; Maps, Graphs & Charts: Arendall, Ipina, Todd, first place; Mathematics: Acosta, Salinas, Todd, first place; Music Memory: Ipina,

Pruitt, Salinas, Steele, Webb, second place; Number Sense: Acosta, Cumby, Todd, first place; Social Studies, Arendall, Cumby, Todd, third place; Spelling: Bogle, Salinas, Todd, second place.

Junior High

Seventh grade individual results: Art, Felicity Hannsz, second place, Ariel Wolf fourth place; Calculator Applications, Katelyn Jenkins, second place, Felicity Hannsz, third place, Ariel Wolf, fifth place; Dictionary Skills, Katelyn Jenkins, fourth place; Impromptu Speaking, Felicity Hannsz, third place; Listening, Felicity Hannsz, first place; Maps, Graphs & Charts, Felicity Hannsz, fourth place; Mathematics, Katelyn Jenkins, fourth place; Modern Oratory, Katelyn Jenkins, third place; Number Sense, Caleb White, second place; Oral Reading, Felicity Hannsz, second place, Sheila Jones, third place, Ariel Wolf sixth place; Science, Caleb White, sixth place; Social Studies, Caleb White, fourth place, Felicity Hannsz, fifth place.

Seventh grade team results: Art: Conn, Hannsz, Wolf, second place; Calculator Applications: Hannsz, Jenkins, Wolf, first place; Dictionary Skills: Conn, Elias, Jenkins, second place; Impromptu Speaking: Hannsz, Jenkins, S. Jones, third place; Modern Oratory: Elias, Jenkins,

Mission Day program set Dec. 30

The members of Hopewell Baptist Church invite everyone to attend their Mission Day program Dec. 30 at 3 p.m.

Pastor Camellia and Rev. Sammy Wade, married 25 years, will be the special speakers during the program.

Sister Wade is the pastor of West Beulah Community Baptist Church in Goree. She has ministered for 25 years and loves preaching the Gospel of the Lord. She is known for the words, "Praise the Lord and Curse the Devil."



PAINT CREEK UIL PARTICIPANTS: Junior high students participating in UIL events at Paint Creek School were, front row, l-r, Caleb White, Amber Conn, Sara Edwards, Katelyn Jenkins, Dakota Dawson and Gabriella Mendoza; middle row, Sheila Jones, Ariel Wolf, Catherine Lemond and Zhenia McTasney; back row, Melisa Rock, Sabrina Conn, Hanna Grand, Felicity Hannsz, Devin Benitez, Buddy Trotter and Corey Mengwasser. Not pictured is Cheyenne Elias.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Jacob & Martin.....	\$250
Haskell Co. Food Distribution Center.....	\$75
Anonymous.....	\$350
Total this week.....	\$350
Previous total.....	\$2,200
Total to date.....	\$2,550

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Edwards, McTasney named to All-District

Paint Creek Pirates who were selected to the District 8 Six-Man Division 1 All-District team were Blake Edwards, second team kicker and River McTasney, second team running back.



BLAKE EDWARDS



RIVER MCTASNEY

Oliver takes top honors at District 4-H Food Show

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Approximately 200 4-H youth representing the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the District 4-H



WINS FIRST—Haskell Co. 4-H member Gracie Oliver of Stamford won first place in the Junior Dairy category at the District 3 4-H Food Show held Nov. 10.

Food Show in Vernon Sat., Nov. 10. The four first place senior winners will advance to the State competition in June 2013. Intermediate and Junior Division winners do not compete beyond the District level.

Seven Haskell County 4-H'ers represented Haskell County in the competition. Participating in the event were:

Juniors

Protein category: Garret Dutton of Weinert, fourth place; Grains category: Adaline Utley of Haskell, third place; Fruits & Vegetable category: Lenzi Manske of Sagerton; Dairy category: Gracie Oliver of Stamford, first place.

Intermediates

Grains category: Leann Manske of Sagerton; Fruits & Vegetable category: Allie Andress of Haskell, fifth place; Dairy category: Bailey Hawkins of Haskell, second place.

The food show was judged

by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Serving as judges from Haskell County were Barbara Utley, Tammi Hawkins, Cherie Dutton and Deborah Oliver. Contestants were interviewed on nutritional value, preparation methods and cost of preparation of their respective recipes.

The 4-H Food Show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H. The project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy and food storage and safety.

If you would like more information about how to join 4-H and/or how to become involved in a 4-H foods and nutrition project contact the Texas AgriLife Extension—Haskell County Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or by calling 940-864-2546.

4-H'ers compete in foods and nutrition activities

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

During the past few months Haskell County 4-H members have been busy with 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project activities. These activities included a variety of learning opportunities related to foods and nutrition.

In August several of the youth participated in project tours in Abilene including "Cordell's" (retail store featuring artisanal and gourmet products), "Texas State Technical College—Culinary Arts Department" and "Nikki's Swirl Shop." County Extension Agent, Jane Rowan, conducted a short program for the group on Nutritional Value of Food. Following the program the 4-H'ers put their new knowledge to work during a "Nutritional Value Scavenger Hunt" at United Supermarket.

A workshop, "The Science Chef," was conducted Sept. 24 where participants learned about science in new and tasty ways. They experienced the science of chemistry in mixing and heating ingredients to make something new. Investigating products from nature that they eat taught about biology, and they learned the science of nutrition while thinking about how the substances in food affect their bodies.

Oct. 1 Haskell County 4-H conducted their fourth "4-H Food Challenge" competition where groups of participants were each given a sack of ingredients along with the amount needed of each ingredient and challenged to create a recipe. The fun event resulted in the creation of three attractive and tasty dishes.

First year participants were invited to "Culinary Arts 101" which was a special workshop on Oct. 3 to acquaint them with the project and food show as well as teaching them basic cooking skills. They enjoyed practicing their measuring skills while making "Banana Bread" and "Pineapple Coolers."

The Haskell County 4-H Food Show was held Oct. 15. Participants prepared a dish and participated in an interview regarding preparation techniques including food safety precautions, nutrition of the recipe, and project learning experiences.

During October Haskell County 4-H groups collected canned foods and donated them to the needy in Haskell County. Several youth began preparing for the district "Nutrition Quiz Bowl" competition where they used



4-H WORKSHOP—Participating in the Haskell County 4-H Culinary Arts 101 Workshop were Gracie Oliver, left, and Ivy Cumbie.



4-H WORKSHOP—Participating in the Haskell County 4-H Culinary Arts 101 Workshop were Faith Jordan, left, and Blessing Jordan.

nutrition knowledge learned during the year.

The 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project has provided a broad variety of learning experiences and activities which have been enjoyed by the participants. Results of the two county food and nutrition competitions were as follows:

Haskell County 4-H Food Challenge Junior Division

First place team: Blessing Jordan of Haskell, Faith Jordan of Haskell, Ivy Cumbie of Paint Creek, Bailey Hawkins of Haskell and Gracie Oliver of Stamford.

Second place team: Cody Dutton of Weinert, Riley Sloan of Rochester, Crow Parham of Haskell, Adaline Utley of Haskell and Kourtney Gibson of Haskell

Third place team: Eddie McBroom of Haskell, Hadley Sloan of Rochester, Tess Homeyer of Haskell, Ernie Homeyer of Haskell and Garret Dutton of Weinert.

The top two junior teams advanced to the district 4-H Food Challenge in Jacksboro Oct. 30.

Haskell County 4-H Food Show Junior Division

Protein category: First Place, Garret Dutton of Weinert; second place, Hadley Sloan of Rochester.

Fruit & Vegetable category: First place, Lenzi Manske of Sagerton; second place, Sidney Campbell of Rule.

Grain category: First place, Adaline Utley of Haskell; second place, Abby Andress of Haskell.

Dairy category: First place, Gracie Oliver of Stamford.

Intermediate Division

Protein category: First place, Cody Dutton of Weinert; second place, Lori Beth Rodgers of Haskell.

Fruit & Vegetable category: First place, Allie Andress of Haskell.

Grain category: First place, Leann Manske of Sagerton; second place, Brison Tullos of Haskell.

Dairy category: First place, Bailey Hawkins of Haskell; second place, Sarah Fouts of Sagerton.

First place winners in all categories advanced to the district food show Nov. 10 in Vernon. The county food show was sponsored by the Haskell County 4-H & Youth Development Committee and the Haskell County Extension Education Association.

Cookbooks featuring each of the participants recipes are available from the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Cost is \$1.00.



FOOD SHOW PARTICIPANTS—Haskell County 4-H Food Show Intermediate division participants were, l-r, Leann Manske, Allie Andress, Sarah Fouts, Brison Tullos, Lori Beth Rodgers, Cody Dutton and Bailey Hawkins. The Food Show was held Oct. 15.



FOOD SHOW PARTICIPANTS—Haskell County 4-H Food Show Junior Division participants were, front row, l-r, Lenzi Manske, Adaline Utley, Gracie Oliver and Garret Dutton; back row, Abby Andress, Sidney Campbell and Hadley Sloan.



FOOD SHOW PARTICIPANTS—Haskell County 4-H members participating in the District 3 4-H Food Show Nov. 10 were, l-r, Garret Dutton, Bailey Hawkins, Adaline Utley, Allie Andress, Lenzi Manske, Leann Manske and Gracie Oliver.

4-H members participate in nutrition quiz bowl

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Twelve Haskell County 4-H members participated in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition Nov. 14. The contest was held at the Knox Prairie Events Center at Goree. Approximately 150 youth participating in teams, took part in the competitive academic games testing their knowledge of nutrition, food safety and food economics.

Competition was by teams of three or four members who answered 30 questions in each match. The questions were one of three types: direct/

individual, toss-up and bonus. Once a team was defeated twice they were eliminated. Each time the teams won they advanced up in their bracket until a winner was determined.

The Nutrition Quiz Bowl teaches youth life skills such as self-discipline, observation, listening and making and defending decisions.

Haskell County 4-H was represented by two junior teams and one senior team. All teams won several rounds during the competition but were unable to finish among the top two teams in their respective age divisions.

Haskell Jr. Team A was comprised of Ernie Homeyer, Kourtney Gibson, Shane Stanfield and Eddie McBroom, all of Haskell. Haskell Jr. Team B was made up of Cash Bassett, Tess Homeyer, Faith Jordan, and Blessing Jordan, all of Haskell. Also competing from Haskell County was a senior team made up of Chase Gibson of Haskell, Sam Fouts of Sagerton, Makenzie Gass of Haskell and Aaron Urich of Rochester.

These Haskell County 4-H youth competed against other members representing the 24 counties that make up the Rolling Plains District.

4-H Clubs sing Christmas carols

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16 at the Haskell County Extension Office. Twelve 4-H'ers and leaders attended the meeting.

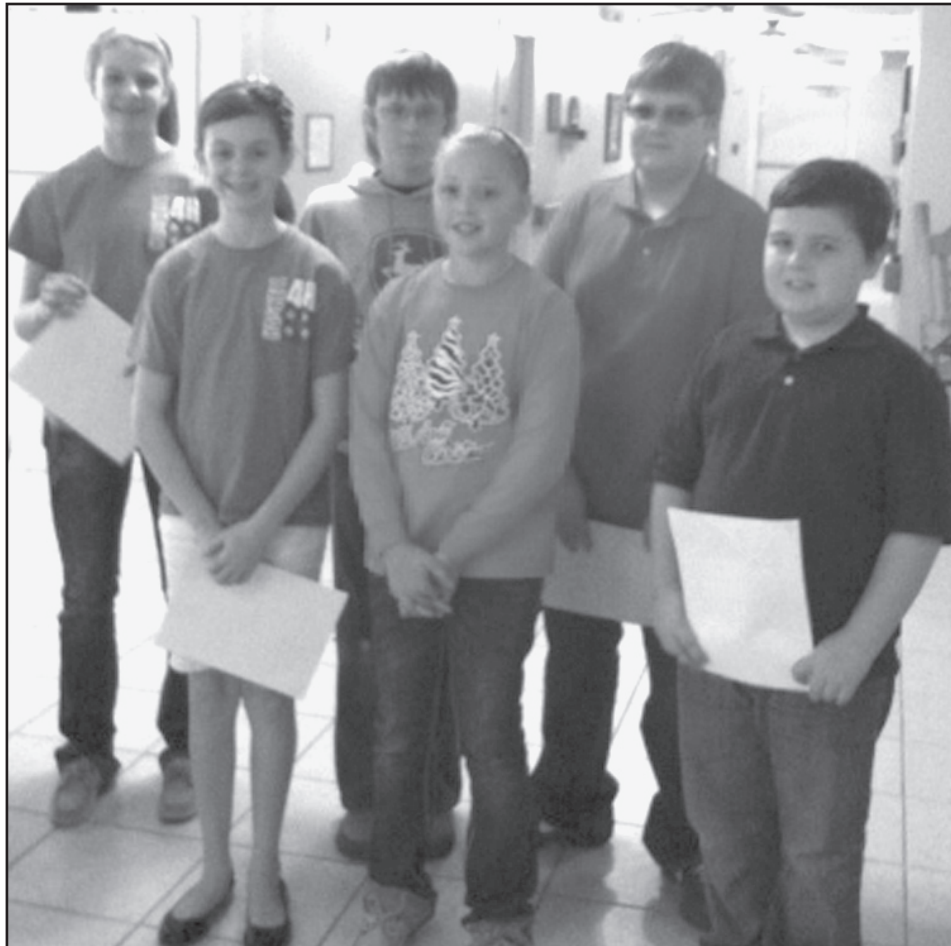
The 4-H'ers traveled to the two Haskell care homes to sing Christmas carols. The 4-H Clubs met back at the Haskell County Extension Office for a short business meeting.

Upcoming events are the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show which will be Jan. 10-12 and the entries are due this week Thurs., Dec. 20th by 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Garret Dutton and the 4-H Motto and Pledge was led by Adaline Utley.

The 4-H'ers enjoyed refreshments furnished by Tammi Hawkins. Brison Tullos was the winner of the door prize.

The next meeting is set for Jan. 20. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.



CAROLERS—Haskell 4-H Club members met Dec. 16 and traveled to the two Haskell care homes to sing Christmas carols to their residents. Carolers include, front row, l-r, Bailey Hawkins, Adaline Utley and Garret Dutton; back row, Jacie Klose, Brison Tullos and Cody Dutton.



DAVID PHEMISTER

Phemister to appear at Rule FBC

David Phemister will appear at Rule First Baptist Church Sun., Dec. 30 at 5 p.m.

Phemister has written and recorded hundreds of songs that have inspired numbers of people around the world.

He has produced and recorded twelve professional recordings of Christian country gospel music.

He received the "Silver Heart Award of 2007" from the Country Gospel Music Association of Branson, Missouri and "Psalmist of the Year" for the Central USA Division.

Phemister is founder and president of Heart of Love International ministries. He has been active in leading mission tours of compassion and acts of mercy into third-world countries for over 25 years. He continues to mentor and disciple teams to go into Mexico, Haiti and Russia.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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RECEIVE BLANKETS—Haskell Life Skill students made blankets for residents at Memory Lane in Haskell and took socks to residents at Haskell Healthcare Center. Among Memory Lane residents receiving the blankets are, front row, l-r, Frank Cross, Wanda Rogers and Charlie Woods. Life Skills students are, back row, l-r, Josh Frame, Laura Brown, Jordan Ortiz, Adam Andress and Steven Schmegner.

Haskell County EEA Club honors Commissioners

On Mon., Dec. 6, the Haskell County EEA enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Blue Jean Cafe, in Stamford, in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent was presented a gift certificate in appreciation for all her support this past year.

Mon., Dec. 10, the club held a Commissioner appreciation breakfast, at the Haskell County Courthouse. Judge David Davis, along with several County Commissioners attended.

Kathryn Schonerstedt, president of Haskell County EEA, gave a report on the activities of the club and the number of volunteer hours the members put in. Rowan and Wes Utley, County Extension Agents, gave an overview of the programs their office offers the community. Miles Dabovich, the new District Extension Administrator, was introduced and briefly spoke of district changes and plans being discussed

to meet the challenges of the communities in the district.

The next EEA meeting will be held Jan. 3, as the Junior Livestock Show begins Jan. 10, the regular meeting date. That meeting will finalize plans for the club's concession stand at the show.

For more information about the Texas Extension

Education Association in Haskell County, call the county extension office, at 864-2658. Please consider joining our fun-loving group! We welcome new members and are always open to having guests visit our meetings, which are held the second Thursday of each month.

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Sontag, Case wed in Arizona

Emily Ann Sontag and David Scott Case were united in marriage at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mesa, Arizona Sat., Dec. 1. The ceremony was officiated by Fr. John Shetler, friend of the groom's family.

The bride is the daughter of Steve Sontag and Meg Toll of Indiana. The bridegroom is the son of Meg Case of Haskell and the grandson of Al Plutt and the late Jean Plutt of Haskell, as well as cousin to Haley Smith of Haskell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length satin v-neckline ivory gown, embellished with handset beading. A striking beaded back and covered buttons completed the simplistic look. She wore a mantilla style veil with hand sewn beading that matched her gown.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of calla lilies wrapped with a vintage wedding handkerchief that has been handed down from the groom's great-grandmother, the late Rose Brecko.

Holly Sontag, sister of the bride of Baltimore, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included college friends of the bride, Sara Chains

Martin and Catherine Yates Smith of Indiana. The bride's attendants wore full length gowns of grey satin. Each carried a hand-tied bouquet of white roses. Camden Smith of Haskell offered the first reading of the mass. She wore a full length, one shoulder black gown accented with lace and beading. She adorned a corsage of roses tied with a black ribbon.

Doug Case, brother of the groom of Mesa, Arizona, served as best man. Groomsmen included Mark Sontag and Danny Sontag, brothers of the bride. Henry Smith of Haskell and Jim Plutt of Houston, cousins of the groom, served as ushers.

The bride's father hosted a dinner and reception at Stonebridge Manor in Mesa following the ceremony.

The outside reception was illuminated with white lights on each tree and the tables were set with white china atop white table cloths. Each table was embellished with candles set around white hydrangea centerpieces.

Following a honeymoon in the Caribbean on the island of Saint Lucia, the couple resides in Mesa, Arizona.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Most Texas schools submit safety audits

AUSTIN—The Texas Education Code requires that Texas public schools conduct safety audits once every three years.

According to a Dec. 17 news release produced by the state attorney general's office, the Texas School Safety Center reported that of the 1,025 public school districts that are required by law to submit their safety audits, 38 did not do so and another 40 reported but did not meet full compliance.

Attorney General Greg Abbott urged school districts to review their safety plans and implored districts that have not submitted their complete school safety audits to make doing so a priority.

"Proper preparedness and safety in our schools is not just an exercise, it will save lives when seconds count," said Attorney General Abbott, a board member of the Texas School Safety Center. "As we all mourn the horrific loss of innocent lives in Newtown (Conn.) we must ensure that not another minute passes where Texas school districts are unprepared for an incident in our own state. My office will continue working with the Texas School Safety Center to ensure that every school district across this state has an effective school safety plan in place."

Abbott encourages students, parents and school staff to report alarming behavior to authorities.

Silence observed Dec. 21

Gov. Rick Perry issued a proclamation declaring a moment of silence at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, to coincide with the Day of Mourning called by Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy in memory of the 26 victims of last week's tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Perry encouraged places of worship and buildings that are able to ring bells 26 times to honor each life that was lost.

Presidential electors vote

Texas Presidential Electors met Dec. 17 to cast their Electoral College votes for the 2012 election of president and vice president of the United States.

Texas' 38 electoral votes were cast for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and his vice presidential running mate, U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

In announcing the outcome of the vote, Secretary of State John Steen, Texas' chief elections officer, noted (1) that political parties choose their respective sets of electors

in accordance with state law and each party's rules; (2) electoral votes are allocated to states based on the most recent census; and (3) only California has more electoral votes, at 55, than Texas.

DWI patrols increase

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 14 announced that DWI patrols would be increased from Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.

Troopers will focus on high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw, who reminded Texans never get in a car with an intoxicated driver.

In the enforcement effort a year ago, state troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests, 15,000 speeding citations, 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 18,000 other citations.

Hikes planned for Jan. 1

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Dec. 13 promoted the second annual First Day Hikes program.

It's part of a national effort to get people outdoors and promote the numerous physical and emotional benefits of hiking.

On New Year's Day, the state parks agency has planned hikes to be guided by state park staff or expert volunteers, featuring information about native plants, animals or park history. For more information, visit texasstateparks.org/firstdayhikes.

Site addresses obesity

Legislation passed in 2011 instructed the comptroller's office "to build a Web portal to collect research and information on the economic effects of obesity and areas in which children are at risk."

Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 20 announced the launch of ReshapingTexas.org, "a resource that examines the economic impacts of obesity and identifies areas in the state where children are at risk."

More than one in five Texas children, ages 10 to 17, are obese, and obesity puts millions of Texans at risk for chronic disease, Combs said.

Jobless rate falls again

Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar on Dec. 21 reported the Texas unemployment rate fell to 6.2 percent in November.

The unemployment rate was 6.6 percent in October and 7.3 percent a year ago.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 26, 2002

On a mission trip to San Carlos, Chihuahua, Mexico, members of Iglesia Bautista El Calvario in Haskell, donated over forty bicycles which had been repaired and made like new by church members Adam Garcia, Bert Alvarez, Danny Ozuna, Louis Enriquez, Stanley Martin and Pastor J.R. Flores.

Winners of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce lighting contest were Craig and Janet McCormick, Kenneth and Judy Patton and Raymond and Dawn Rodela.

Gwen Campbell demonstrated the art of quilting, for Rhonda Hanson's second grade class during National Children's Book Week. Each student designed their own quilt square using fabric remnants.

20 Years Ago December 24, 1992

James Rike, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rike and a 1989 graduate of Haskell High School, is a member of the Eastern New Mexico University basketball team. The junior guard/forward transferred from Clarendon College.

Mr. and Mrs. Rebus Guess celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their daughters and families.

W.O. Elmore of Haskell, has been chosen as the

Outstanding Employee of the Quarter, Category III of Region 4 of the Texas Department of Human Services. He is a supervisor with Aged and Disabled Services in the DHS office in Haskell.

30 Years Ago December 30, 1982

The Paint Creek High School girls' basketball team defeated Old Glory 43-38. Scoring were Julie Coleman, 19 pts.; Becky Medford, 13 pts.; Luann Cockerell, 4 pts.; and Jetton Bivins, 2 pts.

C.H. Herren Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Herren of Haskell, has joined the Sales Division of Massachusetts Financial Services Company, as the Regional Representative for the Southwest Territory.

Coleman Baker, manager of Modern Way Food Store, announced that Creed Flanary was the winner in the Cowboy Fever contest sponsored by Affiliated Foods.

40 years Ago December 28, 1972

Over 80 Goodfellow boxes were delivered by city employees and members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. and Mrs. E.B. (Buck) Callaway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their son Clarence Callaway and family. The couple grew up in the Roberts Community

and have farmed six miles northwest of Haskell all their married life.

About 20 young people from the Rule First Baptist Church enjoyed caroling around town. Assisting the young people were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Landis and Mrs. J.R. Williams.

50 Years Ago December 27, 1962

W.B. Tidrow, service specialist with Haskell Municipal Water Department, was awarded an official state health citation for proficiency in water management.

Jan Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Mathews, was chosen Basketball Sweetheart by the Haskell High School boys' basketball team.

New officers for the Ladies Missionary Society of the First Christian Church are Mrs. C.O. Holt, president; Mrs. V.W. Meadors, vice-president; and Mrs. Lynn Pace Jr., secretary/treasurer.

100 Years Ago December 28, 1912

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Ivey of Jud took the train here Friday night for a visit to Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Tennis of Sagerton were in the city Saturday.

C.J. Koonce left last week to spend the holidays at his old home at Mt. Pleasant.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place Mon., Dec. 10 with all members present.

Judge David Davis reported that Drew Springer will be at City Hall to meet and greet Wed., Dec. 19.

The Experienced Citizens Center report submitted by County Treasurer Janis McDaniel was approved.

Sheriff David Halliburton discussed the possibility of hiring the three part time dispatchers as full time and training Christina Stephens to help Sharon Stephens in her duties whenever Sharon was out of the office.

One bid was submitted by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet for a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

No burn ban in effect.

A motion to submit a letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing the county's legal authority to exercise the power of eminent domain in Texas was approved.

Judge Davis reported that the jail inspection was good but there were problems with the T1 and T5's not being sent in by the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Halliburton explained the situation. Judge Davis wants the problem cleared, otherwise, if it happens in next year's audit, the jail will be closed down.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway
Mayor of the
City of Haskell

No column this week.

McBeath offers info on fiscal cliff and how it affects rural hospitals

Over the weeks ahead, the U.S. Congress will be wrestling with the budget, as well as trying to keep from going over the so called "fiscal cliff." Buried within all the confusion are important Medicare provisions that could make the difference in whether many rural hospitals in Texas can keep their doors open.

The decisions made in Washington D.C., could have an impact on our local hospital's operations. Haskell Memorial Hospital is designated as a Critical Access Hospital, which has helped to provide some of the financial stability for the hospital. The hospital is a member of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals.

The following information is offered by Don McBeath, who is the Director of Government Relations for TORCH.

In the 1980s, hoping to save money, Congress changed how hospitals are paid by Medicare. They shifted the payment system from the cost of services in individual hospitals to a more standardized

and averaged payment methodology known as the prospective payment system. The problem with this urban, high volume hospital model was that it did not take into account the unique operating dynamics of rural hospitals. Few rural hospitals provide more profitable advanced services and medical procedures to offset losses in other areas such as emergency care.

It is not unusual for the operating cost in a rural hospital to be slightly higher on a per-patient basis because of low patient volume, swings in patient numbers and medical staff recruitment difficulties, which can drive up payroll costs. The emergency room must be there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even with periods of nothing. The new payment system hit the rural hospitals hard. Almost 500 rural hospitals across the country were boarded up in late 1980s and early 1990s. More than 70 were in Texas.

Reacting to the damage, Congress created a number of "fixes" or patches in the payment system to address

the rural hospital issue. Congress decided it was worth spending a little more to make sure rural hospitals were open. Programs like the Critical Access Hospital and Sole Community Hospital designations were born giving many small, low volume hospitals a bump in Medicare payments. Over time as more rural hospital problems developed, even more rural provisions were forged. It is important to note these provisions were enacted long before the country had such a debt problem and none can honestly be linked to creating the debt nightmare.

Moving the clock to the current time, Congress now finds itself searching for cuts. The situation is dangerous for Texas rural areas because most members of Congress were not around when many of the rural hospital provisions were created, which is helping drive talk of eliminating some of the provisions. Texas rural hospitals could collectively lose \$75 to \$100 million annually if these provisions expire or payments to rural hospitals are reduced by

even small percentages. Some of the hospitals could close, while others might hang on for a few years with reserve funds or higher local taxes, and with reduced services.

Every citizen across rural Texas should immediately call their U.S. House Representative and their two U.S. Senators, and tell them that their rural hospital is critical to the community, it must stay open, and no cuts should be made that harm the hospital. Our local area is represented by U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson whose duties will soon be assumed by U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and U.S. Senator John Cornyn. Methods of contact for these can be found online.

In the meantime, those in rural Texas will stand by waiting to see if Congress is more interested in budget cuts in a prudent way without damaging the rural health safety net, or if this country will return to the 1980s, with shuttered rural hospitals and long distances between emergency care.

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BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, #10 Dakota Silvas, #14 Matthew Martinez, #24 Dylan Hanson, #20 David Newton; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #22 Kade Colley, #30 Brett Shelton, #40 Henry Smith and #12 Kelby Bell.

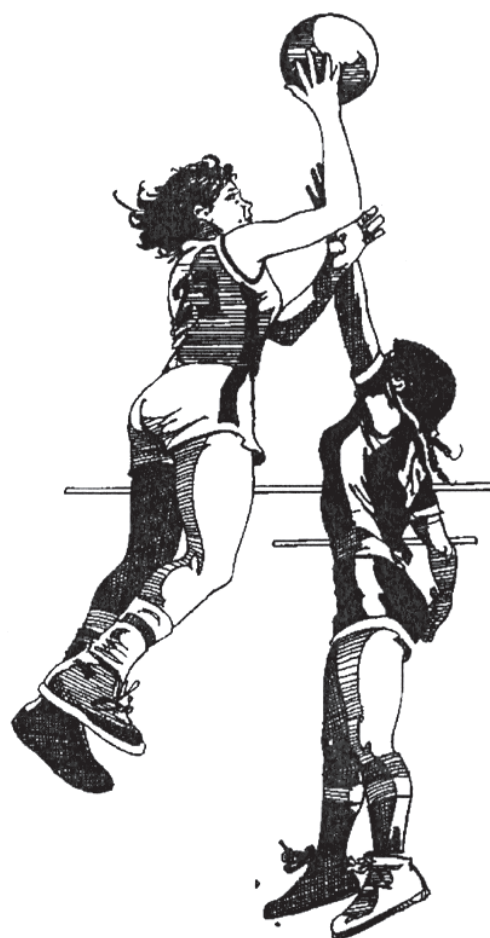
GO INDIANS

Indians

**VB Jayton Tournament
Dec. 27-29, TBA, at Jayton**



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, #32 Dana Rodriguez, #23 Crissy Bassett, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #5 Jacie Klose; back row, #11 Taylor Burson, #43 Caitlan Johnson, #41 Carson Hadaway, #31 Maci Colley and #21 Myra Rodriguez.



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Go Indians! Go Maidens!



DELIVER GIFTS-Employees of Haskell Memorial Hospital distributed gifts to residents of Memory Lane and Haskell Healthcare Center Fri., Dec. 14. Residents received a gift bag of non-slip socks, hand lotion, lip balm, sugar-free candy, Kleenex and a package of cookies. This is the third year hospital employees have presented gifts to Haskell Healthcare Center residents and the first year for deliveries to residents of Memory Lane. Hospital employees also collected toys and food for the Goodfellows food drive. Memory Lane residents, front row, l-r, Frank Cross and Wanda Rogers are pictured with hospital employees, back row, Fran McCown, Administrator; Betty Martin, Asst. Administrator; and customer service team members, Lesa Meier, Gena Pierce, Teresa Rodriguez and Emily Moore.



FUND-RAISER-The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group held a hot dog and bake sale Sat., Dec. 22 in conjunction with the Holidays in Haskell event. Helping were, l-r, Randy, Shaw, Kim Hutto and Mariann Garcia.

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 31
Hamburger with mac, garden salad, blackeyed peas, cornbread, Coke cake, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



TREVOR REESE



ALLISON RODRIQUEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Trevor Reese is the son of Nancy and Matt Sanders of Haskell. At Haskell High School, he participates in Ag, athletics and cross country. He enjoys being with his friends and riding around. He plans to join the Army after graduation. Allison Rodriguez is the daughter of Salvador and Cecilia Rodriguez of Haskell. At Haskell High School, she participates in golf. She enjoys shopping and hanging out with her friends and family. She would like to join the service after graduation to become a nurse and care for wounded soldiers or study to become an architect designer.

This Week's Devotional Message:

Let the New Year introduce a whole new way of living



It's only another night, followed by a day the same length as all the others. However, December 31st is an arbitrary dividing line between one year and the next, a part of the necessity for keeping track of time along with the days, weeks and months. We have further drawn attention to it with elaborate revelry, culminating at the stroke of midnight; and for some of us, followed the next day by a state of remorse and a determination to mend

our ways. We begin every new year in this manner, with a list of sweeping reforms designed to correct all our faults at once; a task usually beyond human compliance. However, if we would just be sensible about both our actions and our expectations, none of this would be necessary. In fact, a regular trip to our house of worship can be far more effective than all those futile efforts at atonement. Try it and see for yourself.

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. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Bishop Helsing, interim 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**
Clovie Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

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

Jan. 3-4	Lunch
Breakfast	1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
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Thursday: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, apple juice	Friday: Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit cup, breadstick
Friday: Breakfast pizza, orange juice	

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 16-23: Daniel Adam Gonzales, public intoxication. Heath Lee Livingston, possession of controlled substance, less than one gram. Luis Garcia Aguilar, DWI, 3rd or more. Marty Dwaine Gwin, DWI, 3rd or more. Ronnie Alan Phillips, assault family violence. Alan Shane Foster, DWI, 3rd or more. Nine calls were made to 911.

Dec. sales tax receipts

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.34 billion, up 13.1 percent compared to November 2011. Combs sent December local sales tax allocations totaling \$552 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 15.5 percent compared to December 2011. The sales tax figures represent October sales reported by monthly tax filers. Haskell County had a 15.58 percent increase for December 2012 of \$39,164.27 in comparison to \$33,884.92 for December 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$513,255.74 reflect a 5.62 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$485,937.38. The City of Haskell had a 15.88 percent increase for December 2012 of \$36,383.93 in comparison to \$31,396.02 for December 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$476,986.44 reflect an 8.41 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$439,978.80. The City of O'Brien had a 78.80 percent decrease for December 2012 of \$27.85 in comparison to \$131.42 for December 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$2,599.07 reflect a 9.84 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$2,882.79. The City of Rochester had a 0.76 percent decrease for December 2012 of \$409.56 in comparison to \$412.71 for December 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$5,834.91 reflect a 20.29 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$7,320.78. The City of Rule had a 27.27 percent increase for December 2012 of \$2,204.29 in comparison to \$1,731.96 for December 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$25,169.15 reflect a 23.30 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$32,818.82. The City of Weinert had a 34.85 percent decrease for December 2012 of \$138.64 in comparison to \$212.81 for December 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$2,666.17 reflect a 9.19 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$2,936.19.

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4-H members compete at District 4-H Food Challenge

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Thirteen Haskell County 4-H members advanced to the District 3 4-H Food Challenge competition Oct. 30 in Jacksboro. The Food Challenge is a new contest for 4-H members across the state of Texas and is proving to be very popular among participants with 31 junior teams and 12 senior teams

competing at the district level. The contest, modeled after such competitions as the Food Network's "Iron Chef," challenges teams of three to five 4-H members to create a dish using only a pre-determined number of ingredients. From these ingredients, team members must identify and prepare the dish, then make a presentation about it to the

judges. The presentation includes information about the serving size, nutritional value and cost of the dish. The 4-H Food Challenge allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary and food safety skills to judges and observers.

Haskell County teams brought home several honors.

Junior team members receiving fifth place in the Main Dish category were Blessing Jordan of Haskell, Faith Jordan of Haskell, Ivy Cumbie of Paint Creek, Bailey Hawkins of Haskell and Gracie Oliver of Stamford.

Taking third place in the Junior Nutritious Snack category were Cody Dutton of Weinert, Crow Parham of Haskell, Adaline Utley of Haskell and Kourtney Gibson of Haskell. Haskell County 4-H members Emily Fouts of Sagerton, Makenzie Gass of Haskell and Kourtney Howard of Haskell, took second place honors in the Senior Nutritious Snack category.

Haskell County 4-H volunteers assisting as judges at the district event were Angela Jordan and Cherie Dutton.

For more information about this event or the 4-H program contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at the Haskell County Extension Office by calling 940-864-2546.



FOOD CHALLENGE—Participating in the Haskell County 4-H Food Challenge held Oct. 1 were, l-r, Garret Dutton, Hadley Sloan and Ernie Homeyer.



FOOD CHALLENGE—Participating in the Haskell County 4-H Food Challenge held Oct. 1 were Kourtney Gibson, left, and Crow Parham.



FOOD CHALLENGE—Participating in the Haskell County 4-H Food Challenge held Oct. 1 were, l-r, Adaline Utley, Riley Sloan, Crow Parham, Cody Dutton and Kourtney Gibson.

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MOVES THE BALL—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Dalinne Reed fights to get past her Rule defender.



DRIVES TO SCORE—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Paige Ramirez drives to the basket as Tarah Trotter follows in for a rebound during the game against Rule.



GOES FOR TWO—Paint Creek Pirate Jared Masias flies in for 2 points during the game against Rule.



FAST BREAK—Paint Creek Pirate Jarrett Lopez makes a fast break against the Bobcats.



FREE THROW—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Kellie Jenkins on the free throw line during the game against Rule.



GOING FOR GOAL—Paint Creek Pirate Dylan Webb goes in for a lay-up against Rule.



CHRISTMAS SHOW—Vince Vance and the Valiants performed Fri., Dec. 21 at the Haskell Civic Center in a Christmas Show with proceeds benefitting the Haskell Neighborhood Community Watch Program.

TeamKid

TeamKid "Character Challenge" is held Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center for children 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2581.

Al-Anon

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

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Haskell, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2013**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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Bobcats named to All-District

Rule athletes named to the Six-Man District 10 Division II All-District teams include:
 First team offense: Wide receiver, Clay Morrow.
 First team defense: Nose guard, Colton Rogers; safety, Jonah Caddell; and punter, Josh Starr.
 Second team offense: Runningback, Jonah Caddell; full back, Louis Diaz; tight end, Paul Nieto.
 Second team defense: Defensive lineman, Josh Quintero; linebacker, James Simpson and safety, Darrell Williams.

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