

Softball

Maidens

Burkburnett Tournament
Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 21-23
TBA at Burkburnett
Maidens vs Anson
Tues., Feb. 26, 5:00 p.m.
at Anson

Calendar

Softball registration

Haskell Girls Softball Association will hold softball registration for girls ages 5-14 at the Haskell High School gym foyer on the following dates: Thurs., Feb. 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Girls must be ages 5-14 as of Jan. 1, 2013 and cost is \$30 per girl. Final deadline for registration and payment will be Sat., Feb. 23; all interested girls must be signed up and paid for by Feb. 23.

Fish fry set Feb. 24

A fish fry will be held Sun., Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center by the Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell. Fish, hushpuppies, french fries, coleslaw, drink and dessert will be served for \$8 per plate. Praise and worship will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Proceeds benefit the youth who will attend church camp.

Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will hold their annual banquet Mon., Feb. 25 at the Haskell Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and are on sale at the chamber office or by calling 864-2477. The Haskell Indian Band will provide the entertainment.

Baked potato lunch

A baked potato lunch will be held Sun., March 3 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Haskell First Baptist Church in the Family Activity Center. Donations will help youth attend summer camp.

Study series

First Baptist Church in Haskell is offering a Beth Moore study "James: Mercy Triumphs" Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Mon., Feb. 25. Join Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. Call 940-864-2581 to sign up.

Josselet reunion

The Josselet reunion will be held Sat., March 30 at the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with donuts and coffee. A luncheon of steak, sausage, beans and bread will be provided. All attendees are asked to furnish salads, vegetables and or desserts. An auction will be held again, so family members are asked to bring items for the auction. A bouncy house and an Easter Egg hunt will be held for the children. A group picture will be taken and any family group pictures will be available upon request. Families are asked to bring old family pictures with names to be scanned to put on a disc. Each of the nine families represented will get a disc made. Send your updates/changes to Julia Harrell at tti@valornet.com. If you have any questions, contact Robbie Drinnon or Julia Harrell.

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Haskell Elementary students compete at UIL

Haskell Elementary participated in the UIL academic meet held at Anson Elementary Thurs., Dec. 6. Second through fifth grade students from Albany, Anson, Hamlin, Haskell, Munday and Stamford, competed in

numerous UIL events.

Anson won first place with a total of 356 points, followed by Albany with 328 points, Stamford 283 points, Haskell 204 points, Munday 163 points and Hamlin 52 points. "This year the meet

was very competitive. Many of the students that placed had very high scores and in some cases perfect papers. The students, coaches and parents are to be commended for their hard work preparing for this meet," commented

Tonya Cypert, elementary UIL director.

Second Grade

Creative Writing: 1. Shalee Dunnam; 4. Madilyn Moore. Andrew Beerley, Bethany Casillas and Alyssa Stocks also participated.

Oral Reading: 4. Zoe Shiplett. Madilyn Moore and Cassidy Phemister also participated.

Third Grade

Music Memory: 1. Melody Martinez; 2. Garret Dutton; Both students had perfect papers and the place was determined by a tie breaker; 5. Wayland Damron. Tess Homeyer and Corbyn Walker also were on the team that placed first.

Oral Reading: Garret Dutton, Emily Turner and Kailee Benton participated.

Ready Writing: 3. Brayden Brzozowski; 6. Tess Homeyer. Lanayah Green and Melody Martinez also participated.

Spelling: Delaney Hanson, Tess Homeyer, Emma Roewe and Jolie Torres participated.

Fourth Grade

Art: Brice Bridges and Alex Hollingsworth (tied for third). Chambray Phemister, Hadley Sloan and Marc Williams also participated. The five participants placed third as a team.

Music Memory: Jacey Hudson (tied for 1st); 5. Addisyn Bates. Both students had perfect papers and the place was determined by tie breaker. Ashlyn Payne also had a perfect paper but did not place due to tie breaker. Abby Address and Eddie McBroom also participated, and the team won first place.

Number Sense: Cade

Anderson, Cash Bassett, J.J. Fuentes and Spencer Simons participated.

Oral Reading: Chambray Phemister, Hadley Sloan and Cash Bassett participated.

Ready Writing: Kiannah Luce, Ashlyn Payne, Jazlyn Rodela and Marc Williams participated.

Spelling: Addisyn Bates, Chambray Phemister, Spencer Simons and Shane Stanfield participated.

Fifth Grade

Art: Addyson Wilhite (tied for 5th). J.R. Brown, Krislyn Tatum and Adaline Utley also participated.

Dictionary: Casey Arendall, Krislyn Tatum, Addyson Wilhite and Caleb Wright participated.

Listening: 2. Autom Gibbs. Koby Compton, Adaline Utley and Caleb Wright also participated. They placed second as a team.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Braelyn Bevel, Kourtney Gibson, Caleb Wright and Darian Bruce participated.

Music Memory: Garrett Waggoner placed first with a perfect paper; 2. J.R. Brown; 3. Addyson Wilhite; 5. Kourtney Gibson. Autom Gibbs also participated. These five students placed first as a team.

Number Sense: Braelyn Bevel, Kourtney Gibson, Landry Hanson and Krislyn Tatum participated.

Oral Reading: Braelyn Bevel, Adaline Utley and Madyson Moore participated.

Ready Writing: Jordan Martinez, Heavenly Perez and Kobie Walker participated.

Spelling: Halee Alsabrook, Garrett Waggoner and Kobie Walker participated.



UIL PARTICIPANTS-Haskell Elementary second grade UIL participants include, front row, l-r, Bethany Casillas, Cassidy Phemister, Andrew Beerley and Zoe Shiplett; back row, Alyssa Stocks, Shalee Dunnam and Madilyn Moore.



UIL PARTICIPANTS-Haskell Elementary third grade UIL participants include, front row, l-r, Wayland Damron, Emily Turner, Jolie Torres, Melody Martinez, Garret Dutton and Kailee Benton; back row, Lanayah Green, Tess Homeyer, Corbyn Walker, Brayden Brzozowski, Delaney Hanson and Emma Roewe.



UIL PARTICIPANTS-Haskell Elementary fourth grade UIL participants include, front row, l-r, J.J. Fuentes, Eddie McBroom, Cash Bassett, Chambray Phemister, Marc Williams, Ashlyn Payne, Alex Hollingsworth, Jazlyn Rodela, and Spencer Simons; back row, Hadley Sloan, Cade Anderson, Kiannah Luce, Abby Address, Brice Bridges, Addyson Bates, Jacey Hudson and Shane Stanfield. Not pictured is Tori Hollingsworth.



UIL PARTICIPANTS-Haskell Elementary fifth grade UIL participants include, front row, l-r, Darian Bruce, Jordan Martinez, Koby Compton, Kobie Walker, Krislyn Tatum, Addyson Wilhite, Halee Alsabrook, Landry Hanson and Garrett Waggoner; back row, Casey Arendall, Madyson Moore, Adaline Utley, Braelyn Bevel, Autom Gibbs, Kourtney Gibson, Heavenly Perez, J.R. Brown and Caleb Wright.

Intruder shot during Haskell home invasion

On Tuesday night Feb. 12, at approximately 11:00 p.m. the Haskell Sheriff's Office received a report of a shooting that occurred at 806 S. 1st Street in Haskell.

When officers arrived they found a white male, later identified as Cody Wyrick, born Feb. 13, 1991, shot several times in the upper chest, leg and hand. Wyrick was transported to Haskell Memorial Hospital and later airlifted to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The primary investigation indicates Wyrick kicked in the front door of the residence and forced his way inside. The homeowner confronted Wyrick with a handgun and told him (Wyrick) to stop or he would shoot him. Wyrick continued to advance towards the homeowner and was shot several times.

This is an ongoing investigation by the Haskell Police Department along with the Texas Rangers.

Kimmel arrested for drugs

On Feb. 12, Haskell County Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Kaszuba received information of a subject in Haskell who was dealing drugs.

Chief Deputy Kaszuba stopped a vehicle in Haskell at South 4th and Avenue F. Three subjects were in the vehicle. After a short while, Chief Deputy Kaszuba and Haskell County Sheriff Winston Stephens talked one subject, Colton Rex Kimmel, into giving up the location of his drugs. Kimmel, from Weinert, was in Haskell to sell

illicit drugs to local citizens. Kimmel was in possession of ICE-Meth and was arrested by Chief Deputy Kaszuba for possession with intent to deliver in a drug free zone.

Sheriff Stephens would like to thank all the local citizens for their help. All information given will be kept confidential.

Sheriff Stephens also thanks Haskell Police Chief Richard Candelaria and DPS trooper Dan Norman for their assistance during this traffic stop.

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Joust! performed by Haskell Elementary fifth grade students

by Caron Yates

Editor's note: This story and photographs are reprinted due to a printing error in last week's issue.

Much too often, the news from our public schools deals with STAAR testing, accountability ratings and sadly, violence.

This week, the atmosphere was much lighter as Haskell Elementary 5th graders took to the stage for a "Jousting" good time. The fifty-two students, taught by Jennifer Roewe, Tammie Wallace and Kristi Gibson, presented the musical "Joust! A Mighty

Medieval Musical," written by Jacobson and Emerson. They were assisted by music teacher Pam Gibson. Computer teacher Debbie Miller was in charge of programs and invitations.

For the past several years the fifth grade has performed a play, but

this year Roewe says they decided to try their hand at a musical. With some very obvious talent, characters such as Lady Luck, Lady Bug, Lady Singalot, Sir Round, Sir Real, Sir Ender and Sir Face, to name just a few, sang and acted, for all in the kingdom, a message of "peace instead of fighting."

The story goes, that back during Medieval Times, when there was no heir to the throne, a sword was placed in a stone. It was declared that any man who could free the sword, would be the next king. As it turns

out, at least in this version of the story, the new king chooses to arm the country with boomwhackers or long musical tubes, rather than swords. Through a variety of songs, the group sang out the sentiment of choosing to live side by side with their neighbors in friendship.

The students performed the musical twice, first for the elementary student body and then again Monday night for parents, grandparents and friends.

As a concluding activity, the fifth graders will take a trip next month to Dallas

to attend Medieval Times. Medieval Times, is a reenactment of a jousting exhibition, complete with pomp and circumstance, and of course the multi-course meal that is eaten with your hands.

The trip is made possible through a mini-grant provided by the Haskell Educational Foundation and the Haskell Parent Teacher Organization.

What a fun way to study a little history, present a message of good will and showcase student talent.



JOUST!—More characters in the cast of Joust! include, front row, l-r, Darian Bruce, Zac Bailey, Eathen Reid, Mason Craig, Garrett Waggoner, Landry Hanson and Emmilie Arretche; back row, J.R. Brown, Lauren Alexander, Koby Compton, Abree Ramos, Kobie Walker, Krislyn Tatum, Caleb Wright, Tori Rodriguez and Braelyn Bevel.



JOUST!—Young actresses in the fifth grade performance of Joust! included, l-r, Kobie Walker, Emmilie Arretche, Krislyn Tatum, Addyson Wilhite, Adaline Utley, Heavenly Perez, Marina Wagner, Valerie Andrews and Satghn Rowton.



JOUST!—Young actors in the Haskell Elementary fifth grade's performance of Joust! include, front row, l-r, Logan Burson, Garrett Waggoner and Caleb Wright; back row, Cutter Medford, Zac Bailey, Renee Lopez, Andrew Casillas, Ramiro Olvera, James Robledo and Austin Reynolds.

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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.

Easter Cantata

Community Choir practice for the Easter Cantata will be held each Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Chapel. Everyone is welcome. The cantata will be presented Sun., March 24 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. For more information, contact Martha Jarred.

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 vasa@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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Book Fair set Feb. 25-Mar. 1

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Haskell Elementary School beginning Mon., Feb. 25 through Fri., March 1. The book fair, for students from prekindergarten 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 "Story Laboratory: Reading

Gives You Super Power!" and there will be a large variety of great books for all ages.

Everyone is invited to the Family Event Thurs. evening, Feb. 28, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Families will have an opportunity to shop together and enjoy refreshments, and there will be student drawings for book fair merchandise. We ask that

all children be accompanied by an adult.

The Scholastic Book Fair helps promote literacy by giving kids access to good books and motivating them to read more. We hope you'll join us for this fun reading celebration.

For more information call 940-864-2654, extension 309.

Do you have a will?

A recent Lawyer.com survey reports that approximately 35% of adults in the U.S. do not have valid wills. If you are one of these people, make a resolution to take care of this basic responsibility in 2013. The following are some issues to consider when drawing up a will. But first, you will want to find a good lawyer to help ensure that your estate will be divided as you wish.

Decide who gets your possessions. When you draft a will, you direct who gets your possessions when you die. Additionally, you can use a will to make charitable donations. Your will may also be used to disinherit estranged heirs or to unequally distribute possessions to heirs who have already received substantial gifts. Without a will, a probate court will decide how to distribute your belongings. You could leave instructions instead of a will, but the court is

not legally bound to follow them, and may actually be legally bound to act contrary to them.

Lower taxes and the cost of probate. Probating a will is typically less expensive, less time-consuming and less complicated than probating an estate without a will. That is primarily because in a will you can name an executor who acts without a bond and without court supervision. Most estates are small enough to escape federal estate taxes, but if your estate is over \$5 million, it is imperative that you see an experienced estate-planning attorney.

Decide who cares for your minor children. If you don't have a will that specifies who you've chosen as guardian or guardians for your minor children, then the probate court, after listening to testimony of others, will make this decision. Your children could end up in the care of persons neither you

nor they would choose. The most often chosen guardians are married couples who are family.

Establish a trust for your children. Many people do not know that they can establish trusts for their children in their wills (whether minors or not). You can choose how old your children will be before the trustee distributes their share to them. Until they reach that age, the trustee can use the assets of the trust to care for your children. More often than not, the trustee and the guardian are the same person or persons.

Protect your business. It is tragic when a family has no source of income and employees lose their jobs because the business owner died without a plan for continuing the business. A good attorney can help a business owner with business continuity planning, and it starts with a well-drafted will.

EEA Club news

Sarah Lazarowitz of Abilene was the presenter at the Haskell County EEA meeting Thurs., Feb. 14. Lazarowitz shared information on the "211 Texas" service that is an extensive community resource for 19 counties of West Central Texas. The 211 "A Call for Help" offers assistance with financial, food, health, housing and transportation by connecting callers with local community resources. More information can be accessed online, at www.acallforhelp.info.

The business meeting was held following the program, with thirteen members present. All were wearing red, in honor of healthy heart month, and Valentine's Day, of course!

Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, reported that the 4-H clothing lock-in was a success, with 15 youth participating. The "My Plate" series for the Haskell County Kindergarten students teaches a protein lesson Feb. 20-21; and, on Feb. 24, there will be a 4-H Educational Presentations workshop, at 2:00 p.m., at the extension office. Other upcoming 4-H events include the County Fashion Show/Photography Show, March 3, at 3:00 p.m., in Paint Creek.

Rowan reminded the

group about the Alzheimer's support group meeting Feb. 25, 3:00 p.m., at the Haskell County Extension office. An Alzheimer's workshop, "Solving the Mysteries of Dementia Care: Improving Interactions with People with Dementia", will be held in Abilene, March 1, from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Each year, Baylor, Haskell and Knox County EEA clubs hold a Tri-County Rally Day, involving fun, fellowship and food. Guests are welcome. This year's gathering will be in Seymour, March 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The annual TEEA Spring Conference and Cultural Arts event is in Mineral Wells this year, on April 16. Kathryn Schonerstedt, president, reminded the group that applications for District/State 4-H and adult TEEA scholarships, are due by March 1.

The next EEA meeting will be held March 14, 2:00 p.m., at the Haskell County Extension Office.

For more information on any of the above events, or about the Texas Extension Education Association in Haskell County, call the county extension office, at 864-2658. Please consider joining our group. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, and guests are welcome.



SIDNEY CASSIDY



CASSIDY RIOS

Students visit Rotary Club

Sidney Cassidy is the daughter of Felix Cassidy and Mary Villarreal of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is a member of FCCLA. She enjoys hanging out with her family, playing sports, shopping and working at the Pit and Grill.

She would like to attend college and study in the field of criminal justice or crime scene investigation.

Cassidy Rios is the daughter of Delia Lampe and Danny Rios of Haskell.

She enjoys spending time with her family, hanging out with her friends and working at the grocery store.

After graduating from Haskell High School, she plans to move to Abilene, to begin her new journey in life and attend Cisco Jr. College studying the basics, then transferring to Midwestern State University to study radiology.

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Brazos West Art Assn.

The Brazos West Art Association met Feb. 11, in the Church of Christ annex. Nelwyn Beakley of Rule conducted the Valentine themed program. Beakley brought many of her own hand-made valentines in order to stimulate the group's creativity. Club members set about to create their own special Valentine.

Beakley brought many different components to accomplish this artistic task. There were many decorative cut-outs, stencils, rubber stamps, fancy stickers, ribbon, lace, rick-rack, tiny artificial flowers, colored pens and pencils, decorative heart-shaped doilies, tiny pearls, wallpaper samples,

and various colored cards on which to assemble these items.

Present were Barbara Fouts, Gary Conn, Nelwyn Beakley, Betty Hook, Pansy Harris, Jessie Hill, Betty Berry, Elaine Reed, Jerry Bowers, and Peggy Middlebrook. Hostesses were Elaine Reed and Pansy Harris.

Next month's meeting will have Ruth Jackson of Abilene as program presenter. Jackson is a very talented artist, active in missionary endeavors, art instruction with prisoners, children and very much involved in all walks of life with her art. Do come and experience her humble and gracious spirit. No invitation is needed.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will hold their February meeting this Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs will meet from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

This month the clubs are going to have a "Photo Letter" scavenger hunt around town and make a "H-A-S-K-E-I-L

4-H" photo out of the photo letters collected.

The group will also discuss upcoming events and district contests that will be coming up such as photography and clothing contests and have refreshments. Jane Rowan, CEA-FCS will be on hand to do a presentation on 4-H Round-Up opportunities.

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

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Texas joins other states in legal challenge

AUSTIN—Attorney General Greg Abbott on Feb. 13 announced Texas had joined 10 other states in a legal challenge to a federal law, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

The preamble to the 848-page law states its purpose: "To promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end 'too big to fail,' to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes."

Abbott, however, said the law "is bad for banks, harmful to businesses and worse for consumers who want to borrow money. It gives too much power to the federal government—and puts taxpayer dollars at risk. Under this law, unelected federal bureaucrats can unilaterally liquidate financial institutions in which the state invests taxpayer dollars. The State of Texas could be denied basic due process rights and taxpayers' dollars could recklessly be put at risk," Abbott said.

Over the last few months, The Associated Press and other national media entities have noted that Abbott, on behalf of the state, has sued the Obama administration more than two dozen times since January 2009. Complaints in the many federal lawsuits to which Texas has been party vary widely, including such topics as health care reform, offshore drilling, voter identification, redistricting, air-quality regulations and school prayer.

Survey spells out needs

Members of the 83rd Texas Legislature, in crafting a state budget for fiscal years 2014-2015, will know what's on the minds of people with disabilities.

On Feb. 13, the governor's office posted funding priorities as expressed in a survey of 1,131 citizens who responded to a survey conducted in the third quarter of 2012 by the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

Respondents ranked issues and gave open-ended input on any issue important to them. Some of the highest-ranking issues expressed in the survey include:

- Access to efficient and quality healthcare (expressed by 90.1 percent of respondents);
- Access to affordable healthcare (89.9 percent);
- Ensure that emergency notification and warnings are provided in multiple formats, including formats that are accessible to people who are blind, deaf, hard-of-hearing, or use American Sign Language (85.7 percent);
- Increased employment opportunities for people with disabilities (85.6 percent);
- Accessible evacuation transportation (84.9 percent);

• Adequate, efficient Special Education programs, services and procedures (84.7 percent).

Also:

• Emergency planning processes that include people with disabilities (84.2 percent);

• Ensure appropriate (educational) accommodations are available during testing (83.2 percent);

• Education of employers about disability rights law related to employment (82.3 percent);

• Accessible post-disaster housing (82.2 percent);

• Integrate people with disabilities in the planning process for emergencies at the State and local level (82.0 percent);

• More resources and support for family caregivers, including respite services (80.0 percent); and

• Strengthening existing anti-bullying laws in schools related to students with disabilities (79.1 percent).

DNA database is credited

Steven McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, on Feb. 14 recognized the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) database for achievements.

The CODIS section of the DPS Crime Laboratory Service received a unit citation for recent accomplishments. Notably, in November, CODIS registered the 10,000th cold hit, ranking fourth among the states in the number of hits, the DPS reported, and explained that "cold hits" are unexpected matches between DNA of known criminal offenders with biological evidence from crime scenes.

Since 1998, the DPS CODIS Lab has helped solve more than 640 homicides, 3,300 sexual assaults, 4,200 burglaries, 550 robberies and hundreds of other crimes in Texas and other states, McCraw said.

Freight panel is formed

For 10 consecutive years, the Texas Transportation Commission reported earlier this month, Texas has been ranked as the leading exporter in the nation with more than \$251 billion in goods reaching consumers worldwide.

Recognizing the role freight plays in Texas, the commission recently established a Freight Advisory Committee. The panel of experts is to serve as a forum for agency transportation decisions affecting freight mobility.

Veteran given state burial

Highly decorated former U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, author of the book "American Sniper," was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Feb. 12.

Kyle, 38, and fellow veteran Chad Littlefield, 35, died of gunshot wounds suffered at a shooting range in north Texas on Feb. 2. A suspect is in custody.

Thousands of citizens turned out to pay their respects along the 200-mile route of the funeral procession that began in Kyle's home city of Midlothian and ended at the state cemetery.

10 Years Ago February 20, 2003

Brittany Lindsey and Leon Goudeau were chosen Haskell High School Basketball Sweetheart and Beau.

Winners in the Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest were: 1st place, Dalton Barnett, third grade; 2nd place, Krystal Deshazo, second grade; and 3rd place, Matthew Pritchard, third grade. All are students at Paint Creek School.

Rule Lady Bobcats named to the 8A Division II, All-District 1st Team were Abby Dudensing and Breanna Marquis. Named to the 2nd Team were Kinsey Brown and M'Lynn Lehrmann. Tara Lisle was named Most Valuable Player and Keli Smith was named 6th Man.

20 Years Ago February 25, 1993

Listed as honor students at Angelo State University are Haskell County graduates Nichole Smith, a kinesiology major; Rusty Stocks,

undecided major; Bo Watson, finance major; Thomas Davis, pre-pharmacy major; and John Ray Leonard, computer science major.

Haskell High School's junior varsity Indians completed their season with a 22-3 record and an amazing 20 game winning streak. Members of the team are Casey Larned, Cody Cypert, Cody Cooley, Justin Lisle, Shannon Meeks, Frankie Macias, Mik Everett, Keiland Riley, Quintin Billington, Cory Green, Patrick Middleton, Joseph Thigpen, Jeremy Futch and Jose Abila. They are coached by Alan Phillips.

30 Years Ago February 24, 1983

Members of the Haskell Indian Band receiving Superior ratings were Holli High, Diana Jarred, Shannon Lane and Micchell Stout with a clarinet quartet; Marla Gonzales, Sheila Klose and Emily Thornhill with a flute trio; and Eric Wilson with alto and tenor sax solos.

Class of '84 Cadet Larry Keith Sanders, son of Kenneth and Brenda Sanders of Weinert, has been named to the spring semester Superintendent's List at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Haskell High School students listed on the 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll are Rebecca Holt, freshman; Harry Henry, Holli High, sophomores; Kathy Kemp, Jana Overton, juniors; and Jacklyn Becker, Melinda Blakley, Lonnie Hise, Albert Sherman, April Turner, David Wheatley, Gena Whitaker, Eric Wilson and Shannon Lane, seniors.

40 Years Ago February 22, 1973

Gunnery Sergeant George Lowlor Jr., has received the Meritorious Mast Award from headquarters of his 3rd Marine Division. His wife and three children reside in Haskell, as does his mother-in-law, Mrs. Vivian Akins.

Marcia Brass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brass

of Rule, has been named Rule's 1973 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Pat Harris, Hardin-Simmons University freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris of Haskell, will portray Gertrude, the parent, in the drama department's winter production of "Hamlet."

50 Years Ago February 21, 1963

Haskell County Hospital plans to organize a Women's Hospital Auxiliary which can serve to assist the hospital in its physical improvement projects and help the development of better patient care, Hallie Chapman, hospital administrator announced.

Judge Ben Charlie Chapman has appointed Jon Jameson as court reporter for the 39th District Court. He succeeds Joe A. Williams who is going into private practice.

Explorer Post 28 in Scouting has been chartered in Weinert. Glen Caddell has been named advisor and Sam Adams will serve as representative. Committeemen will be R.S. Sanders, Ted Jetton and J.N. Stewart.

100 Years Ago February 22, 1913

Ross Hemphill has returned from a trip to Ft. Stockton. He saw Tennessee Jones while there and reported he was selling land right along at \$200 an acre. He also stated it was tough on the border and the ranch men were being stolen out by the red flaggers and revolutionists.

Haskell Opera House will be open one night only to present "The Only Way." Prices will be 25, 50 and 75 cents.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Hope you men didn't forget Valentine's Day—candies, roses, a romantic meal that you prepared, a movie or maybe just some quiet time—any of these would most likely have increased your standing with your bride and gotten your contract renewed.

Excitement in Haskell. Sorry for a home being broken into, but glad the owner had protection. I don't want to get into the gun registration or confiscation conversation in this column, but would like to pass on something I got in email this week. Quote: "This year will go down in history. For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future." See the end of column for who said it!

At Garden Club this week Joe Cloud gave a slide show of all the wildflowers he's photographed in Haskell County; he knew the names and when they bloomed. He also had albums of photographs of scenes: beautiful clouds, sunsets, sunrises. Made me wish I was an artist to paint those pretty sites. Of course, there was also an album of rattlesnakes neither the wife nor I wished to look through. Conversation after the meeting led to questions about the water rationing situation. It seems a few of us are in the same situation that we have to let the water run a while in order for the hot water to kick in. I called

a local plumber and ordered a recirculating pump. When we get it installed we should have instant hot water, so our water isn't running for awhile in order to have a warm shower. If it works as well as I have been led to believe, it should reduce the amount of water usage in this household. Will let you know how it works out.

We've just about, but not completely, given up on the Weight Watchers program we talked about over a year ago. I've been in contact with several "high level" management members. It's obvious they are wishing everyone would go through the online method negating the local Weight Watcher leader. There are many of us not that comfortable with computers and really need the active support of a meeting. Their last statement was if there were a life time member in Haskell then they could use that person as their lecturer. Jan reached lifetime member status years ago but describes herself as "backslidden" and unfamiliar with this particular program. So we have been doing the SHRED Diet for 5 weeks. It is a 6 week commitment and we're on week 5 of the 6. I've lost 15 pounds and 3-1/2 inches and 13 pounds for her. Now if that gym will hurry up and open maybe we can get some more off. Right now, we're planning on a few days 'rest' and starting week one all over again. When we hit goal some 30 pounds from now, we'll use a maintenance

program. This might work for you.

Our weekly mayoral run had a bit of excitement this week. As we were driving through some areas, a car began to follow us, honking for us to pull over. This citizen was pretty peeved that we were driving through their area...proceeded to bless us out pretty severely, then as we talked it turned out to be an old friend, long forgotten. He wound up expressing as much concern about the messy areas as yours truly. There are some truly unsightly areas in our city. You would be amazed at the number of abandoned house trailers that need to be dismantled and hauled off. In some of these lots there's enough scrap metal to make the Progressive Study Club's War Memorial a reality years ago. If one could get permission from the land owner to clean the lot, he might give permission for the metal to go for that good venture. Spring is coming; let's commit to continue cleaning up our community.

Your suggestions for our new logo and motto are due by Feb. 22. Personally I like the one now used on the www.haskelltexasonline with the water tower and the beautiful colors and clouds in the background. Jan laughed at my favorite slogan: "It's not heaven, but it's close." Jan likes: "Haskell—It's the people" or "We Grow'em Good." Those will be our submissions. The varsity girls basketball

team is to be congratulated on winning district. Even though they were outscored by Goldthwaite in their last game, we are very proud of them.

The wife and I attended the School Board meeting this past week. It was very interesting to listen to the problems they are facing. It is easy to assume the only board or committee that has difficult decisions to make is the one you are currently serving on or the ones on which you have served in the past. This was the first School Board meeting we had ever attended, but we will go again. I wish each of you would go to a meeting conducted by the School Board, City Council, Commissioners Court, Hospital Board, Housing Authority Board, Development Corporation of Haskell or any other organization that has open meetings—we just need to do all that we can to be informed as to what is going on in our city.

Do everything you can to conserve water because without significant rainfall we will be going to Stage 3 and likely Stage 4 before long. When these stages are implemented, it will be a challenge for all of us to comply. The best thing we can do is to continue praying that the Lord will bless us with rain—bunches and bunches of rain.

The quote in the first paragraph of this column was made by Adolf Hitler in 1935.

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Rochester VFD receives grant for equipment, gear

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both grants.

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The Rochester VFD was reorganized in 2011 and is re-equipping with updated communications, personal protection and vehicles. Fire Chief Syd Smart had this to say, "The Rochester Volunteer Fire Department would like to express its sincere

gratitude to the Haskell County Commissioners, Judge Davis, Haskell Fire Department, the Texas Forest Service and citizens who have made donations of funds or equipment." A Christmas meal held at the school cafeteria in Rochester brought in \$600.00. Future fund-raisers will be held to secure additional equipment.

President of the Rochester VFD is Milton Flores, vice president is James Smith, and treasurer is Cole Turner.

March 25 is the deadline for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers claims

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminds Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades that there are 45 days remaining in the filing period closing March 25, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have 45 days left to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and mail their claim packages on or before March 25, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

The Department will continue reaching out to potential Hispanic and female claimants around the country to get the word out to individuals who may be eligible for this program so they have the opportunity to participate.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may

download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to attend meetings in your communities about the claims process and contact the website at any time or call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Website: <http://www.farmerclaims.gov/> Phone: 1-888-508-4429. Claims Period: Sept. 24, 2012 to March 25, 2013.

Independent legal services companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers

who want to use it.

Audio and video public service announcements in English and Spanish from Secretary Vilsack and downloadable print and web banner ads on the Hispanic and women farmer claims process are available at: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=PSAs_Print_and_WebBanner_Ads.xml.

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Understanding The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act

"Our remedy cures arthritis and cancer in seven days!"

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When a vendor or salesman uses false statements, duress, exaggerations or misleading advertisements to win a Texan's business, he or she violates the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA).

Vendors may violate the DTPA by claiming their product does something it does not or cannot do. Companies also violate the DTPA when they take advantage of a customer's



ADVANCES TO STATE-Members of Rule Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed in 3 STAR events at the Region 2 FCCLA meeting in Waco Feb. 14-16. Jessica Gutierrez earned fifth place in Chapter Showcase Display. Colton Rogers received second place in Nutrition and Wellness, and Celeste Caddell competed in Career Investigation. Gutierrez and Rogers will compete in Dallas at the State FCCLA meeting in April. Those attending the Waco meeting were, I-r, Fonda Newton FCCLA sponsor, Caddell, Gutierrez and Rogers.

Markey, Shelton selected to play in All-Star game

by Caron Yates

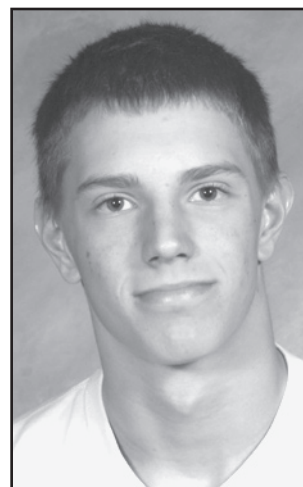
The 203 athletes and cheerleaders who make up the all-star class for the 14th Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Classic and the 5th Annual Girls' Basketball Game, the 1st Annual Boys' Basketball and the 1st Annual Girls' Volleyball have been announced.

The 2013 Big Country Chevy Dealers FCA All-Star Festival, includes ladies' and men's basketball in the Brownwood Coliseum on June 6, with tip off at 6 and 8 p.m., respectively. A volleyball-football doubleheader, is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 in Abilene. The All-Star Volleyball game will begin at noon in Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum, followed by the football game at 7 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium.

All proceeds benefit the Big Country Chapter of FCA. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization, since 1954, has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. It is the largest Christian sports organization in America.

All participants will be honored at the All-Star Festival Induction Banquet on April 21, at the Abilene Civic Center.

The young All-Stars were nominated by their coaches, and represent approximately 50 area schools, covering 36 counties. Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-a-



RYAN MARKEY



BRETT SHELTON

day practices in Brownwood on June 4 and in Abilene on June 5.

It was announced earlier that Haskell Indian head coach Grady Benton will assist with coaching duties for the North football team.

In addition two Haskell Indians will be a part of the North football team.

Brett Shelton, son of Chris and Monica Shelton of Rochester, has been chosen to participate. He is listed as a defensive end/quarterback.

At Haskell High School, he participates in athletics, FFA and UIL events. His honors include being on the A honor roll for four years; receiving the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence for three years; serving as vice president of the senior class; being named Mr. HHS; being on the Academic All-District first team in 2009, 2010 and 2011; named All-District first team quarterback for 2012; named All-District first team in 2010 and 2011; named All-District Tight End, first team in 2010. He was also named All Big Country Defensive End, honorable mention in

2011.

Shelton plans to attend South Plains for two years, before transferring to Texas Tech University, to study Constructional Engineering.

Ryan Markey, son of Kyle Markey, is listed on the roster to play linebacker/running back. Throughout his high school career, he has been involved in track, football and Spanish Club.

He was selected earlier in the year for the All-District first team outside linebacker. In addition, he earned the 2011-12 season track award; was named Football Hero; was a member of the 1600 meter relay which placed fourth at state; and ran on the 800 meter relay that placed seventh at the state track meet.

He enjoys welding and working out. Markey is undecided as to where he will attend college, but would like to run track or play football with a college team.

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

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

lack of knowledge or language comprehension.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) protects Texans by filing civil enforcement actions under the DTPA and other consumer-protection statutes. Businesses must comply with the law when they interact with customers.

Complaints filed with the OAG may form the basis for a state investigation into a company's business practices. In some cases, significant numbers of complaints about a business may give rise to legal action to enforce state law and protect the public interest. The decision to investigate or take legal action is based on a number of factors.

Enforcement actions are filed on behalf of the State of Texas and the public good.

The OAG cannot represent individual Texans, but some legal actions do produce restitution for the defendant's customers.

The DTPA covers the sale, lease and distribution of nearly all goods and services, with the exception of professional advice. Providers of professional advice would not be cited under the DTPA if opinions they give clients turn out to be "wrong."

For example, an attorney could not be sued for deceptive trade practices for advising a client to file a lawsuit that ultimately failed.

Consumer education is a vital part of the OAG's mission. The best consumer protection is widespread public awareness of consumer rights and common scams. Texans

who believe they have been subject to deceptive trade practices should file a complaint with the OAG and retain as much evidence of wrongdoing as possible, including brochures, advertisements, records of related transactions and notes about conversations with company representatives.

Texans who relied on a deceptive practice to their detriment also should make every effort to remedy the situation with the vendor. They should send a certified, return-receipt letter to the vendor outlining the problem and what the company should do to make the situation right. If that fails, Texans may also consider suing in small claims court or consulting an attorney about civil litigation.



SCRIMMAGE—Haskell Indian Henry Smith, left, presents a bunt in an attempt to advance the runner. Indian Kyle Kimbrough, right, is underneath a fly ball during a recent scrimmage with Holliday.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 25-March 1
Breakfast
 1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza, orange juice
Wednesday: Biscuit, sausage, fruit punch juice
Thursday: French toast, apple juice
Friday: Pigs in a blanket, orange juice

Lunch
 1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup
Wednesday: Hot dog, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit
Thursday: Cheese enchiladas, salsa, refried beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples
Friday: Hamburger, seasoned corn, baby carrots, sliced peaches



CHAMPION DUROC—Lucy Carmichael a FFA member from Haskell, exhibited the Champion Duroc in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2013 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Feb. 7.



PLACES THIRD—Bailey Hawkins of Haskell recently placed third out of 73 entrants in her class at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 25-March 1
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Bagels
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Enchiladas, beans, salad, apples
Tuesday: Hot dogs, fries, cucumbers, carrots,

peaches
Wednesday: Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, salad, fruit
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, salad, Rice Crispy treats
Friday: Hamburgers, corn on cob, salad, fries, peaches

This Week's Devotional Message:



The Bible could be the most valuable book on your shelf

You are a very busy person, both in terms of getting ahead in the world and in doing good works for others; therefore, you have very little time for reading anything other than the newspaper headlines. Nevertheless, occasionally you find yourself with a free evening at home and no program on TV that appeals to you. So with some time to read, perhaps you would enjoy a little history, some biographical sketches, descriptions of natural wonders of the world, tales of people who saw the error of their ways, or just some good how-to lessons in self improvement. You'll find all of these things and a lot more in one book that you should have on hand—the Bible. Take it down from the shelf and read it, a little at a time, whenever you can. The time you spend learning about the Bible could be the most rewarding of your life, because it will help you understand the true meaning of it.

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**
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**
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
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 Helsley, 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**
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.
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- West Bethal Baptist Church**
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Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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- 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

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 25 mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, dessert, tea or coffee
 Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, sauce, tea or coffee
Wed., Feb. 27 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
 Chicken fried steak, gravy,

Alzheimer's support group to meet Feb. 25

by Jane Rowan
 CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
 The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Mon., Feb. 25 at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area. The support group meets the fourth Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving. For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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THE CITY OF Weinert will be taking applications for Water/Wastewater Operator beginning February 7, 2013 and running through February 28, 2013. All applications must be able to obtain a license within one year of employment or currently hold a Class D license. This position is full time. Please contact Patricia Horan City Secretary to pick up applications at Weinert City Hall. 940-673-8223/940-203-0808. 6-8c

RULE ISD is currently accepting applications for the position of instructional aide. This is a 10 month, full-time position. Preference will be given to certified aides, but non-certified may be considered as well. Please contact Barry McBroom at 940-997-2246 for more information. 7-8c

Public Notices

NOTICE
The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids for contracted cemetery maintenance work at the Rule Cemetery. The contract runs from April 01, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. March 6th, 2013. For more info, please call or go by Rule City Hall, 701 Union Ave. 940-996-2214. 7-9c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Grace Jeanette Hannsz, Deceased, were issued on February 6, 2013, in Cause No. 4,503 pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to Charlotte Hannsz Peiser.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Haskell County, Texas, and the address of the Independent Executrix is c/o Chet Caldwell, P.O. Box 3679, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and within the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 11th day of February, 2013.
McMahon Surovik Suttle, PC
By: Chet Caldwell
Attorneys for Estate of Grace Jeanette Hannsz, Deceased. 8c

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We wanted to get a head start on fund-raising this year and thanks to all who have helped us out so far. We have made a great start! We would like to thank the following people/businesses for their contributions to this year's party.

We could not pull this event off without the monetary donations to cover our expenses—they are invaluable to us.

We will continue to take donations through May 31, so if you haven't donated yet, please contact us!

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The following people/businesses have made donations of goods: Modern Way Food Store, Kristi Gibson-Vault Denim, Rosa's Café, Wes-T-Go, Star Stop.
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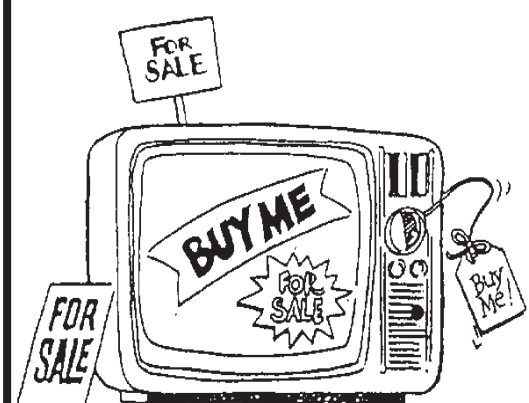
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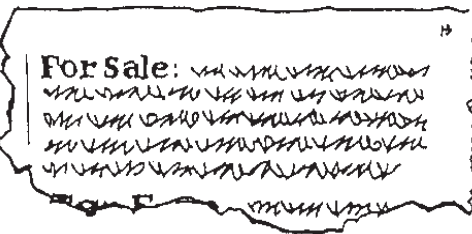


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HASKELL MAIDENS—The Haskell Maidens placed nine athletes on the District 9-1A All-District Girls basketball team. Maidens on the list are, l-r, #23 Crissy Bassett, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #15 Reagan Hadaway and #5 Jacie Klose; back row, #11 Taylor Burson, #43 Caitlan Johnson, #41 Carson Hadaway, #31 Maci Colley and #21 Myra Rodriguez. Named Coach of the Year and Staff was Maidens' Coach Blake Eddleman along with the Haskell staff.

Maidens named to All-District teams

The District 9-1A All-District Girls Basketball list has been released for the 2012-2013 season. Maidens earning All-District honors include:

MVP: Reagan Hadaway, sophomore
Co-Offensive MVP:

Carson Hadaway, senior
First team: Caitlan Johnson, senior and Jacie Klose, sophomore

Second team: Maci Colley, senior

Honorable mention: Crissy Bassett, sophomore; Taylor Burson, senior; Myra

Rodriguez, senior; Kenzie Shelton, sophomore

Academic: Bassett, Burson, Colley, C. Hadaway, R.Hadaway, Johnson, Klose and Shelton.

Coach of the Year and Staff: Blake Eddleman and Haskell staff.

Maidens fall to 19th ranked Goldthwaite

The Goldthwaite Lady Eagles (25-8) proved to be too much for the Haskell Maidens (20-9) last Friday night in the Class A Division I area playoff game. Trailing 28-23 at the beginning of the third quarter, senior Maci Colley made a three pointer to pull the Maidens within two. But, that was as close as Haskell got as they fell to 19th ranked Goldthwaite 54-40.

The Maiden offense was led by sophomore Reagan Hadaway with 15 points followed by Colley 8, Caitlan Johnson 7, Carson Hadaway 4, Jacie Klose 4 and Kenzie Shelton 2. Haskell had a tough night shooting the ball going 17% from the field and 57% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, we started off great, but once they went to their 2-3 zone we began to struggle," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said. "The girls did a great job valuing the ball and we got good looks at the basket. Unfortunately, we just did not shoot the ball well and they did a good job of keeping us out of the paint and forcing us to take more outside shots than we would have liked too." Leading the team in assists was Klose with 4 and R. Hadaway with 2.

Defensively, the Maidens had a tough time defending the Lady Eagles inside and outside scoring attack. "Goldthwaite has a really good post player that plays physical surrounded by three different guards that can knock down three pointers and that can make it pretty tough on any defense," Eddleman said. "We knew they had four really good

players that could shoot from the field and free-throw line, but they got 13 points out of some of their role players and I give those young ladies a lot of credit." R. Hadaway led the team in rebounds with 9, followed by Klose with 5 and Johnson 3. Leading the team in steals was Klose with 5, Colley 2 and R. Hadaway 2.

"Overall, I was disappointed in the outcome of the game but very proud of the girls for sticking together and competing to the very end against a pretty tough Goldthwaite team," Eddleman said. "We have had a great season and I am amazed at how much this team has learned and improved this year."

"Any time you have a great season regardless the sport or level, it is because those teams have great leaders and that was certainly the case on this year's Maiden basketball team. Johnson, C. Hadaway, Colley, Myra Rodriguez and Taylor Burson have led this team for the past 8 months in summer league, fall league, open gym, weights, conditioning, practice and games. Their leadership and the way they have conducted themselves on and off the court have paved the way for future Maiden basketball players and teams. They have

definitely left a stamp on our basketball program that will be felt and remembered for a very long time and I can't thank them enough."

"I would like to thank all of my players, managers and coaches for their hard work and dedication throughout the season," Eddleman added. "We were able to accomplish a lot this year and our basketball program has a very bright future for many years to come. I would also like to recognize and thank all the fans that came out and supported us this year. We had a lot of people backing us throughout district and our playoff game and it was greatly appreciated."

Goldthwaite 9 19 14 12 54
Haskell 12 11 10 7 40
Scoring: R. Hadaway 15, Colley 8, Johnson 7, C. Hadaway 4, Klose 4, Shelton 2

Team field goals: Goldthwaite (15-44) 34% vs Haskell (11-63) 17%.

Team free-throws: Goldthwaite (20-26) 77% vs Haskell (15-26) 58%.

Team turnovers: Goldthwaite 15 vs Haskell 7.

Team rebounds: Goldthwaite 25 vs Haskell 24.

Sagerton Hee Haw set March 21-23

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held March 21-23, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. An hour of music and singing will be held before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 21, is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made beginning Mon., March 4, by calling 940-997-2688. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Sat., March 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center March 7, orders may be made by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. A

limit of 10 tickets will be sold per person March 7. If more tickets are needed, you may enter the line again.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be on sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sandwiches and pies only will be sold on Thursday night.

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Feb. 11-17:

Colton Rex Kimmel, possession of meth under four grams, 3rd degree felony.

Johnnie Walker, parole violation, burglary of habitation.

Henry Q. Lerma, motion to revoke drug offense.

Forty-seven calls were made to 911.

Calendar

Deadlines

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

No burn ban in effect

No burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. Those conducting controlled burns are asked to report the information to the Sheriff's Office dispatch.

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We look forward to your presence and help in welcoming Mark to Big Country Electric and West Texas!



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