

Basketball

HASKELL
7th-8th Girls
District Tourney
Thurs., Feb. 2 & Sat., Feb. 4
at Stamford
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roscoe
Fri., Feb. 3, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
7-8 Boys vs Stamford
Mon., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.
at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Albany
Tues., Feb. 7, 4 p.m.
at Albany
PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Woodson
Fri., Feb. 3, 6 p.m.
at Woodson
JH G-B Tournament
Sat., Feb. 4
at Bryson
VG-B vs Throckmorton
Tues., Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-VB vs Rotan
Fri., Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.
at Rotan
VG-VB vs Lueders
Tues., Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

Baseball

Indians vs Olney
Scrimmage
Mon., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.
at Olney

Calendar

Benefit bake sale

A benefit bake sale will be held Thurs., Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. until gone in the lobby of Haskell Memorial Hospital. Proceeds will benefit Greg and Gena Pierce to help with medical expenses. Cash donations are welcome. Please make all checks to Gena Pierce.

4-H meeting

The Haskell County 4-H Club meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Non members are welcome.

Mingling of Souls

The Mingling of Souls marriage conference, with Matt and Lauren Chandler, will be held Fri., Feb. 10 from 7 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. and continues Sat., Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 600 N. 1st St. East, Haskell. Join our free watch party. Child care will be provided (infant up to 9 years). Register at www.eventbrite.com. For a complete schedule go to www.minglingofsouls.com.

Old Timer's game

The Old Timer's baseball game is set for Sat., Feb. 11 starting at 11 a.m. Bounce houses, radar gun, full concession stand, and much more will be available! Bring the entire family for a full day of fun, food and family time. Plenty of Haskell graduates will be here to take on the Indians. Proceeds will benefit the Haskell Athletic Booster Club. Sign up forms are available on haskellsports.net website, under the Spring Sports/Baseball Link, or call Chris Tatum at 325-864-3192.

Mud Mania

The Second Annual Mud Mania will be held Sat., March 25. A Mini Rod Tractor Pull will be added to the event this year. For more information, contact Tim Judd at 940-256-2133 or 940-864-2900.



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Congratulations Maidens

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DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens, 24-5 (9-0), officially clinched their back-to-back-to-back 8-2A district championship Friday night, Jan. 27 with a win over Hawley, while Anson lost to Hamlin. Pictured, l-r, are Delaney Hanson, Coach Lolo Martinez,

Emma Roewe, Jordan Garvin, Head Coach Blake Eddleman, Ariel Martinez, Taylor Manske, Courtney Whitt, Ashlyn Bevel, Landry Hanson, Hollyn Hadaway, C'Era Taylor, Makinzie Garvin, Coach Melissa Burson, Kailee Benton and Melody Martinez.

Vista Bank to acquire Rule Banking Center branch

Vista Bancshares, Inc., the holding company for Vista Bank, announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire The Hamlin Financial Corporation and its subsidiary, Hamlin National Bank.

The Hamlin Financial Corporation, through Hamlin National Bank, operates full service banking locations in Hamlin and Rule. Hamlin National Bank was established in 1907 and has assets of \$84 million, \$35 million in total loans and \$69 million in deposits as of Dec. 31, 2016. Based upon its Dec. 31, 2016 balance sheet, Vista Bancshares, Inc. would have total assets of approximately \$480 million upon completion of the transaction.

Vista Bancshares, Inc. is a Texas-based bank holding company with \$396 million in assets as of Dec. 31, 2016. The company owns Vista Bank which has eleven full service locations in Lubbock and the surrounding area, and loan and deposit production offices in Dallas and Fort Worth. Formed in 1912 and operating

as a true community bank, Vista Bank seeks to serve families and businesses by offering the best in banking technologies, products, and services. Vista Bank offers a variety of traditional loan and deposit products to its customers, which consist primarily of small and medium sized businesses and consumers. The company's website is www.vistabank.com.

The transaction has been approved by the boards of directors of both companies. Vista Bancshares, Inc. will issue shares of its common stock and cash for all outstanding shares of The Hamlin Financial Corporation common stock. The transaction is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2017, subject to customary conditions, and shareholder and regulatory approvals. In connection with the closing of the transaction, Hamlin National Bank will merge into Vista Bank. Certain directors and executive officers of Hamlin National Bank have entered into agreements with Vista Bank.

John D. Steinmetz, President

and Chief Executive Officer of Vista Bank said, "We are excited about the opportunity to serve Hamlin, Rule and the surrounding areas and want to welcome Hamlin National Bank's team, clients, and shareholders to Vista Bank. We look forward to delivering competitive products and innovative technology to the area and upholding Hamlin National Bank's commitment to community."

Mickey Long, Chairman of Vista Bank said, "Vista Bank continues to look for opportunities to enhance our presence across Texas, and Hamlin National Bank's locations in Hamlin and Rule are an excellent fit for us."

Gary Ford, President of Hamlin National Bank said, "We are excited to become part of the Vista Bank family. We chose Vista Bank as a merger partner because their history and operating philosophy is similar to ours while at the same time allowing us to bring new financial capabilities to our customer base in Jones and Haskell counties. We are

confident all our stakeholders and our communities at large will benefit from this transaction and the future growth of Vista Bank."

Completion of the transaction is subject to certain closing conditions, including customary regulatory approvals and approval of The Hamlin

Financial Corporation shareholders. Vista Bancshares, Inc. was advised in this transaction by Stephens Inc. as financial advisor, and Fenimore Kay Harrison & Ford LLP as legal counsel. The Hamlin Financial Corporation was advised by Hunton & Williams as legal counsel.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers ask for help

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers' (CFCS) mission is to help keep Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Stonewall and Shackelford counties safe for our citizens and their property. Maintaining a toll free, 24 hour tipline, internet access, and paying rewards for tips that lead to arrests takes money. Serving on the board which operates CFCS takes time (about an hour a month).

Recently CFCS sent postcards asking for donations to every household and business in our six

counties. We had very little response. If we do not raise operational funds, we will be forced to disband. We would be sorry to see this program discontinue, but cannot operate without funds.

If you think our services are valuable, please send a donation, no matter how small, to: CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, TX 79553.

All donations to CFCS are tax deductible.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to serve on our board, please call 940-256-0787.

HHS earns second place at Pow Wow UIL event

Haskell High School held its annual Pow Wow UIL Academic Practice Meet Sat., January 21. Haskell earned second place overall school, behind a strong 3A UIL program, Holliday High School. Fifteen area high schools attended the meet to make a great day of competition.

Haskell High had three first place teams, four second place teams, and several individual award winners.

The academic teams will continue their work to prepare for district by attending practice meets over the next couple of months, including meets in Stamford, Wylie and Wichita Falls.

Results are as follows:

Number Sense: First place team. Payton Thomas, second place; Chase Gibson, Tanner Thomas and Franzi Lutz.

Calculator Applications: First place team. Kylie

Adams, third place; Hollyn Hadaway, fourth place; Ashlyn Bevel, fifth place; and Ariel Martinez.

Mathematics: First place team; Payton Thomas, first place; Tanner Thomas, third place; Franzi Lutz, fourth place; and Chase Gibson.

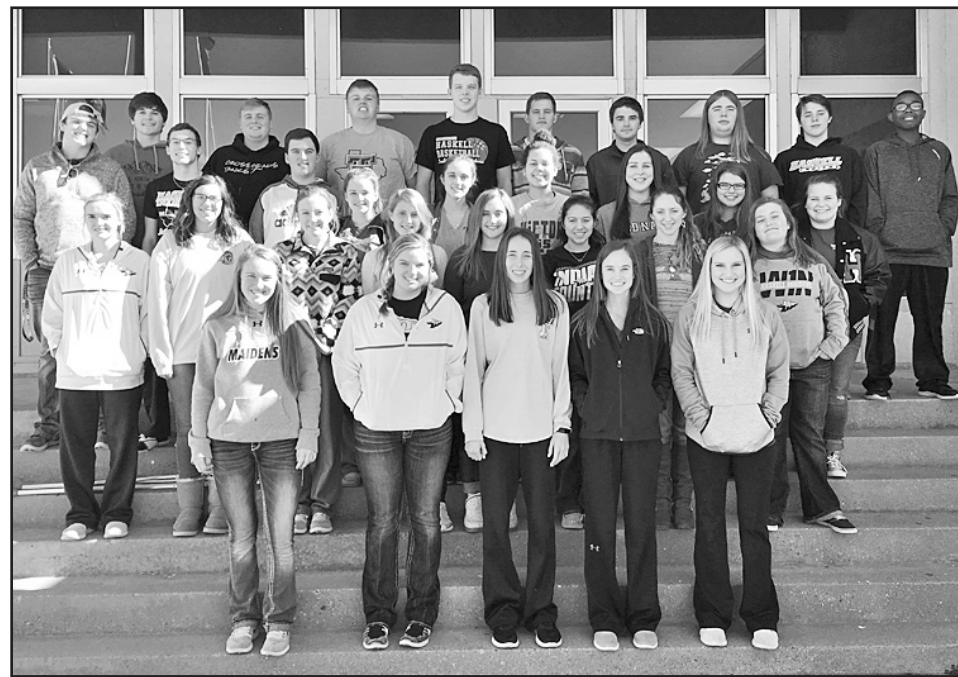
Accounting: Second place team. Lane Burson, third place; Tanner Thomas, fourth place; Payton Thomas, fifth place; and Hollyn Hadaway.

Current Issues & Events: Second place team. Cody Dutton, second place; Payton Thomas and Chase Gibson.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Second place team. Garrett Waggoner, Dalton Meinzer, Krislyn Tatum and J.R. Brown.

Science: second place team. Jami Leonard, sixth place; Franzi Lutz, Caleb Wright and Jaycee Ferguson.

Persuasive Speaking: Sarah Fouts, fifth place. Computer Applications: Katie Newberry, fifth place.



WINS SECOND PLACE—Haskell High School UIL students earned second place overall school behind Holliday High in the annual Pow Wow UIL Academic Practice Meet held Sat., Jan. 21. UIL students participating include, front row, l-r, Braelyn Bevel, Katie Newberry, Hollyn Hadaway, Kaelyn Bevel and Ashlyn Bevel; second row, Courtney Gibson, Sarah Fouts, Kylie Adams, Franzi Lutz, Katelyn Hudson, Ariel Martinez, Makinzie Garvin and Jami Leonard; third row, Lane Burson, Dalton Meinzer, Garrett Waggoner, Grace Colley, C'Era Taylor, Jaycee Ferguson, Landis Hinesly and Tristen Swinney; back row, Tanner Thomas, Cody Dutton, Chase Gibson, Tyler Hoover, Hayden Hudson, Payton Thomas, Colton Wright, Caleb Wright and J.R. Brown.

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Applications for city/school elections accepted until Feb. 17

by Caron Yates
 Have you ever contemplated serving on the city council or school board? If so, time is drawing near to throw your hat into the ring. The date for city elections, as well as school board elections has been set for Saturday, May 6, 2017. The first date to apply for a place on the ballot was Wednesday, January 18. The final day to add your name to the ballot is Friday, February 17 by 5 p.m. Applications to file may be obtained from the respective city hall or school administration offices. In the city of Haskell, voters will elect three aldermen to two year terms.

Positions currently held by Randy Bowers, Jason Isbell and Johnny Fuentes are up for election. On the Haskell CISD school board, places #2 and #3, currently held by Debbie Earles and Joey Thomas, will be voted on. Both are three year terms. The city of Rule will vote on four council seats. Serving the city presently are David Parr, Bob Clark and Kenny Tanner. These are two year terms. Voters will also elect someone to fill the one year unexpired term of Jim Kowalski. The Rule ISD school board has two spots up for election. Incumbents are

Shane LeFevre and Jeffrey Murray. In the Weinert city government, places held by Stanley Hager, Bill Walker and Caron Yates will be on the ballot, as well as the office of mayor, now served by Ed Murphy. These seats are for two year terms. If you have not registered to vote, you may want to do so as soon as possible. Early voting by personal appearance, runs from April 24 through May 2. Early voting will take place during regular business hours at the city hall of each city, as well as the respective school administration office for the school elections.

Obituaries

Tammy Lynn Letterman Parham



TAMMY PARHAM
 Memorial services for Tammy Lynn Letterman Parham, 53, of Haskell were held Sat., Jan. 28 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Bro. Tony Grand officiating. A private family burial will take place at a later date. Her wishes were to be cremated. Arrangements are under the direction of Haskell Funeral Home. Mrs. Parham passed away Wed., Jan. 25 in Haskell.

“Opal” (Clark) Letterman. She resided in the Haskell area since 1972. For 20 years, Tammy worked as the secretary for Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service for Haskell County, before retiring. During that time, she became very involved with and served as a volunteer for the Haskell 4-H Club. Tammy was also a member of TEEA of Haskell (Texas Extension Educators Association). She also served as the secretary/treasurer for the First Christian Church in Haskell. Tammy was an avid Dallas Cowboys Fan, enjoyed collecting dragon flies and LOVED Elvis. Tammy will be dearly missed, she was liked and loved by many. She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Letterman and grandparents.

Wade of Anna; daughter, Andrea Anderson of Fort Worth; son, Billy “Crow” Parham of Haskell; grandson, Kayden Evans of Fort Worth; brother, Danny Letterman and wife Lori of Burnet; nephews, Taylor Letterman of Austin; Cody Letterman of San Marcos; niece, Hailey Letterman of Nacogdoches; step-brothers, Scott Langford and wife Betsy of Haskell; Matt Langford of Haskell; many extended family members and a host of dear friends. The family would like to thank Haskell Healthcare Center and Hendrick Medical Center and Hospice for the great care and love they showed Tammy. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell, TX 79521.

Condolences may be made at www.haskellfuneralhometx.com. PD. NOTICE

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 23-30:
 Mary Allen Wilson, motion to revoke community supervision possession of a controlled substance.
 John Anthony Pierce Jr., parole warrant and possession of controlled substance less than one gram state jail felony and possession of marijuana less than two ounces Class B

misdemeanor.
 Randy Villa Pedroza, evading arrest detention with vehicle and parole warrant.
 Ashley Nichole Crossley, criminal trespass, terroristic threat, possession of controlled substance in a drug free zone.
 Thomas Lee Bivins, criminal mischief and theft over \$30,000 less than \$150,000.
 Jack Douglas Betts, driving while license invalid.
 Mandy Marie Johnson,

possession of drug paraphernalia.
 John Anthony Rodriguez, unlawful possession of a firearm.
 Twenty-four calls were made to 911.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

January 27, 2017 Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin.....	7,000
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	14,663
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	13,301
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	15,577
Weinert	
Weinert Gin.....	7,050
Total bales	57,591

Chamber banquet set March 27

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Mon., March 27. If you have a nomination for Volunteer of the Year or Business of the Year please send your nomination and the reason why you would like to nominate them to the Chamber, P.O. Box 316, Haskell 79521 or email to chamber@haskelltx.us. For more information, please call the Chamber at 940-864-2477.

Wanda Pauline Hagar Saffel



WANDA SAFFEL
 Funeral services for Wanda Pauline Hagar Saffel, 81, longtime resident of Rule, were held Wed., Feb. 1 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Eastland cemetery in Eastland under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

and Abilene. On March 2, 1969, she married Jerry Saffel in Abilene, and they had one son together. They moved to Rule, in 1972. The couple was approaching their 48th wedding anniversary. As a young parent, Wanda worked for Mrs. Baird's Bakery and actively volunteered with Little League and Girl Scouts. She was a talented seamstress and loved cooking, trying new recipes, and reading cookbooks for pleasure. Her grandchildren have special memories of sitting on her kitchen counter making hot rolls with her. She always enjoyed canning and a big garden. In 1978, Wanda began working to fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse. She commuted to Western Texas College where she graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. Then she commuted to Midwestern State University where she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Wanda was extremely proud to attain her goal, but it was a gift to her children and grandchildren to see that with determination and hard work one can accomplish great things at any age. She began her nursing career at Stamford Memorial Hospital where she later instructed the LVN program there. She worked in hospitals, care home facilities, and for the State of Texas Health Department, prior to

retiring. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband Jerry; her sister Betty Rose and husband, Price of Eastland; her five children, Mike Peel and wife Linda of Abilene, Wayne Peel and wife Toni of Marble Falls, Lesa Hertel and husband Steve of Abilene, Gena Muehlstein of San Angelo, and Robert and Lisa Saffel of Rule.

After the birth of her first grandchild, Wanda became known as “Mimi” by everyone around her. She is survived by 13 grandchildren: Brittany Lewis and husband Ryan, Jeff Peel and wife Jenny, Kevin Peel, Jared Peel and wife Jamie, Mikelle Furman and husband Evan, Justin Hertel and wife Becca, Sydney Nichols and husband Garrett, Riley Hertel, Abby Muehlstein, Bailey Muehlstein, Shelby Saffel, Kaitlyn Saffel, and Jaxson Saffel; seven great-grandchildren: Braden and Camden Lewis, Harper and Cooper Peel, Gage and Graham Peel, Sloane Hertel, and a new addition expected in May. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

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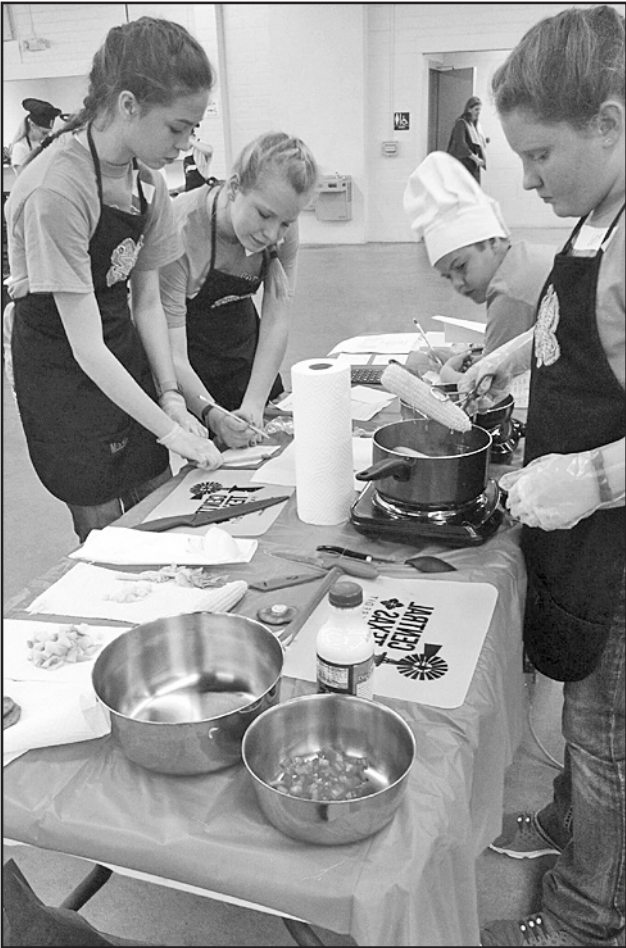
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COOKING CLOVERS—Haskell County 4-H “Cooking Clovers” participated in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Youth Food Challenge competition. Those attending include, I-r, Coach Michelle Thane, Colton Hopkins, Kenley Cox, Shalee Dunnam, Madilyn Moore and CEA-FCS Darlene Hopkins. Not pictured is teammate Zoe Shiplett, who was unable to participate due to illness. 94 teams entered the competition senior through junior.



FOOD PREP—The Haskell “Cooking Clovers” prepare their entry in the Youth Food Challenge held at the San Angelo Stock Show. Team mates are, I-r, Madilyn Moore, Shalee Dunnam, Colton Hopkins and Kenley Cox.

Students in the News

Nathan Meredith of Haskell received a Bachelor of Science—Engineering Technology degree from Texas A&M University during fall commencement ceremonies.

Stephanie Watson and Dona Kirkes, both of Haskell, were named to the dean’s honor roll for the fall 2016 semester at McMurry University in Abilene.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Bell Pepper

Did you know? Bell peppers are available all year round! One serving of bell peppers contains nearly two times your daily requirement for Vitamin C. Bell peppers also contain health-promoting substances called phytochemicals that work to keep our bodies healthy. A fun fact is the most popular bell pepper in the United States is the green bell pepper.

What am I looking for? Look for medium to dark colored peppers with a glossy sheen. Peppers should have firm walls and be relatively heavy in weight. Wash peppers well before use.

Avoid peppers with very thin walls, punctured walls and peppers with soft watery spots on the side.

Roasted Pepper Hummus
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 - 15 ounce can garbanzo beans, drained
1/3 cup tahini
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup roasted bell pepper and/or red pepper
1/4 teaspoon dried basil salt and pepper to taste

Using a food processor, combine garlic, garbanzo beans, tahini and lemon juice until smooth. Add bell and/or red pepper and basil. Mix until all ingredients are combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate.

Preparation time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 0 minutes. Serves: 8 portions
Nutrition facts: Calories: 132; Total fat: 6 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 312 mg, Total carbohydrate: 17 g; Protein: 5 g.

Wichita Brazos Musuem

The Wichita Brazos Museum was a pretty busy place during 2016 and now, as we enter into 2017, we are planning for another good year.

The first event of the year is the annual meal to benefit the museum, which will be at the Benjamin Memorial Building in Benjamin, on Sun., Feb. 12. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 1.30 p.m. The menu will consist of ham, turkey, sausage, pinto beans, coleslaw, potato salad, homemade pies, tea and coffee. The remaining food will be sold after everyone is served.

The silent auction table is a very popular place to be. Antique items, new items from area stores, and handmade items will be available to bid on. The silent

auction will close at 1:30 p.m. Many door prizes will be given away every 30 minutes.

The museum will be open from 12 noon until 3 p.m. on that day. If you haven’t been by since the last February meal, you want to make it a point to stop this year and see our new exhibits. The wildlife exhibit is especially interesting, with historical information of the buffalo in the Knox County area. An impressive exhibit of the paintings by one of our local artists, C.H. Underwood is on display.

So make your plans to be in Benjamin Sun., Feb. 12 for a great meal, wonderful prizes, a chance to bid on numerous items and lots of visiting.

For more information, call the Wichita Brazos Museum, Mon. through Fri., 1 to 5 p.m.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
February 1, 2007
Bridget Guess has purchased Haskell County Realty from long-time owner Hess Hartsfield. She has worked for the agency for four years. Bridget and husband Chan have owned Haskell County Insurance Agency for nine years.
First place winners in the Paint Creek Elementary Science Fair were Katie Jones, Dalinne Reed, Si Exum, Catherine Lemond and Sara Edwards. They

received a t-shirt and blue ribbon. Barbara Utley was their coach.
Haskell County graduates named to the President's Lists of their respective colleges were Ross Short, Texas Tech University; Julie Alvarez, Midwestern State University; and Bethany Elmore, Howard Payne University.
20 Years Ago
January 30, 1997
Joey Kimbrough, president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association, presented

Max Stapleton, Judge B.O. Roberson and former County Commissioner Ray Perry plaques in recognition of their many years of support to the youth of Haskell County and the Association.
Nathelee and Lindon Caddell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at East Side Baptist Church.
At the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show, Kaki Stapleton showed the Grand Champion lamb, while J.J. Comedy had the Reserve Champion lamb. The Grand Champion swine was shown by Aaron Caldwell and Reserve Champion by Ross Short.

30 Years Ago
January 29, 1987
Grand Champion winners in the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show were Chad Ballard, steer; Sammy Wyatt, barrow; Kirk High, lamb; and Faye Mullino, heifer.
Dennis W. Cloud of Rule, received a Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics degree during Texas A&M University's fall commencement exercises.
Named to the "A Honor Roll" at Haskell High School were seniors Patricia Henry, Lori Peiser and Deborah Teague; juniors Steven Klose, Tiffany Moeller, and Michael Rodriquez; sophomore Joy McKeever; and freshmen Davis Chapman, Kyle Darden and Julie Nanny.

40 Years Ago
February 3, 1977
Representing Haskell County Farm Bureau at the convention in Hawaii were Coyt and Lottie Hix, V.P. and Alma Terrell, Myrtle and Marvin Phemister, Harlan and Jimmie Weinert, Helen Boykin and Hazel Smith.
Rule High School graduate Sam Cole Turner, a senior Agricultural Education major at Texas Tech University, has been elected vice-president of the Texas Tech Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner of Rule.
Kimberly Drinnon, a senior at HHS has been accepted into Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Drinnon of Haskell.

50 Years Ago
February 2, 1967
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Middlebrook and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis attended the Farm Bureau state-wide legislative conference in Austin. Middlebrook is the Haskell County Farm Bureau president and Davis is the director from the Mattson community.
Thornton Gilmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Gilmore, was the recipient of the coveted Dick Gaines Award at the HHS All-Sports Banquet.

90 Years Ago
January 27, 1927
W.H. Cunningham, Jr., age 11, of the New Mid School community and a member of the Haskell County Boys' Agricultural Club made 6,560 pounds of maize on one and one-fourth acres of land. He realized a profit of \$20.37.
Rev. W.H. Albertson, who has been the pastor of the Baptist Church in our city for the past two years, has resigned and will move his family to Harrison, Arkansas. He was once a pastor in Harrison and had in a way obligated himself to return if they especially needed him, hence the call and his answer.
On Friday afternoon, the Jud girls defeated the Rhoda girls 10 to 4 in a basketball game.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Sugarcane aphid research outlines economical control methods
Sorghum producers can reduce input costs and improve their bottom line in the battle against sugarcane aphids in the Texas High Plains through the use of selected varieties and early planting and scouting, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research study.
Dr. Ada (ah da) Szczepaniec (Stra PA netz), AgriLife Research entomologist in Amarillo, has wrapped up her first year of assessing the impact of planting dates, insecticide seed treatments and resistant varieties of sorghum on the timing and severity of sugarcane aphid infestations in a study near Bushland.

"We demonstrated that use of a sorghum hybrid with tolerance to sugarcane aphids has significant economic benefits because it slows down the growth of the sugarcane aphid population and thus can decrease costs of managing these pests when only one well-timed application of insecticides is needed," Szczepaniec said.
She said this first year of study also suggests producers can decrease input costs by eliminating expenses on insecticide seed treatments to suppress sugarcane aphids if they plant sorghum early.
But, she added, neither hybrid selection nor insecticide seed treatment eliminates the need for scouting early and often once reports of sugarcane aphid presence in the region emerge.

Data collected suggests a focused effort to scout early will help in making well-timed foliar insecticide applications to provide control.

In her study, Szczepaniec evaluated the effect of planting date—early or traditional; sorghum varieties—susceptible or tolerant; and neonicotinoid seed treatments—treated and untreated, on the rate of increase and abundance of sugarcane aphids and sorghum yield.

The protocol included detailed counts of sugarcane aphids once plots were colonized and foliar insecticide applications when aphid numbers reached the 50-125 aphids-per-leaf threshold used in South Texas.

Because little research has been conducted on sugarcane aphid thresholds in the High Plains, she said the already established threshold guidelines from South Texas were used and were effective.

"We suppressed the aphids with an application of a foliar insecticide, and their numbers were very low for three to four weeks after treatments," Szczepaniec said.

However, she said, based on the first year of data it appears the population increase of sugarcane aphids in the High Plains is much quicker than in South Texas. Only two weeks after colonization, the susceptible hybrid reached or exceeded the threshold of 50-125 sugarcane aphids per leaf.

The tolerant hybrids offered about an additional week of time before thresholds were exceeded, Szczepaniec said. The tolerant sorghum

variety had significantly fewer aphids than the susceptible variety.

She said even when the early planted tolerant variety plots were not treated with foliar insecticides, the yield was comparable to the insecticide-treated plots.

"Insecticide seed treatments, on the other hand, offered some protection against aphids, but only in sorghum planted at the traditional planting date, and not in early planted sorghum," Szczepaniec said.

Sugarcane aphids on the tolerant hybrid with insecticide seed treatments, particularly when it was planted at the traditional planting date, also did not reach the exponential population growth until approximately four weeks after colonization compared to three weeks on the susceptible hybrid.

"This is relevant because once the aphids reach this phase, it is extremely hard if not impossible to control them," Szczepaniec said.

She said during the study they noted infestations were very uniform across the plots—once the aphids arrived, almost 100 percent of the plants had one or more aphids.

"We also did not note honeydew on plants before aphid numbers exceeded 150 per leaf. This means that looking at undersides of individual leaves to assess aphid numbers is likely to be key to spotting their densities before their populations explode."

In the study, the numbers and diversity of aphid predators were relatively high even in plots that received foliar insecticide applications. Szczepaniec said it is not possible to estimate if these predators play a large enough role in suppressing aphids until additional data are collected, but their presence is highly desirable, especially after foliar insecticides are applied.

All plots were hand-harvested because using mechanical equipment to harvest the unsprayed plots would have resulted in harvesting issues and losses in yield, she said.

"It is important to note this is only one year of field data, and additional work is necessary to validate these outcomes. However, the early conclusions based on this research would be to scout often, especially at the end of July based on the 2015 and 2016 sugarcane aphid reports, and apply insecticides when thresholds are reached; use tolerant varieties of sorghum if they are agronomically sound for the area; and if sugarcane aphids are the key pest of concern early in the season, omit insecticide seed treatments when planting sorghum early."

Szczepaniec said there is too much variability in field research to rely solely on a single year of data. There is also a significant need to measure in a more precise manner the economic threshold of sugarcane aphids in sorghum colonized at flowering and beyond.

"If sorghum can tolerate higher sugarcane aphid numbers at later growth stages without impacting yield, it would improve our ability to properly time insecticides to control populations and 'buy' more time from initial colonization to insecticide application," she said.

Szczepaniec also said it would be of benefit to sorghum production in the region if more tolerant hybrids well-suited to the growing conditions were evaluated.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB
by Mynea Short
Chamber Manager
What does the Chamber do for its members?
Business referrals: We receive countless call from residents and non-residents wanting recommendations for everything from car repair to wedding planning.
Free advertising: Members are encouraged to bring business cards, brochures, etc. to the chamber for display. We are usually the first stop when people are looking for a recommendation.
All members are on our online directory at www.haskelltxasusa.com under the Chamber.
All members are listed in the Chamber Directory Brochure that is placed in hotels.
Spotlight on businesses: The Haskell Star newspaper features a different business that is a member of the Chamber every two weeks. This is also posted on our Facebook page, Haskell Texas USA.
Bulk emails: The Chamber can send out bulk emails through our contact base for our members to announce upcoming events, promotions, sales and special announcements.
Ribbon cutting: When a new business joins the Chamber, we offer a free ribbon cutting and publicity announcing the new opening.
Special events: The Chamber hosts the community-wide garage sales twice a year, the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, the WHPD BBQ Cook-off and the Lighted Christmas Parade. The Chamber also helps with other events such as Women In Business, WHPD Car Show and the Big Country Mud Mania to name a few.
Market research has

shown that if given a choice, consumers will shop with a chamber member rather than a non-member, because chamber membership says to the consumer that the member business is trustworthy, is involved in the community, cares about its customers, is successful, and is a leader in the business community.
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The Chamber is fully funded by the memberships; we appreciate your help to continue our work. We hope you will consider joining us and becoming an active member of our organization. If you don't own a business you can still be an individual chamber member, we welcome everyone. Haskell will thrive and prosper if we all work together.
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Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 6-10
Breakfast
Milk, juice, graham crackers, fruit and cereal are served daily.
Monday: Pita pocket breakfast
Tuesday: French toast, sausage
Wednesday: Toast, eggs
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, fries, salad, rolls, peaches
Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, pudding, rolls
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, snowball salad
Thursday: BBQ bun, pinto beans, fries, cookie
Friday: Meat, cheese tostados, pinto beans, salad, brownies

Rule School Menu

Feb. 6-10
Breakfast
Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.
Monday: Sausage biscuit
Tuesday: Breakfast boat
Wednesday: Waffles, sausage
Thursday: Stuffed bagel, sausage
Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Taquitos with queso, pinto beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples
Tuesday: Meatball sub, tater tots, veggie cup, oranges, pudding
Wednesday: Fiesta bowl, salad, tomato cup, fruit choice
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, broccoli, apple
Friday: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, peaches, Rice Crispy treat

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 6-10
Breakfast
1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice variety and fruit are available at every meal.
Weekly: Cereal, toast, muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers, cheese stick
Monday: Biscuit and gravy, scrambled eggs, ham
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, sausage
Wednesday: Sausage, egg and cheese pretzel sandwich
Thursday: Breakfast burrito
Friday: Waffles, bacon
Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal. Elementary available daily at elementary.
Monday: Hot ham and cheese pretzel sandwich, tomato-cucumber cup, garden salad, snowball salad
Tuesday: Texas basket, carrot coins, apple slices, cookie
Wednesday: BBQ on bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles
Thursday: Indian chicken bowl with gravy, savory green beans, roll, apple-pineapple d'lite
Friday: Deli sandwich, lettuce, tomato, baby carrots, cucumbers, fruit, graham snack

Area Basketball scores

Boys
Roby 75, Rule 55
Scoring for Rule: R. Mitchell 24, Thompson 13, Helms 10, Fritztler 4, B. Mitchell 2, Navarette 2.
Girls
Roby 74, Rule 19
Scoring for Rule: Manske 8, Hertel 4, Crane 3, Fritztler 2, Gray 2.

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**JVB, VB vs
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Tues., Feb. 7, 5:15 p.m.
at Albany**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Austin Alsabrook, Kellen Parks, Ezell Woods and Caleb Wheat; back row, Aaron Skiles, Alec Roewe, Lane Burson, Kyler Hoover, RJ Chavez and Rocky Haggard.



Maidens

Haskell Maidens

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HASKELL MAIDENS—Sitting, l-r, Landry Hanson, Courtney Whitt and Makinzie Garvin; standing, C'Era Taylor, Ariel Martinez, Ashlyn Bevel, Jordan Garvin, Hollyn Hadaway and Taylor Manske.

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Maidens' basketball

Maidens hold off Lady Bulldogs
The Haskell girls made the short drive over to Stamford last Tuesday night, Jan. 24 for another pivotal District 8-2A match-up. The Maidens outscored the Lady Bulldogs 34-14 during the second and third quarters to get the tough district road win 54-35. Haskell improves to 23-5 overall and (8-0) in district and Stamford falls to (5-4) in district. Haskell is currently ranked ninth in the state in class 2A by TGCA and 21st

by TABC. The Maidens were led by sophomore C'Era Taylor who finished with 16 points and 8 rebounds. Haskell had a well-balanced scoring attack that involved every player on the team. Courtney Whitt had 7 points, Taylor Manske 7, Ashlyn Bevel 5, Landry Hanson 5, Jordan Garvin 5, Makinzie Garvin 5, Ariel Martinez 3 and Hollyn Hadaway 1. Leading the team in assists were Hanson with 3, Bevel 2, M. Garvin 1, J. Garvin 1 and Manske 1.

Haskell had a tough night shooting the basketball. They were (18-63) 28% from the field, (4-25) 16% from behind the three point arc, and (14-21) 66% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, we had a well-balanced shot selection from the inside and outside. Unfortunately, we just could not get much to fall, especially from behind the three point line. We did not hit our first three point shot until the third quarter and that is very uncharacteristic of our team this year," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

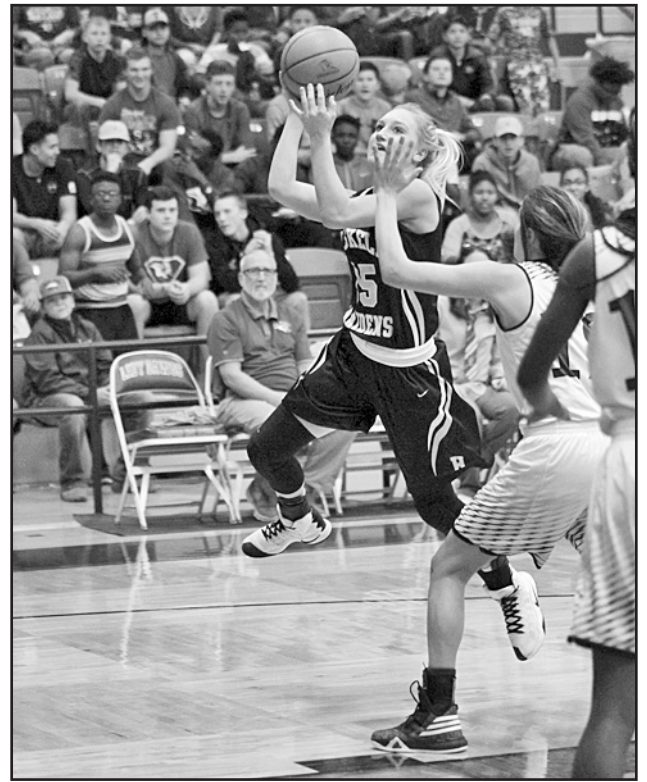
The Maidens dominated the Lady Bulldogs in rebounding 54-29. The Haskell defense forced Stamford to go (11-54) for 20% from the field. "I was very proud of our rebounding and defense. We went into the game with an emphasis on rebounding and shutting down their two best players (Beeson and Woodard). We held them to a combined 13 points and we won the rebound battle by a large margin," Eddleman said. Sophomore Taylor Manske led the team in

rebounds with a season high 16 followed by C. Taylor with 7, Bevel 5, M. Garvin 5, Hanson 5 and Hadaway 4. Leading the team in steals were M. Garvin with 2, Hanson 2 and Manske 2.

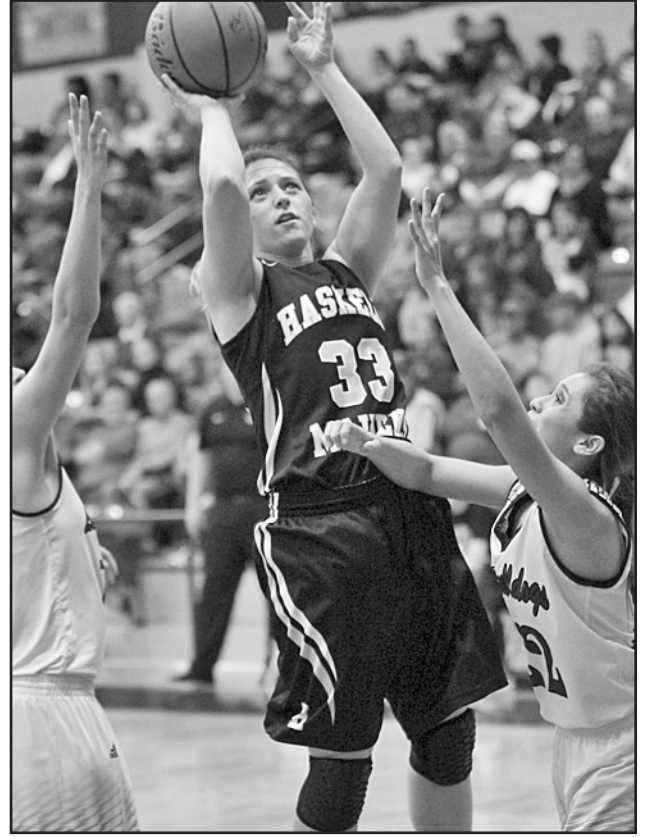
"Overall, I was really proud of how we handled a tough first quarter on the road and with their crowd really getting into it. The majority of our team has been in that situation before and that is very valuable experience to fall back on. I thought the girls showed a lot of poise and confidence. We got a tough team and they knew there was a lot of basketball left to be played," Eddleman added.

Haskell	7	12	22	13	= 54
Stamford	11	4	10	10	= 35

Coach Melissa Burson and the JV Maidens continue to stay on track for a perfect season by beating Stamford 57-13. They move to 23-0 overall and (8-0) in district play. Coach Lolo Martinez and the seventh A Maidens beat Abilene Christian 43-2. Coach Eddleman and the eighth A Maidens beat Abilene Christian 39-5.



TO THE BASKET—Haskell Maiden #35 Ashlyn Bevel goes in for the layup against Stamford in the Maidens win over the Lady Bulldogs.



TWO POINTS—Haskell Maiden #33 Makinzie Garvin puts the shot up for two in the Maidens' win over Stamford.

Maidens capture back-to-back-to-back District Championship

The Haskell Maidens officially won their third consecutive District Championship in a row and their fourth in five years this past Friday night, Jan. 27, with their 68-36 win over Hawley and an Anson loss to Hamlin. Haskell outscored Hawley 34-17 the first half and 34-19 the second half to get the district win at home. The Maidens move to 24-5 overall and 9-0 in district 8-2A.

The Maidens were led offensively by senior Courtney Whitt with 13 points, senior Ashlyn Bevel 10 and sophomore Jordan Garvin 10. Haskell had many other players contribute to their high scoring attack. Landry Hanson had 9 points, Taylor Manske 8, C'Era Taylor 8, Ariel Martinez 5, Makinzie Garvin 3 and Hollyn Hadaway 2. Ashlyn Bevel had a season high 6 assists followed by Manske with 5, Hanson 3 and M. Garvin 2.

Haskell shot the ball pretty well at home. They were (28-59) 47% from the field, (8-26) 30% from behind the three point arc, and (4-9) 44% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, I thought we played with a very good pace and we shot the ball pretty good from the field. The girls did a great job reading the defense and sharing the ball with one another. We talk about giving up good shots for great shots and I thought we did a lot of that against Hawley," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens forced the Lady Bearcats to shoot (15-51) for 29% from the field and they held one of the top players in the Big Country (Samantha Newton) to 9 points. "Defensively, I was really proud of all the girls

and their families. And, I know it meant a lot to our two senior players Ashlyn and Courtney and their two families." "We are going to enjoy the District Championship over the weekend and then go right back to work on Monday. We have a lot of unfinished business left to do and there are many other goals that we set out to accomplish at the beginning of the season. We just need to stay focused and stay the course," Eddleman added.

Haskell 14 20 20 14 = 68
Hawley 4 13 14 5 = 36

Coach Melissa Burson and the JV Maidens keep their perfect season alive by defeating a competitive Hawley team 23-12. They move to 24-0 overall and 9-0 in district.

Weekly story time

The Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E, will host a weekly story time every Friday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Any age children, with parental supervision, are invited to listen and participate in stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For more information call 940-864-2747 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/HaskellCountyLibrary/>.

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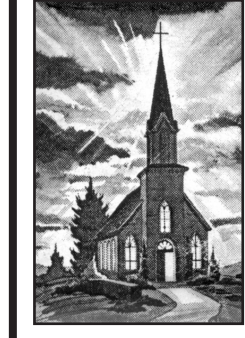
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This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith will give you patience for today's world

In this age of instant foods and virtually everything else, we often clamor for the immediate fulfillment of all our wishes as a matter of course. Patience has nearly become a lost art because we seem to have so little need of it in this push-button era. However, faith in God will not only help you

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p style="text-align: center;">—HASKELL—</p> <p>East Side Baptist Church
Terry Bunch, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Rev. David Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church
Father Angelo Consemينو
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.;
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p> | <p>Greater Independent Baptist Church
Ollie Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
940-863-4405</p> <p>New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Ollie Pierson, pastor
Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p.
1600 N. First St., Haskell</p> <p>God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—WEINERT—</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
Weinert</p> <p>Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—ROCHESTER—</p> <p>Church of Christ
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Jim McCurley, 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</p> <p>Union Chapel Baptist Church
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Rochester</p> | <p>Faith Chapel of Rochester
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—SAGERTON—</p> <p>Sagerton Methodist Church
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—RULE—</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296</p> <p>West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—PAINT CREEK—</p> <p>Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—O'BRIEN—</p> <p>O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
O'Brien</p> |
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Indians' basketball

Indians fall to Stamford 53-42

The Haskell Indians made the short trip to Stamford Tues., Jan. 24 in search of a season sweep of the Stamford Bulldogs. The two teams

squared off in December in a classic contest between District 8-2A foes. Haskell would have the edge on that night, but on this night Stamford would look to have the final word.

Stamford controlled the pace early and jumped out to an 11-6 first quarter lead. However, Haskell would respond by scoring 11 points of their own in the second quarter and the two teams

would enter the half tied at 17 each.

The Bulldogs, led by Trace Edwards, would start the third quarter on an 8-0 run-leaving the Indians shell-shocked. The Bulldog lead would grow to as high as 14 points, but the Indians weren't done yet. Kellen Parks connected on a pair of 3 point attempts to cut into the Bulldog lead heading into the fourth and final quarter.

Alec Roewe and R.J. Chavez both connected on long range attempts early in the fourth quarter to pull the Indians to within four points, but the Bulldogs would once again answer the bell when it mattered most. The Indians would fall by a final of 53-42.

Coach Tully Brown said, "I thought Stamford did a great job of controlling the tempo from the start. Their press

forced us to make some bad decisions. Typically, in games like this, the team that wins the turnover battle comes out on top. They were constantly switching between their man and their zone press and we had a difficult time adjusting. They're a very young, but very talented group. All in all, I was really proud of how our

kids fought. They weathered a few storms in that game and gave themselves a chance at the end. Unfortunately we couldn't get it done."

The loss drops Haskell to 3-4 in district play. The Indians currently possess the fourth and final playoff spot.

Haskell 6 11 14 11 = 42
Stamford 11 6 25 11 = 53



SCHOOL SONG—The Haskell Indians sing the Haskell High School song led by the student body after the exciting win over Hawley.



MAKES THE PASS—Haskell Indian Tanner Thomas looks to dump the pass off against Stamford.



THREE POINTS—Haskell Indian #30 R.J. Chavez drains the three pointer to start off the Indians' win over Hawley.

Players of the week

Haskell Maidens C'Era Taylor and Taylor Manske were named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 Tues., Jan. 31.

Taylor, a sophomore post, finished the week with a combined 24 points and 16 rebounds while hitting 10 of 13 shots from the floor, while playing 16 minutes per game.

Manske, a sophomore forward, had a combined 15 points, 23 rebounds, three steals and six assists to help Haskell clinch its third straight district title and fourth in a five-year span.

The Maidens have won 16 straight games and are ranked No. 21 by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.



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