

## Basketball

**HASKELL**  
Area Championship Game  
Maidens vs Sudan Nettles  
Fri., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.  
at Post  
Tickets \$4.00 and \$2.00  
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## Baseball

Indians vs Forsan  
Fri., Feb. 20, 5 p.m.  
Scrimmage at Haskell  
Indians vs Clyde  
Tues., Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Calendar

### Dance

A country dance will be held at the American Legion, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell Thurs., Feb. 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring "Cottonwood Cowboys." Admission is \$5. No alcohol is permitted. Bring your favorite potluck dish. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

### Men's breakfast

A men's breakfast will be held Sun., Feb. 22 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. No charge. All men in the community are invited.

### Fish fry

The Trinity Lutheran Youth Group will hold a Fish Fry Sun., Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. A church service will be held at 10:30 a.m. The meal will be fried fish, slaw, french fries, hush puppies, beans, dessert and tea. Plates are \$8.50 for adults. Take outs will be available.

### Dinner at Rule

The date for the Rule Community Dinner is Sun., Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria, announced the Rule Chamber of Commerce. The meal will be furnished and ladies of the community are welcome to bring desserts. Door prizes will be given.

### Support group

The Haskell Alzheimer's Association Support Group will meet March 23 at the Haskell Co. Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. E, in Haskell, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call DaLinda Black at 940-864-2658 or the Alzheimer's Association, North Central Texas Chapter 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

### Texas Celebration

The annual "Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style" will be held Sat., March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. around the courthouse square. Vendor applications are available in the County Judge's office or by calling Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or 940-256-3296.

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# Go Maidens ~ Go Indians

# The Haskell Free Press

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**REVITALIZING THE FLOWERBED**—As a Chapter Service Project, Haskell FCCLA is giving the school's flowerbed a makeover. With the Educational Foundation grant, Rotary Club donation and community donors, the renovation has not cost the school any money, other than watering. Groundskeeper, Zef Perez outlined an H, and members planted evergreen shrubs, spread mulch, and laid a drip hose. Months from now, after the shrubs have grown, plans are to hedge into a boxy, block H. Planting ideas came from many people in the community and school.



## Filing for place on city, school ballots continues

by Caron Yates

If serving in public office is on your bucket list, then here is your opportunity.

The date for city elections, as well as school board elections has been set for May 9, 2015.

Filing for a place on the ballot continues through Fri., Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Applications to file for a place on the ballot may be obtained from city hall and school administration offices.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect three aldermen to two year terms. Council seats held by Ernest Frye, Shane Whitt and

Allen Marrow will be up for election.

On the Haskell CISD school board, places #4, #5 and #7, currently held by Susan Turner, Bert Alvarez and Mark Stewart, will be on the ballot. All are three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote on three council positions, now being served by David Parr, Kenny Tanner and Bob Clark.

The Rule ISD school board has two spots up for election. Incumbents are Jeremy Hertel and Brian Manske.

In the Weinert city government, places held

by Stanley Hager, Caron Yates and Bill Walker will be on the ballot. The mayor's position, currently served by Ed Murphy, will also be up for election.

If you have not registered to vote, you may want to do so as soon as possible. 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.

Early voting by personal appearance, runs from April 27 through May 4. 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.

## Texas Independence Day celebration set Sat., March 7

It's almost that time again-time to celebrate "Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style." The celebration will be held Sat., March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. around the courthouse and city square.

Dress up in your favorite period clothes and come to the square for gunfighters, fort reenactors, Native American tipi and flint

knappers, Drummer Boy Ice Cream, musicians, pie-baking contest, dig'n for gold for kids, Haskell Dollar drawings, craft and food vendors and much more fun.

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will once again have their annual mouthwatering hamburger and homemade onion fries fund-raiser.

To participate as part of

the entertainment, contact Susan Cockerell or any member of the Committee to Help Haskell County. Vendor registrations for food or crafts are now being accepted. All food vendors must have food handler safety certificates.

Applications are available in the County Judge's office or by calling Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or 940-256-3296.



REAGAN HADAWAY



HENRY SMITH

## Hadaway, Smith to play during FCA All-Star Festival

by Caron Yates

The 260 athletes and cheerleaders, along with 34 coaches, who make up the all-star class for the Big Country Chevy Dealers FCA All-Star Festival featuring the 16th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Classic, the 7th annual ladies' basketball game, the 3rd annual men's basketball game, the 3rd annual ladies' volleyball game and the 2nd annual baseball and softball games, have been announced.

The 2015 FCA All-Star Festival event sponsored by Big Country Chevy Dealers, including Bailey Toliver Chevrolet in Haskell, includes ladies' and men's basketball in the Brownwood Coliseum on June 11, which will tip off at 6 and 8 p.m., respectively. The June 12 softball and baseball games will be played in San Angelo, with exact times and locations to be announced later. A volleyball-football doubleheader, is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 in Abilene. The All-Star volleyball game will begin at noon at the Wylie High School gym, 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 May 3, at the Abilene Civic Center.

The senior All-Stars were nominated by their coaches, and represent approximately 60 area schools, covering 37 counties. Basketball players and cheerleaders will report for two-a-day workouts on June 9, while football and volleyball squads report on

June 10.

Two Haskell High School athletes will be a part of the North teams. Reagan Hadaway, daughter of Shane and Amanda Hadaway, will suit up for the North basketball team. She is a four year letterman on the Haskell Maidens' basketball team.

She was the District and All Big Country Basketball 1A Newcomer of the Year in 2012. In 2013, she was District MVP, All Big Country Basketball 1A First Team, and TABC First Team All Region 1A. Last year as a junior, she was All Big Country Basketball First Team and TABC First Team All Region 1A. This year, along with her teammates, she has helped guide the Maidens to a District 7-AA Championship for the second time in three years under Coach Blake Eddleman.

Hadaway plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Exercise and Sports Science and become an Athletic Trainer.

Senior Henry Smith, son of Brad and Haley Smith, will be part of the North football squad. At Haskell High School he has lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He is an honor student and also participates in UIL and One-Act Play.

Smith was named to the football All-District 7-2A First Team as a wide receiver, All-Big Country Class 2A Honorable Mention and Academic All-District. In basketball he earned All-District Honorable Mention. An outstanding track athlete, he placed second in the 800 at regional and seventh at state his sophomore year. In his junior year, he won a gold medal in the 800 at the State Track Meet.

His future plans are to attend Rice University, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Information about the Big Country Chapter of FCA can be found at [www.bigcountryfca.org](http://www.bigcountryfca.org).

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# Obituaries

## Carl Henry August Rueffer



**CARL RUEFFER**

Funeral services for Carl Henry August Rueffer, 74, lifelong resident of Weinert, were held Tues., Feb. 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church in

Haskell with Pastor David White officiating. Burial was at Pleasant Valley Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Rueffer passed away Fri., Feb. 13 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born Dec. 6, 1940, in Weinert, he was the son of Henry Rueffer and Meta (Woelfel) Rueffer. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell. Carl loved farming and his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Meta Rueffer and his nephew, Gary Ewing.

Survivors include his two sisters, Erna Quiram

of Duncanville and Verlene Whiteley and husband Richard of Alvin; one brother, Melvin Rueffer and wife Ruby of Waco; six nieces, Taffy, Linda, Tammy, Dorothy, Karla and Emilie; one nephew, Tony; and numerous great and great great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given in Carl's name to West Texas Rehabilitation, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, TX 79605, 325-793-3400 or Trinity Lutheran Church, 7630 U.S. Highway 380 E, Haskell, TX 79521, 940-864-2670.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

PD. NOTICE

## Bobby Dell Warren



**BOBBY WARREN**

Graveside services for Bobby Dell Warren, 75, of Haskell were held Sat., Feb. 14 in Terrace Cemetery in Post with Pastor Jack Maddox officiating. Services were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Mr. Warren died Mon., Feb. 9 at his home near Haskell.

Born April 13, 1938 in Post, he was the son of Rufus

and Callie (Moore) Warren. He retired from the Navy in May 1978 after serving as an aircraft mechanic for 23 years. He moved to Haskell County in 1982.

Survivors include one daughter, Kay Smith of Rule; one son, Charles Tillman of Memphis, Tennessee; and two grandsons, Fletcher and Jackson Tillman, both of Memphis, Tennessee.

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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. 9-15:

Holly Chevon Clark, aggravated assault with deadly weapon gun non-family member warrant out of North Carolina.

Juan Manuel Ortiz Sanchez, aggravated assault with deadly weapon gun non-family member warrant out of North Carolina.

Thirty-seven calls were made to 911.

## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

**Haskell 48, Hawley 24**  
Scoring for Haskell: Klose 22, Hadaway 7, Bevel 6, Bassett 4, Shelton 4, Stewart 3, Amos 2.

JV: Haskell 38, Hawley 19

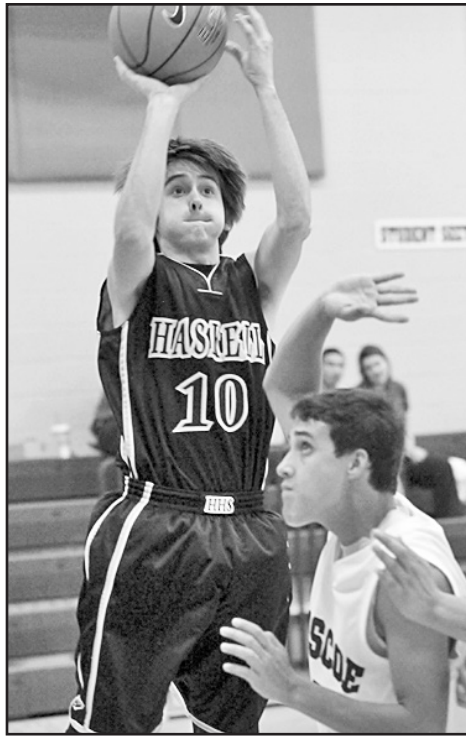
### Boys

**Hawley 48, Haskell 34**  
Scoring for Haskell: Weiser 10, Roewe, 7, Hanson 5, Parks 5, Smith 4, Burson 2, Colley 1.

JV: Hawley defeated Haskell

**Haskell 44, Roscoe 32**  
Scoring for Haskell: Weiser 11, Hanson 9, Meinzer 8, Smith 6, Colley 6, Parks 1, Guzman 1, Roewe 1.

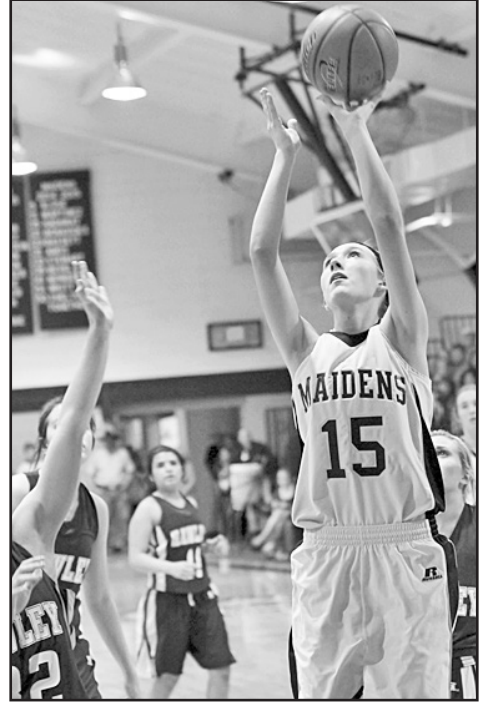
JV: Haskell 40, Roscoe 30



**INDIAN SHOOTERS**-Haskell Indian #10 Kellen Parks, left, drives in for 2 points against the Roscoe Plowboys. Indian #12 Marc Guzman, right, shoots over the Roscoe defenders.



**MAIDEN SHOOTERS**-Haskell Maiden #35 Ashlyn Bevel, left, takes it up for 2 off the pass against Hawley. Maiden #15 Reagan Hadaway, right, scores a basket under the goal in the victory against Hawley.



## Maidens basketball

### Maidens perfect in District 7-2A

The Haskell Maidens finished off an undefeated district season for the second time in three years with a 48-24 victory over Hawley at home last Tuesday on senior night. The Maidens outscored the Lady Bearcats 18-6 the third quarter to take the game under control as they move to 25-1 overall and 14-0 in district.

The Maidens had a lot of players contribute to their scoring on offense. Jacie Klose had a career high 22 points followed by Reagan Hadaway with 7, Ashlyn Bevel 6, Kenzie Shelton 4, Crissy Bassett 4, Alye Stewart 3 and Brittany Amos 2. Leading the team in assists was Klose with 6 and Hadaway 5.

Haskell was (19-48) for 39% from the field and (7-25) for 35% from the three point line. "Offensively, we shot really well and we did a great job not turning the ball over," Eddleman said.

The Maidens dominated the Lady Bearcats on the defensive end and on the boards. Haskell held Hawley to 29% shooting from the field and out rebounded

them 31-15. Hadaway had a team high 11 rebounds followed by Klose with 7, Shelton 6, Bevel 3 and Destiny Benavides 3.

Leading the team in steals was Hadaway and Klose with 3 each followed by Bevel with 2.

"Overall, I was so proud of the girls for playing well on both ends of the floor. They have consistently played great together all year long on offense and defense. It was awesome to finish off an undefeated district season on senior night. I was very happy for our five senior girls and their parents," Eddleman added.

Seniors Brittany Amos, Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose and Kenzie Shelton played in their last home game as a Maiden basketball player. "These five seniors have definitely left their stamp on the Maiden basketball program for many years to come. They have brought us two undefeated District Championships in three years and led us to a 29-5 district record during that time as well. I am so proud of them and it has been a huge honor to be their coach. They are so special and talented on and off the court," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell	13	11	18	6 = 48
Hawley	10	5	6	3 = 24

JV Maidens 21-3 (14-0) beat Hawley 38-19

**Maidens take down Lady Dragons**

The Haskell Maidens (26-1, 14-0) used a big first half to pull away for a 53-34

victory over the Paducah Lady Dragons in a playoff practice game last Friday night in Guthrie.

Haskell had three players in double figure scoring. Reagan Hadaway had 17 points, Kenzie Shelton 12 and Jacie Klose 10. Other leading scorers for the game were Alye Stewart with 9, Ashlyn Bevel 3 and Katie Newberry 2. Leading the team in assists were Klose and Hadaway with 5 each.

"Offensively, I really liked our player movement and ball movement against Paducah. The girls did a great job passing the ball and making their zone shift," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens held the Lady Dragons to 31% shooting from the field and out rebounded them 28-26. Hadaway, Klose and Shelton led the team in rebounding with 6 each. Hadaway had a team high 5 steals followed by Klose and Benavides with 2. "Defensively, I thought we did a solid job on their guards and post players. Paducah has some good athletes and I was happy to see us be able to play tough defense on them without fouling or getting beat," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I felt good about our playoff practice game against Paducah. I thought we played well on both ends of the floor. We put up a lot of points offensively and we had three shut down quarters defensively," Eddleman added.

Haskell	20	10	8	15 = 53
Paducah	8	5	15	6 = 34



**GOING TO THE BASKET**-Haskell Indian #22 Lane Burson takes the steal off the press and drives to the basket.

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**FASHION SHOW FIELD TRIP**—Participating in the 4-H Fashion Show Field Trip Fri., Feb. 13 were Haskell County 4-H students, top photo, l-r, Shalee Dunnam, Alyssa Stocks and Madilyn Moore and bottom photo, Trinity Black, Carter Crosson and Colton Hopkins. They participated in many sessions including textile science experiments.



## Rule ISD lists honor rolls

Rule ISD has released the names of students on the honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of school.

Pre-K: Perfect attendance, Kynzleah Hertel, Lezli Manske, Callie Sorley and Emma Vance.

Kindergarten: Perfect attendance, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Natalie Murray, Brylee Teague and Tyreike Vanderbilt.

First grade: A honor roll, Allie Boone, Skylar Leek, Lacoste Navarrette and Kaitlyn Saffel; A-B honor roll, Waylynn Caldwell, Nevaeh Frazier, Skylor Kreger, Haelynn Logan and Shane Vickery; Perfect attendance, Allie Boone, Haelynn Logan and Leland Short.

Second grade: Perfect attendance, Hailey Garcia, Jelena Alvarez and Julio Tapia.

Third grade: A honor roll, Shelby Saffel; A-B honor roll, Lani Richards; Perfect

attendance, Donna Green, Astrid Guzman and Timothy Moore.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Cory Mathis; Perfect attendance, Sean Gatlin, Karleigh Hertel, Patrick Lightfoot and Cory Mathis.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Andy Andrews, Lenzi Manske, Jaella Alvarez and Abigail Ortiz; Perfect attendance, Andy Andrews, Hannah Ervin, D.J. Jameson, Kurt Leek, Lenzi Manske, Jaella Alvarez, Abigail Ortiz and Macy Rogers.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Christian Speck; A-B honor roll, Ariel Cortinez, Vanessa Elmore, Kayla Hollingsworth, Jysela Alvarez and Eric Perkins; Perfect attendance, Kayla Hollingsworth, Jysela Alvarez and Yesenia Moreno.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Madalyn Navarrette and Ian Sotelo; A-B honor roll, Lauryn Crane,

Kennedy Fritzier and Danny Kreger; Perfect attendance, Kennedy Fritzier and Fabian Hollingsworth.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel; A-B honor roll, Del Fritzier, McKenzie Gray and Leann Manske; Perfect attendance, Kourtney Hertel, Leann Manske and Chase Thompson.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Courtney Andrews, Mason Helms, Christina Moore and Thomas Short; Perfect attendance, Mason Helms.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Ron Mitchell.

Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Dominic Gonzales and LiSondra Gonzales; Perfect attendance, Shanisha Vanderbilt.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Colton Rogers; A-B honor roll, Jonah Caddell, Laura Curiel, Jessica Gutierrez, Christina Herrera and Paul Nieto; Perfect attendance, Jonah Caddell, Luis Diaz, Colton Rogers and Josh Starr.

## Study Club meets for Valentine program

Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church for a Valentine program. President Julia Harrell welcomed members and guests and Francine Johnson led the group in the pledge to the American flag and singing of God Bless America. A special musical rendition of "This Little Light of Mine" was played by Nelda Lane

and Amy McKnight.

Julia Harrell and Francine Johnson, dressed in appropriate costumes, sang "Side by Side," as Frankie Lane and Kay Starr. Following was the appearance of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans with the singing of Home On the Range, Deep In the Heart of Texas and Happy Trails To You with each riding their famous horses, Trigger and Buttermilk.

In the business meeting,

the minutes and treasurer's report of the previous meeting were approved. A discussion was held on the War Memorial and the upcoming dedication to be held in May.

Tables were decorated in red cloths with mirrored center pieces holding an arrangement of flowers. Members and guests were served refreshments with each lady present receiving a red carnation courtesy of Pam Strickland.

Eighteen were present for the meeting. Hostesses for the evening were Evelyn Cobb, Julia Harrell and Oleta Cornelius.

## Sagerton Hee Haw set March 26-28

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the production of the Sagerton Hee Haw. The dates are March 26-28 beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. There will be music and singing before the program beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Randy Hise is in charge of the music. Proceeds from the Hee Haw program are used for scholarships for each graduating senior on the Sagerton mail route, upkeep of the community center and community projects.

The Hee Haw program for Thurs., March 26, is designated for groups, but is open to everyone. If a group is interested in tickets on group night, call 940-997-2688 for more information.

Tickets for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Wed., March 11, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton

Community Center. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center on March 11, you may place your order by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. There will be a limit of 10 tickets per person sold on March 11. If more tickets are needed, you may go through the line again. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria on Thursday evening; barbecue plates, sandwiches and pies on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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## Men's bible study

A men's bible study will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square. The men are studying the life and times of Paul in the book of Acts. The study is open to all. For more information call 940-481-0495.

## Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Mon., March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Please help us by nominating "The Business of the Year" and "The Volunteer of the Year" by calling the chamber office at 940-864-2477 or email [www.haskellcc@srcaccess.net](mailto:www.haskellcc@srcaccess.net). All nominations have to be received no later than 1:00 p.m. Tues., March 10.

## Hee Haw set

The annual Sagerton Community production of Hee Haw will be March 26-28 at 8 p.m. each evening.

Tickets go on sale Wed., March 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center or by calling 940-997-2688. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

## TeamKID

TeamKID will meet at the First Baptist Church in Haskell on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The program is for children ages 4 years pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

## AWANA

AWANA children's activities at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will meet every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (on school days, not holidays). AWANA is a ministry for children 5 years old (by Sept. 1) through sixth grade. Activities include Bible stories, scripture memory, games and snacks. No pre-registration required. For more information, go to <http://www.cornerstonehaskell.org/> or call 940-864-5557.

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# From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago**  
**February 24, 2005**

Members of the Haskell Indian Band earning division I ratings at the UIL contest were Sarah Garcia, Caleb Hudgens, John English, Meredith Harvey, Natalie Lopez, Teddye Harris and Noah Lemmond. Twirlers Kristen Martinez and Robbyn Tribbey also received division I ratings for their solos.

Winners in the 2005 District Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were Tarrah Trotter, Paint Creek 3rd grade; Nathan Colley, Paint Creek 6th grade; and Nathan Edwards, Paint Creek 6th grade. Students from Haskell, Paint Creek and Rochester submitted posters for judging.

The Maidens lost to Seagraves 59-45 in the Class A bi-district playoff. Scoring for Haskell were McKnight, 17; Buerger, 12; Pannell, 6; Wallace, 6; Kendall, 2; and Bartley, 2.

**20 Years Ago**

**February 23, 1995**

Thelma and Joe Mathis, representing the W.L. Mathis Ranch in Haskell County, received the Family Land Heritage Award, recognizing family owned land in continuous production for over 100 years.

Crowned Valentine Queen and King at Haskell Healthcare Center were Lillian Wohnus and O.T. Kreger.

Winners in the District Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were Bergen Peiser, grand champion,

Haskell Elementary; Ryan Burgess, reserve champion, Haskell Elementary; and Lindsey Reel, third place, Paint Creek Elementary.

**30 Years Ago**  
**February 21, 1985**

According to City Manager Robert Baker, work began this week on the Creek Project. It is contracted to be completed within 270 consecutive days, at a cost of \$392,184. The creek revamping will facilitate better drainage through the city.

John Yeary, a HHS graduate and a 1982 HSU graduate, has been named director of planning and organizational development at Hendrick Medical Center. He earned a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio.

Melvin Andrew Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hill of Haskell, received a promotion at the 4th Marine Air Wing headquarters in Dallas.

**40 Years Ago**  
**February 20, 1975**

New board members for the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be John Wayne McDermett, Joe Cortez, Jerry Sorrells, Don Comedy and Buster Gholson. They join current board members Kenneth Parker, Jerry Hadaway, Mrs. J.A. Bynum, Mrs. W.V. Felker, Mrs. Jack McAdoo, H.V. Woodard, Mrs. Opal Adkins, Charles Owens, R.W. Philpot and Eldon Anderson.

Jimmy Lisle, a senior at West Texas State University,

has signed a professional football contract to play for the Atlanta Falcons. The son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lisle of Rule, he is a 1971 graduate of Rule High School.

The Champion Junior Heifer class winner at the 1975 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo was shown by Reida Mullino of Rochester. She is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mullino.

**50 Years Ago**  
**February 25, 1965**

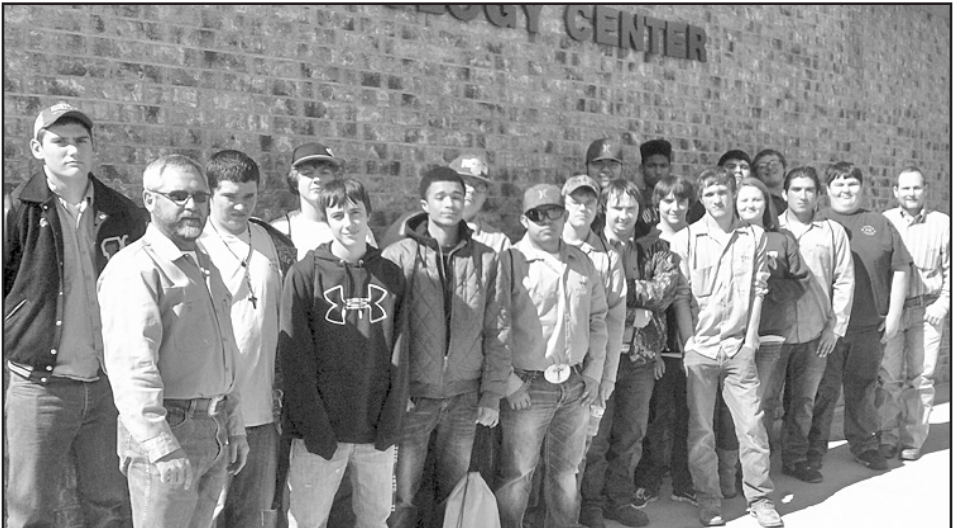
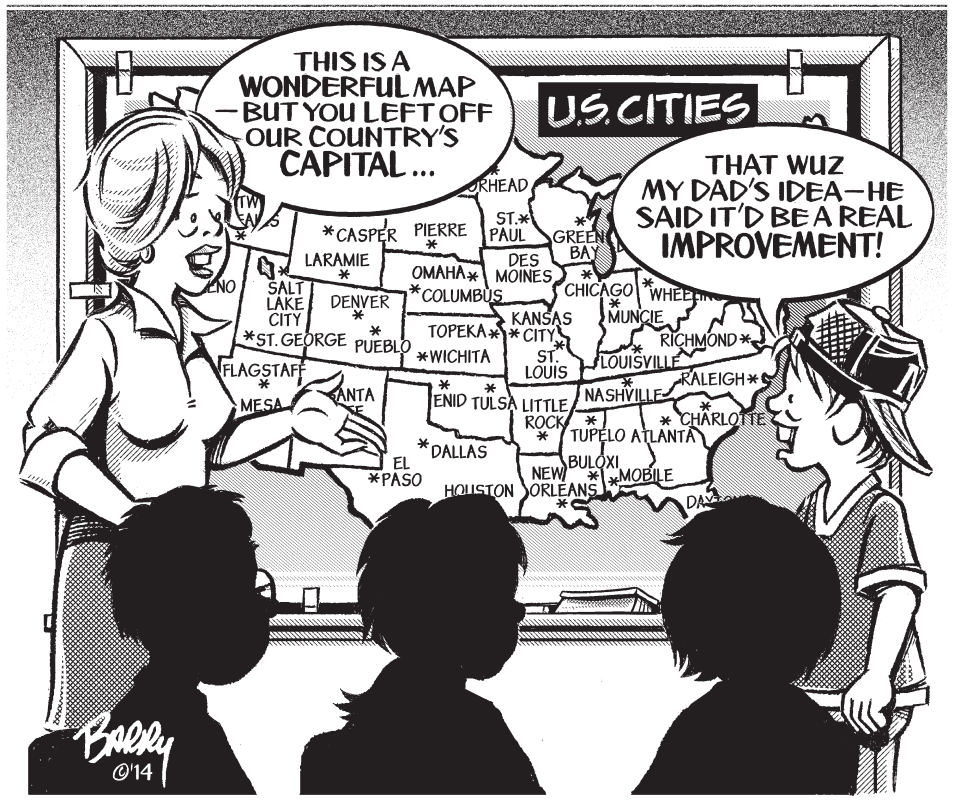
Brenda Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boone of Weinert, showed the Reserve Champion Hereford at the 4-H & FFA Junior Beef Show in Wichita Falls.

Ray Lusk, foreman of the Texas Highway Department's 15 man maintenance crew based in Haskell, was recognized for attaining twenty full years, or 7300 days of work, uninterrupted by an accident or injury.

**100 Years Ago**  
**February 20, 1915**

Speaking at the Parents-Teachers meeting and their topics, were H.E. Bell, Should Haskell have a special teacher for the ungraded pupils; Minadele Davis, Minnie Burt and Helen Garnett, What help should pupils receive at home; and John Hutto, How should school pupils be dressed.

The Haskell Garage, at Starr's old stand, is now open to the public. Starr and McCarty will sell the best cars made, repair cars and send them away as good as new and just as serviceable.



**CAMPUS TOUR**—The Rochester Vo Tech Center students attended an open house at the TSTC-Breckenridge campus Feb. 11. The students were able to visit with counselors and instructors in the fields of welding, nursing, medical record keeping, environmental science, computer aided drafting and 3-D printing, and substance abuse counseling. Students were informed of scholarships, financial aid, and enrollment procedures. Those attending the open house were, I-r, Kyle Glass, VTC Instructor—Monty Moeller, Ryan Reid, Michael Culpepper, Nathan Reid, Travon Dessivia, Tom Spikes, Luis Diaz, Dakota Mayor, Harrison Jarred, Aaron Silvas, Justice Dever, Dalton Einhaus, Dylan Webb, Jordan Crossley, Alfredo Martinez, Chris Wilson, Paul Neito, Chris Elias and Paint Creek Superintendent—Rick Moeller. Not pictured is Tyler Cantrell.



**PRINTING DEMONSTRATION**—TSTC Instructor Cory Gropp processes a project in the 3-D printer, a new and fascinating piece of equipment, used in the Computer Aided Drafting field for Rochester VoTech Center students during the open house at the TSTC-Breckenridge campus.



**WELDING DISCUSSION**—TSTC Welding Instructor Michael Reddin explains the curriculum, requirements and job potential in the welding field of study to Rochester VoTech Center students during the open house at the TSTC-Breckenridge campus.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

We would like to thank the community of Haskell for your participation in the fund-raiser held by the Maiden's basketball team to promote cancer awareness.

Doug and I continue to be completely overwhelmed by the generosity shown by others during this difficult time. We knew our

home town of Albany was incredibly generous but we have been humbled by the outpouring of love from surrounding communities, too.

We are so very grateful for every donation and every prayer said on our behalf. Thank you again!

Love,  
Doug and Kim Neece

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Dear editor,

The Vo Tech Center at Rochester would like to express a warm thank you to the Haskell CISD Education Foundation for a mini-grant that was given to purchase equipment for the training of students.

The VoTech Center would also like to say thank you to the Women's Club of Rochester and to the Haskell Rotary Club for generous donations which will be used to establish the first scholarships that will be awarded senior students pursuing a career in the vocational/technical areas and will be attending college or technical schools after graduation.

Eligible seniors from the VoTech Center will fill out an application and will be chosen by a committee.

Currently the VTC has students attending from Aspermont ISD, Haskell CISD, Knox City/O'Brien CISD, Paint Creek ISD and Rule ISD.

Monty Moeller  
VTC Instructor

## Crime of the Week

Sometime on Feb. 7 or 8, a 32 ft. Delco stock trailer was stolen from the Hamlin Riding Arena. The triple axle trailer has a green tarp, and the word Bailey is partially visible under the green spray paint. One rear tire on the driver's side is missing, and there is no license plate.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Hamlin Police Department, is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of anyone involved

in this theft. If you have any information about this crime, please call the tip line 800-222-TIPS or text CFCS@CRIMES. All callers remain anonymous.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers cooperates with law enforcement and media to offer cash rewards for information that leads to arrests for crimes committed in Haskell, Shackelford, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher and Jones Counties. Remember—See something, say something, make some money!

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## Weather

by Kim Hutto

National Weather Service  
Volunteer Co-op Observer  
Temperature

Mon., Feb. 9 ..... 45°/78°  
Tues., Feb. 10 ..... 51°/80°  
Wed., Feb. 11 ..... 47°/56°  
Thurs., Feb. 12 ..... 36°/70°  
Fri., Feb. 13 ..... 41°/80°  
Sat., Feb. 14 ..... 50°/79°  
Sun., Feb. 15 ..... 47°/78°

Precipitation

Sun., Feb. 15 ..... .33" rain

Clear Fork  
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Stoppers  
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## Operation Round Up announced

At Big Country Electric Cooperative, we love our communities and believe in the power of working together to make good things happen, and to take care of people. Each of us has the ability to do good, but when we band together that ability multiplies, turning good things into great things. This is why we have initiated Operation Round Up: to allow the cooperative and its members to partner together to provide financial assistance to those in need locally.

This program is supported by co-op members whose electric bills are "Rounded Up" to the nearest dollar. The "Round Up" amount goes into the Big Country

Electric Cooperative trust fund for distribution of funds to individuals and organizations for charitable purposes only in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

Applications will be handled with the utmost confidence and respect. Applications will be evaluated and funds will be disbursed by the trust's Board of Directors—your peers and neighbors—who volunteer their time, hearts and consideration to making decisions that will positively impact lives in our communities.

Food needs and food banks, shelter, health needs and rescue organizations, educational projects, child care programs and other special needs are just a few of the ways Operation Round Up can help strengthen our communities. Every penny will stay right here at home, in the counties we serve.

For more information about the program or to download an application for assistance, go to www.bigcountry.coop and click on the Operation Round Up icon right on our home page. Please contact Sarah McLen at 325-776-3803 or at smclen@bigcountry.coop with any questions about Operation Round Up.

# Haskell Basketball



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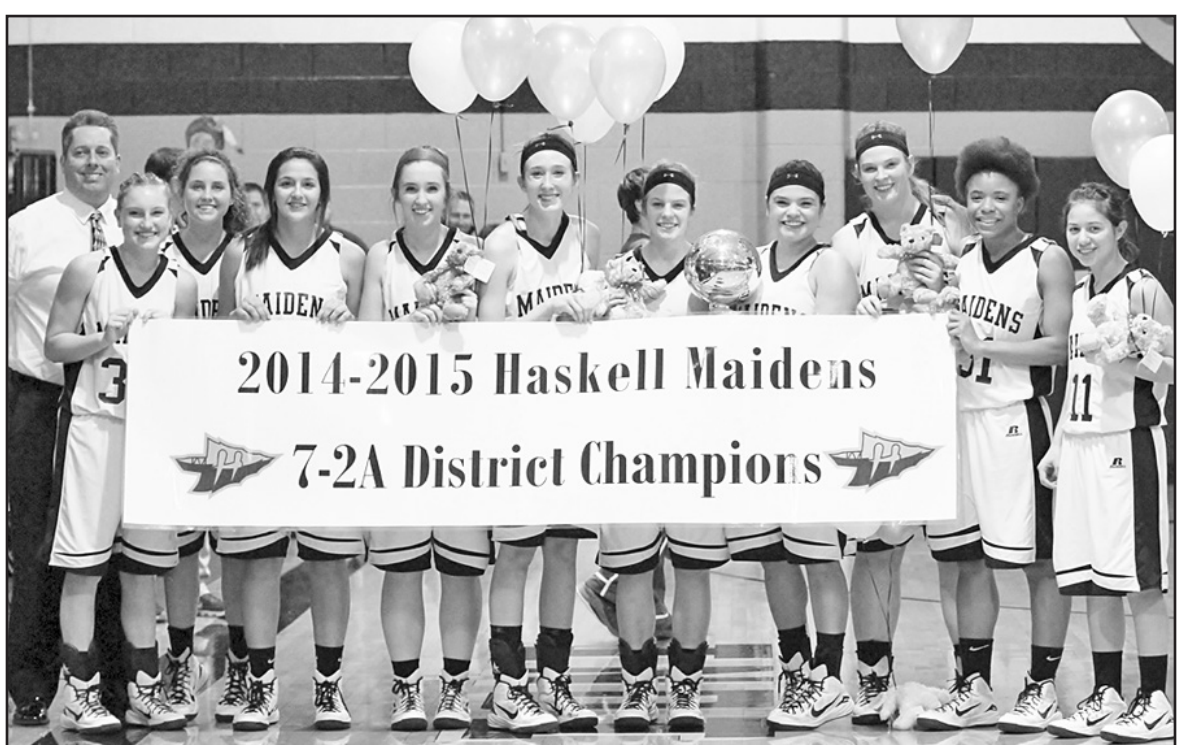
**Double A Drive Inn**

**Haskell Feeds**



**HASKELL INDIANS**—Members of the Indian basketball team include, front row, l-r, #34 Sean Weiser, #20 Brad Winterstein, #10 Kellen Parks, #12 Marc Guzman and #24 Dylan Hanson; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, #14 Kade Colley, #40 Henry Smith, #30 Riley Meinzer and #22 Lane Burson.

## Haskell Indians District 7-2A 3rd Place



**HASKELL MAIDENS**—Members of the 7-2A District Champion Haskell Maidens are, l-r, Coach Blake Eddleman, #35 Ashlyn Bevel, #33 Alye Stewart, #51 Courtney Whitt, #23 Crissy Bassett, #15 Reagan Hadaway, #5 Jacie Klose, #21 Destiny Benavidez, #53 Kenzie Shelton, #31 Brittany Amos and #11 Ariel Martinez.

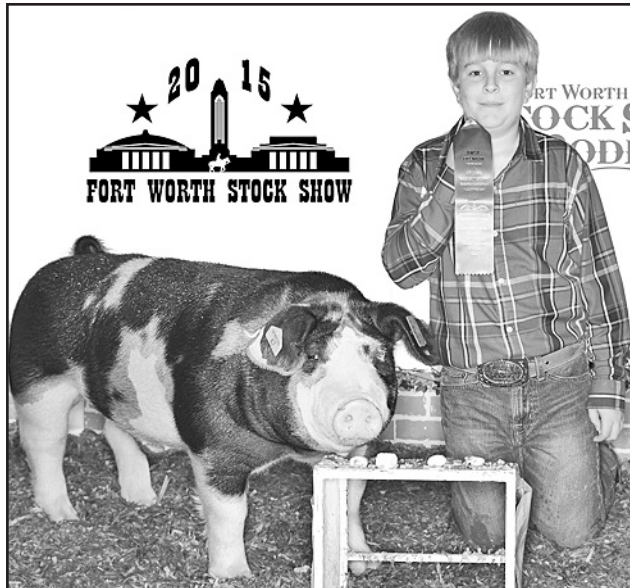
## Haskell Maidens Bi-District 7-2A Champs

**Area Championship Game  
Maidens vs Sudan Nettes  
Fri., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.  
at Post**



*Go Indians! Go Maidens!*





**WINS AT STOCK SHOW**—Cade Anderson, a 4-H member from Haskell County, exhibited the first place light weight barrow in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2015 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Feb. 5.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Feb. 23-27**  
**Breakfast**  
 Milk and juice are served daily.  
**Monday:** Pancakes  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
**Wednesday:** Oatmeal, cinnamon toast  
**Thursday:** French toast  
**Friday:** Breakfast burritos

**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Corn dogs, baked beans, fries, pineapples  
**Tuesday:** Nachos, refried beans, salad, pears  
**Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, grapes  
**Thursday:** Burritos, beans, salad, jello  
**Friday:** Pizza, corn, salad, Rice Krispies

## Student in the News



**KELSIE ADAMS**  
 Kelsie Adams received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from West Texas A&M University December 2014.  
 At West Texas A&M, Adams was inducted into The National Society of

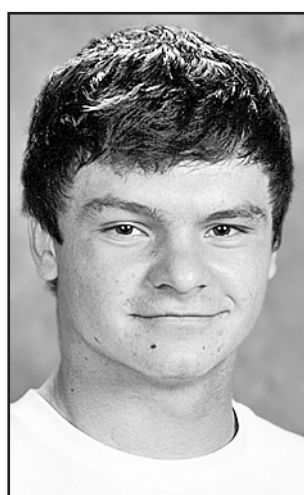
Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership Honor Society for academic accomplishment and leadership potential. She later achieved Presidential Member status based on her devotion to academics, commitment to excellence and a determination to succeed.

She was also initiated into Iota Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Kappa Delta Pi encourages high professional, intellectual, and personal standards and recognizes outstanding contributions to education. She made the President's Honor List for one semester and the Dean's Honor List for two semesters.

Adams has accepted a teaching position at Bryson ISD for the spring semester. She is the daughter of Micheal and Peggy Adams of Haskell, and the granddaughter of Pansy Harris and the late Henry Harris of Haskell, and Elmer and Linda Adams of Weinert.



**RILEY MEINZER**



**BRAD WINTERSTEIN**

## Students visit Rotary Club

Riley Meinzer is the son of Tyke and Gina Meinzer of Haskell.

He attends Bethel Assembly Church in Anson.

At Haskell High School, he participates in sports, UIL Accounting and works on the school newspaper.

He enjoys hunting and fishing.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall for pre-pharmacy.

Brad Winterstein is the son of Dayna and Chad Pannell of Haskell.

He attends the Baptist church.

At Haskell High School, he participates in football and basketball.

He enjoys soccer, baseball and playing video games.

He plans to attend Angelo State University.

## Rule School Menu

**Feb. 23-27**  
**Breakfast**  
 Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.  
**Monday:** Pancake on a stick, yogurt  
**Tuesday:** Chicken and biscuit  
**Wednesday:** French toast, bacon  
**Thursday:** Peanut butter and jelly  
**Friday:** Muffin, sausage

**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken fajitas, corn, carrots, fresh fruit  
**Tuesday:** Pigs n blanket, carrots and ranch, steamed broccoli, pineapple, sugar cookie  
**Wednesday:** Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, salad, apples  
**Thursday:** Hamburger, hamburger salad, tots, ranch style beans, pears  
**Friday:** Pizza, green beans, salad, apple slices

## Haskell School Menu

**Feb. 23-27**  
**Breakfast**  
 Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.  
**Monday:** Sausage roll, yogurt or cereal variety and toast  
**Tuesday:** Cheese omelet wrap or cereal variety and toast  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast  
**Thursday:** Waffles and sausage or cereal variety and toast  
**Friday:** Cinnamon roll and bacon or cereal variety and toast

**Lunch**  
 Milk variety is available at every meal.

**Monday:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup  
**Tuesday:** Chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce  
**Wednesday:** Pizza choice, garden salad, California blend, apple slices  
**Thursday:** Turkey and cheese sub, baby carrots with ranch, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles  
**Friday:** Cheeseburger with hamburger garnish, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries, sliced peaches

## February sales tax receipts compared

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.56 billion, up 11.2 percent compared to January 2014.

"The growth in sales tax revenues was led by business spending," Hegar said. "Receipts from the manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors were up sharply. In spite of the recent decline in crude oil prices, tax receipts from the oil and natural gas mining sector also grew strongly."

"This allocation marks the 58th consecutive month of year-over-year growth and is indicative of a dynamic and diverse economy that continues to generate business investment and spending in Texas," Hegar added. "My office will continue to carefully monitor the impact that lower oil prices will have on our state's economy, but these sales tax allocation numbers are an encouraging sign of continued strength."

Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their February local sales tax allocations totaling \$873.1 million, up 8.9 percent compared to February 2014.

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers as well as October, November and December sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Haskell County had a 2.06 percent increase for February 2015 of \$60,125.31 in comparison to \$58,907.07 for February

2014. 2015 payments to date of \$99,861.84 reflect a 3.30 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$96,119.27.

The City of Haskell had a 2.21 percent increase for February 2015 of \$55,292.26 in comparison to \$54,096.28 for February 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$92,106.41 reflect a 3.71 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$88,800.10.

The City of O'Brien had a 10.35 percent decrease for February 2015 of \$412.29 in comparison to \$459.91 for February 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$582.72 reflect a 1.64 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$592.46.

The City of Rochester had a 12.67 percent increase for February 2015 of \$851.19 in comparison to \$755.44 for February 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$1,307.60 reflect a 19.04 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$1,098.37.

The City of Rule had a 6.70 percent increase for February 2015 of \$3,244.03 in comparison to \$3,040.14 for February 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$5,328.79 reflect an 8.11 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$4,928.91.

The City of Weinert had a 41.37 percent decrease for February 2015 of \$325.54 in comparison to \$555.30 for February 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$539.32 reflect a 22.89 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$699.43.

## ECC Menu

**Mon., Feb. 23**  
 Meatballs with tomato gravy, au gratin potatoes, pinto beans, hot rolls, triple fudge with white icing, tea or coffee

**Wed., Feb. 25**  
 Lasagna, corn, broccoli, cauliflower, cornbread, misc.

dessert, tea or coffee  
**Fri., Feb. 27**  
 Hamburger steak, creamed potatoes, collard greens, hot rolls, misc. dessert, tea or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Jacie Klose, guard, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week Top Ten Tues., Feb. 17.

Klose, a senior, posted one of her best games ever in the 48-24 win over Hawley finishing with 22 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three steals.

She shot 50 percent from the floor, including 4-of-10 from beyond the 3-point line.

Klose was also listed on the Other Top Performers in the Paducah game where she racked up 10 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals.

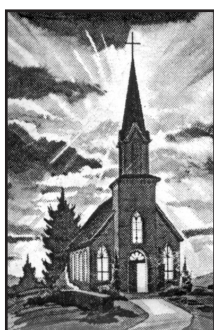
## Easter Cantata

Rehearsals for the Easter Cantata, to be presented Sunday evening March 29, will be held Sunday evenings at 4 p.m. in the chapel at First Baptist Church.

## Al-Anon

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

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### Let faith be your light in the roadway

In the eternal conflict between light and darkness, remember that light is a positive force, while darkness is merely the absence of light, without power of its own. Therefore, it takes but a small amount of light to carry you through the darkest hours of your life; if faith is the source of it.

By living one day at a time, you will allow this ray of light to cast its protective beam far enough ahead on the roadway to guide your footsteps. Then follow it to church where you will learn to walk in the light of faith and banish the darkness forever.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Terry Bunch, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Rev. David White, pastor  
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Weston Pendergrass, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - 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
  - St. George Catholic Church**  
Father Angelo Consemينو  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
  - Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
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.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.  
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  
940-863-4405
  - New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
  - First Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, interim pastor  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 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., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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**  
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
  - Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
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**  
Cory Graham, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
  - Faith Lutheran Church**  
Anna Robbins, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
  - RULE—
  - First Baptist Church**  
Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
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**  
Paul Leonard, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
811 Union, Rule
  - Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
  - Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
940-997-2296
  - West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
  - PAINT CREEK—
  - Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 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.  
O'Brien

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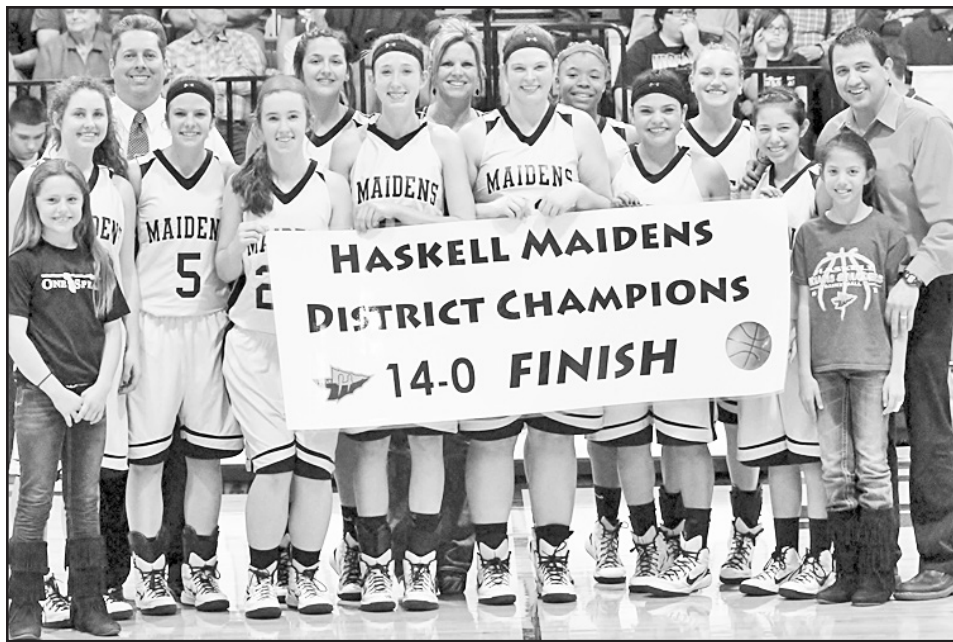
### Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator

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**VARSITY MAIDENS**—The 7-2A District Champion Haskell Maidens completed the district games with a 14-0 winning finish. Team members are, front row, l-r, Kailee Benton, Alye Stewart, Jacie Klose, Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway, Kenzie Shelton, Destiny Benavides, Ariel Martinez and Melody Martinez; back row, Coach Blake Eddleman, Courtney Whitt, Coach Missy Burson, Brittany Amos, Ashlyn Bevel and Coach Lolo Martinez.



**JV MAIDENS**—The District Champion JV Maidens team members are, l-r, Kameryn Mathis, Katie Newberry, Sarah Fouts, Coach Missy Burson, Briana Rodriguez, Makenzie Garvin, Hollyn Hadaway and Jessica Andrews.



**JR. HIGH B TEAM MAIDENS**—The District Champion Junior High B team Maidens team members are, l-r, Jamie Leonard, Abree Ramos, Heavenly Perez, Tori Rodriguez, Hannah Stout, Morgan Munoz, Halee Alsabrook, Valerie Andrews and Katelyn Hudson.



**8TH GRADE MAIDENS**—The District Champion 8th grade Maidens team members are, l-r, Coach Blake Eddleman, Jordan Garvin, C'Era Taylor, Allie Address, Kalyn Bevel, Grace Colley, Areli Torres and Ryanna Rodriguez.



**7TH GRADE MAIDENS**—The District Champion 7th grade Maidens team members are, front row, l-r, Kara Stout, Vanessa Trussell, Lauren Alexander, Krislyn Tatum, Kobe Walker and Hanna Martinez; back row, Braelyn Bevel, Marina Wagner, Kourtney Gibson, Madyson Moore, Landry Hanson, Autum Gibbs and Coach Lolo Martinez.

# Maidens undefeated in 2015

by Caron Yates

It is always exciting to come out on top in the race for the district championship of any sport. It is even more satisfying to achieve that goal by going undefeated throughout district play.

The Haskell Maidens' varsity basketball team did just that, for the second time in three years. They finished district play with a 25-1 overall and a 14-0 district record to earn the District 7-2A Championship.

What equally more noteworthy is that all the Haskell ladies' teams went undefeated in district play this year. The junior high B team, 7th A team, 8th A team and junior varsity team successfully claimed the district championship in each of their respective divisions with perfect records in district play. They combined for an overall record of 80-9 and a district record of 58-0.

Head basketball coach Blake Eddleman says, "The Maiden basketball program had a very successful year and they made it look easy at times. However, their success individually and collectively was the result of a lot of hard work and sacrifice during the summer, fall and winter."

The Maidens' teams earned the right to be a champion in the weight room, film room, basketball gym, open gym and conditioning in cross country around town or down at the track. Eddleman adds, "They sacrificed a lot of sweat, sleep, and time away from family and friends before school, after school and on weekends."

"We had a great group of girls this year and their parents supported us during our off-season basketball program and throughout the entire season. Coach Melissa Burson and Coach Lolo Martinez did an outstanding job assisting me and they played a huge role in the overall success of all our teams. I greatly appreciate and respect the

job they did this year. They were amazing and what we accomplished throughout the season would not have been possible without their excellent work and dedication," Eddleman said.

This year's varsity Maidens include five seniors, several of whom have played together since beginning junior high. Brittany Amos, Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose and Kenzie Shelton have all added leadership and skill to this year's successful season.

"Overall, the coaching staff and I are so proud of

all the girls that participated in the Maiden basketball program this year. They were a joy to coach and the future looks really strong for girls' basketball here in Haskell for many years to come.

We would like to thank all the parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, school board members, student body and fans for their support throughout this season," Eddleman added.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Maidens as they set their sights on the state championship.

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