

Basketball

HASKELL

JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Rotan
Fri., Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
7-8 Girls vs Hamlin
Mon., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
at Hamlin
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Mon., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
at Rochester
JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Seymour
Tues., Jan. 27, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Throckmorton
Fri., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
JHG-JHB vs Rule
Mon., Jan. 26, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
VG-VB OPEN
Tues., Jan. 27
RULE
JVB-VG-VB vs ACHS
Fri., Jan. 23, 5 p.m.
at ACHS
JHG-JHB vs Paint Creek
Mon., Jan. 26, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
JVB-VG-VB vs Woodson
Tues., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
at Woodson

Calendar

Quilt show

Deadline for entries in the Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show is Fri., Feb. 6. Entry fee is \$2 for each quilt. Entry forms are available from the Munday Chamber office, P.O. Drawer L, Munday, Texas 76371 or by calling 940-422-4540.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Prayer breakfast

A prayer breakfast for all men and boys will be held Sun., Jan. 25 at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell.

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Civic organizations offer opportunities to serve

by Caron Yates

It is hard to believe, but we have begun another new year. In fact, it is the last year of the first decade of a new century in a new millennium. Such a distinction just seems to demand that we all reach to achieve greater things.

Jan. 19 has been declared National Service Day in the U.S. Service to others is always a good way to enrich our own lives while helping others. There are many possibilities, including local service organizations, for accomplishing this right here in our area.

The Rotary Club, which is open to business and professional men and women, has been a part of Haskell for more than fifty years. According to president Vera Martinez, the club has a membership of twenty-six and meet once a week. Most of the funds for their projects are raised by selling flags to be displayed at local residences as well as monthly dues. Service projects for the club include giving \$2000 in academic

awards to graduating seniors, supplying dictionaries for all third graders, sponsoring students for RYLA, a high school leadership camp and financially supporting many of the local events.

Women of the community, looking for a group whose focus is geared more toward personal and family issues, should take a closer look at the Progressive Study Club or the Haskell Young Homemakers.

The Progressive Study Club was chartered in 1937 by women such as Margaret Ratliff, Hazel Weaver, Anita Herren, Mattie Merle Felker, Frances Lane and Ruby Smith. While these founding ladies are no longer with us, their vision of service to others lives on. President Dorothy Hartsfield says the thirty-two member club meets on the second Thursday of each month from Sept. to May. The big fund-raiser each year is the spaghetti supper.

Some of the projects they are involved with include sponsoring a student to Boy's State, sponsoring scouts to

the Boy Scout Jamboree, offering academic awards to graduating seniors, donating toys and food to Goodfellows, making blankets for the Noah Project and supplying upkeep on the historical LaBriere house. They also lend financial support to the Civic Center, All Night Party, Crime Stoppers, Library fund and the Heifer Program, which supplies food to families in underdeveloped countries.

New projects for this year will be collecting and sending supplies to soldiers fighting overseas and becoming reading partners for elementary students.

The Haskell Young Homemakers, with a membership of about twenty, meet the first Monday of each month, Sept. through May. While developing skills and gaining information on the improved methods of homemaking, is still a primary objective for the club, homemaking in the twenty-first century is perhaps approached differently than it was for the original group of

Young Homemakers in 1962. Life is fast paced and busy, and it is often hard to find time for self-renewal. This women's club offers visiting and fellowship through game night, pampering night, recipe exchange and other relaxing activities. The annual craft show is their primary fundraiser. Megan Cox, president for the organization, says they offer academic awards each year for two graduating seniors, as well as financially supporting causes such as Noah Project, All Night Party, Goodfellows and others.

The Lions Club, established in 1936, meets once a week. They welcome anyone who would like to serve their community, to come be a part of the organization.

In 1920, Helen Keller challenged the National Lions Club to take on the cause of helping those who are blind or visually handicapped. Since that challenge, the Lions Club has become the largest organization to provide free sight to the needy. Through a plant in Midland, they support

with the Haskell Hospital Auxiliary or 'Pink Ladies' two days a week. Three days a week they deliver meals for the Experienced Citizens Center.

Both are members at East Side Baptist Church where they serve on several committees. They always make time to provide help for family and friends in need.

David Davis was named Citizen of the Year by presenter Bob Smith, Mayor of the City of Haskell.

Davis, who serves as Haskell County Judge, helps with many endeavors. A partial list of things he is involved in includes helping with the Christmas parade, helping to organize the Veterans Day celebration, working with the Food Bank and helping with the community Thanksgiving dinner, and working with the Wild Horse Prairie Days organization.

He is well-known for his cooking talents. He helps cook for the County Stock Show, Experienced Citizens Center fund-raising meals, for church activities and for any project when asked.

He works with the Food Bank program, the volunteer fire department, ambulance service board, committee to Help Haskell County and the City of Haskell.

He helped organize talks for the Crime Stoppers program, and talks for the proposed teen center.

He serves as president of West Central Council of Government Executive Committee, vice president of the Four Winds Resource Conservation Board, is a member of the Rural Health Partnership and is Emergency Management Coordinator.

He drives a bus for the children to attend the Awana's at his church.

He is a special help to Bob Smith, working many hours to keep the Christmas decorations around the courthouse in good working order during the holiday season.

Go Indians – Go Maidens

The Haskell Free Press

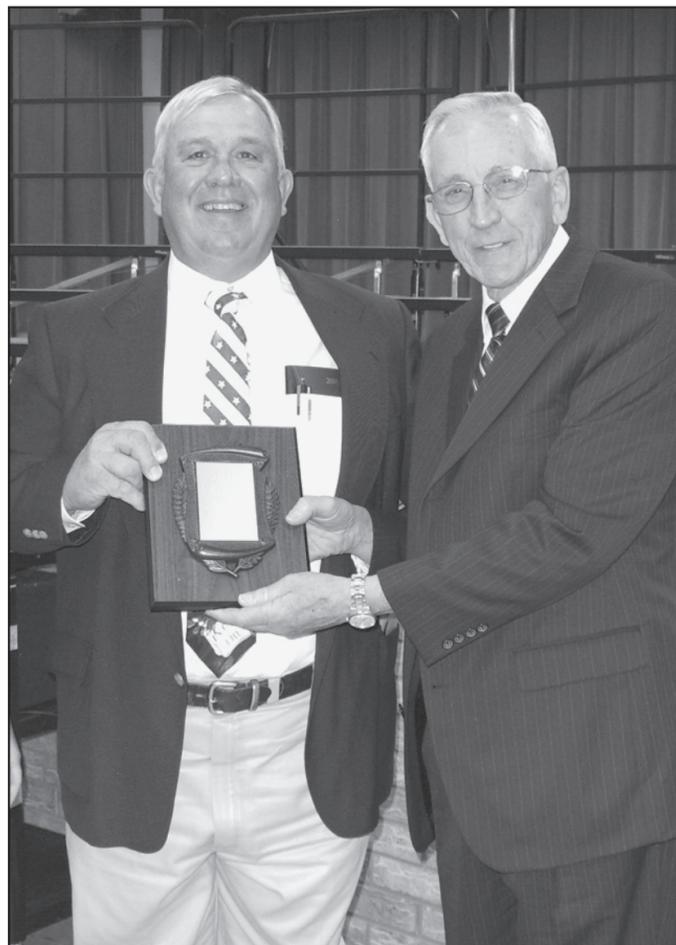
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VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR—Pat and Bobby Jenkins were honored at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet with the Volunteer of the Year award.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—David Davis, left, was named the Citizen of the Year during the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet. Mayor Bob Smith, right, made the presentation.

Chamber banquet recognizes top citizens

An overflow crowd filled the Haskell Civic Center Thurs., Jan. 15 to attend the annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The banquet theme "Main Street USA" was reflected in the decorations including pictures of various businesses, churches and landmarks around town.

Haskell City Manager Brandon Anderson conducted the evening's program which included comments by Chamber manager Sally Rueffer and entertainment by the Haskell Elementary fourth

grade choir. Jimi Coplen, director of the Aspermont EDC, presented information on the Big Dream Gathering to be held Thurs., March 5 in San Angelo and encouraged all those in attendance to get out and work for their community.

The banquet finale was the announcement of the Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards.

Pat and Bobby Jenkins were named the Volunteers of the Year by presenter Randy Bowers. The couple spends many hours helping citizens

of Haskell. Pat is a member of the NOAH Advisory Committee, having served as the chairperson for the organization. She has served as treasurer and vice president of the Texas Extension Education Association of which she is a member. She has served on numerous committees for both of these organizations.

Bobby is a long time member of the Shriners and as his clown alter ego has entertained many children. He works with the Haskell Food Bank.

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with the Haskell Hospital Auxiliary or 'Pink Ladies' two days a week. Three days a week they deliver meals for the Experienced Citizens Center.

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CAMPUS VISITS—Seniors at Paint Creek High School visited Angelo State University and TSTC in Sweetwater last Thursday. Those making the trip were, front row, l-r, Cidney Jordan, Lacey Stephens, Ariel Blair, Amber Gilbreath and tour guide, Jennifer; back row, Tyler Ford, Jens Schoemaker, Brett Siegfried, Caleb Whitfield, Josh Ramirez and tour guide Eric.

Obituaries

W. A. Hatfield



W.A. HATFIELD
Funeral services for W.A. Hatfield, 82, of Rochester were held Mon., Jan. 19 at Rochester Church of Christ with Michael Hatfield, great nephew, officiating. Burial

was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Rochester.

Mr. Hatfield died Jan. 15 in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Born July 28, 1926 in Haskell County, he was the son of Elfie and E. Lige Hatfield. He grew up in Haskell County and attended school at Rochester. He entered the United States Army in March of 1945 and served his country in the Pacific Theatre on Okinawa. After his discharge, he returned to Texas and married Zelma Christine Worley in Haskell on Dec. 18, 1946. They lived there while he farmed and in 1966 they moved to west Texas where he began a career in law enforcement and was the Police Chief in Denver

City, Texas. He owned and operated Hatfield Trucking before his retirement. In 1993 they moved to Seguin and then to Sayre, Oklahoma to make their home in 2006. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Christine; one daughter, Jan Lowder and husband, Dennis of Sayre, Oklahoma; two sons, Allen Hatfield and wife, Vickie of Seguin and Mark Hatfield of Seguin; one sister, Colleen Ussery of McLeod; five grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

PD. NOTICE

Sharon Jean Smith



SHARON SMITH
Graveside services for Sharon Jean Smith of Haskell were held Mon., Jan. 19 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Sonny Guild officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Smith died Fri., Jan. 16.

Born Jan. 26 in Kingfisher,

Oklahoma, she was the daughter of George and Lillie Mae Dutton Barker. She married Ken Smith Dec. 28, 1997. She attended school at San Angelo High School and later attended cosmetology school in Salt Lake City, Utah where she graduated valedictorian of her class. Most recently she owned S&S Custom Harvesting where one of her greatest joys was operating a combine in the grain fields surrounding Haskell County. She gracefully earned the respect of many in this difficult line of work while carrying herself as a lady. She was diligent and took pride in doing quality work in a gender biased field. What she enjoyed most of all was her family as she surrounded them with love, laughter and friendship. Her children were most important to her as she lived for them to see the day

they would be ok before she went on to the next life.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Marvin Barker of Haskell.

Survivors include her husband, Ken Smith of Haskell; her mother, Lillie Wall of Haskell; three sons, Monty Pueschel of Abilene, Terry Bailey and wife, Missy of Abilene, and Mike Bailey and wife, Julie of Hawley; seven grandchildren, Dax and Monica Pueschel of Abilene, Cody Bailey of Phoenix, Arizona, Tyle and Teryn Bailey of Abilene, Megan Bailey of Haskell and Brooklyn Bailey of Hawley.

The family would like to thank the Hendrick CCU Nursing staff for the care given during her extended six weeks stay. We thank each of you for your continual prayers during her time of great difficulty.

PD. NOTICE

Alton Wayne Harris

Funeral services for Alton Wayne Harris, 72, of Rotan were held Mon., Jan. 19 at First United Methodist Church of Rotan with Jack Dominguez officiating. Burial was in Dowell Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Mr. Harris died Sat., Jan. 17 at Fisher County Hospital.

Born July 9, 1936 in Knox City, he was a son of the late R.A. and Billie Harris. He was a graduate of the University of Texas and attended the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. He went to work at the First National Bank of Rotan in March 1960, first as a loan officer then as president and later as chairman of the board for a career that lasted 48 years.

Harris took an active part in community affairs. In the 1970's, he chaired the Hospital Steering Committee and along with a large delegation from Fisher County traveled to Austin where he made a speech in the Texas House of Representatives asking for permission to form a hospital district. The House voted in favor which allowed the community to build Fisher County Hospital

and dedicate it in 1976. Harris was instrumental in creating the Rotan Public Library and helped to establish the Children's Advocacy Center in Sweetwater. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan.

Harris loved nature and enjoyed his farming and ranching interests. He took pleasure in sketching the landscape and wildlife of Texas. Working from photographs he sketched portraits of early day ranchers of the area which were put on display in the First National Bank for Rotan's 2007 Centennial.

Survivors include his wife of forty-six years, Dot Harris; their two children, Mark Harris and his wife Pam of Roby and Robin Pruitt and her husband Greg of Rotan; six grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Shelby, Bryan and Houston Harris of Roby and Emily, Rachel and Molly Pruitt of Rotan; one brother and sister-in-law, Lyndon and Mauryce Harris of Holden, Louisiana; nieces and nephews all of whom were very special to him.

Memorials may be made to the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department in care of the First National Bank of Rotan, Drawer D, Rotan, Texas 79546.

PD. NOTICE

Crisis decision making seminar held

A Crisis Leadership and Decision Making for Elected Officials Seminar was hosted by Haskell Tues., Jan. 13 at the Haskell Hospital Educational Building.

Funded by the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security, the seminar was presented and facilitated by the National Response and Rescue Training Center, a division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service and a member of

the Texas A&M University System.

John Guido and Jim McClung presided at the seminar. The workshop was attended by many regional elected officials and emergency responders.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Jan. 12 in a regular meeting with members Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance.

A motion was approved authorizing the mayor to be able to sign any and all documents related to the farmland owned by the City with the FSA office.

A motion was approved allowing the city lots in the area of North 14th Street and Highway 277 to be put up for bids.

No action was taken on the proposed solicitation ordinance.

In the police report, Chief Steven Grand included the 2008 racial profiling report in compliance with state law.

During the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson pointed out that:

- The Assisted Living Committee will meet to look at the current plans and decide how to proceed from here.

- The Civic Center Board is refocused for the upcoming year and is planning three fund-raisers to help defer costs of the Civic Center. Leland Thane resigned effective Feb. 1.

- The Golf Course Board will meet Jan. 14. A new employee is needed and ideas will be needed for their employment situation.

- Jeff Gregg will present the audit report in February.

- No meeting will be held Feb. 9. The next two meetings are scheduled Jan. 26 and Feb. 26.

- A motion approved the bills.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GET A TAX CREDIT

Legislation passed in 2008 allows for a new tax credit for first-time homebuyers. This credit equals 10% of the home's purchase price up to a maximum of \$7,500 and is available for homes purchased on or after April 9, 2008, and before July 1, 2009. The credit is available in full for single taxpayers with income up to \$75,000 and married taxpayers with income up to \$150,000. As a credit, your tax bill is reduced (or refund increased) dollar for dollar by up to \$7,500. Since the credit is refundable, it will be paid to you in full even if you owe no tax or the credit is greater than the tax that you owe.

The credit is claimed on the tax return for the year of purchase. However, if the purchase occurs in 2009, an election can be made to take the credit in either 2008 or 2009, whichever year provides the greatest tax benefit. While this is being called a credit, it's really more like an interest-free loan. The amount of the credit must be repaid over a 15-year period in equal annual installments or in full when the home is sold. The repayments will be treated as additional tax in future years, and will be reported when the tax return is filed.

A first-time homebuyer is defined as a buyer who has not owned a home during the three-year period prior to the purchase. So even if you owned a home in the not too distant past, you might still qualify. Be careful if you're married, since the law tests the "first-time" qualifications of both spouses separately. The law applies only to a principal residence (not a second or vacation home), and includes townhouses, condominiums, manufactured/mobile homes, and houseboats. The credit is available whether you purchase a new or used home or construct your own home. If you build the home, the purchase date is the first date you actually live in the home.

As is usually the case, this tax provision contains exceptions and limitations. For additional information, contact our office.

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Tips for surviving the common cold

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

The common cold is a viral infection of your nose and throat. A cold is usually harmless though it may not feel that way. Although more than 200 viruses can cause a common cold, the rhinovirus is the most common culprit and it is highly contagious. Andrew Crocker, Extension Program Specialist—Gerontology Health with Texas AgriLife Extension shares the following information about the common cold and ways to deal with the common cold.

Cold viruses are almost always present in the environment. It enters your body through your mouth, nose, eyes or other mucous membranes. The virus can spread through droplets in the air when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. But it also

spreads by contact with someone who has a cold or by using shared objects.

Because of the sheer number of viruses that may be responsible for the cold, symptoms may vary greatly. Symptoms usually appear about two to three days after exposure. Signs and symptoms may include:

- Mucous buildup in your nose
- Difficulty breathing through your nose
- Swelling of your sinuses
- Sneezing
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Headache

During a cold, you generally will not have a high fever and you are also unlikely to experience significant fatigue. Complications associated with your cold may include ear infection, wheezing, sinusitis and/or

other infections, including but not limited to strep throat, pneumonia and bronchitis. These infections need to be treated by your health provider.

There is no cure for the common cold. Antibiotics are of no use against viruses. Over-the-counter cold medicines will not cure a common cold or make it go away any sooner and most have some potential side effects:

- Pain relievers. For fever, sore throat and headache, many people turn to acetaminophen (e.g.—Tylenol) or other mild pain relievers. Keep in mind that these may harm you if taken more frequently or in larger doses than recommended. If some is good, more is not always better.
- Decongestant nasal sprays. Nasal sprays may give you some relief from cold symptoms. Adults should not use decongestant drops or sprays for more than a few days because prolonged use can cause chronic inflammation of mucous membranes.
- Cough suppressants. Non-prescription cough suppressants may relieve some of your cold symptoms. However, because most of these medicines have some side effects, such as drowsiness, dizziness, insomnia, or upset stomach, you should take them with care. Some contain ingredients that may alleviate coughing; however, coughs associated with a cold usually last less than two to three weeks. If a cough lingers longer than that, see your health provider.

You may not be able to cure your common cold, but you can make yourself as comfortable as possible. These tips may help:

- Fluids. Water, juice and warm soup are all good choices. They help replace fluids lost during mucus production or fever. Avoid alcohol and caffeine which can cause dehydration.
- Chicken soup. In addition to helping with some immune system functions, it temporarily speeds up the movement of mucus through the nose, helping relieve congestion and limiting the time viruses are in contact with the nasal lining.
- Rest. Stay home if you have a fever or a bad cough, or

are drowsy from medications. This will give you a chance to rest as well as reduce the chances that you will infect others.

- Soothe your throat. Gargling with warm salt water may help soothe a sore throat.

- Saline spray. Use saline nasal drops to help relieve nasal congestion. You can usually buy these drops over-the-counter.

Most people recover from a common cold in about a week or two. If symptoms do not improve, see your health provider. You should also see your health provider if you develop a fever of 102° or higher accompanied by achiness and fatigue, fever accompanied by sweating, chills and a cough with colored phlegm, significantly swollen glands and/or severe sinus pain.

No vaccine has been developed for the common cold and results of studies using complementary methods to prevent a cold such as Zinc, Vitamin C and Echinacea are inconclusive. However, you can take some common-sense precautions to slow the spread of cold viruses:

- Wash your hands. Clean your hands often with warm water and soap. Carry a bottle of alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 60 percent alcohol for times when soap and water are not available—these gels kill most germs.

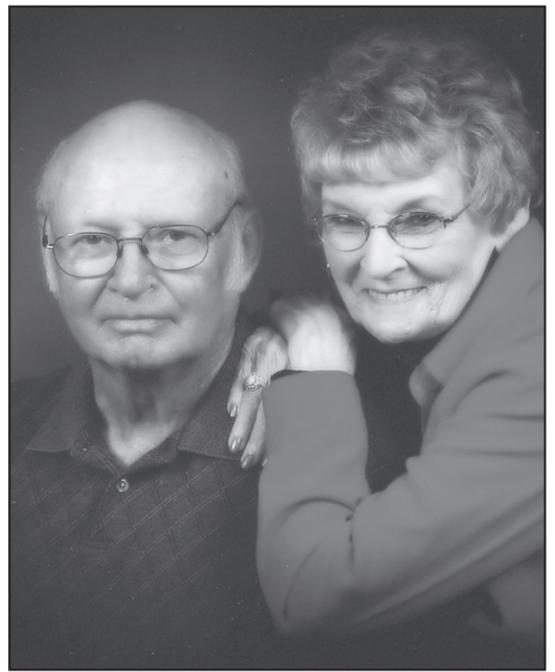
- Keep kitchen and bathroom countertops clean, especially when someone in your family has a common cold.

- Sneeze or cough into the bend of your elbow, that way you cover your mouth without using your hands.

- Do not share drinking glasses or utensils with others. Use your own glass or disposable cups when you or someone else is sick.

- Avoid close, prolonged contact with anyone who has a cold.

For more information, contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 940-864-2546. You may also access more information from the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health: <http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/topics/commoncold>.



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Reception to honor Therwhangers

Truman and Charlene Haskell.

The couple were married Jan. 25, 1959 in Weinert, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception, hosted by their children Sat., Jan. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Haskell National Building in

Haskell. The couple were married by the Rev. Carter Tucker.

They lived most of their married life in Haskell County, raised their children there and still think of it as home.

Beakley shares greeting card talent with art club

Nelwyn Beakley, Brazos West Art Association member, gave the Jan. 12 program held in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Beakley told various aspects of one of her many talents—creating your own personal greeting cards. She displayed numerous examples of her cards. She demonstrated embossing, making various decorative edges, using stencils, punches and various cut-outs from newspapers, wallpaper, magazines, etc. She also uses

glitter, ribbons and tiny hand drawn colored pencil mini pictures. Most impressive was the use of her rubber stamp collection that could be used to create any type of greeting cards with any message desired.

Present were Gary Conn, Adaline Laird, Marsha Whittemore, Betty Hook, Betty Berry, Martha Spitzer, Beakley, Jennie Lyckman, Bobbie Harrison and Peggy Middlebrook.

Hostesses were Whittemore and Beakley.

Not all chocolate is created equal

There may not be a bad piece of chocolate around, but as you mull over potential Valentine's Day gift selections remember that only some types of the decadent treat are heart-healthy.

Milk and white chocolates may be luscious to savor, but the more potent dark chocolate contains the most flavanol, an antioxidant that may help protect arteries from damage, maintain healthy blood flow and fend off heart disease.

Unfortunately, these

benefits are noticeably reduced when ingredients such as milk, butter and sugar are added to pure chocolate to turn it into candy, says Lona Sandon, a registered dietician at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

She suggested hot cocoa as a heart-healthy alternative that's still chocolate.

"Research suggests that drinking a cup of dark hot chocolate can be equated with drinking a glass of wine in protecting the heart," Sandon says.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

House elects San Antonio Republican as speaker

AUSTIN—The 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature convened Jan. 13.

On a voice vote, House members unanimously elected state Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, as speaker. Straus succeeds Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, in that powerful role.

Craddick, a House member for the last 40 years, will continue to represent his district. He was first elected speaker in 2003 and was reelected to the post in 2005 and 2007. His three sessions as speaker were contentious. For example, Craddick's refusal to recognize members who sought to question his authority sparked bipartisan dissent.

When Craddick succeeded Hale Center Democrat Pete Laney as speaker in 2003, Republicans had a 26-seat majority, 88 seats to the Democrats' 62. After the general election last November the GOP majority had eroded to only two seats, making the Democrats.

Now, with a near balance of major party membership in the House, Straus suggested in his acceptance speech that members should work closely on the state agenda regardless of party affiliation:

"Our challenges this session are great, yet our opportunities are endless," Straus said. "Together, we will build a House where members have an opportunity to express their views and a chance to do something great for their districts and for Texas."

"We will create an atmosphere where everyone's voice can and should be heard: a place where we respect each other's points of view, Democrat and Republican, urban and rural, liberal and conservative."

"I know we will disagree at times. On a daily basis, we will debate. These disagreements and debates are necessary because the end result will be stronger and better laws."

The full House also met Jan. 14 and 15 and adjourned until Jan. 22, giving members who wanted to, ample time to attend the Jan. 20 presidential inauguration of Barack Obama in Washington, D.C.

Senate starts with disagreement

While a congenial spirit permeated the House Chamber in the days after the election of Speaker Straus, the atmosphere in the Texas Senate was comparatively raspy.

Senate rules normally require that 21 members (two-thirds) of the 31-member body consent to allow a bill to be heard.

But 18 of the Senate's 19 Republican members voted to change the rules so that only 16 votes—a simple majority—would be required to introduce legislation.

The one Republican who joined Democrats in voting to retain the traditional rule of requiring a two-thirds' vote was Sen. John Carona of Dallas.

Now, even if Democrats vote as a bloc, they will not be able to prevent certain bills from being introduced.

In the debate on the rule change, Democrats expressed concern over "voter ID" legislation that was pushed by Republicans last session and will come up again this session. Voter identification legislation proposes to require voters to present their driver's license or other state-issued picture ID card in addition to their voter registration card at the polls.

Last session, Democrats fought voter ID legislation, arguing that it unfairly burdens the poor, minorities and older Texans.

The Senate adjourned and will be back in session Jan. 26.

Comptroller estimates revenue

For its 2010-11 budget period, state government can expect to have \$77.1 billion in funds available for general-purpose spending, Comptroller Susan Combs said earlier this month.

This represents a 10.5 percent decrease from the corresponding amount of funds available for 2008-09, she said.

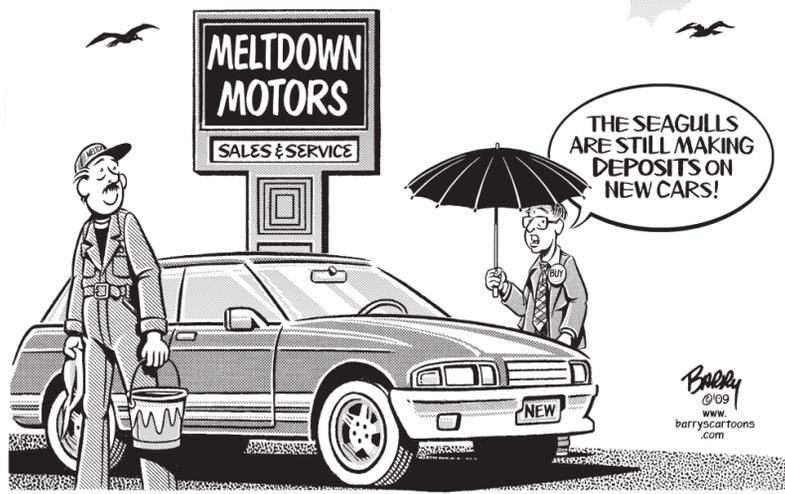
General revenue-related tax and fee collections in 2010-11 likely will reach \$76.7 billion, with tax revenues accounting for 89 percent of the total.

About 65 percent of state tax revenue will come from the sales tax. Other significant sources of general revenue include motor vehicle sales taxes, the franchise tax, the natural gas tax, insurance premium taxes, and lottery proceeds.

In addition to the general revenue-related funds, Combs said, the state stands to collect \$91 billion in federal receipts and other revenues dedicated for specific purposes and cannot be used for general-purpose spending.

State revenue collections from all sources and for all purposes should total \$167.7 billion.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TODAY'S CONSUMERS AND SEAGULLS?



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 28, 1999

Tyrone Thomas, son of Lola Thomas, was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class.

Ashton Rutkowski was named Sweetheart of the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Poses.

Jonathan K. Lammert of Sagerton received a degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University.

Tiffen Mayfield, Danny Josselet, Mike Jordan, Melisa Robison, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Keith Everett and Bob Aycock were recognized for their commitment and contribution to the Haskell CISD.

20 Years Ago January 26, 1989

Joy McKeever of the Haskell Maidens was chosen as the area's basketball Player of the Week by the Abilene Reporter-News.

Cole Larned, son of Sammy and Gerre Larned, was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The City of Haskell installed duck crossing signs where U.S. 277 crosses Rice Springs Creek.

Haskell Indian Band members, Marsha Moore, Sarah Mullen, Missy Phemister, Holly Hobgood and Paul Gibson were named to the all-district band.

Haskell High School seniors, Chan Guess and Joy McKeever, were elected Mr. and Miss HHS.

30 Years Ago January 25, 1979

Carolyn Shur demonstrated and gave hints on using microwaves for cooking at West Texas Utilities.

4-H Food Show winners in the senior division were Lynn Weatherly, side dish; Kay Campbell, main dish; Sonja Tidrow, bread and desserts and Kathy Campbell, snacks and beverages. The winners will

compete in the district food show in Wichita Falls.

Eight employees working for General Telephone Company were honored for the completion of a total of 210 years in the telephone business. The employees recognized were Thelma Bailey, 35 years; Floyd Jordon, Charles Rodgers and E.W. Pruett, 30 years; R.B. Cox, 25 years and Don Woods, Inez Jaco and Barbara L. Moore, 20 years.

Western Texas College students named to the President's list was Craig Brothers of O'Brien; on the Dean's list were David Charles Davis and Robert Earles, both of Haskell and on the Merit list were Sue Ann Hise of Haskell, and Ricky Dale Bishop of Rochester.

40 Years Ago January 23, 1969

Rev. Troy Culpepper, pastor of the Haskell First Baptist Church, was named "Who's Who in Texas."

Barry Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hobbs of Rule, won overall grand champion steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Auction.

Dr. William J. Kemp, DDS, President of Texas Dental Board of Examiners, attended the mid-winter meeting of Texas Dental Examiners in Dallas.

David R. Gannaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maurice Gannaway, is among 151 graduate students who have applied for master's degrees at North Texas State University.

50 Years Ago January 22, 1959

John Gannaway of Haskell showed the grand champion steer at the County 4-H show held in Weinert. Jerry King of Weinert won reserve champion.

Tom Alvis and Jim Bob Bowers have been elected to

posts in the Baptist Student Union at Tarleton State College.

Hallie E. Chapman, well-known businessman and civic leader was appointed administrator of the Haskell County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Hodgin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jerry King of Weinert won reserve champion at the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show in Odessa.

Marine Captain William F. Kirkland, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Kirkland of Haskell, served with an aviation unit of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Ana, California.

100 Years Ago January 23, 1909

Dr. L.A. Jones and wife of Alton, Illinois visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Jones.

J.L. Baldwin purchased a beautiful 12-passenger bus for \$750. He stated that the new bus will meet with all trains and will be available for different occasions.

Officers elected for the Haskell National Bank were M.S. Pierson, president; Lee Pierson, vice president; G.R. Couch, vice president; G.E. Langford, cashier; Chas. Irby, assistant cashier and M.S. Pierson, Lee Pierson, T.E. Ballard, G.R. Couch, F.M. Morton and S.W. Scott, directors.

According to S.W. Scott, one of the leading real estate dealers in Haskell, Haskell County farmlands are in demand. He reported the sale during past weeks of 1,113 acres in seven tracts for a total of \$22,568.65. Most of the land sold was out of the Abbott pasture northwest of Haskell.

Jan. sales tax receipts are down

Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state collected \$1.86 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 2 percent compared to December 2007.

"State sales tax collections have grown 3.9 percent for the first four months of state fiscal year 2009," Combs said. "Growth in overall collections has slowed compared to recent years, while remittances from key sectors such as construction and retail trade have declined."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2009—\$459.2 million, up 2.4 percent compared to January 2008.

Combs sent January sales tax allocations of \$309.9 million to Texas cities, up 2.2 percent compared to January 2008. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$29 million, up 8.2 percent compared to last January.

In addition, \$18.3 million went to 148 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 23.5 percent compared to last January. Ten local transit systems received \$101.9 million in sales tax allocations, down 1.4 percent compared to a year ago.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Fri., Feb. 13.

Haskell County had a 22.02 percent decrease for January 2009 of \$24,353.24 in comparison to \$31,230.15 for January 2008.

The City of Haskell had a 21.02 percent decrease for January 2009 of \$23,032.74 in comparison to \$29,164.47 for January 2008.

The City of O'Brien had a 7.05 percent decrease for January 2009 of \$48.36 in comparison to \$52.03 for January 2008.

The City of Rochester had a 27.13 percent decrease for January 2009 of \$291.29 in comparison to \$399.76 for January 2008.

The City of Rule had a 41.39 percent decrease for January 2009 of \$790.48 in comparison to \$1,348.87 for January 2008.

The City of Weinert had a 28.16 percent decrease for January 2009 of \$190.37 in comparison to \$265.02 for January 2008.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 2008 project. The donations of money, food, toys and time are appreciated. A total of 50 packages were distributed to needy families.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,
Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
and Linda Haynes
Haskell Co.
Child Welfare Board

Taking care of dry winter skin

The colder weather and low humidity in winter can lead to dry, itchy skin. Left untreated, it can be unsightly and even a little embarrassing. Severely dry skin may cause eczema or other forms of dermatitis, so treatment is essential.

Also, some people have a genetic predisposition to develop dry skin. Most people find they battle dryness even more as they age due to natural changes in the skin.

Rachel Moore, M.D., dermatologist at the Scott & White Clinic in College Station and graduate of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, offers several tips in caring for

dry winter skin.

Watch the water temperature when you shower and bathe, and use lukewarm instead of hot water, as the latter tends to dry out skin further. Limit time in the shower or bath to three to five minutes, and cut down on showers, if necessary. Use a mild soap (such as Dove or Caress), and avoid antibacterial soaps, which are very drying. After leaving the shower or bath, pat dry—do

not rub—with a towel and moisturize immediately.

Dr. Moore recommends creams rather than lotions because they tend to be more moisturizing. Stay away from scented products, she adds.

"If creams don't do the trick, try something thicker like an ointment," Dr. Moore said. "Then, if you're still experiencing persistent dry skin, you may need to visit your doctor to get a prescription."

Crime of the Week

On Fri., Jan. 9, around 10 p.m. at Peacocks Restaurant in Anson, an aggravated robbery occurred.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Anson Police Department, is offering a reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons

who committed this crime.

Anyone with information about this crime, or another crime, is encouraged to call the Clear Fork Crime Stopper tip line at 800-222-TIPS. All callers remain anonymous.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Christian Myers, John English and Austin Marshall; back row, Simon Rodriguez, Ross Wittenborn, Cody Wyrick and Clint Howard.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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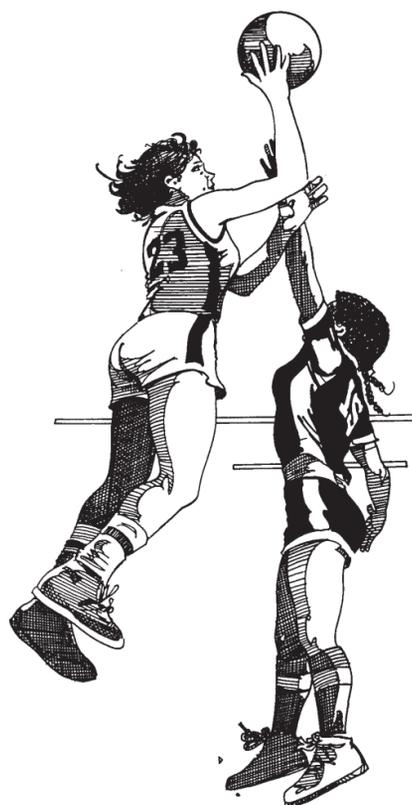
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HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Aerial Thane and Paige Adams; back row, Briè Torres, Molly Agraz, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Hannah Wallace and Ashton Rutkowski.

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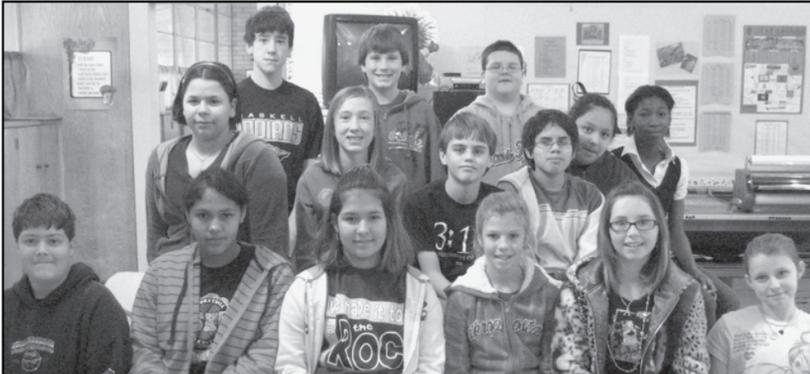
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UIL PARTICIPANTS—Rochester Junior High School students participating in the UIL events recently include, front row, I-r, Brett Shelton, Preston Morrow, Gabriel Torres, Cannon Edwards, Emily Fouts, Marlee Andrada, Meg Glover, Zachary Tatum, Micah Thomas, Daniel Contreras, Andrew Hearn, Kyle Kimbrough and Max Weise; second row, Kaley Mathis, Lucy Carmichael, Becca Raynes, Ashley Adams, Kalyn Wheatley, Veronica Robledo and Leslie Villarreal; third row, Maegan Hearn, Cailey Foster, Delecia Garcia, Morgan Frierson, Madison Mayfield, Allison Rodriguez, Nate Dever and J.T. Schemgner; and back row, Phillip Coleman, Shanye Whitt, Drake Everett, Cole Ray Hutchinson, Maci Colley, Maegan Gonzales, Taylor Burson, Caitlan Johnson, Carson Hadaway, Aaron Waggoner, Aaron Ulrich, Colton English, Dakota Silvas, Jarred Escobedo and Kelby Bell. Not pictured are Shelby Dunnam and Gus Estrada.



UIL PARTICIPANTS—Rochester Junior High School sixth grade students participating in the UIL events recently include, front row, I-r, Dakota Baumbach, Destiny Billington, Breezy Gibbs, Jacie Klose, Abbi Alsbrook and Shawnee Hill; second row, Alyssa Abila, Reagan Hadaway, Cade Colley, Jonathan Pedroza, Gloria DeLosSantos and Hayley Holland; back row, Reed Lee, Riley Meinzer and Rhett Lampe.

Student visits Rotary Club

Shalea Trevino is the daughter of Kena and Tony Trevino of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she plays basketball and is a journalism student.

She enjoys hunting and hanging out with her friends.

She plans to attend McLennen Community College in Waco.



SHALEA TREVINO

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 26-30 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Blueberry muffin, Cheez-its crackers

Tuesday: Pretzel twist with egg and cheese

Wednesday: Cereal, Chex mix

Thursday: Funnel cake

Friday: Pig in a blanket

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with

cheese and ham.

Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, breadstick, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Enchiladas, tortilla chips, Spanish rice, garden salad, pears

Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, grapes

Thursday: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, apple crisp

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, choice: strawberry or raspberry Yogurt

Students in the News

Midwestern State University has released the names of honor students for the fall 2008 semester.

Paula Isbell of Haskell was listed on the President's Honor Roll. To be named to the list, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours in one semester with no grade lower than an A (4.0).

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 regain your patience, but will let you know if the rapid results you have come to expect are really worthwhile attaining. There may be no such thing as instant success, but there is an instant faith which will direct you toward it in the proper manner. It's as near as your church.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.

714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.

1600 N. First St., Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.

500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 26-30 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Muffins

Tuesday: Waffles

Wednesday: Pancakes

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken noodle

soup, grilled cheese, carrots, fruit

Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, bread, jello

Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, cake

Thursday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp

Friday: Hot dogs, chili, chips, beans, cookies

ECC Menu

Mon., Jan. 26

Lunch—Stuffed bell peppers, au gratin potatoes, black eyed peas, yeast rolls, pears, cookies, tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 28

Lunch—Beef-a-roni, cream potatoes, green beans, squash, garlic toast, banana pudding,

tea or coffee

Fri., Jan. 30

Lunch—Pork tips, Texas potatoes, club spinach, English peas, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

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

Paint Creek ISD lists third six weeks honor rolls

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the third six weeks of the school year. Included on the list are:

First grade: A honor roll, Dawson Barnett, Tanner Booe, Kayla Bosnjak, Madilyn Davis, Madyson Moore, Bobby Nieto, Jaclyn Snelling and Adaline Utley; A-B honor roll, A.J. Bailiff, Austin Roysdon and Maddie Sewell.

Second grade: A honor roll, Jr. Bogle, Chase Thompson and Antonio Yanez; A-B honor roll, Bailey Hawkins, Natividad Ipin, Auston Pringle and Brittany Yanez.

Third grade: A honor roll, Abby Blair, Felicity Gentry, Bayden Graham and Heaven Rojas; A-B honor roll, Audrey Cochran, Cheyenne Elias, Chance Hobert, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond; A-B honor roll, Buddy Trotter.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Jordan Davis, Taylor Hunt and Paige Ramirez.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Joey Bosnjak; A-B honor roll, Micah Waggoner.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers.

Eighth grade: A-B honor

roll, Cheyenne Buerger, Katie Jones, Danielle Oliver and Krista Powell.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord and Haley Myers; A-B honor roll, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Daren Johnson and Felysha Walker.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop; A-B honor roll, Stevie Garner and Denton Reed.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Sina Lafere; A-B honor roll, Brittany Waggoner.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Amber Gilbreath, Samantha Lopez, Josh Ramirez, Jens Schoemaker, Lacey Stephens and Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll, Ariel Blair, Stephen Ford, James Groves, Sidney Jordan, Brett Siegfried and Bretton Vickers.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 19, 2009

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Haskell County Gin..... 8,000
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Rule Co-op Gin..... 7,051

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1 Thessalonians 1:2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love...

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the food, cards, visits and most important the prayers. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown. Thank you is not sufficient enough for all the love we have felt. We could not make it through this time without our family and friends' support. We would especially like to thank the wonderful people of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church. We are so blessed to have such an awesome church family.

2 Corinthians 1:10 On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.
Jeff and LaKay Caparoon and family

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

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6032-49-0001 for THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on February 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,557,578.05.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

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401 N. AVE. E. Very large historical brick home with formal living room, formal dining, three bedrooms with entry off large hallway, one bath, kitchen and **SOLD**. There is beautiful woodwork and crown molding throughout the dwelling with 11.8 ft. tall ceilings. Property has C/HA, water well and sprinkler system. There is a detached apartment in the rear of the main home. **REDUCED.**



907 N. AVE. F Custom built brick home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built in kitchen, den, large utility room, covered patio, C/HA, and one car garage. There is a sprinkler system and water well for the yard. Property is in excellent condition.

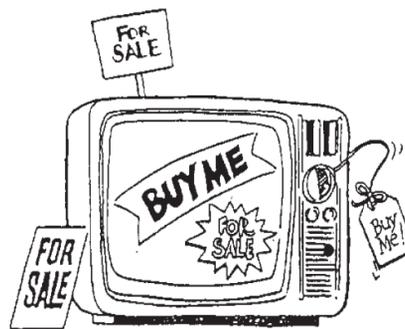


1500 N. Ave. H. Large brick 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 baths, living, dining, beautiful knotty pine den and kitchen and lots of cabinets. There is a bonus multiple purpose room off the kitchen and utility room. There are hardwood floors under carpet, C/HA, roof is 4 years old, metal trim (does not require painting), fenced yard, carport, well and cellar. The front yard has large trees for shade and the back yard is fenced.



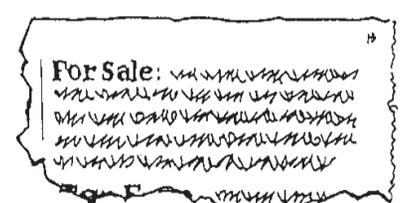
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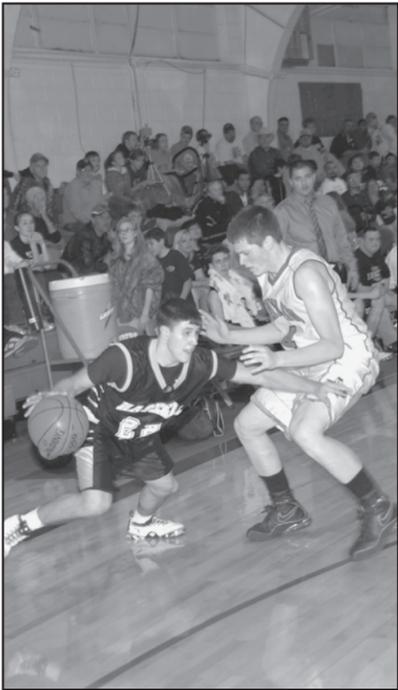
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INDIANS WIN—The Haskell Indians defeated Hamlin 54-34 in a game played Jan. 16 in Hamlin. Indian #22 Austin Marshall, left, is on the move against a Hamlin defender and Indian #12 John English, right, adds points to the Indians' total with a basket.

Photos by Bill Blankenship



MAIDENS LOSE—The Haskell Maidens were defeated by Hamlin by a 44-33 score in a game played Jan. 16 in Hamlin. Haskell Maiden #45 Lisa Rodgers, left, and Maiden #23 Ashton Rutkowski, right, scramble to add points to the Maidens total.

Photos by Bill Blankenship



WINS TOURNAMENT—The eighth grade Rochester Maidens won the Stamford Junior High Tournament Sat., Jan. 17. They defeated Stamford on Thursday and Monday on Saturday. Proudly displaying their trophy are, front row, l-r, Kalyn Wheatley, Morgan Frierson, Ashley Adams, Sydney Cassidy, Delicia Garcia and Allison Rodriguez; back row, Caitlin Johnson, Carson Hadaway, Taylor Burson, Madison Mayfield, Maci Colley and Veronica Robledo. Not pictured are Cailey Foster and Tillie McGuire. The Maidens are coached by Betsy Coleman.

English, Bassett named to AR-N weekly players' list

Haskell Indian John English and Haskell Maiden Aubrey Bassett were among ten athletes named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 players of the week list.

English, last week's Big Country Player of the Week, is a senior guard who patterns his game after the late NBA star, "Pistol" Pete Maravich. English has recently scored 26 points in an overtime loss to Sundown and 31 points in a 60-56 win over Breckenridge. He shot 58 percent against Sundown and 63 percent against Breckenridge. He has a combined 12 of 14 from the free-throw line, 10 steals, 10 assists and seven pass deflections.

Bassett, a junior forward, shot 55 percent from the floor at Rotan last week and 67 percent at the Seymour game helping the Maidens record to 16-6 overall and 2-0 in the District. She posted 41 points in two games, along with 10 rebounds and 10 steals.

Making the honorable

mention list was Austin Marshall, a junior guard, with 29 combined points, vs. Breckenridge and 13 rebounds, 13 pass deflections, five steals, four assists and six 3-pointers vs. Sundown.

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Area Basketball scores

Varsity Girls	Scoring for Paint Creek:	Scoring for Paint Creek:
Haskell 50 Munday 39	Lopez 7, Armstrong 5,	Ramirez 12, Bishop 7.
Scoring for Haskell:	Gilbreath 5, Walker 2.	Woodson 63, Paint Creek 26
Bassett 12, Agraz 21, Johnson	Rule 44, Lueders-Avoca 36	Scoring for Paint Creek:
9, Reid 5, Newton 3.	Scoring for Rule: M.	Ramirez 12, Bishop 8.
JV: Haskell 33, Munday	Dudensing 15, J. Dudensing	Rule 78
32.	10, Petty 7.	Lueders-Avoca 40
Rule 57, Paint Creek 20	Varsity Boys	Scoring for Rule: Clark
Scoring for Rule:	Munday 48, Haskell 38	22, Perales 18, Sorley 16.
Dudensing 16, Benavides	Scoring for Haskell: English	
10, Logan 7.	21, Marshall 5, Wittenborn 5,	
Scoring for Paint Creek:	Myers 4, Bird 2, Wyrick 1.	
Gilbreath 8.	Rule 75, Paint Creek 25	
Woodson 58	Scoring for Rule: Maran	
Paint Creek 19	13, Hall 13, Hertel 11.	

PAINT CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

	General Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 594,696	\$ 600	\$ 17,124	\$ 612,420
State Program Revenues	1,012,152	-	76,686	1,088,838
Federal Program Revenues	2,642	-	222,633	225,275
Total Revenues	1,609,490	600	316,443	1,926,533
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	699,387	-	223,550	922,937
Instructional Resources and Media Services	20,094	-	869	20,963
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	972	-	-	972
Instructional Leadership	63,201	-	1,659	64,860
School Leadership	25,510	-	759	26,269
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	26,521	-	1,014	27,535
Health Services	11,747	-	109	11,856
Student (Pupil) Transportation	120,156	-	761	120,917
Food Services	-	-	96,875	96,875
Extracurricular Activities	49,121	-	-	49,121
General Administration	92,693	-	-	92,693
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	184,081	-	370	184,451
Data Processing Services	51,884	-	761	52,645
Debt Service:				
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	8,710	-	63,942	72,652
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	920	-	29,728	30,648
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	9,000	-	9,000
Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	1,257,654	-	1,257,654
Intergovernmental:				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	28,742	-	-	28,742
Other Intergovernmental Charges	18,493	-	-	18,493
Total Expenditures	1,402,232	1,266,654	420,397	3,089,283
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	207,258	(1,266,054)	(103,954)	(1,162,750)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Non-Current Loans	-	229,000	-	229,000
Transfers In	-	-	103,954	103,954
Transfers Out (Use)	(103,954)	-	-	(103,954)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(103,954)	1,429,000	103,954	1,429,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	103,304	162,946	-	266,250
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	570,201	-	-	570,201
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 673,505	\$ 162,946	\$ -	\$ 836,451

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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