

Basketball

HASKELL

Maidens vs Tolar or Cross Plains
Fri., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.
at Breckenridge

Softball

HASKELL

Maidens vs Hawley JV
Fri., Feb. 20, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

JV Maidens vs

Grape Creek JV

Mon., Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

at Grape Creek

JV-V Maidens vs Windthorst

Tues., Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.

at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL

Indians vs Baird

(Scrimmage)

Fri., Feb. 20, 4 p.m.

at Albany

Calendar

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. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Catfish dinner

Trinity Lutheran Church, East Hwy. 380, will host a catfish dinner Sun., Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$7. Proceeds will help send youth to Bible camp this summer.

Prayer, fellowship

A prayer and fellowship meeting will be held Sat., Feb. 28 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room beginning at 6 p.m. for a stew and chili meal followed by a prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Worship in music and prayer for the community, churches and the Round Robin Revival to be held beginning Sun., March 1 will be held.

Joint worship

First Baptist Church and Greater Independent Baptist Church will host a joint worship service at First Baptist Church in Haskell Sun., Feb. 22 at 11 a.m.

Talent show

The talent show set for Thurs., Feb. 19 in the Haskell High School auditorium has been postponed. The event is still taking entries by calling Melissa Burson at 256-2509.

Round Robin revival

The Haskell Round Robin revival will be held March 1-5 sponsored by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

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Good luck, Maidens and Indians!

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SIXTH GRADE PIPS—These sixth grade Players in Progress from Haskell performed their final performance before the crowd recently during the home game between Haskell and Hamlin. They participated in the group performance during the girl's halftime and then did a special performance during the boy's halftime. They choreographed their performance to the song, "Jitterbug." These girls performed with their own personal touches and showcased their special talents including gymnastics. They "nailed" the performance to the surprise of their coaches Terri Klose and Kim Bassett. On March 17, three of these girls will be performing at the half-time of a San Antonio Spurs game in San Antonio with a group of PIPS from around the state. They were nominated by their coach, Terri Klose, and then chosen by the national PIP staff based on their abilities. The girls making the trip to San Antonio are Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose and Crissy Bassett. They have been active in Players in Progress for seven years. Performing last Tuesday night were l-r, Jacie Klose, Breezy Gibbs, Reagan Hadaway and Crissy Bassett.



PIPS TEAM—The Haskell Players in Progress performed the last performance of the season during half-time of the Haskell girls basketball game recently. The students range from kindergarten to sixth grade. Terri Klose, Shane Hadaway, Tina Tullos and Kim Bassett assisted during this year's practices and performances. These students will have an opportunity to attend and compete at the PIPS Festival in Abilene at ACU on March 13-14, competing with PIPS from all around Texas and other states. This program helps teach discipline and basketball handling skills to young athletes. Team members, l-r, front row, are, Cash Bassett, Adaline Utley and Jazlyn Rodela; middle row, Grace Colley, Brice Bridges, Garrett Waggoner and Rowdy Raynes; back row, Bryson Tullos, Logan Burson, Reagan Hadaway, Breezy Gibbs, Lane Burson, Crissy Bassett and Jacie Klose. Not pictured is Hollyn Hadaway.

Maidens win District title

by Caron Yates

The 2009 Haskell Maidens basketball team has earned bragging rights this season to something that has not happened for at least twenty-two years. The squad has won outright the District 9-A championship title, a feat not accomplished since 1987.

In the past several years, Maiden teams have been co-champions of the district title and have gone on to post-district play. In fact, the Maidens have made it to the playoffs nine of the last eleven seasons. This includes three trips to Area. Future Maiden teams look just as promising with this season's Junior Varsity and Eighth Grade teams not only winning district titles, but finishing undefeated in district play.

This year's team, consisting of seven seniors and four juniors, play an up-tempo game. Coach David Middleton, who is assisted by Coach Nikki Thompson, says, "We try to play a transition game. That includes moving up and down the court, utilizing the fast break and intensive pressing on defense. We can, however, slow it down and play a half-court game, setting up plays and working the ball."

For fans watching the action, it almost seems that the girls are reading each other's mind. A player will pull down a rebound, another receive the pass down court, while yet another is ready for the feed under the basket, all in a matter of seconds.

Middleton says, "We have lots of depth on this team. From the bench, we can keep

fresh legs and minds rotating onto the court."

Although early-on they were picked to finish fourth in District 9-A, statistics from the 9-1 record in district play, prove the Maidens are a well-rounded team. Leading shooters from the field are Lisa Rodgers with 49%, Aubrey Bassett with 46%, Hope Reid and Molly Agraz are both shooting 32%. Three-point shooters Ashton Rutkowski has 44% and Lauren Newton has 31%. Scoring from the free-throw line are Rodgers, Hannah Wallace and Bassett with 83%, 71% and 68% respectively.

Agraz is on the boards with 67 rebounds, while Rodgers has 40 and Wallace has 33. Defensively Bassett has fifty-two steals, Reid has fifty-three. Aiding in the scoring effort are Wallace with twenty-nine assists and Bassett with twenty-six assists.

Completing the team and contributing to winning the district title are Aerial Thane, Brie Torres, Miranda Johnson and Paige Adams.

Because the Maidens, who finished with a 23-7 regular season record, are undisputed district champions, they drew a bye in the Bi-district round. They advance to Area when they meet Tolar or Cross Plains on Fri., Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Breckenridge.

The Haskell Maidens and their coaches ask everyone to put on their black and gold and come support them throughout their play-off run. It's sure to be an exciting time for these young ladies and their fans.

TWPD hearings set

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is recommending changes to next year's hunting and fishing regulations, expanding upon the success of several resource management initiatives.

The department is seeking comment on these proposed changes to the state's hunting and fishing regulations during a series of public hearings.

Each year, TPWD considers changes in hunting and fishing

regulations to achieve resource management objectives and maximize outdoor recreation opportunities consistent with good stewardship. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will make final decisions on the proposals.

A hearing will be held in Haskell County Wed., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the District Courtroom, located on the second floor of the Haskell Courthouse.



ROCHESTER 7TH GRADE TEAM—Members of the Rochester Junior High 7th grade girls basketball team are, l-r, Emily Fouts, Marlee Andrada, Kaley Mathis, Rebeca Raynes, Morgan Garcia, Meghan Glover and Maegan Hearn.

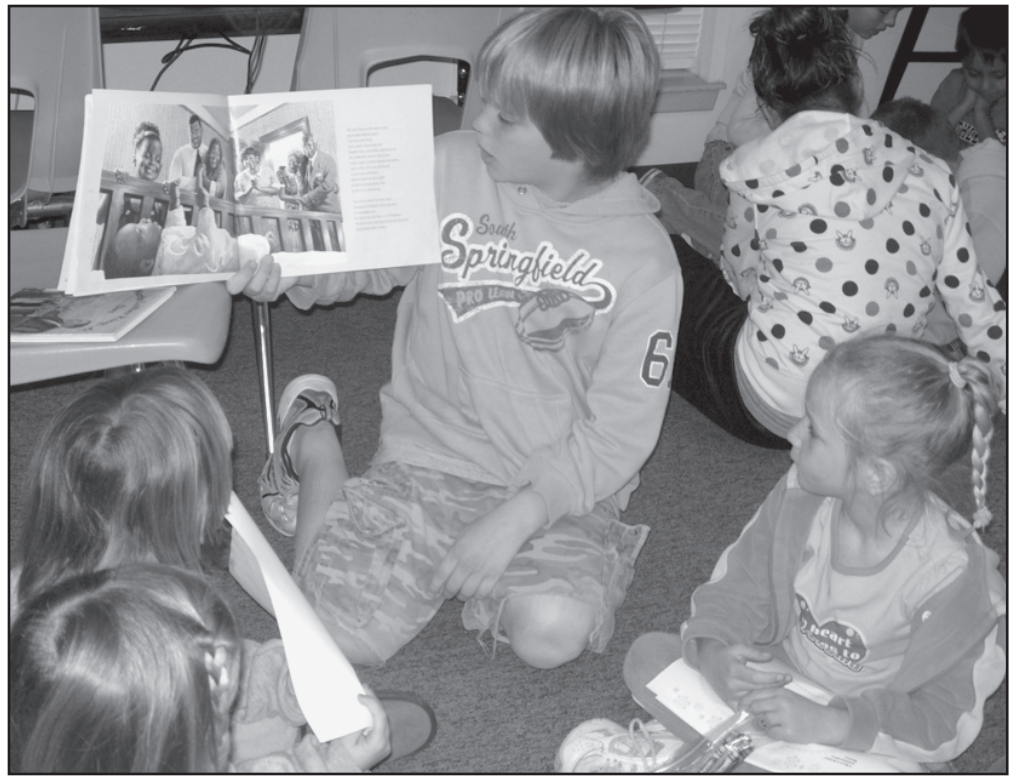


ROCHESTER EIGHTH GRADE TEAM—Members of the Rochester eighth grade basketball team include, front row, l-r, Cailey Foster, Morgan Frierson, Kayce Lynn Coleman, Ashley Adams, Madison Mayfield and Taylor Burson; back row, Myra Rodriguez, Delecia Garcia, Sidney Cassidy, Carson Hadaway, Caitlan Johnson, Maci Colley, Tillie McGuire and Coach Betsy Coleman.

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MLK DAY READERS—Haskell Elementary fifth graders recently celebrated Martin Luther King Day by mentoring Kindergarten students. Each group read a book about King and provided activities to teach about the importance of the holiday. This project is provided by the Learn & Serve America Grant that Haskell CISD received. Jolene Navarrette and Abby Masias, back, l-r, read "The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Cade Anderson and Tyler Howard, front, l-r.



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Calendar

Noah Project

NoahProject-North will host "Spring Fling," a fund-raiser, set Sat., April 4 at the Civic Center. The entertainment will be "A Tribute to Elvis" by Rick Campbell of Stamford. Mike Fouts will be the emcee. Auction items will be available. To make a monetary donation or to donate items, call 940-864-2551 or mail to P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. The doors will open at 6 p.m., the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and may be purchased at the door, by calling the number above or from any advisory board member.

Speech contest

The Action Youth Tour speech contest, sponsored by Big Country Electric Cooperative, will be held Mon., Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roby High School auditorium. The public is invited to attend the speech contest for area high school students speaking on the topic "How will we meet the energy needs of the future?"

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 13th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 21 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. No food vendors will be accepted. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441.

Mexican stack meal

The Paint Creek senior class Mexican stack meal scheduled Thurs., Feb. 26 at the Paint Creek cafeteria has been postponed. The fund-raiser will be rescheduled.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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.



COTTON FIRE—A semi-truck pulling a trailer with mote cotton bales that caught fire while in transport caused this fire about 5.5 miles west of Haskell around noon on Tues., Feb. 3. The truck driver disconnected the truck from the trailer before fire crews arrived. Units from the Haskell and Rule Fire Departments contained the blaze that started a small grass fire. Help from TxDOT and Haskell County equipment pushed the burning bales into a nearby pasture to allow the fire to continue to burn. The smoke caused a traffic hazard across Hwy. 380 until units could contain the incident.

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Obituaries

Danny Ivy



DANNY IVY

Funeral services for Danny Ivy, 61, of Hale Center were held Mon., Feb. 9 at the Hale Center High School Auditorium with Rev. Jimmy Cameron, pastor of First United Methodist Church and Rev. Ron Brunson, pastor of the Cowboy Church in Plainview officiating. Family

burial was in Hale Center Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home of Hale Center.

Mr. Ivy died Thurs., Feb. 5 in Lubbock.

Born Nov. 8, 1947 in Haskell, he was the son of Lem and Lydia Ivy. He attended school at Paint Creek High School where he graduated in 1966. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Agriculture Education in 1970. He married Valerie Lassetter July 27, 1968 in Stamford. He taught agriculture science for 39 years, four of those years were in Farwell, and from 1974 until Jan. 16, 2009 at Hale Center High School. He also worked with the State FFA Convention.

Ivy was a member of the Hale Center Volunteer Fire

Department, the Masonic Lodge of Hale Center, the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and the Living Water Emmaus. He served as an instructor at area fire schools as well as being an instructor at Texas A&M Fire School for 22 years. He was also a member of Hale Center First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Valerie of Hale Center; his mother, Lydia Ivy of Plainview; two sons, Jon Ivy and his wife Minde of Midland and Kevin Paul Ivy of Lubbock; and two granddaughters, Jaleigh and Kenley Ivy of Midland.

Memorials may be made to the Danny Ivy Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Vista Bank, 701 Main Street, Hale Center, Texas 79041.

PD. NOTICE

Jeffery Lyn Parker



JEFF PARKER

Graveside services for Jeffery Lyn Parker, 67, of Haskell were held Thurs.,

Feb. 12 in Double Mountain Cemetery in Peacock with Bro. Tony Grand officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Parker died Mon., Feb. 9 at his home in Haskell.

Born Sept. 28, 1941 in Peacock, he was the son of R.J. Parker and Ida Myers Parker. He married Shirley Dunlap July 2, 1966 in Spur. In 1961 he was in the first graduating class of Permian High School in Odessa. He later received his Associates Degree in firefighting. In 1998,

he retired after thirty-one years as a firefighter as a Lieutenant for the City of Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Parker of Haskell; a daughter, Shalin White and husband Dewaine of Midland; his parents, R.J. Parker and Ida Myers Parker of Jayton; a granddaughter, Trinity Elysse White of Midland; two sisters, Betty Wright of Abilene and Roanna Stinnett and husband Charles of Sweetwater; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care.

PD. NOTICE

Wilbur Wilson joins Angus organization

Wilbur Wilson of Haskell, is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Bryce Schumann, chief executive officer of the national breed registry organization in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with nearly 33,000 active adult and junior

members, is the largest beef cattle registry Association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 16 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These permanent

records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.



TAYLOR'S TEAM—Members of Taylor's Team are, l-r, front row, Lucy Carmichael, Ashley Adams, Cailey Foster, Rebeca Raynes, Emily Fouts, Madison Mayfield, Kalyn Wheatley and Myra Rodriguez; back row, Kaley Mathis, Phillip Coleman, Morgan Frierson, Maci Colley, Taylor Burson, top, Carson Hadaway, Sidney Cassidy, Tillie McGuire, Caitlan Johnson and Delecia Garcia. The team works to raise funds for Autism Speaks.

Tornado drill to be held Feb. 26

The National Weather Service Office in San Angelo will hold the 10th annual Tornado Warning Drill for Schools Thurs., Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 23-27 is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have more than one way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some local radio and TV stations, and emergency management offices may also relay this warning. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

The warning will be issued for the following counties:

Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble and Mason counties.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3. On the following day, March 4, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

The following tornado safety rules are offered to help citizens be safe.

If at home:

- If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.

- Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

- Get away from the windows.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

- Use arms to protect head and neck.

- If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

- Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

- Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

- Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

- If possible, get inside a building.

- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

- Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

- Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

- Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

- If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Food Handler's Course set March 9 for non-profits

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Foodborne illness is caused by harmful germs in food. Given the right conditions, the germs can grow and multiply very quickly in the food. If food with germs is served, anyone can get sick. Groups of people that are especially at risk include young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and the chronically ill. That is why it is important to follow the safety guidelines.

Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell County will be conducting a Food Handler's Course Mon., March 9. The course is targeted at non-profit groups that prepare and serve food to the public. This would include groups such as churches, school organizations that operate concession stands, or an organization that is a one-time, seasonal, or non-profit that serves food. The March 9 course will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building at 2 p.m. and repeated at 6 p.m.

Individuals or groups who prepare and serve food to the public will want to attend this two hour class. The course will be a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure you serve safe food. The course is free of charge.

To pre-register or for more information contact Jane Rowan-County Extension Agent/FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office, 940-864-2546. You may also register on-site the day of the course.

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at hfp@valornet.com



RECYCLING—Rochester Junior High students, l-r, Emmett Benton, Jarred Escobedo, Shawn Duncan and Cole Casey rummage through the trash at the Rochester Junior High basketball games in search of soda cans, plastic water and sports drink bottles. These items are being collected and recycled as part of a Learn & Serve America project. Tabs off the soda cans are also being collected to benefit families at the Ronald McDonald House.

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T-shirts needed

Texas Clothing Advisory Board members and District 3 4-H are collecting men's heavy weight t-shirts in support of the "Sew Much Comfort" organization.

"Sew Much Comfort" provides adaptive clothing free of charge to support the unique needs of our injured service members from all branches of the military and National Guard. The needs for adaptive clothing continues to grow as American military members are injured serving their country.

Each week, many wounded military members arrive in the States from Germany for extensive medical treatment for bullet and shrapnel wounds, burns, head and limb injuries and amputations, while tens of thousands are still in the recovery process. These medical conditions require large fixator, prosthetics and casts that are too bulky to fit under ordinary clothing or underwear.

Since volunteers have to pay for all their supplies

with their own money, the Texas Clothing Advisory Board and District 3 4-H has decided to collect and donate heavy weight t-shirts to "Sew Much Comfort." Volunteers will adapt the shirts to make them easier for injured service members to wear.

Although this is a 4-H community service project, others who are interested are encouraged to participate.

Plain, heavy weight t-shirts for men of any size will be accepted and delivered to "Sew Much Comfort."

Drop off boxes are located at the County Extension Office in Haskell and at Rule High School. All donations will be delivered to the District Office at the District Fashion Show on April 4. Please deliver your donations by Fri., April 3.

For further information, contact Molly Dudensing, Clothing Advisory Board member, or Jenny Dudensing, District 3 4-H officer at 996-2738 or Jane Rowan, FCS Extension Agent, at 864-2658.

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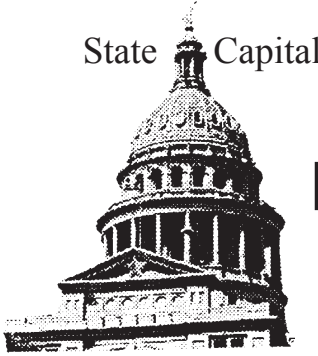
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Speaker Straus names 34 chairs of standing committees

AUSTIN—Texas House Speaker Joe Straus on Feb. 12 exercised one of his most important duties in naming standing House committees.

Straus, R-San Antonio, assigned leadership roles and responsibilities in an egalitarian fashion, reflecting a near balance of 76 Republican seats to the Democrats' 74.

Straus said 15 of his 34 new chairs have not chaired standing committees in prior sessions, and of the 34, 18 are Republicans and 16 are Democrats.

Here are just a few committees and chairs:

Appropriations, Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie; Ways & Means, Rene Oliveira, D-McAllen; State Affairs, Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton; Calendars, Brian McCall, R-Plano; Human Services, Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs; Criminal Jurisprudence, Pete Gallego, D-Alpine; and Public Education, Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands.

Straus also named Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, as speaker pro tempore.

As for the state Senate, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst stuck with his chairs from the 2007 session, with the exception of the Administration Committee. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth, former chair of the committee, lost his re-election bid last fall, so Dewhurst named Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, as the committee's new chair.

Stimulus money will flow to Texas

On Feb. 13, Congress passed the conference report of House Resolution 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, without a "yea" vote from any Republican member of the Texas congressional delegation.

H.R. 1, President Barack Obama's \$787 billion economic stimulus package, got a thumbs-down earlier this month from Gov. Rick Perry, who said he would be against the package unless it offered more tax cuts and less spending.

But the president got all the support he needed in a 60-38 filibuster-proof vote in the Senate and 246-183 vote in the House that included "yeas" from Texas' 12 Democratic reps.

Texas' share of the stimulus spending has been estimated at \$16 billion, but the money must be used as directed. Details on that will come.

As finally passed, H.R. 1 is about two-thirds stimulus spending and one-third tax cuts.

Water must play increasing role

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' new report, "Liquid Assets: The State of Texas' Water Resources" studies Texas' current and future water resources, the issues facing water planners and funding methods that could be used to develop water resources.

Combs said, "By 2060, more than 46 million people could be living in Texas, and demand for water will increase by an estimated 27 percent."

"According to the Texas Water Development Board, failing to meet this demand could cost businesses and workers in the state approximately \$9.1 billion per year by 2010 and \$98.4 billion per year by 2060."

AG launches restitution program

Attorney General Greg Abbott on Feb. 11 made public a restitution program he said is for eligible Countrywide Financial Corp. residential mortgage customers who lost their homes to foreclosure.

In 2008, Abbott initiated an investigation into allegations that Countrywide encouraged homeowners to accept loans they could not afford, failed to fully disclose risky loan terms to borrowers and wrote loans for unqualified borrowers in an effort to increase market share.

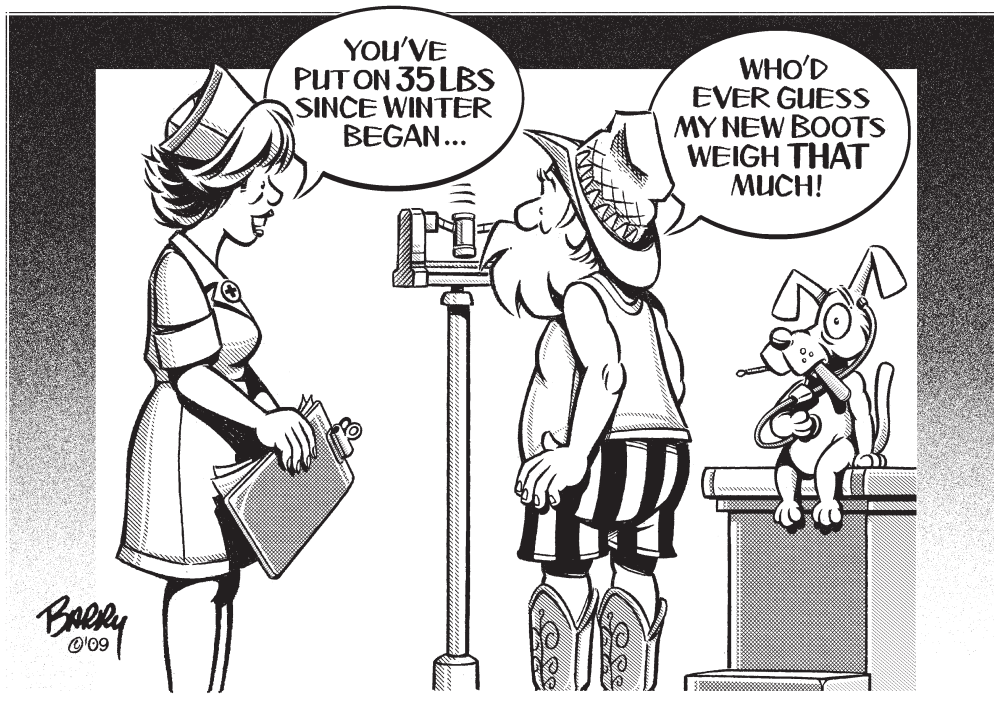
AG halts 2 retirement schemes

On Feb. 13, Attorney General Abbott charged the owners of two investment plans with orchestrating a fraudulent scheme that targeted retirees and teachers.

Howard G. Judah Jr. of Houston and Gregory F. Jablonski of Castle Rock, Colo., falsely guaranteed lucrative investment returns, misrepresented their "life settlement" policy investment offerings, failed to disclose material information to investors and committed multiple violations of the Texas Securities Act.

Travis County District Judge Suzanne Covington granted the attorney general's request for receivership and issued an order seizing more than \$19 million held in several bank accounts under the defendants' control.

Abbott's office said the enforcement action charges the defendants with failing to make required disclosures, selling unregistered securities and other violations of the Texas Securities Act.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 25, 1999

Maidens took the Bi-District title defeating Peaster, 57-50. Shayne McKenzie scored 23 points and recovered seven rebounds. Bree Burgess and Nikki Wallace each had 10 points.

The 63rd annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

Seven Haskell Elementary Accelerated Reading students recognized for their outstanding efforts by the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees were Jaelyn Torres, Chad Kretschmer, Maggie Teague, Brianna Wheatley, Roxanne Chavez, Gracie Barrera and Caleb Hudgens. Together these students read a total of over 350 books during the first semester.

20 Years Ago February 23, 1989

Eleven new members inducted into the National Honor Society were Christi Bartley, Bobby Medford, Gia Henshaw, Teresa Unger, Bo Watson, Davis Chapman, Kyle Darden, Missy Davis, Julie Nanny, Missy Phemister and Marty Trussell. Current NHS members performing the ceremonies were Joy McKeever, Kayce Nemir, Loutina Hadaway, Penny Peden and Dalyn Gilly.

Edward and Melba Moeller celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Robert Ivey, a 1985 graduate of Haskell High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Ivey, was presented the John Fielding Higgs award at the Tarleton State University football banquet. The award is given to the team's most valuable player during the past season.

Eltis Cox and Colene Moody were crowned king and queen at the Valentine party at the Haskell Nursing

Home.

Haskell Bass Club member, Danny Letterman, won first place at their tournament held at Lake Spence. He also had the biggest fish of the tournament.

30 Years Ago February 22, 1979

Haskell Indian band members earned 32 medals in all and qualified 18 students in 12 events for the Texas State Solo/Ensemble Contest.

The ladies from the First Christian Church hosted a Valentine's Party for the Rice Springs Care Home. Crowned king and queen were Dee Phillips and Mary Ray.

Zina Bills, Adrian Lott, Tommie May and Mrs. O.E. Morgan of Rule visited with Ora McCullough.

Danny and Phyllis Letz, Jana and Casey, Hazel Letz and Cecil Klump, all of Old Glory, visited with Herbert Klump.

Haskell County Jaycees took responsibility to coordinate a removal of the debris left behind from the August flood in Haskell.

40 Years Ago February 20, 1969

Rev. Bob Griffith accepted the pastorate of the Paint Creek Baptist Church.

Harry G. Koehler, Soil Conservation Technician of the Haskell Work Unit, received a Certificate of Training from the Area Conservationist meeting in Dallas.

The girls and boys elected officers of Triple 4-H Food project were president, Alma Benevides; vice president, Catherine Kimbrough; secretary, Charles Kirkland; reporter, Kay Maville and clean-up chairman, Joyce Kilgore.

50 Years Ago February 19, 1959

Jerry King, Weinert High School senior, took grand champion honors at the 28th

annual Wichita Falls Junior Beef Show.

The HHS Indians defeated the Hamlin Pied Pipers, 54-51, leaving the Indians with a final record of 6-2 in district.

The Haskell County Farm Bureau purchased the building formerly occupied by the local exchange of General Telephone Co.

The Mattson School Board extended the contract of Supt. William R. Baker for another two-year period running through the school year 1960-61.

Members of the HHS Band Majorettes were Gail Ratliff, Shirley Atchison, Pinky Ratliff, Robbie Mullins, Barbara Elliott and Danna Smith.

100 Years Ago February 20, 1909

G.E. Courtney offers to contract with farmers for 2,000 acres of broom corn.

Contractor J.W. Smith of Weinert was in Haskell and closed a contract with F.C. Lowe to build a house on his farm west of town.

C.L. Jacks has sold his residence near the South Ward School to J.L. Means.

Hardy Grissom returned from the northern markets where he made heavy purchases for his firm.

Deron and Shirley Neatherly returned from Farmersville where they attended school.

The Commissioners' Court approved the issuance of \$20,000 in Jail Bonds and contracted for what is known as the Hill lots of the southeast corner of the square as site for a new, modern jail.

John B. Lamkin equipped his blacksmith shop with a gasoline engine and a power hammer.

J.C. O'Bryan, former editor of the Free Press, was appointed district attorney of the 69th judicial district.

Seed quality top issue in stored grains

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Fungal infections in seed are not normally a problem under the High Plains' dry weather conditions, but they can still occur, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

Both producers and grain elevator operators need to be vigilant in their watch for contaminated seed and make sure treatment occurs before the seed from one year's harvest is replanted the following year, said Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist.

French spoke at the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop in Amarillo. He told the elevator operators seed quality remains one of the top issues in stored grains as it relates to seedling diseases and future diseases wheat might face if the grain is used for planting.

There are several fungi that can attack cereal grains, he said. Some of these fungi can cause black point (kernel smudge), stinking smut (common bunt), and other secondary rots which can slowly degrade grain seed if improperly stored.

The seed can be infected with the fungi pre-harvest if the crop was subjected to stresses such as drought, insect damage, moisture, wind damage and other conditions that favor plant disease development, French said.

"Even if seed is properly cleaned, some affected seed might escape the cleaning process," he said.

Seed containing certain fungi can suffer from damping-off, root or crown rot at the seedling stage, French said. Some fungi can become a problem later on in the season if the seedling survived.

"There are several fungi that can cause such rots, but they also can be managed with seed treatments," he said. "If you've had a history of soil-borne pathogens in your field, such treatment might be warranted."

Fungi may also become a problem in storage facilities if there was a history of seed contamination and/or the storage unit had not been properly cleaned, French said. The right temperature and moisture conditions must be maintained in the grain elevators to prevent fungi from being active against the seeds.

"Under the right conditions, fungal spores can germinate and infect the seed during storage, causing moldy or rotted seeds," he said. But generally there are few fungal problems seen at the elevator level.

In addition to affecting the performance of the crop, the fungi are a concern because some can produce toxins that affect both humans and animals, French said. Good seed quality and storage conditions are important in preventing such toxins from occurring at unacceptable thresholds.

"The healthier the crop, the less chance for it to be susceptible to fungal pathogens and their by-products," he said. "If you are a producer who had problems with sooty molds, stinking smut, black point, kernel rots and other seed rots, you should probably use a fungicide seed treatment before using that seed again."

"If you are worried about your own seed quality, you might also want to look into the possibility of purchasing certified seed," French said.

Paint Creek School earns safety management award

Claims Administrative Services (CAS) has announced that Paint Creek ISD, one of more than 470 school districts and colleges participating in the CAS workers' compensation Association Plan, recently received a safety management award reserved for Plan members who achieve the best loss control results.

The district was recognized by CAS at its 18th Annual TASA Mid-Winter Luncheon Jan. 26 in Austin. CAS awarded a \$500 academic award in recognition of the district's success in implementing safety programs that minimize losses and control workers' compensation cost. CAS has assisted Texas schools and

colleges in preventing over 24,400 employee injuries since 1991, and the company estimates that participating members have seen more than \$294 million in total claim savings during that time.

CAS President, Bill Costanza, commented, "Paint Creek ISD administrators should be congratulated for their commitment to workplace safety and cost control. We at CAS are pleased to see participating members realize such excellent results. At CAS, our top priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum. Given the economic challenges currently facing our nation, state and educational entities, helping our clients realize cost savings is of paramount concern."

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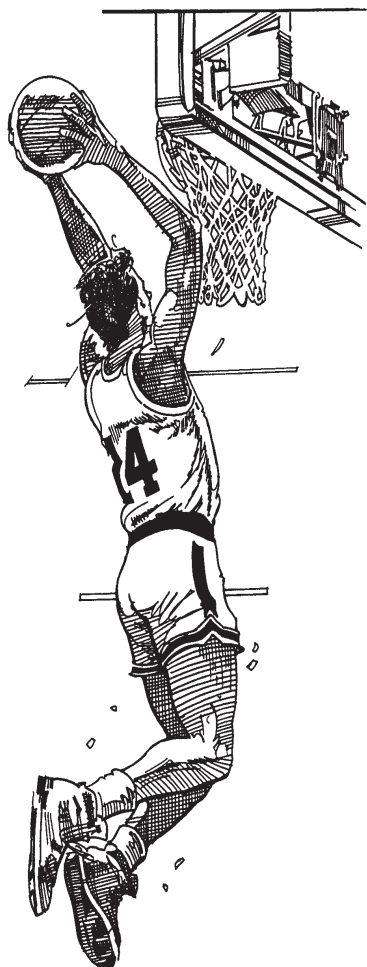
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BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



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

Congratulations!

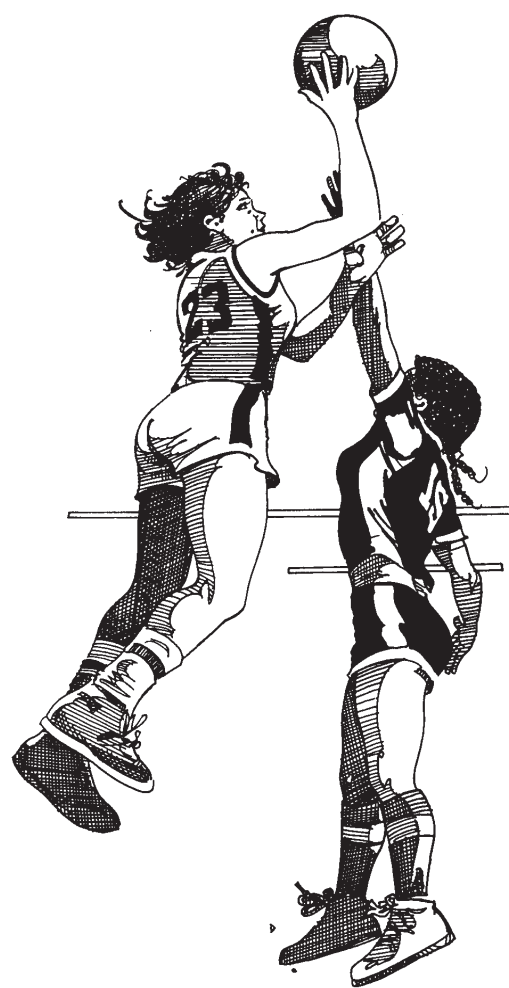
**District 9-A Third Place Champions
Indians vs Runner-up in District 10-A
Mon. or Tues., Feb. 23 or 24**



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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Maidens vs Tolar or Cross Plains
Fri., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Breckenridge**



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CITIZENS OF THE MONTH—These Paint Creek ISD students were selected as good citizens by exhibiting a fair attitude during the month of January. The character theme for the month of was "Fairness." Students from each grade were, front row, l-r, Jr. Bogle second grade and Corbin Waggoner Kindergarten; second row, Buddy Trotter fourth grade, Devery Reed third grade, Adaline Utley first grade and Paige Ramirez fifth grade; third row, Shawn Myers seventh grade and Bryant Booe sixth grade; back row, Jessica Pendergraft eleventh grade, Katie Bosnjak ninth grade, Katie Jones eighth grade and Stevie Garner tenth grade.

Haskell School Menu

**Feb. 23-27
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tues.: Glazed french toast
Wed.: Cereal, buttered toast
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: Cinnamon roll

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.

Mon.: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, apple crisp
Tuesday: Chili cheese hot dog, tater tots, pickle spears, celery sticks, orange slices

Wednesday: Chicken quesadillas, salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, queso, chips, brownie

Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, pears

Friday: Hamburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, RJH & HS: French fries; Elementary: Assorted chips; apple



SHAYLA SESSION



JONATHAN MARTINEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Shayla DeLaShanette Session is the daughter of Vernon and Ruby Session of Haskell.

She attends Bethel Church of God in Christ.

At Haskell High School, she participated in UIL poetry and has been a band member for five years. She is on the A honor roll.

She enjoys reading, singing, going to church and hanging out with her friends.

She plans to attend the University of North Texas or South Plains College and

major in Pre-Med.

Jonathan Martinez is the son of Joe and Velma Martinez.

At Haskell High School, he is involved in football, track and FFA. He was a regional track qualifier in the 110, 300 hurdles and mile relay; and was named to the All-District second team as a linebacker.

He enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing video games, working and dancing.

He plans to pursue a career in dentistry and has not decided on a college to attend.

Joint worship service set Feb. 22 at FBC

First Baptist Church of Haskell and Greater Independent Baptist Church of Haskell will be having a joint worship service Sun., Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Danny Edmond, Associate Pastor at New Fellowship Baptist Church in Abilene, will be preaching and Mae Lou Yeldell of Greater Independent Baptist Church will be leading in a time of worship and singing. Paul Wright, of Common Ground

Ministries in Stamford, will be singing and sharing his testimony.

First Baptist Church and Greater Independent Baptist Church would like to invite the community and those in the surrounding area to come and participate at this special, celebratory worship service. Childcare will be available.

For more information, contact First Baptist Church at 864-2581.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your faith brings new harmony to dispel family discord

In today's world, the definition of a 'family' can vary considerably. We live in an age where single parents and multiple marriages are quite common, and where one may acquire a mixture of children and step-children living under one roof. Such a ménage often produces many problems and a less-than-harmonious atmosphere around the house, with areas of friction between step-parents and children, notably teenagers; and among the children

themselves. The fact that life has assembled a group of people in this manner is no guarantee that they will get along with one another. However, here is where the house of worship can offer some real help and guidance. By attending the services together family members learn that we all belong to God and receive His blessings, for He is the Father of us all. We can enjoy a happier family life if we will just remember that and forget everything else.

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

Rule School Menu

**Feb. 23-27
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Poptarts. graham crackers

Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, grape and strawberry jam

Thursday: Longjohn donut, graham crackers
Friday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot roll

Tuesday: Baked potato, cheddar and ham cup, steamed broccoli, cornbread

Wednesday: Nachos Grande, lettuce and tomato salad, refried beans, pineapple tidbits

Thurs.: Chicken fajitas, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, jello
Friday: Cheeseburger, burger salad, oven fries, apple half

Paint Creek School Menu

**Feb. 23-27
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Biscuits, gravy
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Donuts

Thursday: French toast
Friday: Toast or cereal

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti, green

beans, rolls, salad, fruit

Tuesday: Chicken patty sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, tater tots, jello

Wednesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, bread, rice krispies

Thursday: Enchilada casserole, beans, salad, brownies

Friday: Corndogs, chips, corn, fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 23

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

Wed., Feb. 25

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

tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 27

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

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

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Tye Clark of Rule was listed on the A Honor Roll for the spring 2008 semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. To be on the list, a student must have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and take a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Melody Kennedy of Haskell received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in Art and Tara Lisle of Rule graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Exercise during commencement exercises Dec. 13 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

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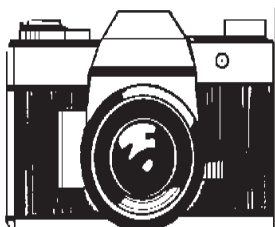
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Bill and Cleve

We would like to say "Thank you" to John and Cindy Foster and family, Mark and Tammy Crosson and family, Nathan Meredith, along with all of the Haskell High School students who gave up their Saturday to help us move to Haskell. We truly appreciate the time, energy and love that you gave to our family—it was more than we ever expected. You are all special and without each and everyone of you we would never have been able to accomplish such an overwhelming task. We are blessed to call you friends.
Thank you,
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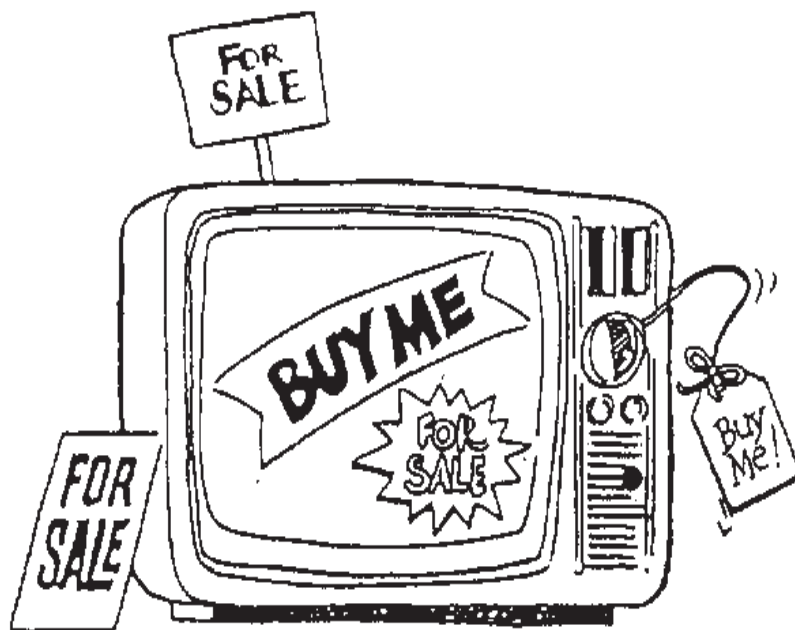
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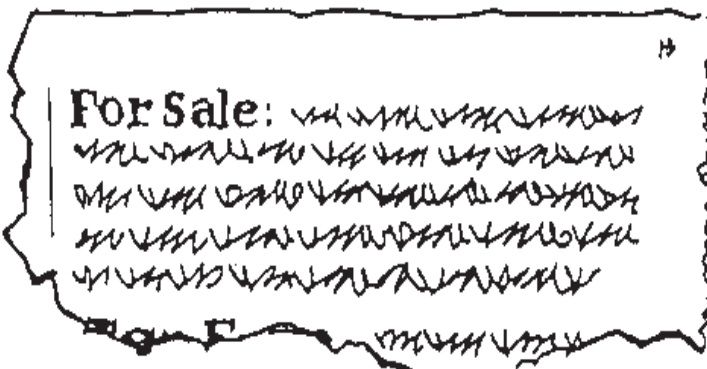
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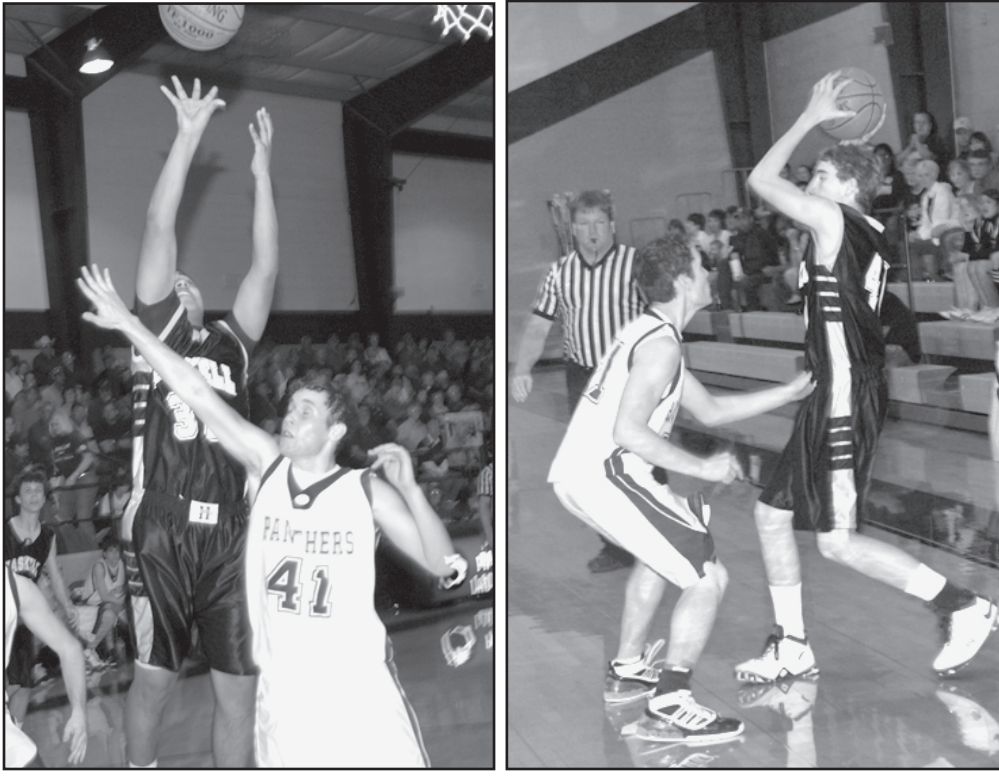
FEATURED LISTINGS

1201 N. AVE. L. A STORY AND A HALF! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1 1/2 story home, kitchen with eat in dining room, both bedrooms downstairs are nice size and the upstairs bedroom is unbelievably large, house has been well maintained, one car detached garage and house sets on two lots and it's on the corner.

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1504 N. AVE. F. MOVE-IN READY. 2 bedroom, 2 full bath frame home, formal living room, with step down den, fireplace, wet bar, large kitchen, dining room, master bedroom with large walk in closet, utility room, 2 seat hot tub, all appliances and furnishings stay, fenced back yard, one car carport. Priced to sell.

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OVERTIME VICTORY—The Haskell Indians came home with the third place title in District 9 after an overtime win against Seymour Feb. 13. The score was Haskell 39, Seymour 37. Indian #32 Simon Rodriguez, left, attempts to add a basket to the score and Indian #40 Ross Wittenborn, right, moves the ball for the Indians.

Photos by Bill Blankenship

Haskell University helps students be successful

Attendance continues to rise at Haskell University. From Sept. 15, 2008 to Dec. 17, 2008, a total of 975 students have been helped. The average attendance was 18.

The majority of students were from the high school. Junior high attendance was 373 and elementary, 16.

Students can get help with homework, complete missed assignments, review for TAKS and retake quizzes and tests.

Four computers are available for research and typing assignments. Seniors are able to use the computers for college and scholarship applications.

Excessive absences can also be made up by attending Haskell University.

“Without this program, students would have to come to school on the weekend to recover credits. Our goal is

to help students succeed and graduate,” principal Larry Howe said.

This program is available Monday through Thursday from 3:45 to 7:45 p.m. for students third through twelfth grade and takes place in the high school library.

Two teachers are present every night to assist students and facilitate missed assignments.

Last school year 1,614 students were helped from November to May. Average nightly attendance was 17.

Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Feb. 9 in a regular session with all commissioners and the county judge present.

A motion to pay all bills presented and bills from Wes Utley for travel to the Fort Worth stock show at the convenience of the County Treasurer was approved.

The County Treasurers' monthly report and the Experienced Citizens report were approved.

A motion to accept the Procedures for the Abatement of Neighborhood Nuisances was approved.

No action was taken on the purchase of a motor grader for Precinct 4.

The official bonds and supervisor bonds were approved for elected officials Johnny Scoggins, David Halliburton, Tiffen Mayfield, Bobbye Collins, Kim Bassett, Mike Fouts and Kris Fouts.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife will be in Haskell Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. to answer questions concerning feral hog and wild game regulations.

A motion to join the State of Texas Co-op program was approved. The cost is \$100 per year to join.

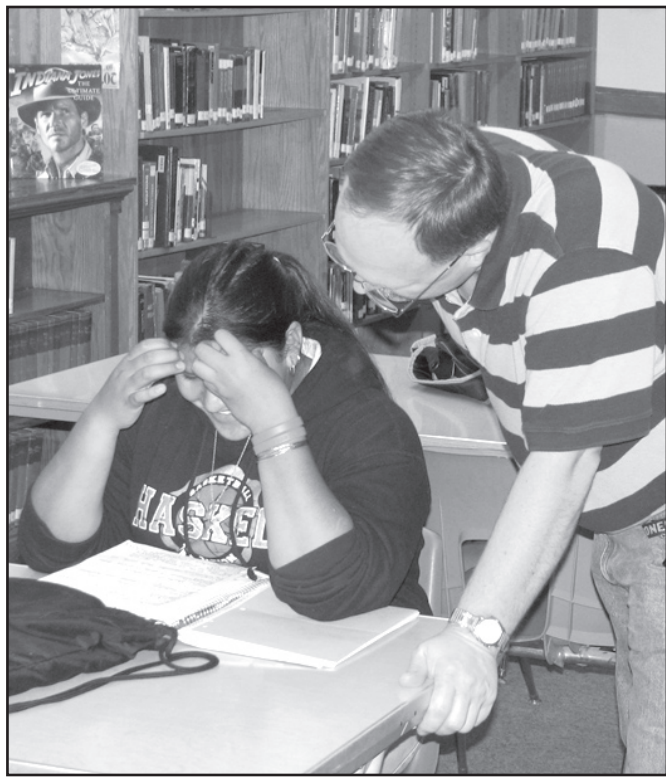
A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with ARCADA passed.

A motion to continue the contract with Basin Pipeline Holdings, LP with Plains Pipeline, LP. was approved.

Existing members of the Historic Commission were reappointed.

Line item transfers were made in Road and Bridge 3: \$10,445 out of Hot Mix & Seal Coat into Machine Hire and \$175 out of Hot Mix & Seal Coat into Miscellaneous.

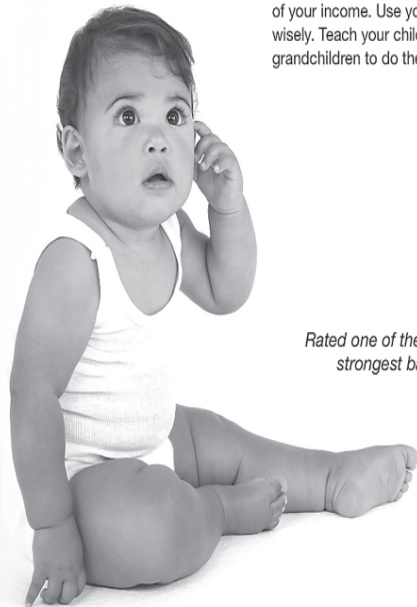
A motion to pay each deputy \$3,000 out of the License Fee paid to Haskell County by Emerald Correctional Management, LLC pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated Agreement by and between Haskell County, Texas and Emerald Correctional Management, LLC for housing services at the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center and that the County will pay the FICA and Retirement due to the precedence set on supplemental salaries in the past was approved.



HASKELL UNIVERSITY—Haskell High School Science teacher Randy Waggonner, right, helps Irma DeLeon with her homework at Haskell University.

Whatd'ya mean I'm \$30,000 in debt?

A baby born today is starting out with around \$30,000 in debt. Do the math. The national debt is 10.2 trillion dollars. To be exact, as this is being written, it's 10 trillion, 266 billion, 382 million, 646 thousand, 543 dollars and 62 cents, and growing. That is the stark reality. But what can you do about it? The place to start is by being smart with your own money. Live within your means. If you can't afford it, don't buy it. Save a percentage of your income. Use your credit wisely. Teach your children and grandchildren to do the same.



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Area basketball scores

Varsity Girls

Haskell 50, Santa Anna 37
Scoring for Haskell: Rodgers 13, Agraz 11, Bassett 12

Rule 54, Lueders-Avoca 44
Scoring for Rule: Benavides 13, M. Dudensing 12, Muniz 10, J. Dudensing 6 Petty 5, Rowan 4, Miller 2, Lion 2.

Varsity Boys

Haskell 39, Seymour 37 OT
Scoring for Haskell: English 19, Marshall 12, Myers 4, Rodriguez 4

Rule 57, Lueders-Avoca 47
Scoring for Rule: Sorley 19, Perales 18, Hertel 12, Clark 8.

Players of the week

Molly Dudensing, senior guard of the Rule Lady Bobcats, was named the Abilene Reporter-News' Player of the Week Tues., Feb. 10 for a memorable game against Paint Creek.

In the final game of her high school career, Dudensing led her team in a 67-19 victory over the Pirates.

Dudensing scored 33 points, gathered 16 rebounds, had 10 assists and 10 steals while only making one turnover in the game.

On the honorable mention list were Haskell Maidens Hope Reid, senior guard, who posted 17 points, 8 assists and averaged 44 percent in a game against Stamford and Molly Agraz, senior post, who had 14 points and 14 rebounds in the Stamford game.

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