

Basketball games

HASKELL
JV-B, VG-B vs Hawley
Fri., Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Girls 7th-8th B vs Cisco
Mon., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
at Cisco

Girls 8th B vs Throckmorton
Mon., Jan. 26, 6 p.m.
at Throckmorton

Boys 7th-8th vs Cisco
Mon., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

JV-B, VG-B vs Cisco
Tues., Jan. 27, 4 p.m.
at Cisco

PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek vs Rule
Fri., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek JH vs Guthrie
Mon., Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.
at Guthrie

Paint Creek vs Guthrie
Tues., Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m.
at Guthrie

Calendar

PC youth basketball

Paint Creek youth basketball is signing up students for the 2004 season. All kids Pre-k (4 years old) through sixth grade are eligible to play. Students do not have to attend Paint Creek schools to participate. Call Gina Buerger 325-773-5226 for more information. Registration will continue through Mon., Jan. 26.

Chamber banquet

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Thurs., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Local and area politicians will have a few minutes to say a few words on behalf of their campaign. For tickets, call the Chamber office at 864-2477.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Jan. 22 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Swedish smorgasbord

The bi-annual Swedish smorgasbord will be held Sat., Feb. 28 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl. Serving times are 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. For ticket information call Connie Shurley 325-773-3757 or 773-5521 or Tena Tankersley 325-773-2721.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Jan. 24 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5:00 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Feb. 2 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring an antique or family heirloom and briefly tell about it.

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Jr. Livestock Show results inside

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GRAND CHAMPION—Kerri Newton of Haskell, proudly poses with her entry, which won the Grand Champion Steer award at the 2004

Haskell County Jr. Livestock Association Show and Sale. Holding the award plaque is her sister, Lauren Newton.

TxDOT to hold public meeting Jan. 29

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting in Haskell Thurs., Jan. 29. Joe Higgins, Hamlin area engineer, said the purpose of the meeting is to gather input from the community on the proposed rehabilitation of U.S. 277 from the south city limit to north city limit and U.S. 380 from the east city limit to west city limit in Haskell.

The meeting will be held in the Haskell High School auditorium at 600 N. Ave. D. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The proposed project would consist of rehabilitating the surface of U.S. 277 and U.S. 380, the reconstruction of existing concrete curb and gutter and installation of new curb and gutter in selected locations. Also proposed is reconstruction of existing and construction of new Americans with Disability (ADA) compliant sidewalks. The project would not

require additionally right-of-way.

The goal of the project is to improve the ride and service life of the two roadways as well as provide pedestrian facilities within the community of Haskell. Exhibits showing the proposed project location and limits will be available for public viewing at the meeting.

There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the presentation by TxDOT personnel, for the public to ask questions and make oral comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting and for ten days following the meeting date. Citizens not able to attend the public meeting may submit comments to the Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 637, Hamlin, Texas 79520, Attention Joe Higgins, P.E.

If there are any questions, concerning the meeting location and time contact Higgins at (325) 576-2765.

All interested citizens are invited

and encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicap accessible. Anyone wishing to attend the

meeting with special needs contact Higgins at the number above at least five days prior to the meeting date.



SHARP SHOOTER—Jessica Miller, junior at Hardin-Simmons University, enjoyed Christmas day when she shot a 10-point buck in the Paint Creek Community. The daughter of Debbie Miller of Haskell spent the day hunting with her granddad, Twain Mickler, and her uncle, Jamie Mickler. Pictured with her is her cousin, Lawson Mickler.

School meeting set for tonight

The board of trustees and administration of Haskell CISD invite everyone to attend a public hearing in the Haskell High School Auditorium, Thurs., Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD.

The goal of the board and administration is to ensure that each voter casts an informed ballot. Following the presentation of the proposed agreement, there will be ample time provided for questions and answers.

Citizens of Haskell CISD will be asked to vote on consolidation, Feb. 7. The decision of the voters in this election will affect the future of Haskell students for many years to come.

The time period for early voting by personal appearance will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays from Wed., Jan. 21 through Tues., Feb. 3 at the Haskell CISD administration office at 605 North Ave. E.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Jan. 30. They should be mailed to Haskell CISD, Attn: Billie Lindsey, P.O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521-0937.

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Obituaries

Delma Jo Turnbow Matthews



DELMA MATTHEWS

Funeral services for Delma Jo Turnbow Matthews, 93, of Haskell were held Wed., Jan. 21 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Brother Tony Grand and John Sam Rike officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Matthews died Sun., Jan. 18 at a local hospital.

Born July 6, 1910 in Hazel Dell, she was the daughter of Lee and Ellen 'Bird' Turnbow. She married Mack Matthews Feb. 5, 1935 in Dublin. He preceded her in death in November 1981. She had lived in Haskell County since 1940 and was a member of the First United

Methodist Church for 50 years. Delma could do anything from raising her four children to driving tractors.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five siblings; and grandson, Bobby Matthews.

Survivors include four children, Dwanna and husband, Wilbert Klose of Haskell; Bobby and wife, Martha Matthews of Stanton; Tommy Matthews of Haskell; and Jan Alexander of Wichita Falls; one brother, Gene and wife, Viva Turnbow of Stamford; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. PD, NOTICE

Lennie A. Williams



LENNIE A. WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Lennie A. Williams, 95, of Haskell were held Sat., Jan. 17 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Brett Anderson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams died Thurs., Jan. 15 in a local nursing home.

Born Sept. 1, 1908 in Hamilton County, she was the daughter of John Morgan Covey and Martha Harlson Rainwater Covey. She married Elbert Alexander Williams in Jones County in 1924. She was a member of the Church of Christ and the Rebeccas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E. A. 'Shorty' Williams; a daughter, Alice Briscoe; her parents; nine brothers and sisters; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include five sons, Edwin Elbert Williams of Cross Plains, Carl Joe Williams and John Kemble Williams, both of Odessa, Douglas Earl Williams of Cedar Park and Tony Alan Williams of Haskell; one daughter, Milla Deen Lowery of Haskell; ten grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; and seven great great grandchildren. PD, NOTICE

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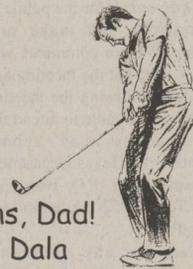
Haskell County Appraisal District
REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

January 31, 2004 falls on Saturday this year, so **February 2, 2004** is the last day to pay your 2003 taxes and avoid the penalty and interest charges.



GOLF

Some firms are hiring. Some firms are firing. Look out Haskell Country Club; Because Hoots' Retiring!



Congratulations, Dad!
 Jim, Todd and Dala

Medical devices needed

Donations of medical equipment and devices suitable for elderly, disabled or handicapped individuals are being accepted at the Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services, 500 S. 10th in Haskell.

Equipments should be in good condition and could include items such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs or transfer benches.

For more information, contact Jerome Bounds, Adult Protective Services at 864-2682.

Student in the News

Wayland Baptist University in Plainview has released the honor roll list for the fall 2003 semester. Students named to the Dean's List maintained a grade-point average of 3.5-3.9 for the semester.

Brittany Lindsey of Haskell was named to the Dean's List.

Short winter trek? Could cost your life

Could convenience cost you your life? Do you ever leave the house without a coat in cold weather because you know you won't have to get out of the car? When you go from your house into your garage, then turn on the heater and drive around on errands, do you really need to bother carrying a coat? Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say yes.

Basketball scores

Girls
 Haskell 52, Stamford 29
 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 13, Bueger 10, Rutkowski 6, McKnight 6, Pannell 6, Gonzalez 4, Newton 4, Harlan 2, Wallace 1.
 JV score: Haskell 39, Stamford 12.

 Haskell 50, Eula 45
 Scoring for Haskell: Bueger 19, McKnight 13, Kendall 12, Harlan 4, Bird 2.
 JV score: Haskell 36, Eula 17.

 Rule 44, Jayton 26
 Scoring for Rule: M. Lehrmann 16, Marquis 11, Brown 7, Smith 6, Lisle 2, Hertel 2.
 JV score: Benjamin Varsity 50, Rule 32.

 Aspermont 40, Rule 31
 Scoring for Rule: Lehrmann 13, Marquis 9, Hertel 4, Lisle 2, Brown 2.

 Rochester 95, Paint Creek 17
 Scoring for Rochester: Martin 40, Nicholson 25, Turner 20, McGhee 2, Saucedo 2, Harris 2, Fernandez 2, Sanchez 1, Brown 1.
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall, 15, Daniel 2.

 Rochester 55, Guthrie 37
 Scoring for Rochester: Nicholson 18, Turner 11, Brown 11, Martin 9, Sanchez 6.

Boys
 Haskell 72, Stamford 41
 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 20, Mitchell 16, Chavez 10, Foster 8, Hairgrove 8, Garcia 6, Collins 2, Hodge 1, McCulloch 1.
 JV score: Stamford def. Haskell.

 Eula 59, Haskell 43
 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 11, Mitchell 10, Hodge 9, Hairgrove 6, Garcia 4, Collins 2, McCulloch 1.
 JV score: Eula 46, Haskell 28.

 Rule 46, Jayton 42
 Scoring for Rule: Ko, Kittley 27, Ky, Kittley 11, Turner 5, Brown 2, Dudensing 1.
 JV score: Benjamin 35, Rule 26.

 Aspermont 58, Rule 35
 Scoring for Rule: Kolt Kittley 15, Kyle Kittley 9, Turner 4, Dudensing 4, Brown 2.
 JV score: Aspermont 45, Rule 17.

 Rochester 90, Paint Creek 41
 Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 35, Self 23, Saucedo 18, Pittman 8, Torres 3.
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Medford 19, Loyd 12, Tatum 5, Bryant 4.

 Guthrie 50, Rochester 48
 Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 22, Self 9, Saucedo 9, Pittman 8.

Around Town
 By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum over the weekend were Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville, Glendon and Donna Hawkins of Stamford and Sammy and Peggy Hawkins and Britney of Aspermont.

Cody Blair and daughter of Woodson visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair, over the weekend.

Faye Gray has returned from a two weeks visit in Weatherford with her sister, Pauline.

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Family gathering honors couple

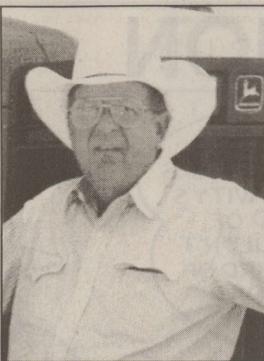
Wilton and Elna Weise of Haskell celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Dec. 20 with a family gathering at Lytle Land & Cattle in Abilene. The gathering was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The couple was married Dec. 20, 1953 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles.

Their children are Jo Ann and Sam Watson, Wilton and Terry Weise and

Cheryl and Wayne Hutchinson, all of Haskell. Grandchildren are Brent Watson and friend Katy Goss, Jill and Chad Hammack, Sara and Max Weise and Kimie and Cole Hutchinson.

Family attended from Garland, San Angelo, Odessa, Abilene, Brownwood, Eden, Ballinger and Haskell.



JERRY HARRIS

John Deere pioneer retires

After 46 years of working for John Deere, Jerry Harris of Haskell is giving up the 'Yellow and Green' so that he can enjoy a different kind of green—the putting green.

Harris started his career with John Deere in Rochester in 1958. Through the years with the company, he worked as a tractor mechanic, shop foreman and salesman before moving up to management. Currently, he is manager at Quality Implement of Stamford.

With plans to retire on Fri., Jan. 23, Harris says he would love to spend his last day at the business visiting with friends and customers over a cup of coffee.

He and his wife, Jerry Ann, reside in Haskell. The couple has three children, Jim Harris of Rule, Todd Harris of Anson and Dala Allen of Abilene.

Students in the news



STARLA SAALI

Starla (McFadden) Saali, a 1984 graduate of Haskell High School and daughter of Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden of Haskell, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Dec. 5, from Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie.

She and her family reside in Tyler, where her husband, Tom Saali, pastors Cornerstone Church of the Assemblies of God and she serves as the church Praise and Worship leader. Following her graduation, she plans to teach in the Tyler area.

She and her husband have two children, Bethany, age 15, and Nathan, age 11.

Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls has announced that three Haskell area honor students were recognized for the Fall 2003 semester.

Named to the President's Honor Roll was Jonie Amanda Martinez. To make the Presidents' Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with no grade point lower than A (4.0).

Named to the Vice President's Honor Roll was Kristin Camille Cypert. To make this Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

Named to the Dean's Honor Roll was Ricky Thomas Anderson. To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

Frances Lane and Franciene Johnson were appointed to work with the Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to obtain highway signs that proclaim Haskell to be the hometown of Gov. Rick and First Lady Anita Perry.

The meeting closed with a rousing game of musical chairs during the mandatory reading of the club constitution.

EXCEL students present program to Study Club

Amid snowflakes and snowman decorations in keeping with the chilly weather, the Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Jan. 8 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program on "Count 10 for Kids."

Jill Druessedow introduced guest speaker, John Foster, of Haskell CISD, director of the Teen Leadership program and sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Students. Assisted by thirteen students from his EXCEL leadership class, who introduced themselves, Foster and the students presented an interesting and informative program on how they are developing confidence, gaining self-esteem and learning communication skills in the program.

Small gifts of appreciation from the club were presented to the group by Dorothy Hartsfield.

Before the business meeting, hostesses Judy Foster, Nelda Lane, Ruby Turner and Billie McKeever served refreshments to guests and members.

New member, Tinka Nelson, was welcomed to the club.

Federation Counselor, Frances

Lane, presented a report from GFWC President, Judy Lutz, about the President's Special Project, "Count 10 For Kids," which fosters projects such as "Kids and Grandparents," designed to help grandparents who must step into the parenting role, and "Join Hands Day," which gives adults a chance to join with a child in a volunteer activity.

Treasurer Betty Wainscott gave a financial report and list of club donation projects budgeted for the year.

Reporting on the city beautification project, Ruby Turner announced that a meeting will be held Jan. 29, concerning changes to be made by the Highway Department around the area west and north of the courthouse square.

A motion was approved to focus efforts on cleanup of the city park/creek, raising money to build a library, and on the possibility of applying for grants to assist these efforts.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Historic land dispute secures ownership rights to 4,662 acres

AUSTIN—More than a thousand Texas land owners probably weren't paying a whole lot of attention last week to the presidential campaigning in Iowa or the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling upholding Texas' congressional redistricting plan. They were more concerned about keeping their property.

The land owners had been fighting to save their rights to 4,662 acres in Upshur County, acreage worth millions of dollars in mineral rights. Three men had filed a vacancy application with the state, hoping to prove that the land in question still belonged to Texas, not the folks who had been keeping deeds in their safe deposit boxes for years.

But last week, after reviewing the proceedings of a Dec. 17 hearing, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson ruled that the land owners had a valid claim on their acreage.

Had the vacancy claimants been successful—they can still appeal to the courts—they stood to collect a finder's fee from the state amounting to one-sixteenth of the mineral rights to the land. That would add up to millions of dollars.

The case was settled, at least from the General Land Office's viewpoint, on the basis of history. Patterson's title experts reviewed the disputed land all the way back to the 1830s, when one William King first owned it. The conclusion was that the land did not belong to the state, though some sloppy surveying had been done.

This has been the most significant land dispute in Texas for six decades, but 10 other vacancy cases for various tracts around the state still are pending.

Move over, Bubba...

It's called the Move Over Act, and that's what it's about, moving over.

A law passed during the last legislative session requires drivers passing a police car or any other

emergency vehicles parked on the side of the roadway to move from the lane nearest the vehicle or to drop their speed to 20 miles an hour below the posted limit. That can be a pretty significant slow down if the speed limit is 25 mph.

The Department of Public Safety offered a 90-day grace period, but started enforcing the law last month. Tickets can cost up to \$200, but if the violation results in property damage from a collision, the fine can reach \$500. Should a violation result in an injury, the fine can hit \$2,000. Oh, and up to 180 days in jail.

State Cemetery ceremony set...

A sailor who died a long way from home will be buried in the State Cemetery in Austin.

When state archaeologists excavated LaSalle's ship the La Belle on the middle Texas coast several years ago, they found a partially clothed skeleton in what had been the bow of the French explorer's ill-fated ship.

The name "Barange" was on a pot found next to the remains, and archaeologists have assumed that was the sailor's name.

No matter who he was, he will be buried with honors in a ceremony set for 2:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the historic cemetery run by the state.

The French ambassador to the United States will be on hand for the services, which are being arranged by the Texas State Historical Commission and the State Cemetery.

Hall of Famer sought...

The governor's office is seeking names of possible recipients of another type of honor—induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Through Feb. 13, nominations will be accepted for Texas women who have made significant contributions in public service, athletics, health or business.

For more information, check the governor's Web site www.governor.state.tx.us or call 800-839-5823.

BUT, SARGE, IF I'M TRAINING FOR MARS — WHERE TH' GRAVITY'S JUST A THIRD OF EARTH'S — SHOULDN'T I ONLY DO A THIRD OF MY PUSH-UPS?



PREZIDENT BUSH SAYS AMERICA WILL OCCUPY MARS ...

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 27, 1994

W. O. Elmore was chosen as the "Outstanding Employee of the Year" in Region 02 of the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS).

Four Haskell eighth-graders, a freshman and a junior, were chosen for the Region 2 South Zone District Band. They were Chris McSmith, Amy Burson, Anna Rieger, Philip Huff, Jacy Cypert and Katy Martin.

Sarah SoRelle, a volleyball player for the Lady Lions of Trinity Christian Schools, earned her way to the State Volleyball Tournament. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Helen Owens of Haskell.

20 Years Ago January 26, 1984

Two Haskell firemen, Charles Harvey and Donald Cunningham, completed requirements for basic certification as volunteer firemen.

The Haskell Garden Club observed Arbor Day by planting a crape myrtle at the Labriere Home. Those present for the observance were Franciene Johnson, Janet Strickland, Juanita Rhea, James Blankenship and Mrs. J. O. Blankenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burton Toliver of Haskell announced the arrival of their son Jonathan Brian Toliver. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

30 Years Ago January 24, 1974

Grand Champion Steer of the Haskell County Livestock Show was shown by Rod Townsend, Rochester FFA.

Allen Strickland and Jack Medford teamed up to win the

championship at the Domino Tournament sponsored at Haskell County Club.

The Haskell Garden Club chose the Dr. Wm. J. Kemp home as Garden of the Month.

Mrs. Wallace Cox Jr. was named a member at large to the West Texas Girl Scout Council.

Elbert and Francine Johnson were treated royally when they took their trip to Houston to the Superbowl game in the AstroDome.

40 Years Ago January 23, 1964

Paulette Allen and Donna Renfro carried Haskell's colors into the very select and highly competitive invitational barrel racing at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Among 395 senior candidates for bachelor's degrees at North Texas State University were Jerry Von Collins and Robby Collins with bachelors of science degrees in secondary education.

William O. (Bill) Holden and Felix Mullino of Rochester were named co-chairmen of the Haskell County Cancer Crusade.

Three showmanship trophies were presented to Don Bullard, John Bullard and Johnny Wyatt, all of Rochester, at the Haskell County's annual FFA Livestock Show.

Dr. T. W. Williams of Haskell, member of the board of directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was among those that attended a session for WTCC's top leadership.

50 Years Ago January 28, 1964

M. C. Josselet, Weinert farmer,

was among 11 Texas farmers honored at a banquet in Dallas. He was presented the Master Farmer's Award given by The Progressive Farmer magazine.

Emilee Griffith, Haskell 4-H'er for six years, was one of three Texas state winners who were awarded national honors in the Dairy Foods Demonstration, Soil and Water Conservation and Farm and Home Safety programs.

T. M. (Tony) Patterson of Haskell became the new owner and operator of Patterson's Service Station in Haskell.

Helber's Jewelry store was moved to new and larger quarters in the Oates Building on the north side of the square, formerly occupied by Wheatley's Store.

100 Years Ago January 30, 1904

F. G. Alexander visited the firm's branch house at Munday. He says the former Knox County Bank, which was a private institution, is now in full operation as the First National Bank of Munday.

Cotton sold in Haskell for 14.30 per pound.

Public Weigher W. T. Jones weighed 3,699 bales of cotton of last year's crop. These figures represent only cotton handled at this place, which believes is considerably more than has been handled by any other town not on a railroad in Northwest Texas. Cotton is still being picked and coming in at the rate of 15 or 20 bales a day and it is probable that 4,000 bales will be weighed here before the season is over.

e Government to be Ag focus of 2004

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has announced that e Government initiatives would be a special focus of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2004.

"E Government is an important part of President Bush's Management Agenda to improve the operations of government," Veneman said during remarks via satellite to the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting. "The computer has already taken its place next to the plowshare and tractor as indispensable to farmers. USDA's e Government initiatives will standardize processes and provide tools to unleash the fuller potential of information technology. Our goal is to operate more efficiently in order to be more responsive to the needs of American agriculture and consumers."

Veneman said that visitors to the

USDA website, www.usda.gov, will begin to see a new design, which is the first phase in efforts to make the website more powerful and improve access to USDA information and science.

"The new look will be followed by improved functionality," Veneman said. "We will continue adding features for users, culminating in August with the launch of 'MyUSDA.gov' to provide a customized version of the USDA homepage for individual users based on their unique needs."

Other features that users will see soon include a "customer statement." Customer statements will put a whole range of USDA services and programs into a single report at the fingertips of agricultural producers. For instance, farmers would be able to view their contracts in various conservation programs, payments under commodity programs and information on loans and crop insurance.

Veneman said that farmers and ranchers will even be able to cross-reference that data with interactive maps of their operations using

geographic information systems, or GIS, technology with overlays for roads, soil types, water and other geographic features.

"Producers will have quick and easy access in a single gateway to the volumes and volumes of maps and geospatial data generated by USDA," Veneman said. "Instead of traveling to a county office, farmers and ranchers will be able to log on from a computer to apply for loan deficiency payments over the Internet."

The goal is to provide integrated service around customer needs. For example, USDA is preparing a new Commodity Market Information System, or CMIS, to bring together many sources of commodity information from our various agencies in one place. The CMIS will be up-to-date and searchable providing user-friendly access to the more than 3,000 commodity-related reports USDA produces every year.

To support these new programs, USDA is making several changes to upgrade systems behind the scenes.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov.

Facts about the Haskell CISD Rochester CLISD Consolidation

Part II: The Rochester Campus

The following are facts on how consolidation will affect the Rochester campus.

At least \$750,000 of Rochester CLISD's \$1.2 million bond issue would be spent. That money will be spent solely to upgrade the Rochester campus to be an educationally appropriate environment for seventh and eighth grade students. The debt would be retired by the consolidated district.

The current Rochester CLISD Board would name the Rochester campus, mascot and school colors.

The Rochester campus would host all home athletic events for grades 7 and 8.

The consolidated district will maintain the Rochester campus in the same manner it is currently maintained.

At least one administrator and one PIEMS support person would be assigned to the Rochester campus.

See next week's edition for fact about employees.

January Garden Checklist

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The life of the flowering pot plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the plant out of range of heating ducts and away from heating units. Keep in a cool room at night, preferably at 60 to 65 degrees F.

Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs.

Be sure to prune back the top of established trees and shrubs before moving. Remove about one-third to one-half of the top to compensate for roots lost in digging.

Plan your flower and vegetable garden now before the rush of spring planting.

Sow seeds in flats or containers in protected structures to establish growth before hot weather arrives. Petunias, begonias, and slow-growing transplants should be sown in early January.

Warm-temperature plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and periwinkles should be sown later in January or February.

Put a light application of fertilizer on established pansy plants. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4 to 6 weeks. Dried blood meal or cottonseed meal are also excellent sources of fertilizer for pansies. Be sure to water well after applying fertilizers.

Prepare beds and garden area for spring planting.

Select and order gladiolus corms for February and March planting. Plant at two-week intervals to prolong flowering period.

Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworms in pouches; if left on the plants, the worms can start their cycle again by emerging from the pouches in the spring and feeding on the foliage. Removing the pouches by hand and burning them is an excellent means of reducing the potential damage next spring.

Rose pruning in South Texas may be done in January. Remember that climbers and other once-blooming roses are best pruned after the spring flowers have faded.

Gin Report

Jan. 19, 2004
Haskell

Haskell Co-op Gin	9,627
Haskell County Gin	4,066
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	15,500
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	10,342
Sagerton Gin	1,800
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	5,988
Weinert Gin	7,248
Total Bales	54,571

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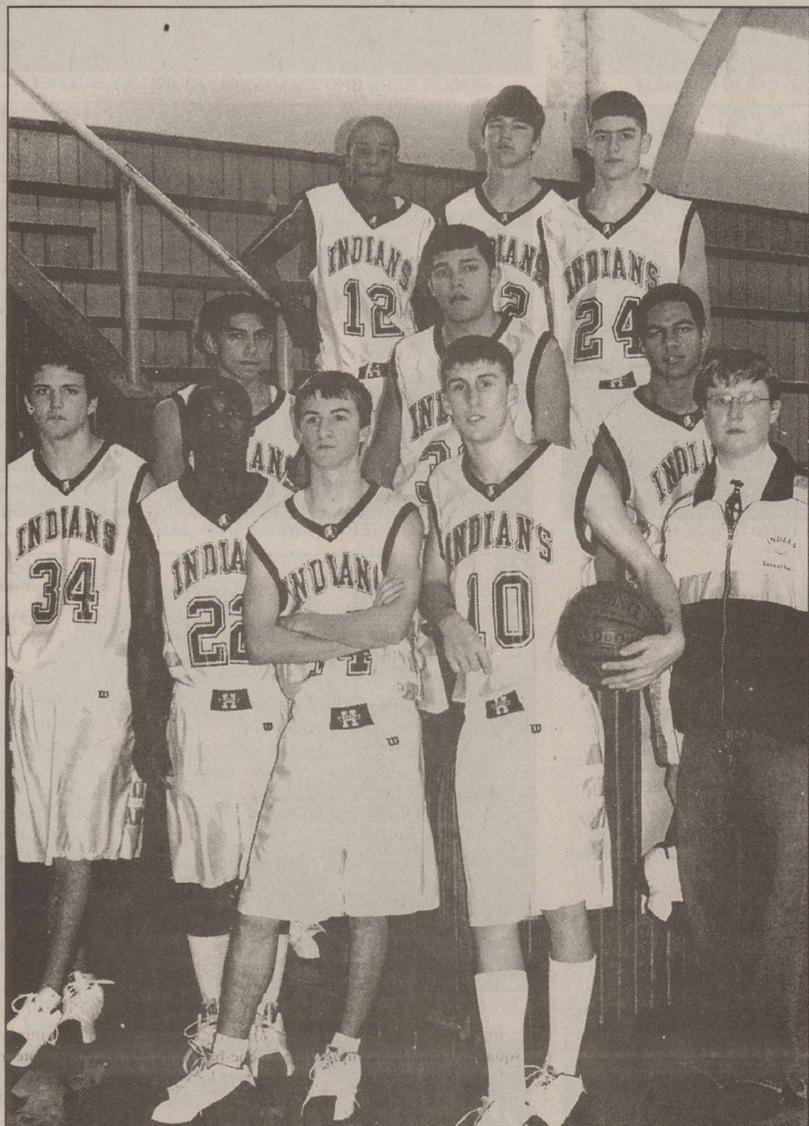
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Front, l-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, Kory Foster, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Middle: Miguel Chavez, Osiel Garcia, L. J. McCullouch. Back: Jakaan Hodge, Brandon McClatchey and Ross Hairgrove. Photo by KIS



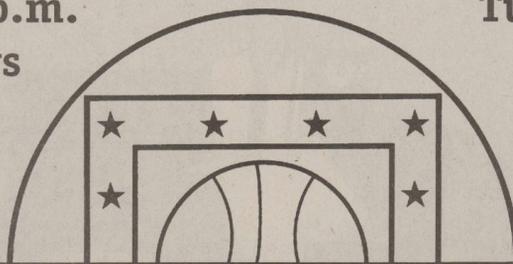
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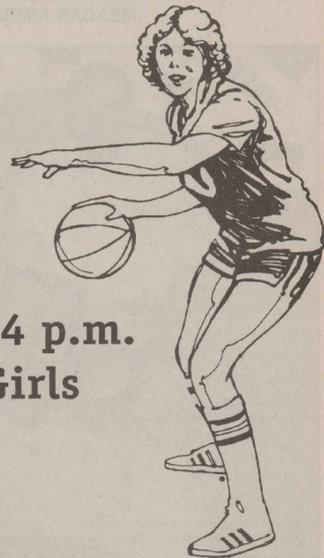
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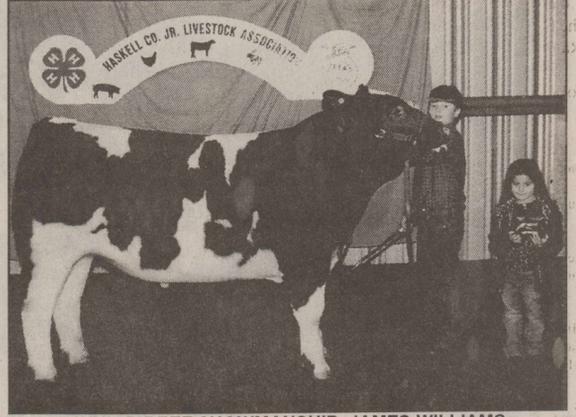
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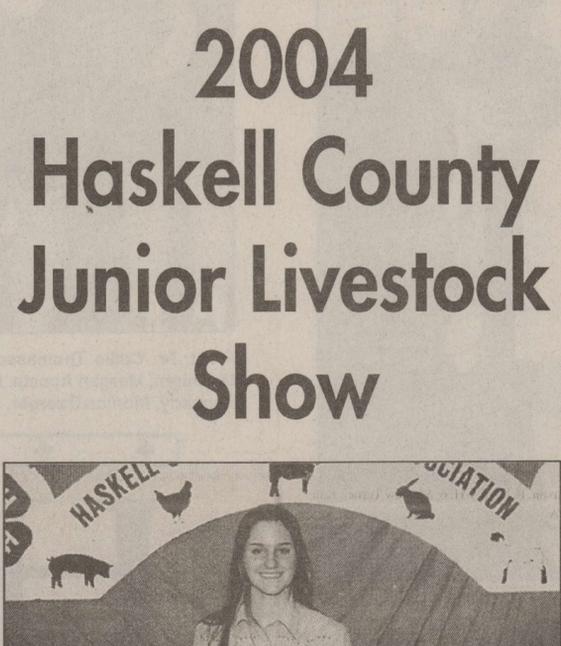
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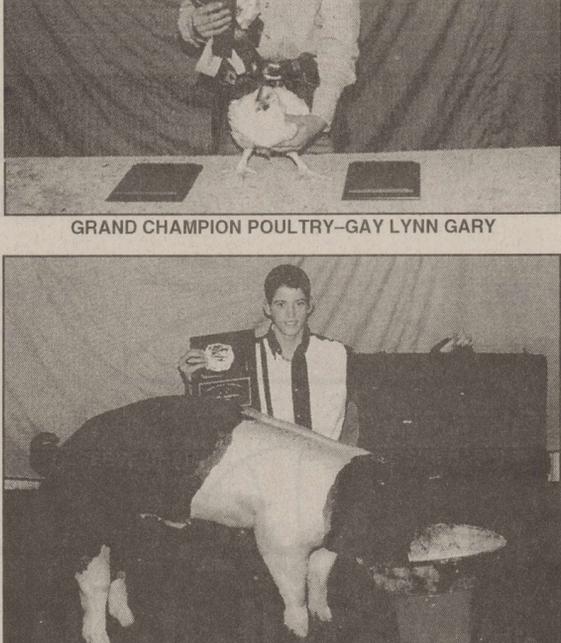
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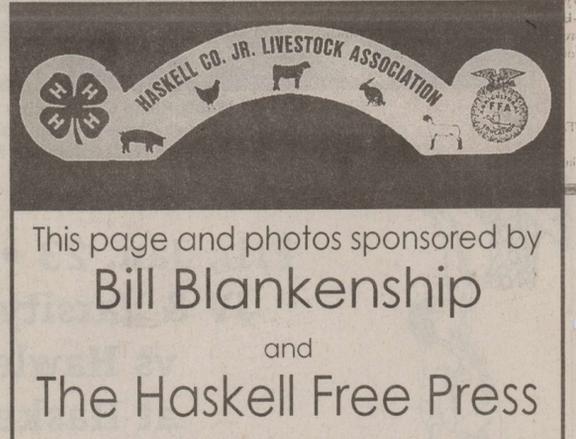
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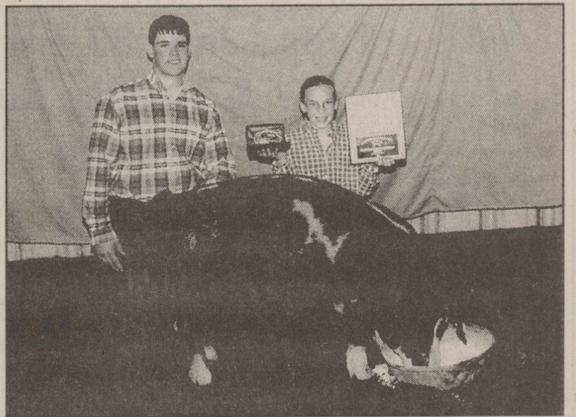
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2004 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show

Haskell County Junior Livestock Show results

Surpassing the number of students entering last year, all 111 youngsters entering this year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale showed stock and went through the sale on Sat., Jan. 17.

At the close of the sale on Saturday, the total sales figure stood at \$65,000, with more expected to come in before the final tally. This will be equal to last year's total, which was a record sale for the annual event.

Dale Bullinger, treasurer, said anyone who would like to contribute to the expenses of the Haskell Jr. Livestock Association may do so at the Haskell National Bank or contact Randy Hise, president.

Congratulations to each of the following winners.

Rabbit Division Breeding Colored

Grand Champion-Holten Hernandez, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion-Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H

Colored Does

1. Holten Hernandez, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H; 3. McKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H

Colored Bucks

1. McKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H; 2. Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H; 3. Holten Hernandez, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Chandler Robertson, Rule 4-H

Fryer Rabbits

Grand Champion-Mykel McGhee, Rochester FFA

Reserve Grand Champion-Kristen Martinez, Haskell FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Mykel McGhee, Rochester FFA; 2. Kristen Martinez, Haskell FFA; 3. Kelsie Miller, Haskell 4-H; 4. Breanna Riggins, Haskell 4-H; 5. Holten Hernandez, Haskell 4-H; 6. Alexis Reed, Haskell FFA; 7. Tabitha Schonert, Haskell 4-H; 8. Kimberly Williams, Haskell 4-H; 9. Chandler Robinson, Haskell 4-H; 10. McKenzie Miller, Haskell 4-H

Middle Weight

1. Clint Hamilton, Rochester FFA; 2. Leah Tibbets, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Krystal Wilson, Haskell FFA; 4. Melinda Brueggeman, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Cody Reece, Haskell Co. 4-H; 6. Amy Hamilton, Rochester FFA; 7. Ashley Foster, Haskell FFA; 8. Casey Wilcox, Haskell FFA; 9. Haley Brown, Rochester FFA; 10. Alexa Roberts, Haskell FFA; 11. Sarah Duncan, Haskell Co. 4-H; 12. Kevin Fowler, Paint Creek FFA

Light Weight

1. Lindsay Pannel, Haskell FFA; 2. Cassidy Brown, Rochester FFA; 3. Lindy Layman, Haskell FFA; 4. Jeff Silba, Haskell FFA; 5. Janie Walker, Haskell FFA; 6. Cassidy Wyrick, Haskell FFA; 7. Misty Jones, Haskell 4-H; 8. Holly Isbell, Paint Creek FFA; 9. Toni Brown, Rochester FFA; 10. Paden Brown, Rochester FFA

Poultry Division Broiler

Grand Champion-Gay Lynn Gary, Rule FFA

Reserve Grand Champion-Gay Lynn Gary, Rule FFA

1. Gay Lynn Gary, Rule 4-H; 2. Gay Lynn Gary, Rule 4-H

Market Lamb

Grand Champion-Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion-Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H

Jr. Showmanship-Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Senior Showmanship-Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H

Fine Wool

1. Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H; 2. Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Fine Wool Cross Light Weight

1. Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H; 2. Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H; 3. Brook Bullinger, Haskell 4-H; 4. Ashley Williams, Haskell 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H; 2. River McTasney, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Southdown

1. Brook Bullinger, Haskell 4-H; 2. Ashley Williams, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Brook Bullinger, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Ashley Williams, Haskell 4-H

Medium Wool Light Weight

1. Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H; 2. Ashley Williams, Haskell 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H; 2. Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H; 3. River McTasney, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Megan Kimbrough, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Candice Brister, Haskell 4-H

Market Steers English

Grand Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Kerri Newton, Haskell 4-H

Class One

1. Chambray Bartley, Haskell 4-H; 2. Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek 4-H; 3. Macy Bingham, Haskell 4-H

Class Two

1. Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule 4-H; 3. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell 4-H

Class Three

1. Kerri Newton, Haskell 4-H; 2. Cannon Edwards, Haskell 4-H; 3. Clyde Frierson, Haskell 4-H

Class Four

1. Courtney Burger, Paint Creek 4-H; 2. James Williams, Haskell 4-H; 3. Clyde Frierson, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Kerri Newton, Haskell 4-H

Exotic

Grand Champion-Kerri Newton, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion-Colin Dunnam, Haskell 4-H

Class One

1. Courtney Burger, Paint Creek 4-H; 2. Gary Frierson, Haskell 4-H; 3. Kellye Tidrow, Haskell 4-H

1. Colin Dunnam, Haskell 4-H; 2. Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H; 3. Gary Frierson, Haskell 4-H

Class Two

1. James Williams, Haskell 4-H; 2. Colin Dunnam, Haskell 4-H; 3. Luke Terry, Haskell 4-H

Class Three

1. Kerri Newton, Haskell 4-H; 2. Colin Dunnam, Haskell 4-H; 3. Stephen Pace, Rule 4-H

Class Four

1. Chambray Bartley, Haskell 4-H; 2. Stephen Pace, Rule 4-H; 3. Luke Terry, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Kerri Newton, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Colin Dunnam, Haskell 4-H

Heifers

Grand Champion-Maggie Teague, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion-Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester 4-H

Jr. Showmanship-James Williams, Haskell 4-H

Senior Showmanship-Courtney Buerger, Paint Creek 4-H

Angus

1. Maggie Teague, Haskell FFA; 2. Maggie Teague, Haskell FFA

Champion-Maggie Teague, Haskell FFA

Reserve Champion-Maggie Teague, Haskell FFA

Hereford Class One

1. Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester 4-H; 2. Amy Turner, Rochester 4-H

Class Two

1. Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester 4-H

Champion-Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester 4-H

Reserve Champion-Amy Turner, Rochester 4-H

Market Swine

Grand Champion-Jeffery Caldwell, Rochester FFA

Reserve Grand Champion-Kate Rowan, Rule FFA

Jr. Showmanship-Paige Glover, Rochester FFA

Senior Showmanship-Ross Short, Rochester FFA

Duroc Barrow Light Weight

1. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell 4-H; 2. Jim Young, Haskell 4-H; 3. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester FFA; 4. Joanna Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 5. Taylor Burson, Haskell Co. 4-H; 6. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester FFA; 7. Daniel Turner, Rule FFA; 8. Erin Hise, Haskell FFA

Medium Weight

1. David Newton, Haskell 4-H; 2. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell 4-H; 4. Rylie Tatum, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Randall Pace, Haskell 4-H; 6. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 2. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 3. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 5. Jordan Burson, Haskell 4-H; 6. Mathew Turner, Rule FFA

Champion-Ross Short, Rochester FFA

Reserve Champion-David Newton, Haskell 4-H

Hamp Barrow Light Weight

1. Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA; 2. Jordan Burson, Haskell 4-H; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 4. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell 4-H; 5. M'Lynn Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 6. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 7. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 8. David Newton, Haskell 4-H; 9. Lauren Newton, Haskell 4-H; 10. Paige Glover, Rochester FFA; 11. Joanna Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 12. Taylor Burson, Haskell 4-H; 13. Chole Baty, Rochester FFA; 14. Mathew Turner, Rule FFA; 15. Chole Baty, Rochester FFA; 16. Will Kittley, Rule FFA

1. Chase Cockerell, Haskell FFA; 2. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 3. Colton Young, Haskell 4-H; 4. James Markey, Haskell FFA

Medium Weight

1. Chase Cockerell, Haskell FFA; 2. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 3. Colton Young, Haskell 4-H; 4. James Markey, Haskell FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Jeffery Caldwell, Rochester FFA; 2. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 3. Joshua Horton, Haskell 4-H; 4. Ashley Lisle, Rule FFA; 5. Matthew Brown, Haskell FFA

Champion-Jeffery Caldwell, Rochester FFA

Reserve Champion-Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA

York Barrow Light Weight

1. Billy Lusk, Haskell 4-H; 2. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 3. Keith Wilcox, Haskell FFA; 4. Paige Glover, Rochester FFA; 5. Chambray Bartley, Haskell FFA; 6. Brittany Griffin, Rule FFA

Medium Weight

1. John English, Rochester FFA; 2. Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA; 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell 4-H; 4. Kortney Kupatt, Rule FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Samantha Saucedo, Rochester FFA; 3. Jaelyn Drinnon, Haskell 4-H

Champion-Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA

Reserve Champion-John English, Rochester FFA

OPB Barrow Light Weight

1. Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester FFA; 2. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 3. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Sam Kittley, Rule FFA; 5. Ashley Lisle, Rule FFA; 6. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 7. Joanna Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 8. M'Lynn Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 9. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 10. Samantha Griffin, Rule FFA; 11. Samuel Turner, Rule FFA; 12. Calina Kendall, Haskell 4-H; 13. Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA

Medium Weight

1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 4. Jeffery Caldwell, Rochester FFA; 5. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 6. Keli Smith, Rule FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 3. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Keith Wilcox, Haskell FFA; 5. Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester FFA; 6. Samuel Turner, Rule FFA; 7. Lacey Stephens, Rule FFA

Champion-Kate Rowan, Rule FFA

Reserve Champion-Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA

Cross Barrow Light Weight

1. Sydney Saucedo, Rochester FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. David Newton, Haskell 4-H; 4. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester FFA; 5. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell 4-H; 6. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 7. Billy Lusk, Haskell 4-H; 8. Tyler Manske, Rochester FFA; 9. Chase Cockerell, Haskell FFA; 10. Cyle Brown, Paint Creek FFA; 11. Jim Young, Haskell 4-H; 12. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 13. Jaelyn Drinnon, Haskell 4-H; 14. Rylie Tatum, Paint Creek FFA

Medium Weight

1. Paige Glover, Rochester FFA; 2. David Newton, Haskell 4-H; 3. Billy Lusk, Haskell 4-H; 4. Lauren Newton, Haskell 4-H; 5. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell 4-H; 6. Chambray Bartley, Haskell FFA; 7. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 8. Jaelyn Drinnon, Haskell 4-H; 9. Randall Pace, Haskell 4-H; 10. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester 4-H; 11. Calina Kendall, Haskell 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Jeffery Caldwell, Rochester FFA; 2. Cody Benson, Haskell 4-H; 3. Tyler Manske, Rochester FFA; 4. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 5. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 6. Joseph Turner, Rule FFA; 7. M'Lynn Lehrmann, Rule FFA

Champion-Paige Glover, Rochester FFA

Reserve Champion-Sydney Saucedo, Rochester FFA

Breeding Gilt

Grand Champion-Paige Glover, Rochester FFA

Reserve Grand Champion-Josh Horton, Haskell 4-H

Cross

1. Paige Glover, Rochester FFA; 2. Cody Benson, Haskell 4-H; 3. Brittany Campbell, Haskell FFA

Champion-Paige Glover, Rochester FFA

Reserve Champion-Cody Benson, Haskell 4-H

Duroc

1. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 2. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester FFA; 3. Josh Horton, Haskell Co. 4-H

Champion-Ross Short, Rochester FFA

Reserve Champion-Stewart Ulrich, Rochester FFA

York

1. Ashley Bullard, Haskell FFA

Champion-Ashley Bullard, Haskell FFA

OPB

1. Josh Horton, Haskell 4-H; 2. Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Chelsea Bullard, Haskell FFA; 4. Josh Horton, Haskell 4-H; 5. Chelsea Bullard, Haskell FFA; 6. Charlie Smith, Haskell FFA

Champion-Josh Horton, Haskell 4-H

Reserve Champion-Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA



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EXHIBIT C-3
 PAINT CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 722,505	\$ 8,991	\$ 731,496
State Program Revenues	709,730	77,502	787,232
Federal Program Revenues	-	78,717	78,717
Total Revenues	1,432,235	165,210	1,597,445
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	736,401	117,470	853,871
Instructional Resources & Media Services	26,468	-	26,468
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,109	-	1,109
Instructional Leadership	8,246	-	8,246
School Leadership	47,310	-	47,310
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	18,052	-	18,052
Health Services	15,745	-	15,745
Student (Pupil) Transportation	79,353	-	79,353
Food Services	-	69,745	69,745
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	45,410	-	45,410
General Administration	107,960	-	107,960
Plant Maintenance and Operations	244,472	-	244,472
Data Processing Services	47,262	-	47,262
Debt Service:			
Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	6,323	-	6,323
Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	2,162	-	2,162
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	27,962	-	27,962
Total Expenditures	1,414,235	187,215	1,601,450
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	18,000	(22,005)	(4,005)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	22,005	22,005
Transfers Out (Use)	(22,005)	-	(22,005)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(22,005)	22,	

Paint Creek School Menu

January 26-30
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast, cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast burritos
Wednesday: Biscuits with gravy
Thursday: Pancakes

Friday: Toast, cereal
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Barbeque on bun, fries, pickles, beans, apple crisp
Tuesday: Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, peas, salad, bread, cookies

Wednesday: Soup, ham or turkey sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, fruit cup
Thursday: Macaroni with ground beef, salad, green beans, rolls, cake
Friday: Hot dogs, fries, beans, pickles, onions, pumpkin bars

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 26-30
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Funnel cake
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Sausage/biscuit
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 ham and cheese.
Monday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot rolls, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Soft tacos/cheese/salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, royal brownies
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, green beans, garden salad, cherry gelatin
Thursday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, pineapple tidbits
Friday: Steak on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, apple wedges

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 26
 Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, English peas, onion slices, tomato wedges, cornbread, gingerbread and topping, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Jan. 28
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
 Lunch—Beef and cheese enchiladas, tossed salad, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chips and hot sauce, jello and sugar cookies, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., Jan. 30
 Lunch—Beef stew, carrot salad, sliced onions, pickles, cornbread, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Weather Whys

Mist and Drizzle
 Q: What's the difference between mist and drizzle?
 A: The real difference is only a slight one, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Mist is composed of tiny droplets of water, so tiny they are suspended in the atmosphere," Odins explains. "Mist reduces visibility, but not as much as fog, which it closely resembles. Technically speaking, during mist, visibility is one-half mile or more. Drizzle, on the other hand, is fairly uniform precipitation and is composed of small water drops that fall to the ground. The only real difference between drizzle and actual rain is that the droplets in drizzle are much smaller."
 Q: So how much bigger are water drops in drizzle compared to those in mist?
 A: Much larger, says Odins. "Drizzle contains drops that are .02 inch or smaller," Odins says. "There are even levels of drizzle - light drizzle (meaning visibility is about one-half mile); medium drizzle (visibility less than one-half mile) and heavy drizzle (visibility less than one-fourth mile). Mist is thinner than fog and the drops are so tiny that many float in the air, reducing visibility to between one-half mile and up to 1.2 miles. For purposes of measuring, the U.S. Weather Service does not regard fog, dew or frost as precipitation. There is also such a thing as arctic mist, which is a mist of ice crystals and is a very light type of ice fog."

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ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p>—HASKELL—</p> <p>East Side Baptist Church
 Dr. Jim Helfin, interim pastor
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church
 Dusty Garrison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>New Vision Family Worship Center
 James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
 Allen Brooks, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church
 Father George Roney
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>Church of Christ
 Brett Anderson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church
 Steve Beatty, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Baptist Church
 Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p> | <p>Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell</p> <p>New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell</p> <p>First Baptist Church
 Kevin Hall, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Church in the Park
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gazebo or Pavillion</p> <p>Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship
 Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell</p> <p>—WEINERT—</p> <p>First Baptist Church
 J. C. Baker, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert</p> <p>Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert</p> | <p>First United Methodist Church
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester</p> <p>—SAGERTON—</p> <p>Sagerton Methodist Church
 Melissa Bemis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton</p> <p>—RULE—</p> <p>First Baptist Church
 Josh Stowe, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
 Wendall Fergerson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Omegs
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Bill Trice, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule</p> <p>West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> | <p>—PAINT CREEK—</p> <p>Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek</p> <p>—O'BRIEN—</p> <p>O'Brien Baptist Church
 Milton McManus, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Haskell High School auditorium.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Proposed Local Consolidation Agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD.

ATENCIÓN PÚBLICA
El Haskell CISD sostendrá un público que se encuentra el jueves, 22 de enero de 2004 en 7:00 de la tarde en el auditorio de Escuela Secundaria Haskell.

El objetivo de la reunión es hablar del Acuerdo de Consolidación Propuesto Local entre Haskell CISD y Rochester CLISD. 3-4c

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD is available for public review during regular business hours at the Haskell CISD central administration office, 605 N. Ave. E. Haskell, TX.

ATENCIÓN PÚBLICA
El acuerdo de consolidación Propuesto local entre Haskell CISD y Rochester CLISD está disponible para la revisión pública durante horas de oficina regulares en el Haskell CISD la oficina de administración central, 605 N. Avenida E. Haskell, TX. 3-5c

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of opportunity to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502, on a proposed continuation of Rural Public Transportation services within Kent, Knox, Haskell.

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EARLY VOTING HASKELL CISD & ROCHESTER CLISD CONSOLIDATION ELECTION
An election is hereby ordered to be held on February 7, 2004, for the purpose of authorizing the consolidation of Haskell Consolidated Independent School District and Rochester County Line Independent School District into a single school district under a local consolidation agreement.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District administration office, 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas, 79521, according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, January 21, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 22, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, January 23, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 24, 2004, Closed; Sunday, January 25, 2004, Closed; Monday, January 26, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, January 27, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 29, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, January 30, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 31, 2004, Closed; Sunday, February 1, 2004, Closed; Monday, February 2, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, February 3, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Haskell CISD, ATTN: Billie Lindsey, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521-0937.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 30, 2004.

EARLY VOTING HASKELL CISD & ROCHESTER CLISD CONSOLIDATION ELECTION
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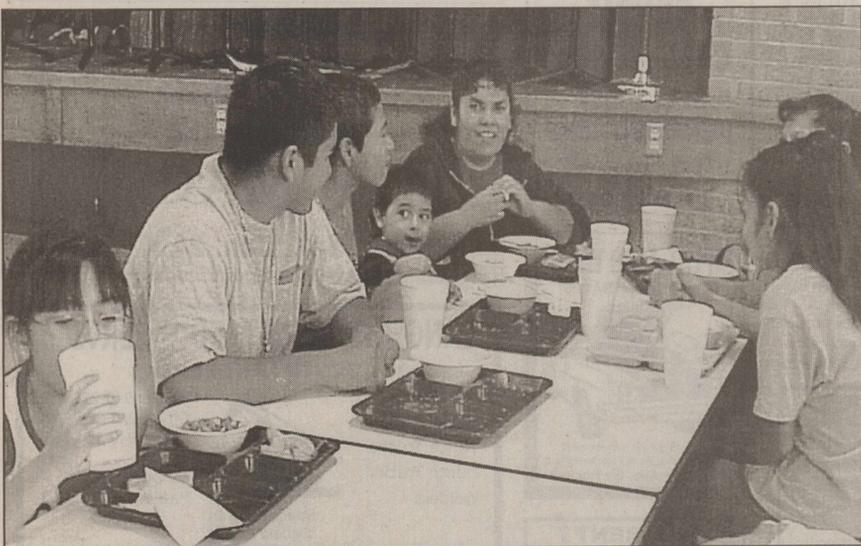
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HOT SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP—Numbers of Haskell residents of all ages enjoyed a hot meal at the annual Soup Kitchen, Dec. 30, made possible by Haskell County Commissioners and County Judge in partnership with Haskell CISD, through funds collected on Super Sunday at local churches. Free to all, with delivery to the home bound by school staff members, the soup kitchen offers an opportunity to model thoughtful service as taught through Learn and Serve projects done by students.



WARM FOOD AND FAMILY TIME—A family enjoyed the occasion of sharing a hot meal served at the Soup Kitchen, Dec. 30, at Haskell Elementary cafeteria. Provided free to anyone who wishes to come, by the Haskell County Commissioners, County Judge and Haskell CISD, the soup kitchen is funded by donations collected by local churches each year on Super Sunday.

New student minister at FBC

Jason Byrd was welcomed Sun., Jan. 18, as new student minister at Haskell First Baptist Church.

Byrd comes from his hometown of Hobbs, New Mexico, where he was Youth and Teaching Pastor of Grace Fellowship for two years. Prior to that, he served as a ministry intern at First Baptist Church, Tulia, and has led students in numerous camps and other events.

A 2001 graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, he was an honor graduate, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Religious Education. While at Wayland, he was a member of the rec team, served as an officer in the student government, and as class president in his sophomore and junior years. Currently enrolled at Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons, he is studying toward his Master of Divinity degree.

Byrd's hobbies and interests include snowboarding, golfing, basketball and baseball. He also enjoys travel, movies and leading worship for students.

Feeling that God has equipped him to effectively minister to young people and help them grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ, Byrd said that one of his ministry goals is to devote himself completely to making a world-class difference in the lives of people around him. "I love building relationships with students in the seventh grade and up," he said.

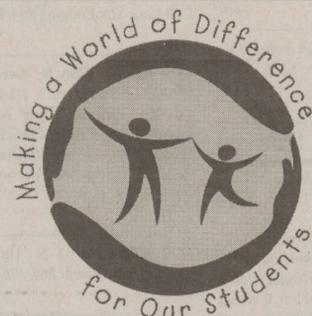
Byrd is looking forward to moving the student ministry into full swing by summer, accomplishing the mission it possesses, he said. "Our strategy is to minister to the individual student at their level of interest, whether they are church or unchurched, and do all we can to meet their needs as they find

acceptance, hope and abundant life in Jesus Christ."

His goal is to help students utilize their gifts and abilities within the ministry, whether it be athletic ability, friendliness, technical prowess or music. Leading worship on guitar and piano for students, he wants to build a team of students to lead music at the Edge on Wednesdays, and encourages them to check Bible study on Sunday mornings and FBC Cribs on Sunday night.

Although a lot of activities will be planned for students to choose from, including Summer Camp, Disciple Now, and Super Summer, according to Byrd, those activities and programs are not the focus of the FBC student ministry.

"Our focus is to make a positive, lasting difference in the lives of students," he said, and he invites all students from the Big Country in grades 7 through 12 to come and check out "a movement like no other."



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