

Basketball games

HASKELL

JV-V G-B vs Munday
Fri., Jan. 20, 4 p.m.
at Munday
JV-V G-B vs Hamlin
Tues., Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
at Hamlin

PAINT CREEK

JH Lueders-Avoca Tournament
Jan. 21, Lueders
JV-V G, V B vs Paducah
Fri., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
at Jayton
JH vs Rule
Mon., Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
JV-V G, V B vs Knox City
Tues., Jan. 24, 5 p.m.
at Knox City

RULE

JH G-B vs Roby
Thurs., Jan. 19, TBA
at Roby
JV-V G-B vs OPEN
Fri., Jan. 20
JV-B vs Quanah
Mon., Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
at Quanah
JV-V G-B vs Jayton
Mon., Jan. 24, 5 p.m.
at Jayton

Calendar

Food distribution

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

Bible study

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an eleven week Beth Moore Bible study entitled 'Breaking Free, Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life.' The study begins Tues., Jan. 24 from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Work books and child care are available by prior arrangements made by calling the church office at 864-2581.

Bible conference

Cornerstone Bible Conference will be held Fri., Jan. 27 through Sun., Jan. 29 featuring Shiloh in concert Saturday night at Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church, 1600 N. First St., in Haskell. Call 864-3775 or 864-2729 for information.

Financial program

Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church, 1600 N. First St. in Haskell, will present Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a study in Biblical money management beginning Sun., Feb. 12 at 4:15. Information meetings will be held Jan. 15 and Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. Call 864-3775 for details.

ECC fund-raiser

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. First St., will host a benefit meal fund-raiser Sun., Jan. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The all you can eat meal will consist of beef and cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, garden salad, pinto beans, chips and salsa, peach cobbler and tea or coffee. Tickets for adults are \$8 each, students are \$4 and children under age 10 eat free.

PC youth basketball

Paint Creek youth basketball signup is underway for children Pre-K (4 years old) through sixth grade. Signup will continue until Jan. 23. Cost is \$15 and is open to all area children. Students do not have to be a Paint Creek ISD student to participate. For more information, call Gina Buerger 325-773-5226, Susan Emert 325-773-2829 or Stacey Medford 940-864-3842.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Feb. 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

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GRAND CHAMPIONS—Amber Bingham, daughter of Scott and Sylvia Bingham, shows her Grand Champion Steer at the Haskell

County Jr. Livestock Show, Sat., Jan. 14. Proudly holding the awards for her sister is Macy Bingham. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Anderson hired as new city manager

The Haskell City Council, met in regular session, Jan. 9 to consider a number of items on the agenda, including the hiring of Brandon Anderson as city manager.

The court's vote was 4 to 1 in favor of a motion to approve Mayor Ken Lane's recommendation of Anderson and to hire him as city manager.

In other business, a request was made by Fire Chief Bill Steele for the city to look into the legal matter of reducing building material when downtown buildings are reroofed.

On a motion to buy the building at 109 S. Ave. C. from Darold Robertson for the amount of \$3000, with the City taking possession April 1, the court voted 4 to 1 to approve. Approval was given by the

council to a motion to alter the budget so that the city can pay off the Country Club loan of \$38,048.00 at 7% interest.

Also approved was the motion to approve the temporary housing at the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center.

The monthly police report was given by Chief Tom Bassett.

City Attorney, Shane Hadaway, reported that all of the paper work for the Country Club is done and filed, and that yield signs there will be on the next meeting's agenda.

In an administrative report, acting city administrator, Ken Lane, reported the following:

Leland Thane has started work on the pilot's lounge at the airport.

Jan. sales tax reported

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has announced that the state collected \$1.57 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 15.9 percent compared to December 2004.

Strayhorn sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2006. January payments to local governments total \$401 million, up 21.9 percent compared to January 2005.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November. The late-November kickoff of holiday shopping gave sales tax revenue a boost, and purchases related to Southeast Texas' continuing recovery from Hurricane Rita continue to contribute to sales tax revenues.

Statewide, Comptroller Strayhorn sent January sales tax allocations of \$260.2 million to Texas cities, up 16.6 percent compared to January 2005. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$22.9 million, up 17.4 percent compared to last January.

Another \$11.1 million went to 102

special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 18.4 percent compared to last January. Ten local transit systems received \$106.7 million in sales tax allocations, up 38.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Haskell County had a 18.07 percent increase for January 2006 of \$25,618.86 in comparison to \$21,697.71 for January 2005.

The City of Haskell had a 18.25 percent increase for January 2006 of \$24,180.56 in comparison to \$20,447.21 for January 2005.

The City of O'Brien had a 7.77 percent increase for January 2006 of \$29.11 in comparison to \$27.01 for January 2005.

The City of Rochester had a 11.13 percent increase for January 2006 of \$371.73 in comparison to \$334.50 for January 2005.

The City of Rule had a 8.54 percent increase for January 2006 of \$921.28 in comparison to \$848.74 for January 2005.

The City of Weinert had a 40.25 percent increase for January 2006 of \$116.18 in comparison to \$40.25 for January 2005.

City Hall is ready for the computer software company to start work the second week in Feb.

A meeting on the Assisted Living project was scheduled Jan. 9, with Congressman Thornberry, who has voiced his thinking that the pace has been kind of slow.

Lane reported that the Wild Horse Prairie shade has been dismantled, and that Melvin Harrison of Vernon is getting the city a bid for redoing the bottom two weirs, which can be seen from the road.

Approval was given to paying all due bills, except for compensation and overtime for Thomas Rodriquez.

Speaking of the prison, Lane reported the employee daily average at 160 in December and average daily inmate population at 504 in December and 545 in January. The prison year-end survey showed only eight times when force had to be used.

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Relief Fund Grant awarded

At the Jan. 9 Haskell County Commissioners' Court meeting, Judge David Davis announced that the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) has informed the County Judge's office that Haskell County has been awarded a Disaster Relief Fund grant of \$350,000 to help the county recover from damages sustained by the Aug. 2005 floods. The grant funds are to be utilized to repair damaged county roads and related drainage damaged by the flood.

The award is made available through the Community Development Block Grant program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is being administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs through the Texas Community Development Program.

Locally, the Haskell County Commissioners' Court met with representatives from NRCS and the Governor's Office. Commissioner Bobby Don Smith toured the county with Jerald Ferguson and Gus Garcia of the Office of Rural Community Affairs. An evaluation of over a million dollars in damages to county roads was estimated from that tour.

Making trips to Austin in efforts to secure the grant were Commissioner Bobby Smith, Commissioner Kenny Thompson and County Treasurer Willie Faye Tidrow and husband Gaston Tidrow.

Tossing cigarettes is a criminal act

As wildfires and their continuing threat persists in our area, the Texas Department of Transportation would like to remind everyone that tossing a cigarette or any type of a smoldering item out of a car window is a criminal act subject to a fine.

As grass fires continue to pop up along the roadways and quickly spread to adjacent properties, TxDOT wants to ensure that the traveling public becomes aware that any smoldering item they throw out of the window can start a wildfire.




BEAR SCOUTS VISIT NEWSPAPER—Filling one of the requirements for their Bear badge, members of the Bear Scouts touring and visiting the Haskell Free Press, Wed., Jan. 11, were: back row, l-r, Leader Sherri Morrow, Reed Lee, Jonah Caddell and Ryan Pace. Front row, Riley Meinzer, Harrison Jarred and Cedar McIlwain.

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Area Basketball scores

Girls
 Rule 59, Paint Creek 13
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 17, Brannon 10, Miller 7, Ke. Scheets 6, A. Lisle 6, Gary 4, M. Lisle 4, Murray 2, Ky. Scheets 2, Lehrmann 1.
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 7, Wolsch 2, Messenger 2, Daniel 1, Hope 1.
 JV score: Rule 42, Paint Creek 17 ***
 Haskell 48, Rotan 28
 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 20, Tribbey 10, Pannell 7, Chavez 4, Rodriguez 4, Newton 2, Medord 1.
 JV score: Haskell 33, Rotan 16 ***
 Aspermont 59, Rule 44
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 18, Scheets 8, Ke. Scheets 7, Lisle 7, Lehrmann 2.
 JV score: Aspermont 25, Rule 24 ***
 Jayton 55, Paint Creek 15
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hope 7, McCord 3, Daniel 2, Wolsch 2, Barr 1.
Boys
 Rule 78, Paint Creek 15
 Scoring for Rule: Pace 17, Brown 16, Simpson 12, Spitzer 12, Hall 10, Dudensing 4, Flores 3, Price 2, Kittley 2.
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Cisneros 11, Bryant 2, Brown 2.
 JV score: Rule 60, Newcastle 51 ***
 Haskell 52, Rotan 26
 Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 16, Lara 14, Adams 7, Guzman 4, Rutkowski 4, English 3, Chavez 3, Alvarez 1.
 JV score: Haskell 39, Rotan 31 ***
 Jayton 64, Paint Creek 26
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Brown 14, Cisneros 7, Bryant 4, Whitfield 1.

 Aspermont 73, Rule 71
 Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 22, Case 18, Dudensing 12, Simpson 9, Brown 6, Kittley 2, Hall 2.
 JV score: Rule def. Aspermont

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Obituaries

Allene Wheatley

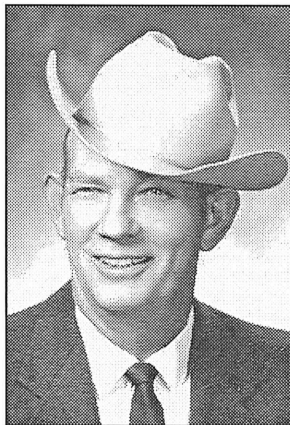


ALLENE WHEATLEY
 Funeral services for Allene Wheatley, 94, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 17 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Troy Culpepper

and Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
 Mrs. Wheatley died Fri., Jan. 13 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.
 Born Sept. 16, 1911 in Haskell, she was the daughter of the late Jim Free and Eula Powell Free. She married Carl Wheatley Oct. 17, 1932 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Aug. 6, 1984. She was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star, where she held many offices and at one time was a Worthy Matron. She was also co-creator and owner of Double A Drive Inn for several years. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church.
 She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl; and two

sisters, Mary Jo Roberts and Ruth Davis.
 Survivors include sons, Keith Wheatley and wife, Meredith of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Jerry Wheatley and wife, Mary Ann of Cleburne, Bobby Wheatley and wife, Linda of Picuyne, Mississippi; three sisters, Connie Liles of Haskell, Jimmie Adkins of Haskell and Nancy Henshaw of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren, three step grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.
 Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the American Cancer Society.
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Frank B. Bledsoe



FRANK B. BLEDSOE
 Funeral services for Frank B. Bledsoe, 84, of Midland, formerly of Hobbs, New Mexico were held Thurs., Jan. 12 at Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Hobbs with Rev.

LaVoid Ford officiating. Burial was in Prairie Haven Memorial park with military honors provided by Fort Bliss Honor Guard. Services were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home of Hobbs.
 Mr. Bledsoe died Tues., Jan. 10 at the Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital.
 Born Oct. 23, 1921 in Haskell County, he was the son of William and Kate Bery Bledsoe. He served his country during World War II in North Africa and Italy and was awarded three bronze stars among several other decorations and citations. He was a service manager for over 20 years with the Lea County Road Department and was a Caterpillar mechanic. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and camping. In his younger days he was very active with the YMCA where he enjoyed boxing. He

was a member of the VFW, a pilot and a Baptist. He was a people person and loved to visit with his friends. After leaving Hobbs in 2001, he lived in Phoenix and Midland.
 He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Margie Bledsoe; three brothers and four sisters.
 Survivors include his daughter, Carol Clements and husband, David of Omaha, Nebraska; sons, Jack Bledsoe and wife, Rita of Midland and Dale Bledsoe of Dallas; step daughter, Bonnie Battinger and husband, Gene of Phoenix; the mother of his children, Lorene Bledsoe of Midland; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.
 Memorials may be made to Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital.
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Vera (Marsh) Berry

Graveside services for Vera (Marsh) Berry, of Abilene were held Fri., Jan. 13 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Brother Mike Woodard officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
 Mrs. Berry died Wed., Jan. 11 at Merkle Nursing Center.
 Born in Ellis County, she was the daughter of Horace Anderson March and Amzie Medley Marsh. She was married to M.D. Berry. She was a bookkeeper for the

U.S. Postal Service and also served her country in the U.S. Army as a clerk typist.
 She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, M.D. Berry, in 1999.
 Survivors include her daughter, Marsha Brittain and husband, Jerry of Abilene; son, Jay Berry and wife, Judy of Abilene; sister, Lorene Allen of Denver, Colorado; four grandchildren, Jason Berry, Steffanie Naredo, David Berry and Lindsey Guess; two great grandchildren, Madilyn and Cooper.
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John Watson, Jr.

Graveside services for John Watson, Jr., 79, of Haskell were held Sun., Jan. 15 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Daniel Echols officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
 Mr. Watson died Fri., Jan. 13 at his residence in Haskell.
 Born Nov. 4, 1926 in Santo, he was the son of John Watson, Sr. and Gladys Gaines Watson. He married Betty June Gullede in March of 1948. She preceded him in death June 1995. He later married Lenora Watson in 1998. A World War II veteran, he retired from Bill Wilson Motor Co in Haskell in 1991 where he worked as parts manager. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Sons of Hermann Lodge and Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty; and one brother.
 Survivors include his wife, Lenora Watson of Stamford; one son, Kenny Watson and wife, Doris May of Haskell; one brother, Tommy Watson of Haskell; two step-daughters, Marylin Thane and husband, Danny, and Susan Teichelman; three grandchildren, Bo Watson and wife, Trina of Wichita Falls, Wendi Dowd and husband, Brad of Abilene and Mary Kay Watson of Lewisville; two step granddaughters, April Hitt and Amber Teichelman; five great grandchildren, Taylor, Matthew and Hallie Watson and Duncan and Avery Dowd; and one step great granddaughter, Brenna Hitt.
 Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605.
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Mildred Young

Graveside services for Mildred Young, 89, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 17 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Pastor Daniel Echols officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
 Mrs. Young died Sun., Jan. 15 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.
 Born Feb. 23, 1916 in New Hope, Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late Alec and Lonie Carson. She married Dennis Young Oct. 16, 1937 in Nashville, Arkansas. She was a Christian homemaker and a member

of First Baptist Church. She devoted her life to her husband, children and grandchildren.
 She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jerry Young; two sisters and three brothers.
 Survivors include her husband, Dennis Young of Haskell; one daughter, Shirley Sloan and husband, Dickie of Rochester; six grandchildren, Ron Young of Lubbock, Tacy Graham of Canton, Ohio, Scott Sloan of Shallowater, Lance Sloan of Rochester, Kurt Sloan of Conroe and J.J. Young of Ruidoso, New Mexico and six great grandchildren.
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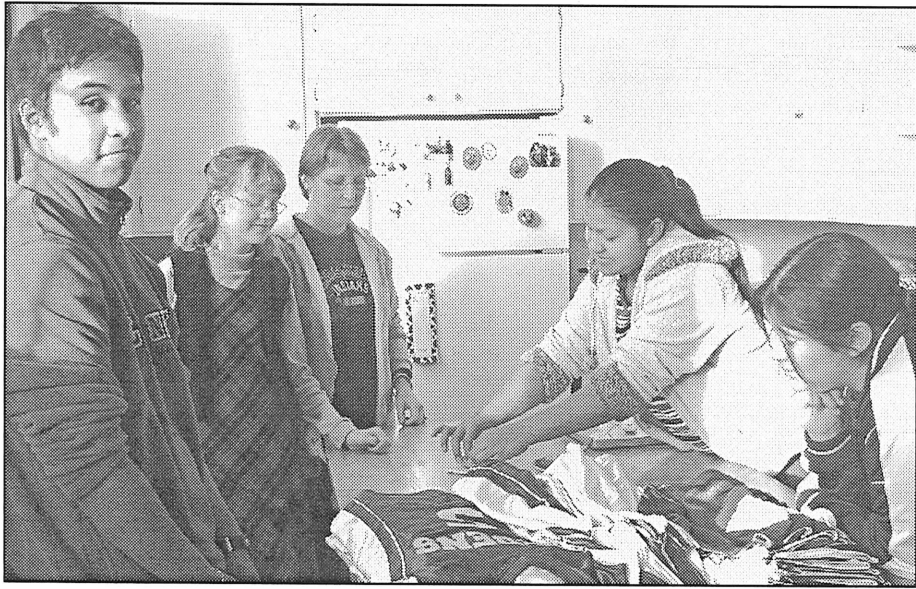
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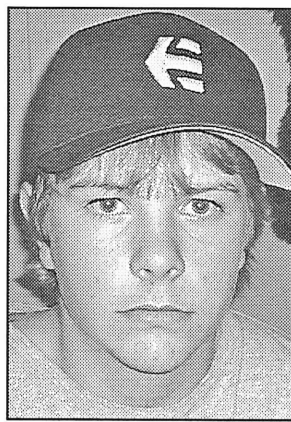
January 27, 28, 29

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

The Joyce Hawkins family Norman, Oklahoma, Arkansas, gathered Sun., Jan. 8 for their annual Lubbock, Dimmitt, Jarrell, Abilene, Christmas party. 51 attended from Potosi, San Angelo and Lewisville.



MAKING BREAKFAST—Students of Karen Smart's classes at Rochester Jr. High School, who prepare breakfast for the staff each morning, prepare some crescent rolls. From the left are Freddie Estrada, Beth Foley, teacher Karen Smart, Irma DeLeon and Julia Zavala.



JOHN REA

Rea helped by Rehab

Fifteen-year-old John Rea, son of Kathy Rea and the late Mike Rea of Abilene, and grandson of Gwen Williams, Sue and Cecil Bingham of Haskell, was injured in a bike accident, June 5. Going through a plate glass window, he cut everything except the bone in his right hand.

Since Aug. 5 he has been a patient of West Texas Rehab, where he will continue treatment until he regains full use of his hand. Through the many days of rehabilitation he is reported to be doing great, but the family says he could not have gotten this far without the Rehab Center.

"I never dreamed that our family would need to attend Rehab, but I am thankful that they could help John. He has improved almost 50% more than he might have at this point, and I credit the Rehab for that," said Kathy Rea. "With this kind of progress, we could be finished in a month or so compared to the 12 months that the doctor expected."

The Rehab Telethon fund-raiser will be held Jan. 21. Realizing that many patients who do not have insurance like John has, rely on the support of donations throughout the year and then again during the telethon, John's family urges everyone to help John and others support West Texas Rehab 2006.

Knox Co. Museum plans events

The Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of KCHC met Jan. 10 in the courthouse assembly room with 18 members and guest, Lyndall Lambert of Goree attending.

Chairman Mary Jane Young reported attending the Fund Development Seminar in Wichita Falls.

The next scheduled fund-raiser is the Defensive Driving Course on Jan. 21. Held in the assembly room of the

Knox County Courthouse, the course is accepted by most insurance companies in the area, offering insurance discounts to drivers taking the course. Registration for the course is set for 8:30 a.m., with the class being taught from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m. by Terri Fletcher of Munday.

Plans for the Feb. 5 annual fund-raiser lunch and silent auction were reviewed, with duties and responsibilities discussed and noted.

The group discussed the duties and responsibilities of the group at the performance of the "Imitation Stats" of Seymour, set to be held Sun., Feb. 12 at 3 to 4 p.m., at the Knox City School Auditorium. A percentage of the donations will go to the Friends of KCHC.

A cutting horse contest on Sat., March 11, is in the planning stage as another Knox County Museum fund-raiser to be held in the future.

Jackson presents art program

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., Jan. 9 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Abilene artist, Ruth Jackson, demonstrated painting watercolor scenes, with a landscape of a Haitian countryside. She demonstrated three points to be considered: creating transparency or translucency; a

reflective quality (as a mirror image); and creating motion and mood.

A series of paintings by Jackson, reflecting the lives of people and scenes from the country of Haiti, will be exhibited in the Center for Contemporary Arts in Abilene this fall. Monies from the sales of these pictures will aid impoverished

children of Haiti.

Those attending the meeting were Beverly Moore, Betty Hook, Jerry Bowers, Marsha Whittemore, Peggy Middlebrook, Betty Berry, Nelwyn Beakley, Donna Clayton, Denia Cunningham, Marilyn Hodge, Anita Herren, Fern Livengood, Adeline Laird and the guest artist.

Hostesses were Betty Hook and Jerry Bowers.

Feed your muscles prior to, after any workout routine

Before hitting the pavement for an early morning run or workout, stop and take a minute to eat a banana, or drink a glass of fruit juice or skim milk.

Eating before and after physical activity is crucial, says Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Eating 30 to 60 minutes before exercise delays fatigue and results in a more effective workout. It's equally important to refuel the body after exercise.

"The muscles need an immediate carbohydrate source to perform at

their best. Exercising on an empty stomach will require the body to make energy from stored muscle protein, thus breaking down muscle," Ms. Sandon says. "Decreased muscle mass results in a decreased metabolism, which is what we are typically trying to increase with exercise."

Eat something high in carbohydrates and moderate in proteins 60 to 90 minutes following exercise, adds Ms. Sandon. These nutrients provide calories, as well as repair muscle tissue broken down by exercise.

Gifted and talented students sought

Haskell CISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to the regular education programming. The G/T Program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

Parents interested in nominating their child for this screening, may come by the offices of Haskell Elementary, Rochester Junior High, or Haskell Secondary School Thurs., Jan. 12 to Thurs., Jan. 26, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and

pick up a G/T nomination packet.

Information about the G/T Program and the screening process are included in the nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 26. Parents of Kindergarten children will need to get their nomination forms in by Thurs., Jan. 26.

For more information, contact Debbie Miller at the elementary school 864-2654, ext. #306.

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Thanks for the question, Misty

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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By Ed Sterling

Texas receives federal disaster tag for drought conditions

AUSTIN—With more than 450 wildfires since Dec. 26 and a continuing threat, President George W. Bush responded to a request by Gov. Rick Perry and gave the whole of Texas a federal disaster declaration.

Now eligible to receive direct disaster assistance are Texans whose homes and property were recently destroyed or damaged by wildfire and those local governmental bodies that have been engaged in wildfire fighting.

Nearly 260,000 acres of land and some 340 homes have been burned by wildfires, as a virtually rainless winter and eight years of drought foster bone-dry conditions across Texas.

9 regions hope to land project

Texas and five other states are competing in the site selection process for the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.

The plant will be designed to separate clean-burning hydrogen gas from the carbon in coal and steam released in the burning of hydrogen will drive generators.

The U.S. Department of Energy's 10-year, \$1 billion project titled "FutureGen" comes in response to a 2003 directive by President Bush to address the issue of global climate change.

If the DOE picks Texas, a site in one of nine regions in the state will get a prototype plant expected to go on line in 2012 and generate enough "clean coal" electricity to power 275,000 homes.

Competing regions include Heart of Texas, Permian Basin, Brazos Valley, Alamo, Houston-Galveston, East Texas, Deep East Texas, Middle Rio Grande and Nortex Regional. Gov. Perry will choose the region if Texas is selected.

Fix anticipated for waning lottery

Next month, the Texas Lottery Commission likely will vote on whether to toss out the bonus ball and return to the six-ball configuration that Lotto Texas used at its height of popularity.

Sales have decreased since 2003 when the bonus ball was adopted. The change worsened the odds of winning from one in 26 million to one in 48 million.

In other news, on Jan. 13 Anthony J. Sadberry was named acting executive director for the

commission. Sadberry, a Texas Lottery commission member from 1993 to 2001, will begin his term to head the \$3 billion agency on Jan. 17, with an annual salary of \$114,996.

FEMA extends evacuees deadline

Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees in the federal hotel/motel direct-bill program will be subsidized through at least Feb. 7.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said evacuees in hotels and motels must call 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585) by Jan. 30 to receive an authorization code that must be presented to a hotel or motel to extend the subsidy for their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6.

Lt. Gov. announces Rita grant

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Jan. 12 announced a \$1 million grant made available through the Governor's Disaster Relief Fund to help small businesses hit by Hurricane Rita.

Funds will be used to provide eligible businesses with up to \$15,000 in zero-interest loans.

Crowd fetes UT Rose Bowl win

More than 50,000 people gathered at the University of Texas' Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium on Jan. 15 to celebrate the University of Texas' 41-38 victory over the University of Southern California Jan. 4 in Pasadena, Calif.

Coach Mack Brown and the Longhorn football team, plus the Longhorn Band and cheerleaders entertained the crowd.

Despite burn bans and fireworks restrictions over much of the state, revelers were treated to a pyrotechnics display at the end of the one-hour ceremonies.

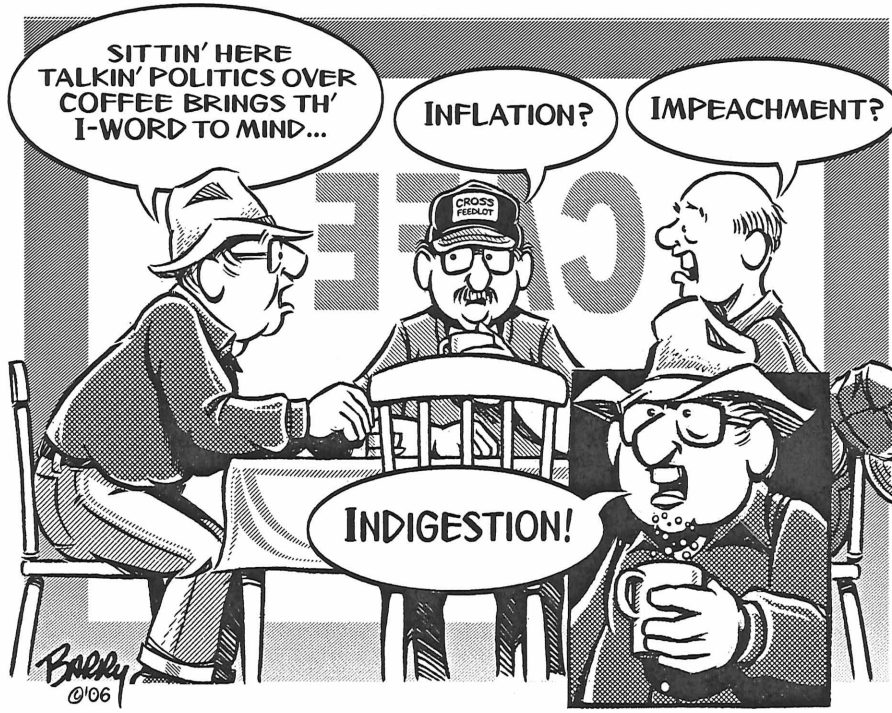
DPS marks Amber Alert day

The Texas Department of Public Safety publicized Jan. 13 as National Amber Alert Awareness Day.

Amber Alerts are used by law enforcement and a long list of cooperating federal, state and local agencies and ordinary citizens in recovering children who have been abducted.

Amber Alerts were used successfully for several years in the Dallas/Fort Worth area before a state plan went into effect in August 2002.

The DPS has issued 19 state-involved Amber Alerts, and 22 children who were featured in Amber Alerts have been safely recovered, the DPS main office said.



Jan.-Feb. garden checklist

by Wesley Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

•Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.

•Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it is fun to page through the garden catalogs.

•Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Petunias, begonias and impatiens should be sown in early January. Warm temperature plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and periwinkles, should be sown in late January or early February.

•Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plantings. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4 to 6 weeks, depending on rainfall. Dried blood meal is also an excellent source of fertilizer for pansies.

•Prepare beds and garden area for spring planting.

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

•Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch, and start the cycle again by emerging in the spring to begin feeding on the foliage. Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.

•The life of the plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the soil moist, but provide drainage so that excess moisture can flow from the pot. 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.

•Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

•When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially when dealing with bare-root plants. The medium to small sizes (4 to 6 feet) are usually faster to become established and more effective in the landscape than the large sizes.

•Prune bush roses during February or early March. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Remove dead, dying, and weak canes. Leave 4 to 8 healthy canes, and remove approximately one-half of the top growth and height of the plant.

•Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in those bare spots in your rose garden.

•When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches; then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only; and last, shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.

•Plant dahlia tubers in late February and early March.

•In Central and South Texas, the following flower seeds may be sown directly without protection in well prepared flower beds in February or March: nasturtiums, annual phlox, California poppies, coneflowers, and larkspur. Petunia plants may be set out in sunny, well drained locations, with little chance of cold damage except in far North Texas.

•Water foliage plants as well as other containerized plants only when needed and not by the calendar.

•Climbing roses should be trained but not pruned. Weave long canes through openings in trellises or arbors and tie them with jute twine or plastic/wire plant ties. Securing canes now prevents damage from winter winds, and contributes toward a more refined look to the garden when roses are blooming. Wait until after the spring flowering period to prune climbing or once-blooming shrub roses.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 18, 1996

Jonathan Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wilson of Haskell, assumed his duties as pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Cainsville, Missouri.

Shannon Waters, a senior at Paint Creek High School, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News All-Big Country Six-Man football team.

Emily Roe Cox of Haskell graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Doctor of Philosophy, majoring in Pharmacy.

Fire Chief E.J. Stewart was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Haskell for 45 years of service to the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. Fireman Wayne Wainscott was presented a 35 year certificate.

Jack Larned Sr., a native of Haskell and his son, Jack Larned Jr. were featured in an article, "Men in blue follow dads into SAPD," in the San Antonio Express-News.

20 Years Ago January 16, 1986

At Haskell National Bank, Carolyn Everett was promoted from vice president and trust officer to senior vice president, operations officer and trust officer; Bettie

Wainscott was promoted from assistance vice president and assistant cashier to vice president and cashier; and Randy Hise was promoted to assistant vice president for agriculture and computer services.

Derinda M. Griffis was named on the Dean's Honor Roll and Janie R. Vincent was named on the University Honor Roll at Midwestern State University.

At the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show, Mickey Dunnam exhibited the grand champion steer; Faye Mullino, the grand champion heifer; and Kirk High, the grand champion lamb.

30 Years Ago January 15, 1976

Reida Mullino of Rochester showed the grand champion steer and reserve champion heifer; Kim Hager of Weinert, grand champion heifer; and Stanley Hager of Weinert, reserve champion steer at the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show.

Carolyn Williams Pippin of Haskell was on the honor list at Western Texas College.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. McFadden celebrated their fortieth anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McFadden celebrated their thirty-fifth anniversary. Jim and A.D. are the

sons of Mattie McFadden of Haskell and their wives are sisters and the daughters of J. A. Wright of Haskell.

Carol Dudensing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudensing and a freshman at Texas Tech, was the leading scorer for the Tech Raider women's basketball squad.

40 Years Ago January 20, 1966

Members Mrs. P. F. Weinert, with 43 years as a member of the Weinert Matron's Club and held offices 31 of those years; Mrs. Fred Monke, 32 years and held offices 17 years; and Mrs. J.W. Liles, 31 years and held offices 12 years, were recognized as outstanding club women.

Seaman Apprentice Ernest Franklin, USN, son of Ernest Franklin of Haskell, was serving aboard the Destroyer USS Sproston, going to the South China Sea for operations with the Seventh Fleet.

Lieutenant Colonel Albert L. Holcomb, son of Annie L. Pritchett of Haskell, was awarded the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Supply Officer Certificate at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

T.R. Odell, formerly of Haskell and Lubbock's oldest practicing attorney, celebrated his 80th birthday with a party at his home.

50 Years Ago January 19, 1956

David Miller, 13-year-old Haskell 4-H Club boy, showed his 915 pound Hereford calf to the grand championship in the second annual Haskell County FFA and 4-H Livestock show.

Beryl Boone was elected president of the Magazine Club, Mrs. Arlos Weaver was elected first vice president and Nettie McCollum was elected second vice president.

Peggy Waldrip, Oleta Cunningham, Sue Cox and Wanda Burson, Haskell High School Public Speaking Class members, presented a short program at the Study Club in Munday.

Anna Vaughn of Haskell was complemented with a dinner held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M.O. Brinlee in her honor of her 85th birthday.

Mrs. J.A. Yancy of Haskell entertained with a surprise birthday dinner honoring her husband on his 74th birthday.

100 Years Ago January 27, 1906

Earnest & Sanders Gin at Pinkerton had 40 bales of seed cotton on the yard waiting to be ginned.

J.L. Jones was over from Rule and stated that town is booming, his real estate firm sold sixty business lots and five lumber yards are being put in to meet the demand of materials.

Lieut. Com. Andrew T. Long, brother of our county and district clerk C.D. Long, was appointed captain of the Mayflower, the president's yacht.

Dr. Hester's new residence in the north part of town was nearing completion.

R.E. DeBard opened a meat market on the east side of the square.

Letters to the Editor

The Experienced Citizens Center needs your help, once again. We are experiencing a struggle to keep the doors open, and the center operating.

An important part of our community, the center gives "Haskell's Finest," our seniors, a place to come for a wonderful meal, and a fun place to join in the fellowship of others. We are like a family here, and we are all concerned about each other.

Our center serves from 80 people to over 100 sometimes, on a daily basis, and we are open 3 days a week.

We also deliver meals to the homebound, who without our meals delivered three times a week, might not get enough to eat. Have you ever gone to bed hungry at night? You probably have not, but believe it or not, there are elderly people right here in our community who do indeed have to go to bed hungry. This

tears at my heart, and it should yours.

If you have a loved one, or know of someone who needs our services, please call me at 864-3875, and we will see to it that they get what they need. If they need other services besides a meal, I know of several programs that they may be eligible for.

We are now experiencing the price crunch of higher food prices, because of the country's economy, and war issues.

Please don't let our seniors be left behind, as they deserves this center, and we who operate it are determined to keep this center open, and the meals going out, some way or other.

Please come out and join us for a meal, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, and I know that you will have a good time. The meals are only \$2.00 for 60 and older, and only \$4.50 for under 60 years.

I guarantee you cannot get a meal for \$2.00, anywhere, that the food is any better and is cooked with care by certified cooks.

As a fund-raiser, we will be cooking for the public on Sun., Jan. 29, from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. Adults \$8.00, students \$4.00, under 10 years free.

On the menu will be cheese and beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips and salsa, tea and coffee, and yummy peach cobbler.

Come on out and join us for a Sunday meal and fellowship.

Jennabeth Kimbrough, Director
Experienced Citizens Center

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 16, 2006
Haskell

Haskell County Gin 6,500
Haskell Co-op Gin 15,286

O'Brien
O'Brien Co-op Gin 22,800

Rule
Rule Co-op Gin 9,460
Sagerton Gin 2,000

Weinert
Griff's Gin 8,812
Weinert Gin 12,017

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HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach LoLo Martinez, Weston Rutkowski, A.J. Alvarez, Derek Agraz, D.J. McCulloch, Jeremy Sorrells, Augustene Lara, Vicente Castillo, Miquel Chavez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams, John English and Coach Toby Villa.

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Fri., Jan. 20 • 5 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys vs Munday at Munday

Tues., Jan. 24 • 5 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys vs Hamlin at Hamlin

Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Mollie McKnight, Jasmine Thomas, Roxanne Chavez and Lindsay Pannell; middle, Kimberly Medford, Lacey Peiser, Samantha Rodriguez and Robbyn Tribbey; back, Victoria Armenta and Kerri Newton.

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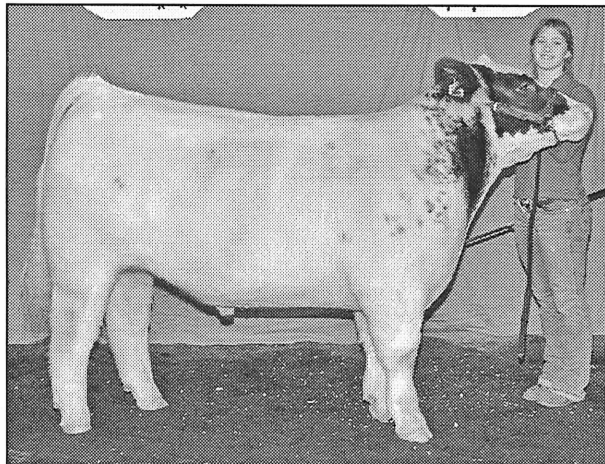
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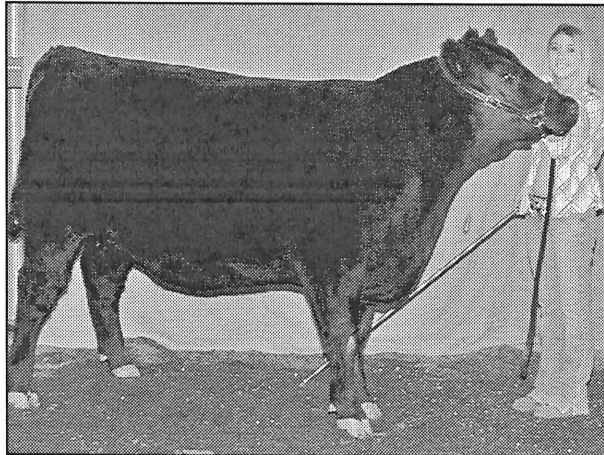
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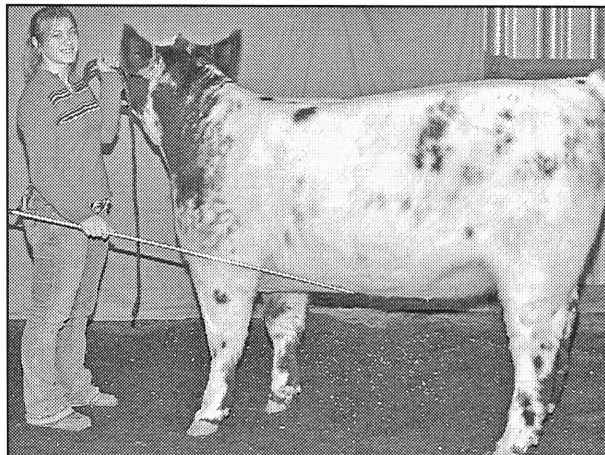
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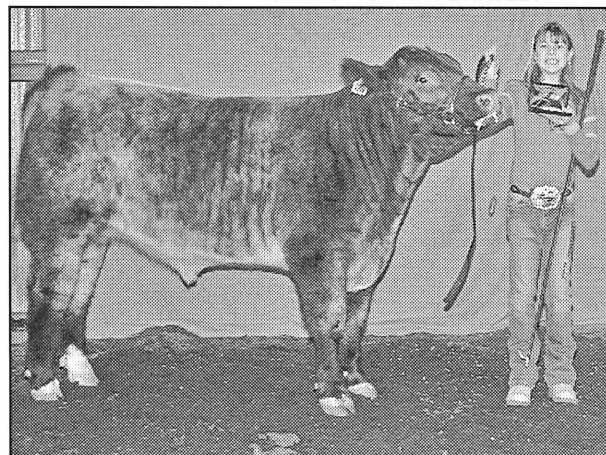
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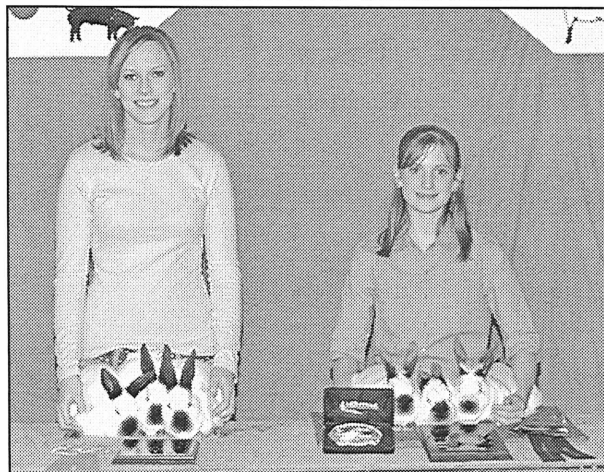
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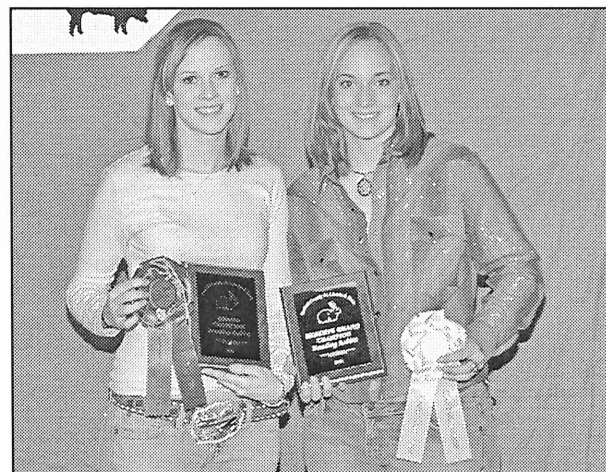
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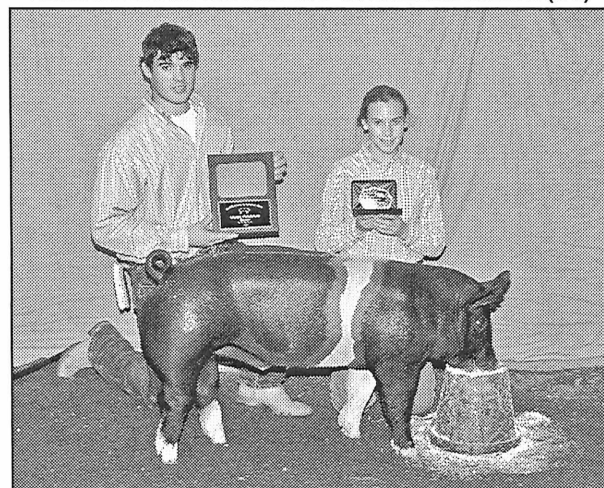
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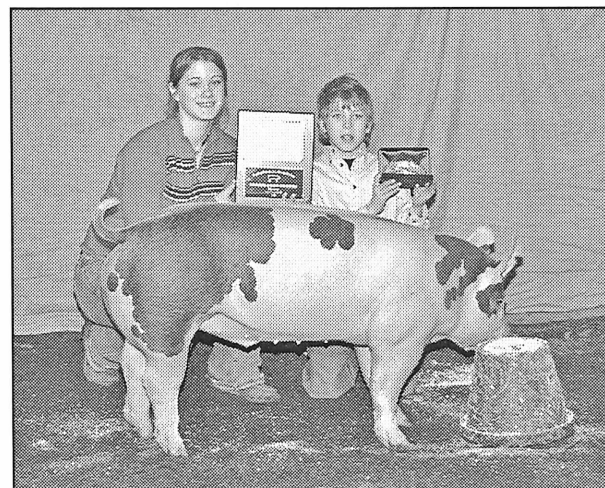
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GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING RABBITS-MACKENZIE MILLER (left)
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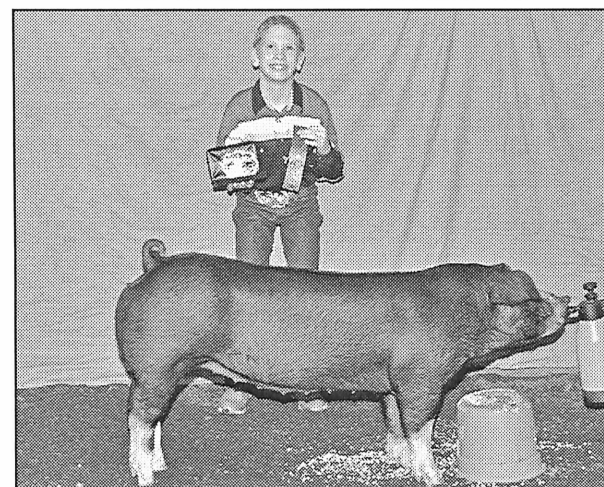
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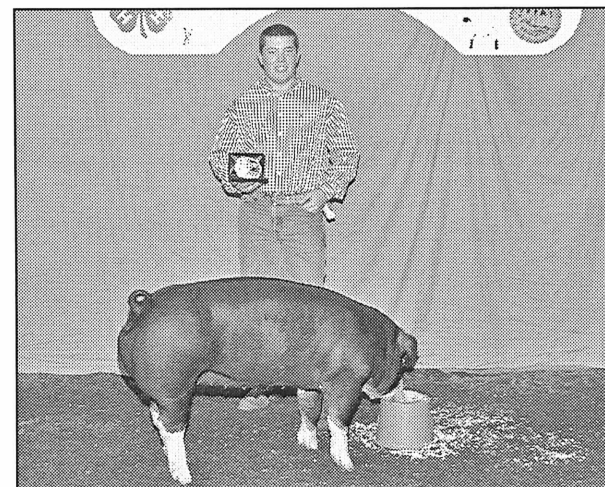
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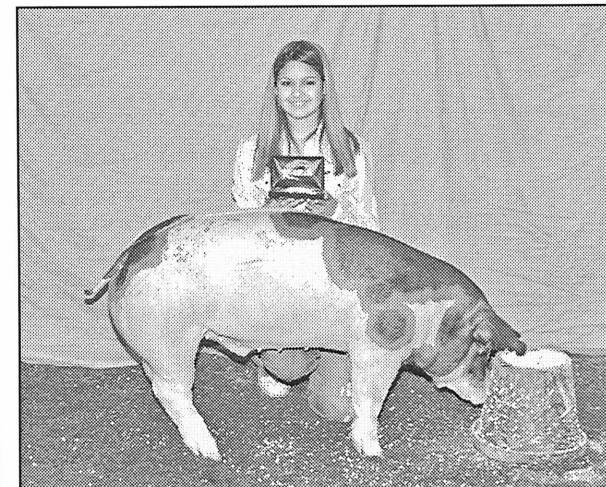
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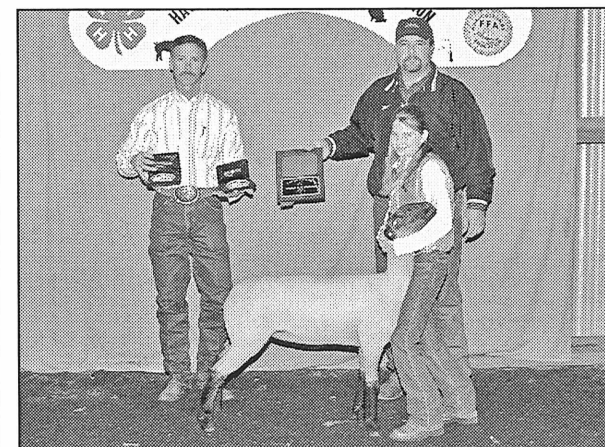
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GRAND CHAMPION POULTRY-ALLISON MITCHELL (right)
RESERVE CHAMPION POULTRY-GAY LYNN GARY (left)

Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show results

Ninety-two students entering this year's Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale showed stock and went through the sale Sat., Jan. 14.

At the close of the sale Saturday, Dale Bullinger, treasurer, reported the total sales figure stood at \$70,000.00, with more expected to come in during the next few days.

Bullinger said anyone wishing to contribute funds toward the expenses of the Haskell Jr. Livestock Association may do so at the Haskell National Bank or contact Randy Hise, association president.

Congratulations to each of the following winners.

SWINE BARROWS
Grand Champion Barrow
 Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA
Reserve Champion Barrow
 Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H
Barrows: 1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 3. Kortney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 4. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 5. Keli Smith, Rule FFA.

Chester Breed Champion
 Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA
Chester

Reserve Breed Champion
 Keli Smith, Rule FFA
Cross Class 1: 1. Billy Lusk, Haskell FFA; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Keith Wilcox, Haskell FFA; 4. Jordan Burson, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Colton Young, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 6. Joanna Lehrmann, Rule FFA.

Cross Class 2: 1. Billy Lusk, Haskell FFA; 2. Rylie Tatum, Haskell FFA; 3. Brady Leach, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Cannon Edwards, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 5. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester 4-H.

Cross Class 3: 1. Stephanie Grand, Haskell FFA; 2. Lauren Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Joanna Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 4. Paula Isbell, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Brittany Hertel, Haskell FFA; 6. Aaron Ulrich, Rochester 4-H.

Cross Class 4: 1. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Cyle Brown, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Paige Glover, Rochester 4-H; 4. Reed Lee, Haskell FFA; 5. Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA; 6. Billy Lusk, Haskell FFA.

Cross Class 5: 1. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Hanna Wallace, Haskell FFA; 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Meghan Glover, Rochester 4-H; 5. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 6. Mathew Turner, Rule 4-H; 7. Payne Utley, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Cross Breed Champion
 Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H
Cross Reserve Breed Champion
 Stephanie Grand, Haskell FFA
Duroc Class 1: 1. Chambray Bartley, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Zeb Petty, Rule FFA; 3. Jim Young, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Cole Hutchinson, Haskell FFA.

Duroc Class 2: 1. Lauren Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA.
Duroc Class 3: 1. Emily Fouts, Rule 4-H; 2. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. C.J. Saucedo, Rule FFA; 4. Rebecca Raynes, Rule FFA.
Duroc Class 4: 1. Samantha Saucedo, Rochester 4-H; 2. Paige Glover, Rochester 4-H; 3. Kortney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 4. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 5. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA.

Duroc Breed Champion
 Emily Fouts, Rule 4-H
Duroc Reserve Breed Champion
 Lauren Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H
Hampshire Class 1: 1. Jim Young, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 3. Keli Smith,

Rule FFA; 4. Stewart Ulrich, Rochester 4-H; 5. Keith Wilcox, Haskell FFA.

Hampshire Class 2: 1. Meghan Glover, Rochester 4-H; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Colton Young, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 6. Payne Utley, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 7. Ashley Lisle, Rule FFA; 8. Daniel Turner, Rule 4-H; 9. Taylor Burson, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Hampshire Class 3: 1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Aaron Ulrich, Rochester 4-H; 3. Joanna Lehrmann, Rule FFA; 4. Jordan Burson, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Hanna Wallace, Haskell FFA; 6. Payne Utley, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Hampshire Class 4: 1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. David Newton, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 3. Brady Leach, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA.

Hampshire Class 5: 1. Kortney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 2. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Rebecca Raynes, Rule FFA; 4. Jessica Pendergraft, Paint Creek FFA.

Hampshire Breed Champion
 Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA
Hampshire

Reserve Breed Champion
 Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA
Yorkshire Class 1: 1. David Newton, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. Kimie Hutchinson, Haskell FFA; 3. Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA; 4. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 5. Matthew Brown, Haskell FFA.

Yorkshire Class 2: 1. Caleb Whitfield, Paint Creek FFA; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Emily Fouts, Rule 4-H; 4. Joseph Turner, Rule 4-H.

Yorkshire Breed Champion
 Caleb Whitfield, Paint Creek FFA
Yorkshire

Reserve Breed Champion
 Kate Rowan, Rule FFA
OPB: 1. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 3. Chambray Bartley, Haskell FFA.

OPB Breed Champion
 Kate Rowan, Rule FFA
OPB Reserve Breed Champion
 Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA
Spot Class 1: 1. Allison Petty, Rule FFA; 2. Keith Wilcox, Haskell FFA; 3. Chambray Bartley, Haskell FFA.

Spot Class 2: 1. Ashley Lisle, Rule FFA; 2. Sydney Saucedo, Rochester 4-H; 3. Keli Smith, Rule FFA.

Spot 3rd Class: 1. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA; 2. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 3. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 4. Kortney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 5. David Newton, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Spot Breed Champion
 Kymbre Kupatt, Rule FFA
Spot Reserve Breed Champion
 Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA

SWINE GILTS
Grand Champion Gilt
 Joshua Horton, Paint Creek FFA

Reserve Champion Gilt
 Will Kittley, Rule FFA

1. Joshua Horton, Paint Creek FFA; 2. Will Kittley, Rule FFA; 3. Joshua Horton, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Joshua Horton, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Lacey Stephens, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Lacey Stephens, Paint Creek FFA; 7. Shawn Duncan Herricks, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

STEERS
Grand Champion Steer
 Amber Bingham, Haskell FFA
Reserve Champion Steer
 Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H

American Steers: 1. Chambray Bartley, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

American Breed Champion
 Chambray Bartley, Haskell Sr. 4-H
English Steers Class 1: 1. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell FFA; 2. Teddy Harris, Haskell FFA; 3. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule 4-H.

English Steers Class 2: 1. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Macy Bingham, Haskell FFA; 3. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Kyle Kimbrough, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 5. Kymbre Kupatt, Rule 4-H.

English Breed Champion
 Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H

English
Reserve Breed Champion
 Shelby Dunnam, Haskell FFA

European Steers Class 1: 1. Chambray Bartley, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Luke Terry, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

European Steers Class 2: 1. James Williams, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Stephen Pace, Rule 4-H; 4. Cannon Edwards, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

European Steers Class 3: 1. Shelton Toliver, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Stephen Pace, Rule 4-H; 4. Cheyenne Buerger, Paint Creek FFA.

European Steers Class 4: 1. Amber Bingham, Haskell FFA; 2. James Williams, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Shelby Dunnam, Haskell FFA.

European Breed Champion
 Amber Bingham, Haskell FFA
European

Reserve Breed Champion
 Shelton Toliver, Haskell Jr. 4-H

HEIFERS
Grand Champion Heifer
 Maggie Teague, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
 Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H
Angus Heifers: 1. Maggie Teague, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

Shorthorn Heifers: 1. Kerri Newton, Haskell Sr. 4-H
Simmental Heifers: 1. Ryan Pace, Rule 4-H.

Jr. Beef Showmanship
 Shelby Dunnam, Haskell FFA
Sr. Beef Showmanship
 Chambray Bartley, Haskell Sr. 4-H

MARKET LAMBS
Grand Champion Lamb
 Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Reserve Champion Lamb
 Meagan Kimbrough
 Haskell Sr. 4-H

Finewool: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

Fine Wool Breed Champion
 Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Finewool X Light Weight Class: 1. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 4. Kyle Kimbrough, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Finewool X Heavy Weight Class: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H.

Fine Wool X Breed Champion
 Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Fine Wool X
Reserve Breed Champion
 Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Medium Wool Light Weight Class: 1. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Medium Wool Medium Weight Class: 1. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Medium Wool Heavy Weight Class: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 2. Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 4. Kyle Kimbrough, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 5. River McTasney, Haskell Jr. 4-H.

Medium Wool Breed Champion
 Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H

Medium Wool
Reserve Breed Champion
 Meagan Kimbrough
 Haskell Sr. 4-H

Jr. Lamb Showmanship
 Meagan Kimbrough
 Haskell Sr. 4-H

Sr. Lamb Showmanship
 Candace Brister, Haskell Sr. 4-H

POULTRY
Grand Champion Poultry
 Allison Mitchell, Haskell FFA

Reserve Champion Poultry
 Gay Lynn Gary, Rule 4-H

1. Allison Mitchell, Haskell FFA; 2. Gay Lynn Gary, Rule 4-H; 3. Gay

Lynn Gary, Rule 4-H; 4. Seth Chavez, Haskell FFA.

BREEDING RABBITS
Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit
 MacKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H

Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit
 Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H

Does: 1. Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H; 2. MacKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H; 3. Taylor Flanary, Rule 4-H.

Bucks: 1. MacKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H; 2. Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H; 3. Taylor Flanary, Rule 4-H; 4. Ariel Blair, Paint Creek FFA.


FRYER RABBITS
Grand Champion Fryer Rabbit
 Bailey Fillmon, Haskell Jr. 4-H

Reserve Champion Fryer Rabbit
 MacKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H

Class 1: 1. Cody Reece, Rule 4-H; 2. Ashley Foster, Haskell FFA; 3. Kelsie Miller, Rule 4-H; 4. Amber Gilbreath, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Taylor Flanary, Rule 4-H; 6. Brittany Campbell, Haskell FFA.

Class 2: 1. MacKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H; 2. Mykel McGhee, Haskell FFA; 3. Lindsay Spooner, Haskell FFA; 4. Kimberly Williams, Rule 4-H; 5. Melanie Bishop, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Sara Duncan Herricks, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 7. Breanna Riggins, Rule 4-H.

Class 3: 1. Bailey Fillmon, Haskell Jr. 4-H; 2. Miranda Johnson, Haskell Sr. 4-H; 3. Shana Armstrong, Paint Creek FFA; 4. Kayce Wilcox, Haskell FFA; 5. Amy Hamilton, Haskell FFA.



Re-Elect David C. Davis for County Judge

I want to say it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your County Judge for the past nine years. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to do so.

Issues and events in our County have brought me in close contact with many of you. Some of the events have been in good times and some have brought much heartache. Together we have faced whatever the situation has been.

As your Judge, I will continue to work for the good of all of our Citizens, Communities and Cities. I will represent what is in our best interest to the State and Federal Governments. I will continue to work with State and Federal Agencies to bring programs, jobs and opportunities for the improvement of our County. Currently I represent our County on various Committees and Boards, such as, Regional Council of Governments, Rolling Plains Health Partnership, Aspermont Small Business Administration, Big County Disaster Relief Committee, Salvation Army Regional Representative, Juvenile Board and County Ambulance Board.

Please vote on March 7 and allow me to continue to work for you, the citizens of Haskell County.

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 23 garlic toast, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
 Lunch—Swiss steak, green beans, cheese potatoes, squash, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Jan. 25
 Lunch—BBQ sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, pickles,
Fri., Jan. 27
 Lunch—Ham and beans, garden salad, onions slices, buttered corn, cornbread, pears, peanut butter cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 23-27 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, 1 pop tart
Thursday: Breakfast taco
Friday: Powdered donut
Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, sunshine bars
Tuesday: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, garden salad, chips, salsa, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, apple crisp
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, breadstick, sliced pears
Friday: Cheeseburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, french fries, ice cream



MICHAEL PAYNE



LINDSAY PANNELL

Students visit Rotary Club

Michael Payne of Haskell attends Cornerstone Baptist Church. In school activities, he is active in One Act Play, UIL and journalism. Special awards he has received are Senior Class secretary, Rotary chairman, Student Council vice-president, and participation in state and regional UIL. His favorite leisure activities are watching movies, reading and relaxing with friends. After finishing high school, he plans to attend Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Howard Payne University to earn a master's degree, and then to own her own business.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 23-28 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal or toast
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Toast or cereal
Friday: French toast
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Frito pie, refried beans, salad, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake
Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, peas, sweet potatoes, salad, cranberry cake
Thursday: Taco, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, refried beans, fruit cups
Friday: Hamburger, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, tator tots, cake

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Lindsay Pannell is the daughter of Tammi and Steve Hawkins of Haskell. She attends Cornerstone Baptist Church. In school she is active in basketball, FFA, UIL and One Act Play. Special recognitions she has received are for State One Act Play and National FFA Ag Issues. Her favorite leisure-time activities are reading and riding horses.

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	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE AMOUNT	LESS DISBURSMENT	END OF MONTH BALANCE
GENERAL	18,471.66	472,426.50	450,956.16	398,336.60	52,264.56
CO CLANK ARCHIVES FEE	0.00	8,483.00	8,483.00	0.00	8,483.00
JURY	897.01	11,104.34	11,901.25	7,231.74	4,669.51
LAW LIBRARY	1,602.08	5,538.54	7,140.62	3,094.76	2,165.86
LATERAL ROAD 1	0.94	5,626.30	5,627.24	5,627.13	0.11
LATERAL ROAD 2	1.77	5,626.34	5,628.11	5,597.07	28.64
LATERAL ROAD 3	47.42	5,656.85	5,704.27	5,092.28	611.99
LATERAL ROAD 4	83.89	5,626.16	5,709.05	5,092.41	114.64
ROAD & BRIDGE 1	73,291.07	39,249.84	112,740.91	58,514.82	54,226.09
ROAD & BRIDGE 2	40,872.99	31,415.17	72,288.16	30,284.84	42,003.32
ROAD & BRIDGE 3	95,538.51	56,535.14	152,073.65	91,673.87	60,399.78
ROAD & BRIDGE 4	92,080.22	24,755.57	116,835.79	28,107.06	88,728.73
F&M LATERAL ROAD 1	56,710.26	25,338.70	82,048.96	48,187.08	33,861.88
F&M LATERAL ROAD 2	15,483.18	35,738.61	51,221.79	16,096.74	35,125.05
F&M LATERAL ROAD 3	37,173.69	44,955.99	82,129.68	51,137.72	30,991.96
F&M LATERAL ROAD 4	54,618.23	15,450.09	70,068.32	35,512.62	34,555.70
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	18,076.52	32,706.68	50,783.20	20,221.21	30,562.00
COMP VICTIMS OF CRIME	18.00	0.00	18.00	18.00	0.00
ARREST FEE	2,038.39	1,499.86	3,538.25	345.47	3,192.78
SECURITY FUND	46,130.09	1,107.89	47,237.98	0.00	47,237.98
SEIZURE FUND	3,113.97	1,615.41	4,729.38	999.63	3,729.75
COUNTY ATTORNEY	6,900.60	2,336.45	9,237.05	1,975.58	7,261.47
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	80.02	134.58	214.60	0.00	214.60
DIST ATTY FORFEITURE FUND	17,407.47	349.84	17,757.31	112.50	17,644.81
MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION	9,723.34	532.96	10,256.30	0.00	10,256.30
PERMANENT SCHOOL	10,650.79	4,486.22	15,137.01	10,650.79	4,486.22
COUNTY LIBRARY	11,626.94	1,048.87	12,675.81	1,369.25	11,306.56
ECC NUTRITION	-213.40	19,142.62	18,929.22	20,762.56	-1,833.34
ECC BUILDING	5,979.48	1,729.69	7,709.17	2,751.69	4,957.48
DIST CLK-REC MGMT	637.81	53.22	691.03	0.00	691.03
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	26,631.89	1,863.94	28,495.83	1,684.74	26,811.09
MVA VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX	5,999.04	32.56	6,031.60	0.00	6,031.60
JUSTICE CT TECHNOLOGY	4,872.89	494.13	5,367.02	1,300.00	4,067.02
ANCHOR PAVILION	1,416.04	9.00	1,425.04	0.00	1,425.04
SPECIAL PROJECT	162.33	0.00	162.33	0.00	162.33
TOTAL	660,536.53	793,270.81	1,453,807.34	854,385.08	599,422.26
INVESTMENTS:					
SOCIAL SECURITY C.D.			11,104.40		11,104.40
STATE AGENCY C.D.			58,081.64		58,081.64
GENERAL FUND C.D.			101,391.30		101,391.30
				160,577.34	160,577.34
TOTAL CASH ASSETS FOR HASKELL COUNTY					762,113.62

County Treasurer & Investment Officer
 Willie Faye Tidrow

On January 9, 2006 the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County met in regular session and compared the Quarterly Report of Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending December 31, 2005 and found the same and correct respective amounts to have been paid out during the quarter.

DAVID C. DAVIS
 COUNTY JUDGE

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 COMMISSIONER PREC.#1

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 COUNTY CLERK

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This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH WILL GIVE YOU PATIENCE FOR TODAY'S WORLD

In this age of instant foods and virtually everything else, we often clamor for the immediate fulfillment of all our wishes as a matter of course. Patience has nearly become a lost art because we seem to have so little need of it in this push-button era. However, faith in God will not only help you regain your patience, but will let you know if the rapid results you have come to expect are really worthwhile attaining. There may be no such thing as instant success, but there is an instant faith which will direct you towards it in the proper manner. It's as near as your church.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
 Danny Manross, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
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
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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 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
 Jim Yates, minister
 Sun. Morn. 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
 Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 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. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Park
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gazebo or Pavillion
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
 Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
Cross of Christ Fellowship
 Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
 864-5404
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
 455 CR 410, Haskell
WEINERT
First Baptist Church
 J. C. Baker, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
ROCHESTER
Church of Christ
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Jim Davis, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester
Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester
SAGERTON
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton
RULE
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
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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
First United Methodist Church
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Ornegs
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Bill Trice, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
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
PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 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.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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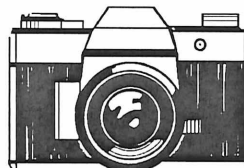
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY
Date: January 10, 2006
On the 10th day of January 2006, I impounded the following estray:
Kind of Animal, Cow; Breed, Brangus; Color, Black; Sex, Female; Size, 1,160 lbs.; Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Metal ear tag #745AR3116. Found northeast of Weinert, Texas; and on the 10th day of January, 2006, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Haskell County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Haskell County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 27th day of January, 2006, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Haskell Sale Barn, Haskell, Texas.

Witness my hand this 10th day of January, 2006.
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Donations may be mailed to:
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POL CALENDAR
The Haskell Free Press is authorized to make the following announcement for the political office in Haskell County, subject to the action of the 2006 Primaries.
Unless otherwise specified the candidates listed paid for the announcement, and have designated themselves as campaign treasurer.
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We would like to express our thanks to everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our Mother Loretta Hewitt. We appreciate so much the food, visits, cards, flowers, memorials, your attendance at her service and most of all your prayers.
A special thank you to Cindy Guess and the staff of the Haskell Healthcare Center and to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and the hospital staff for the wonderful care and love you gave to our dear Mother. May God bless each of you.
Rhonda Moeller and family
Vicki Daniel and family
Toni Neal and family

Shirley and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department for responding so quickly to our fire. We know you stayed well into the night sitting on this fire and for that we say thanks.
Also to the Stamford, Munday and Throckmorton Fire Departments for all the extra help. Leaving your areas to come to the aid of others is so greatly appreciated.
We thank the Anson C.E.R.T. wagon for all the food and drinks that the firemen needed.
Thanks to the Rolling Plains Detention Center for all the sandwiches and water you supplied. Thanks to Jill Watson for all the 'leg' work she did that night.
To all the many, many people who just pitched in to help even through they were not connected with the fire departments, you helped because there was a need and for that we thank you.
To live in a community that helps 'just because,' makes us so very grateful.
Again thank you,
Don and Shirley Welch
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AT TRI-AREA LIVESTOCK SHOW—Paint Creek students participating in the show were: front row, l-r, Payne Utley, Danielle Oliver, Katrina Buerger, Cheyenne Buerger. Seated, Joshua Horton (Grand Gilt), Cyle Brown (Grand Barrow), Shana Armstrong (Grand Rabbits). Back, Melanie Bishop (Reserve Grand Rabbits), Amber Gilbreath, Jessica Pendergraft, Paula Isbell, Caleb Whitfield and Lacy Stephens (Reserve Grand Gilt). Whitfield had Breed Champion York Barrow in the Grand Drive.

Wildfire prevention tips

Electric cooperative members in Texas have suffered significant damage to pasture and farmland, loss of livestock and homes, and, most tragic, loss of life during recent wildfires.

Scores of co-op employees and members work as volunteer firefighters. Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), the statewide association of electric cooperatives, is led by Audie Morris, a professional firefighter who lives in Decatur. Morris, a director with Wise County EC and TEC board chair, deeply understands the consequences of carelessness.

"Your local co-op is constantly concerned with members' safety," he said. "At times like this, these messages of prevention and precaution are even more important."

Here are tips on preventative and emergency measures to take during this unusually hazardous season:

- Take care with cigarettes,

matches and other flammables.

- Mow grass short. Trim grass from fence lines. Rake leaves. Clear away refuse.

- Keep hay bales and firewood away from buildings, electric lines and rights-of-way.

- Allow your co-op to keep power lines free of tree branches.

- Keep shrubs and trees out of power line rights-of-way.

- Trim dead or dormant shrubbery close to houses or barns. In highly vulnerable areas, firefighters recommend removing shrubs within 15 feet of a residence.

- Make a family evacuation plan. Have an inventory of home valuables (along with pictures or videos) in a fireproof box.

If fire is reported near your community:

- Place photos, vital records and small items of value in your car. Park your car facing the direction of escape.

- Clear a firebreak around buildings.

- Shut the gas off at the meter. (Only a qualified professional can safely turn the gas back on.)

- Turn off propane tanks.

- Leave the electricity on, especially if it powers a well.

- Turn on sprinklers.

- Take combustible outdoor furniture inside.

- Wet down shrubs within 15 feet of houses or barns.

- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet down the roof.

- Close windows, vents, doors, blinds and nonflammable window coverings. Remove flammable drapes and curtains.

- Close interior doors and windows to prevent drafts.

- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Choose a route away from the fire hazard, and be alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.

Calendar

Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued 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 an order from 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.

GED classes

GED classes are underway at Haskell Elementary, Room 19, 306 S. Ave. G on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Testing is required to determine a student's level of knowledge. \$25 scholarships are available for as long as the money lasts. Classes are small and teaching is given on an individual basis.

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