

Basketball games

HASKELL
 JV-V G-B vs Colorado City
 Fri., Jan. 26, 4 p.m.
 at Colorado City
 JV District Tournament
 Sat., Jan. 27
 at Colorado City
 7th-8th B vs Stamford
 Mon., Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
 at Rochester
 7th-8th G vs Stamford
 Mon., Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
 at Stamford

PAINT CREEK
 VG-B vs Trent
 Fri., Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.
 at Trent
JH vs Aspermont
 Mon., Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-B vs Lueders-Avoca
 Tues., Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

RULE
JVG-B, VG-B vs Lueders-Avoca
 Fri., Jan. 26, 4 p.m.
 at Lueders-Avoca
JH G-B vs Roby
 Mon., Jan. 29, 6 p.m.
 at Rule
JVG, VG-B vs Roby
 Tues., Jan. 30, 4 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Messiah's Market

East Side Baptist Church has rescheduled Messiah's Market for Sun., Jan. 28 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. The market is for children ages 3-12. Snacks, live animals and various booths will provide learning and hands on experiences. For a ride, call the church at 864-2738.

Dinner theatre

The Noah Project-North will present their annual dinner theatre and silent auction Sat., Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Money raised will be used to help victims of family violence in area counties. Entertainment will be provided by 'According to Philippians.' The meal will be a brisket dinner. To donate auction items, call 864-2551. Tickets are \$12.50 each for adults and \$6 for children 10 and younger.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Feb. 5 in Haskell City Hall at 6 p.m.

Bible conference

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, West Hwy. 380 in Haskell, will host a Bible conference Feb. 2-4 titled 'Looking unto Jesus.'

4-H Clubs to meet

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will host a 4-H meeting Thurs., Jan. 25 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Haskell County Library. The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will meet at this time and join the Jr. Club for a program on 'Internet Safety.' Speaker will be Weldon Floyd, Texas Cooperative Extension computer specialist from College Station. For information, call Tammy or Wes at the Haskell Co. Extension office, 940-864-2658.

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 11th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

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Go Indians! Go Maidens!

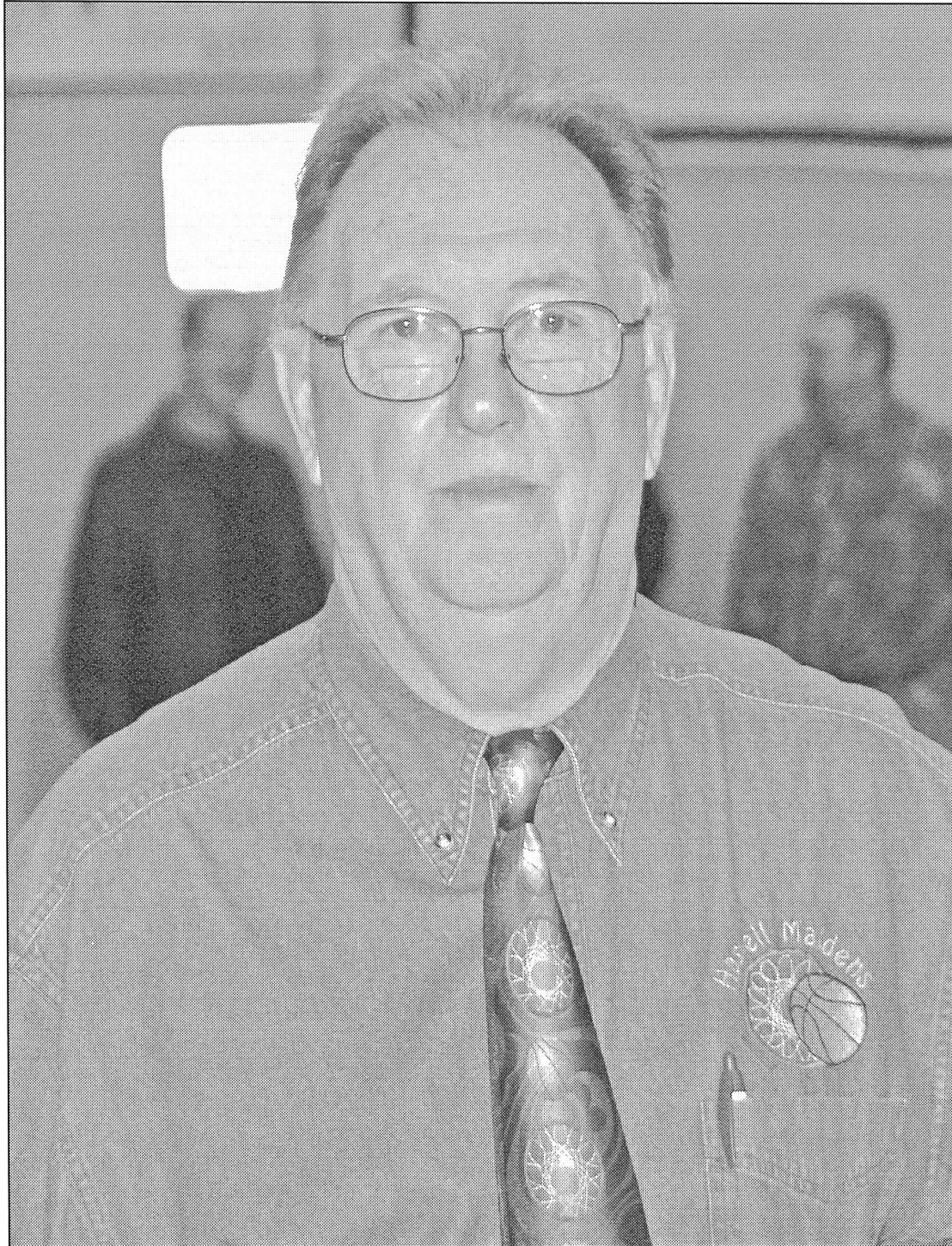
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Coach Middleton reaches career milestone



REACHING A MILESTONE-With 800 career wins, Haskell basketball coach, David Middleton, reached a goal many never achieve, when the Haskell Maidens won their game

with Stanton, Jan. 20. With five more games to go this season, the long-time coach says it's "a nice plateau to reach."

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Texas Tech has their winning coach and Haskell High has their winning coach, but on the road to reaching his record of 800 wins, Haskell's Coach David Middleton didn't even fling a single chair across the gym floor.

The fact that Middleton is a "home town boy," makes it seem all the more fitting that he achieved his 800th career record win 'right here on our stage' last Saturday, when the Haskell Maidens defeated Stanton 36-31.

Of course, this is not the first acclamation that the coach has received in his 40 years of coaching. In 1979 he was named as State All Star Coach for the South. He was named "Coach of the Year" two years while at Brazoswood and two years at Klein Forest.

In 1987 he received the Basketball Golden Award of National High School Coaching.

He was also presented as "Scholastic Coach" by *Scholastic Magazine*.

The coach has had a lot of experiences, he said, and as Bobby Knight said about it, "That 800 win means you've been at it a long time, with a whole lot of wonderful young people that believe in you and care about what you do." For him, that makes it worthwhile.

Acknowledging that there are a number of Texas coaches with more wins, Middleton said it's a nice plateau to be on. "The credit goes to the many young people you coached who turned out to be solid, responsible citizens, involved in and successful in all kinds of careers," he said, adding that "When you play with a bunch of thoroughbreds, you can run fast."

With his 800 career wins and 393 losses, the coach said he hopes to keep the losses under 10 a year. The five games left for this season will alter the figures.

Saying he's proud to keep on coaching, he joked, "It beats working."

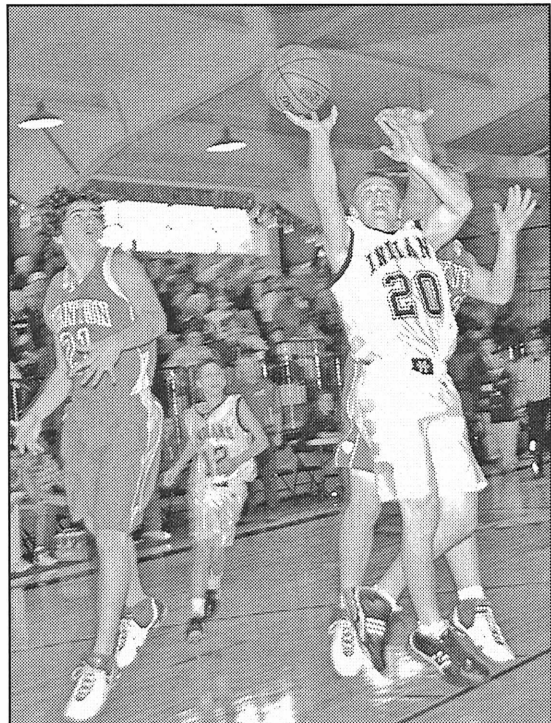
He is no doubt eligible to be named to the Coaches Hall of Fame, and individuals will be able to nominate him. Stay tuned for further details.

Internet safety program

The Haskell County Extension office will host a public meeting on "Internet Pornography Awareness and Safety." There are a lot of problems in different homes with kids getting on the wrong websites. This program is to inform parents on how to monitor your kids on the computers without invading their privacy.

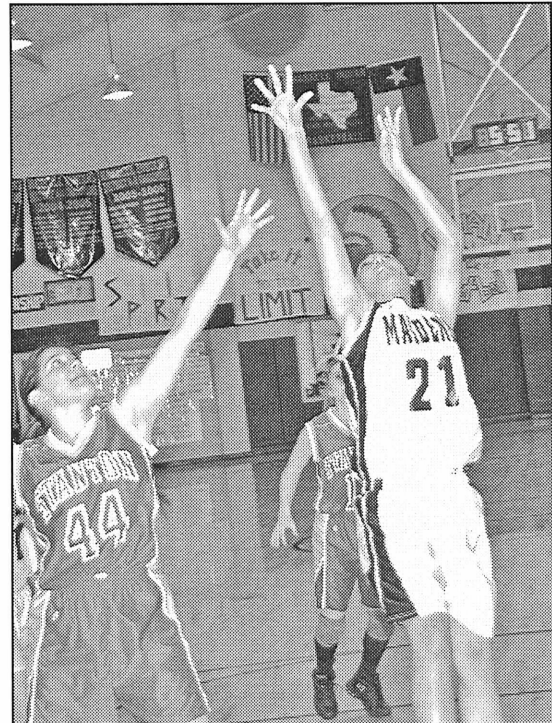
Speaker will be Weldon Floyd, Texas Cooperative Extension computer specialist from College Station, who serves this District for the County Extension offices.

The meeting will be held at the Haskell County Library from 6 to 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 25. For more information, contact Wes Uley, County Extension Agent at the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658.



ADDING SCORES-Travis Adams, Haskell Indian #20, lays up one of sixteen points he made in the winning game with Stanton, Sat., Jan. 20.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



FILLING A BASKET-Haskell Maiden, #21, Samantha Rodriguez leads the scoring with 10 points in the team's 36 to 31 winning game with Stanton.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Rule ISD releases honor rolls

Rule Schools have released the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the third six weeks of the school year. Listed are:

First grade, A honor roll: Christina Moore, Alexandra Cooper and Thomas Short; A-B honor roll: Alexandra Martinez and Pablo Sandoval.

Second grade, A honor roll: Alysia Hollabough and American Shelton; A-B honor roll: Ian Mauro and Hunter Threet.

Third grade, A honor roll: Sarah Campbell, Kade Lowack, Haley Macias and Kylie DeVille; A-B honor roll: Cody Percell.

Fourth grade, A-B honor roll: Daniel Campos and Jonah

Caddell.

Fifth grade, A-B honor roll: Rebecca Foreman and Charlie Thomison.

Sixth grade, A honor roll: Daniel Turner; A-B honor roll: Celeste Caddell, Travis Cox, Josh Quintero and Darryl Williams.

Seventh grade, A-B honor roll: Alexandria Lyon.

Eighth grade, A honor roll: Jenny Dudensing and Allison Petty; A-B honor roll: Samantha Benavides, Breanna Riggins, Sydney Saucedo, Brittany Roberts, Shelby Starr, Stephanie Threet, Donna Thomas and Shalisse Vanderbilt.

Ninth grade, A honor roll: Joseph Turner; A-B honor roll: Mina Banks, Josh Large, Loren a Diaz, Nick Johnson and Kate Rowan.

Tenth grade, A honor roll: Molly Dudensing, Andrew Hertel and Morgan Lisle; A-B honor roll: Steven Anderson, Tate Clark, Marty Hall, Adam Hollingsworth, Kelsie Miller, Vinnie Perales and Tiffany Rios.

Eleventh grade, A honor roll: Shawna Favor, Jessie Magallon, Callie Papon, Stephen Pace, Kiel Rowan, Kyle Simpson, Jay T. Spitzer and James Wolfe; A-B honor roll: Tara Jonson, Lauren Messenger, Kyna Scheets, Story Trussell and Adam Vasquez.

Twelfth grade, A honor roll: Brady Baitz, Mason Bishop, Brittnee Brannan, Austin Flores, Cory Flores, D.J. Hall, Kade Kittley, Kortney Kupatt, Julian Menchaca, Kendra Scheets and Mathew Turner; A-B honor roll: Tye Clark, Rose Cooper, Taylor Falkner, Paul Griffin, Will Kittley, Josh Perez and Kim Williams.

Obituaries

Cleatus 'Biggon' Woodrow Drinnon



'BIGGON' DRINNON

Funeral services for Cleatus 'Biggon' Woodrow Drinnon, 69, of Haskell were held Wed., Jan. 17 at Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Drinnon, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend died Mon., Jan. 15 in Abilene.

Born Dec. 21, 1937 in Weinert, he was the son of Robert and Veda Drinnon. He married Robbie Lou Roberson June 21, 1958. While attending Hardin-Simmons

University, he proudly lettered in football and track as well as participating in ROTC. After graduating from HSU in 1960, he owned and operated a Mobil filling station in Haskell. Following the untimely death of Robbie Lou, he married Glenda Joan Davis Nov. 26, 1962. He later owned and operated Drinnon Oil Company in Haskell and the surrounding areas, providing fuel and oil products for the local farmers and consumers. He served as Haskell County School Superintendent from 1974-79. After selling his business, he became a farmer and rancher. Glenda preceded him in death in October 2004. Upon his retirement, he moved to the Royal Estates in Abilene. He was a former member of First Baptist Church of Haskell and was a founding member of Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church of Haskell where he enjoyed singing and worshipping with many friends and family. While family and friends will miss him and his love and zest for life, they will celebrate him in their memories.

He was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, George Weldon; and beloved wives, Robbie Lou and Glenda.

Survivors include two sons,

Stephen and wife, Charmaine of Dallas, and David and wife, Judy of Abilene; two daughters, Leesa Toliver and husband, Brian of Sulphur Springs, and Sharla Carver of Midland; brother, Robert Drinnon of Haskell; three sisters, Doris Reeves, Geneva Robertson and Julia Harrell, all of Haskell; beloved grandchildren, Damon Drinnon and wife, Kasey, Mitchell Drinnon and wife, Susan, Jonathan Toliver and wife, Misty Scarbrough, Chase and David Cleatus Drinnon and Casey, Caleb and Candace Carver; great grandchildren, Hayven Drinnon and Andrew and Madison Gomez; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Damon Drinnon, Mitchell Drinnon, Brent Toliver, Jonathan Toliver, Chase Drinnon, David Cleatus Drinnon, Casey Carver and Caleb Carver.

Honorary pallbearers were Russell Drinnon, Jim Tom Butler, Jimmy Reeves, Lt. Col. Normand Grimmett (Ret.), Lewis Thomas, J.L. Toliver and Milton Christian.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church, Hardin-Simmons University Athletic Department or the American Cancer Society.

PD. NOTICE

Martha Emilie Kretschmer Stiewert



MARTHA STIEWERT

Funeral services for Martha Emilie Kretschmer Stiewert, 95, of Haskell were held Fri., Jan. 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Stiewert died Tues., Jan. 16 in Haskell.

Born March 17, 1911 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Guss Adolph and Annie Clara Eitze Kretschmer. She married Robert William Stiewert July 2, 1947 in Haskell County. He preceded her in death July 11, 1981. She was a homemaker and worked as the janitor for Trinity Lutheran Church where she was a member. She was a woman with limited education but had a remarkable memory even to the last days. She was known for making bread and donuts and her childcare. In her younger days, she worked on the farm with her family, even plowing with mules. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters, Mary Elizabeth Moeller, August Kretschmer, Richard Kretschmer, Willie Kretschmer, Ella Grametbauer and twin sisters, Pauline and Eloise Kretschmer.

Survivors include her nieces, Kathryn Medford and Frances Moeller, both of Haskell, Dora Brueggeman of Weinert, and Erna Brueggeman; nephews, Leon Kretschmer and Ernest Moeller; great grand nephews, Melvin Brueggeman, John Brueggeman, Larry Brueggeman, Vance Roberts, Frankie Moeller, Ricky Moeller, Donnie Moeller, and Richard Brueggeman; great grand nieces, Joy Faye Bruton, Johnnie McCrory, Mary Stephens, JoAnn Greenwood and Reynee Acosta; several great grand and great great grand nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Jesse Rodriguez Ozuna



JESSE OZUNA

Funeral services for Carl Wayne Mayfield, 44, of Ozona were held Wed., Jan. 24 in the Crockett County Convention Center in Ozona under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Mayfield died Sat., Jan. 20 at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Dale Mayfield of

Mass service for Jesse Rodriguez Ozuna, 60, of Waco will be held in his honor Sat., Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

Mr. Ozuna died Fri., Jan. 19 at Providence Hospital.

Born March 31, 1946 in Haskell, he was the son of Pablo and Angelita Rodriguez Ozuna. He worked for Matous Construction until becoming disabled.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, George Sr., Adelaido (Larry) Ozuna; one

sister, Celestina Selvera; and his wife, Connie Palacios.

Survivors include his sisters, Helen Robledo, Ramona Schenck and Margaret Morgan, all of Wichita Falls; brother-in-law, Frank Selvera Sr. of Austin; sister-in-law, Dominga Ozuna of Haskell; son, Robert Rodriguez; two grandchildren, Robert Romero and Angela Cuellar; four great grandchildren of Waco; many nieces, nephews and extended families of Waco, Austin, Wichita Falls and Haskell.

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Mr. Mayfield died Sat., Jan. 20 at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Dale Mayfield of

Ozona; two sons, Bradley Wayne Mayfield of Lubbock and Colby Barnett Mayfield of Ozona; his father, George Wayne Mayfield of Breckenridge; two sisters, Jackie Wahler of Richardson and Michelle Thompson of Waco; and one brother, Jeff Teague of Haskell.

Survivors include his wife, Dale Mayfield of

could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Cude said.

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The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Paint Creek School lists honor rolls

Paint Creek Schools have released the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the third six weeks of the school year. Listed are:

First grade, A honor roll: Cheyenne Elias, Felicity Gentry, Bayden Graham, Alex Martinez, Devery Reed, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White; A-B honor roll: Breanna Bruce, Xaviar Bruce, Audrey Cochran and Keely James.

Second grade, A honor roll: Catherine Lemond and Samantha Martinez.

Third grade, A-B honor roll: Taydon Benson and Taylor Hunt.

Fourth grade, A-B honor roll: Si Exum.

Fifth grade, A-B honor roll: Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford, Shawn Myers and Chris Richardson.

Sixth grade, A honor roll: Cheyenne Buerger and Katie Jones; A-B honor roll: Krista Powell.

Seventh grade, A honor roll: Katrina Buerger, Addie Exum and Haley Myers; A-B honor roll: Katie Bosnjak, Caleb McCord, Payne Utley and Daren Wilson.

Eighth grade, A honor roll: Shana Armstrong and Briana Wigley; A-B honor roll: Curtis Bishop.

Tenth grade, A honor roll: Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll: Ariel Blair, Taylor Exum and Lacey Stephens.

Eleventh grade, A honor roll: Kailey McCord; A-B honor roll: Miranda Powell.

Twelfth grade, A honor roll: Cassidy Cooper and Paula Isbell; A-B honor roll: Naomi Baldillez and Malinda Brueggeman.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 22, 2007

Haskell

Haskell County Gin 1,661

Haskell Co-op Gin 1,009

O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op Gin 17,580

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin 2,652

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MR. AND MRS. JASON SHAW

Afternoon ceremony unites Smith, Shaw

Sara Rebecca Smith of Winters and Jason Keith Shaw of Abilene were united in marriage during an afternoon ceremony held in the Chapel of Hendrick Medical Center, Fri., Jan. 12. Clyde Kieschnick, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church of Abilene, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride was presented in marriage by her parents.

The bride is the daughter of Glenn E. and Nancy A. Smith of Winters.

The groom is the son of Randy and Lisa Shaw of Haskell. He is the grandson of A.M. Stocks and the late Wanda Stocks, and Vivian Shaw and the late Bill Shaw, all of Haskell.

A 2003 graduate of North Monterey County High School in Castroville, California, the bride is employed by All God's Children Daycare in Abilene.

A 2000 graduate of Paint Creek High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater with a degree in Industrial Automation/Robotics Electronics Technology, the groom is employed by Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The couple resides in Abilene. ***

A bridal shower brunch was given at the home of Alice Ballard

in Haskell Sat., Jan. 20.

Guests were greeted by the bridal couple, Jason and Sara Shaw, and the groom's parents, Randy and Lisa Shaw. The entrance featured red amaryllis and accents of the bride's chosen colors of red and white.

Mary Kaigler registered guests from a bristo table covered with an antique white bridal cloth and adorned with a footed vase of white amaryllis and greenery.

Valentine red punch was served by Delight Jones.

Finger foods were served from a table covered by a Valentine red linen cloth. Serving appointments were crystal and silver. A centerpiece of red candles held in a silver candelabrum surrounded by white berries was used on the buffet table. A red silk runner accented the table along with a candelabrum holding five white candles. White crystal hearts were scattered around the table.

Hostesses were Sherry Adams, Florence Alexander, Alice Ballard, Mindy Ballard, Jerry Bowers, Nancy Brueggeman, Bobbie Collins, Bette Enriquez, Jo Fischer, Marilyn Griffith, Rhonda Howard, Delight Jones, Mary Kaigler, Gerre Larned, Doris McDougal, Dolores Medford, Emily Medford, Abby Salinas, Kay Smith, Doris Watson and JoAnn Watson.

Study Club plans youth art contest

The Progressive Study Club met in the Haskell National Bank Community Room, Thurs., Jan. 11 with 18 members present.

President Julia Harrell welcomed guests Judge David Davis and wife, Donna, and Kathy Barr.

Lynn Dodson introduced Judge Davis, who read a proclamation for Youth Art Month in February, during which the club is planning a Youth Art contest for elementary students.

Dodson gave a short presentation, mentioning the art contest, and using one's own skills to try art, writing, or anything to expand one's own

learning and living experiences.

Nancy Toliver gave the Federation Counselor's Report, noting that club reports are due Feb. 1, and mentioning requirements necessary to become a Life Member in the state organization. She reminded that the District meeting will be in Merkel Mar. 17, and the state meeting in Abilene, April 19-20.

Kathy Barr was named as a new member.

Franciene Johnson gave an update on the grant for the creek project, and the contacting of property owners concerning easements. She then reported that the project had been cancelled

due to the freezing of funds.

Voted as the Outstanding Club Program of the Year was the April program with Bill Libby, professor from McMurry speaking about archeology. Dorothy Hartsfield was selected as Outstanding Club Woman of the Year for her dedicated work in the various club projects, including the placement of flags at the cemetery.

A nominating committee report was given by Darlene Smith. Officers elected last year

will serve for another year, with the exception of 2nd vice-president. Dorothy Hartsfield will serve in that capacity.

Eight volunteers named as judges for the poetry and short story contests were: Doris Reeves-Jordan, Oleta Cornelius, Evelyn Cobb, Lynn Dodson, JoeAnn Thane, Kathy Barr, Pam Norton and Nelda Lane.

Hostesses were Charlene Brothers, Janoma Stephens and Doris Reeves-Jordan.

Knox Co. Museum sets fund-raiser Sun., Feb. 4

Mark Sun., Feb. 4 on the calendar and make plans to be at Benjamin's Ex-student Memorial building to support the preservation of Knox County history and the building of the "Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center."

Yes, there will be a charge for attending the fund-raiser. It will cost time, money and the effort to wrap your eyes around the most beautiful, most mouth-watering display of pies straight out of the ovens of the best cooks in Knox County, baked for the hundreds of history lovers attending, as they do every year.

Not only will Knox County loving historical preservationists be selecting a delicious dessert choice on Sun., Feb. 4, starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m., plates will be filled from mounds of smoky barbecued brisket and sausage, stacks of tender baked turkey, beans, bread, fresh homemade potato salad, coleslaw and deviled eggs.

Buying your meal ticket will give you a chance at a door prize. Each year many door prizes are made available by businesses and individuals in Knox County.

Great strides are being made in the completion of the museum. A completion date has been set as, the fall of 2007. The many successful fund-raisers throughout the years, and receiving a \$30,000 grant, have enabled this project to continue. Successful fund-raisers, don't just happen. Knox County citizens, present and past, and many friends have made this possible.

At the meal, cookbooks; 2005, 2006 and 2007 calendars; memorial brick and stones; and

silent auction items will be available. Obituary books will be displayed and additional obituaries from families not in the collection are welcome, along with family histories for the growing family files.

Those wishing to contribute items to the silent auction, or to help in any way, call the KCHC office at 940-459-2229 or 459-2205.

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Haskell Schools to accept GT nominations

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

To nominate your child for this screening, come by the offices of Haskell Elementary, Rochester Junior High, or Haskell Secondary School Thursday, Jan. 25, to Thursday, Feb. 8, 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 is included in the nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 8. Parents of Kindergarten children need to get their nomination forms in by Thurs., Feb. 8, also. For further information, contact Debbie Miller at the elementary school 864-2654, #306.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Chief execs outline priorities in inaugural speeches

AUSTIN—It was a cold inaugural on Jan. 16: so cold and icy, in fact, the smaller-than-planned-for crowd moved inside the Capitol.

Texans and the rest of the world enjoyed access to the inaugural ceremonies via live webcast for the first time ever.

Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in. Both men made speeches broad in scope: so broad, in fact, their words, to many ears, belied grander political ambitions.

Perry regaled strong families as the backbone of society and outlined his agenda for his second full term as governor.

He spoke of the need for tighter immigration control, a secure border with Mexico, safer neighborhoods, affordable health care, improvements in education, substantial and long-lasting property tax relief, and budget reforms that would protect taxpayers.

He also echoed a theme that has a Washington, D.C.-ring to it: "Texas is better off when Republicans and Democrats work together because our potential is too vast to be spoiled by a politics leavened with partisanship," Perry said.

Diverging here for a moment on the subject of bipartisanship and possible higher aspirations, the governor flew to the nation's capital with Texas Democratic congressional representatives to meet with other Democrats.

The Washington, D.C., Democrats let Perry know they have not forgotten his role in bringing about the unusual mid-term redistricting in 2004 that squeezed a few Democrats out of office.

Dewhurst also delivered an expansive inaugural speech, with emphasis on his "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The legislation, he said, is based on the premise that, "Safe and healthy children learn, they grow, and they go on to lead lives that strengthen our state and make us proud."

Dewhurst asked lawmakers to pass tougher laws dealing with child predators, put defibrillators in public schools and take illegal steroids out through mandatory, random drug testing.

Dewhurst assured the audience there would be a "Jessica's Law" in Texas, including an automatic 25-year sentence for first-time child molesters and a death sentence for those convicted a second time.

Speaker reassures ex-challengers

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick told The Dallas Morning News, in effect, he's holding out the olive branch to members of his own party.

Craddick, R-Midland, was re-elected speaker after Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, dropped his challenge.

Pitts threw his support behind Craddick when it was decided the vote for the speakership would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot.

Earlier, Pitts and another former challenger, Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, individually expressed the need for a change in atmosphere in the House, because transparency and bipartisanship in the legislative process had eroded under the speaker's tenure.

Craddick said he would do a better job of communicating.

State unemployment rate drops

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 in December, the lowest in five years, the Texas Workforce Commission said in a report released Jan. 19.

To illustrate the improvement, the unemployment rate in November was 4.7 percent, and a year ago, in December 2005, the rate was 5.2 percent.

Nonagricultural employment grew by 15,600 jobs in December as Texas employers continue adding jobs.

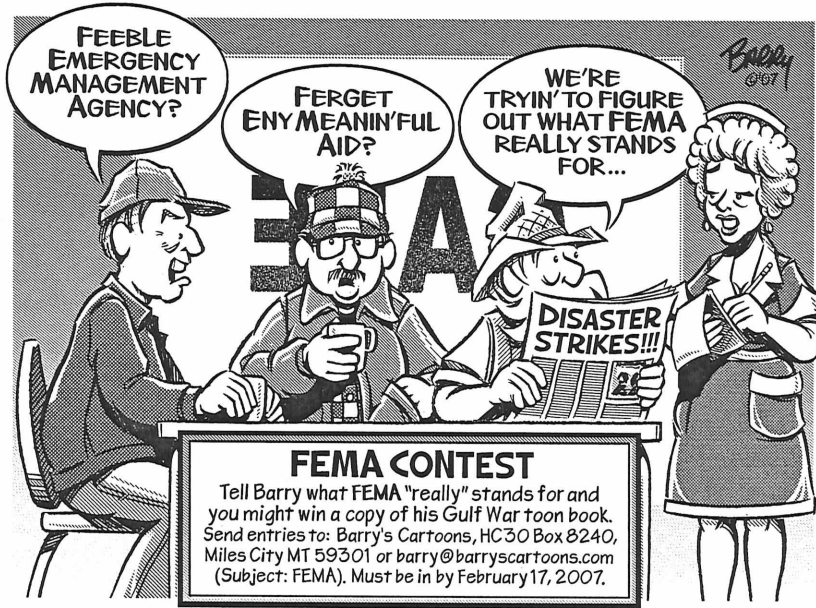
Over the last 12 months, the Texas economy grew by 213,200 jobs, and Texas employers have added jobs for 27 consecutive months, the agency reported.

Senator proposes smoking ban

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would file legislation banning smoking in all public buildings in Texas.

Ellis is looking for a House sponsor of his bill and expects to file his version this month.

Eighteen states have laws banning smoking in public buildings.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 23, 1997

Franciene Johnson of Haskell was selected as a delegate for the National Silver Haired Congress to be held in Washington.

Kimberly Griffith Cheek, teacher for the Wylie Independent School District, was elected to the executive board of the Texas Association of the Gifted and Talented. She is the daughter of Dan and Earlene Griffith of Lake Stamford. Cheek is a graduate of Haskell High School and Hardin Simmons University with a B.S. and Master's Degrees in Gifted Education and Reading.

Eddie Gonzales of Medford, Oklahoma visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Gonzales over the weekend.

Marty Decker of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Decker over the weekend.

20 Years Ago January 22, 1987

James Edward Harris has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1986.

While attending the H&R Block satellite convention, Evelyn Cobb received an award of excellence plaque from regional director Ken Treet.

Shelly Hester of Rochester and Charles Thornhill, placed second; and Frank Oman, placed third in the West Texas Regional Pecan Show in San Angelo.

Kody Wilson has been chosen president of the Rule eighth grade. Paul Leonard is vice president; Tammy Snyder, secretary and Jason Halliburton, reporter.

30 Years Ago January 27, 1977

The Board of Trustees of the Haskell Independent School District has hired Don Flippin of Iowa Park as head coach this fall.

Morris Haynes killed two four foot long rattlesnakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Howell and children of Chillicothe visited Clara Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cousins of Seymour, visited Elsie Mitchell.

40 Years Ago January 26, 1967

Scouts receiving their God and Country awards were Larry Jewell, Bobby Cobb, Mike Dulaney, Gary Black, Terry Hutson, Randall Arend and Bill Cox.

Joyce Cook is Haskell High School's 1967 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook and is a senior at Haskell High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, of Tampa, Florida visited in the home of his mother, Mae Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chambers and Shawn of Canyon visited with his mother, Mrs. F.L. Chambers and daughters.

50 Years Ago January 24, 1957

Haskell's Boy Scout troop won a blue ribbon and an overnight trip with their first aid display at the Scout Exposition in Stamford. Boys making the trip were Ted Dement, David Hiebert, Robert Coburn, Dwight Stone, Don Stone, Brantley Foster, Phillip Spain, Steve Pace, Jack Hutchinson, Tommy Hester, Perry Wayne Pogue, Bobby

Herren and John Watkins.

Six Haskell High School twirlers won first division rating on their ensemble sextet performance in Region II contests held at Winters. Twirlers were Sara Sue Roberson, Robbie Lou Roberson, Janice Hester, Sandra Hadaway, Norma Dale Mullins and Nancy Fancher. Fancher achieved first division and Mullins received a second division rating.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Blackburn and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Mullins spent the weekend visiting in Hobbs, New Mexico with Mr. Blackburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Blackburn.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Crawford will spend the weekend in Bryan in the home of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford and children.

Belinda Harrell of Abilene visited in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Taylor.

100 Years Ago January 26, 1907

Henry Free of the east side sold 39 bales of cotton here at an average price of 10.40 cents a pound.

The Haskell National Bank has been corresponding with parties who are interested in the cotton seed oil business with a view of getting a cotton oil mill located in Haskell.

H.F. Monke of Weinert, who came to this county from Illinois, was in town. We learned that he has two good farm houses on his land near Weinert. He says he will put all his lands in cultivation.

BCEC announces Youth Tour Speech Contest

Big Country Electric Cooperative is announcing sponsorship of the 2007 Texas Government-In-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 7-15. \$1,000 scholarships are also included in the awards package.

The Government-In-Action Youth Tour is more than a thousand high school students going to Washington, D.C. every June, year after year, from towns and small cities all over rural America. They come because their rural electric cooperatives think education is important—education about rural electricity and education about America.

The purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for outstanding young people to better understand the value of rural electrification and to become more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capitol. This is achieved through visits to monuments, government buildings and cooperative organizations. Also, the opportunity to visit elected officials allows youth to better understand how the federal government works.

In the beginning, the Youth Tour was inspired by then Senator Lyndon Johnson when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

(NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. "If one thing goes out of this meeting," the Senator declared, he hoped it would be "sending youngsters to the national capitol where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Beginning that year, 1957, and for several more years, some of the Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office, to learn more about government in action.

The next year, 1958, rural electric people in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capitol. Later that same year, another bus load came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew, and other states sent bus loads of young people throughout the summer. In 1959, the Youth Tour had grown to 130 youths.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate the program and suggested that the states arrange to be in the city the same week. The first year of the coordinated tour included some 400 young people from 12 states. The idea has continued to grow, and today more than 1,000 young people and chaperones participate in the Tour each year.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is sponsored by local cooperatives, Statewides, and NRECA. Local cooperatives select a student who will attend the Youth Tour by means of a speech contest, essay and various other methods. Statewides organize the trip to Washington, D.C. They arrange for transportation, chaperones, the tour schedule and coordinate with NRECA on group events such as Youth Day activities. On Youth Day, all Youth Tour participants meet together to listen to prominent speakers and wind up the day with a dinner and dance. NRECA coordinates hotel space for the tour, run a Youth Tour office, hire a nurse, coordinate group events such as Youth Day and the Co-op educational seminars. NRECA also arranges for insurance for the Youth Tour participants.

Many people are involved to give youth the opportunity to grow and experience many things that may never be offered to them again. Although few are chosen, many do go that would not have been able to otherwise. Many youth of Texas and across the nation will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., touring the sites. Congressmen will meet with students from their districts and answer questions about

Farmers to receive survey

Farmers will soon have the opportunity to set the record straight about the issues that affect them—and to help ensure that policies and programs are based on accurate, real-world data. This is the goal of the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

ARMS is USDA's primary source of information on production practices, resource use and economic well-being of America's farm households.

"Just about every federal policy and program that affects U.S. farmers and farm families is based on information from ARMS," said David Abbe, director of the NASS Texas Field Office. "This information is used not just by USDA and Congress, but also by university researchers, commodity farm groups, agribusinesses and others who make the decisions that shape the future of Texas agriculture."

Between Feb. 1 through March 30, NASS field offices will contact 36,000 farmers nationwide by mail or in person to complete the survey. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

"All farm operators rely on quality information and sound government policies in order to run a successful business. That's why participation in ARMS is so important," David Abbe explained. "Producer participation in ARMS ensures that decisions affecting farmers, their families, their businesses and their communities are based on the facts, straight from the source."

Survey responses will be compiled and NASS will publish the farm economic data in the annual Farm Production Expenditures report, to be released on Aug. 2, 2007. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified. All NASS reports are available online at: www.nass.usda.gov.

current governmental issues.

The speech contest is open to any boy or girl who is enrolled as a Sophomore, Junior or Senior at any of the high schools in the Big Country Electric Cooperative service area except for BCEC employees or Directors and their immediate family. The entry deadline is Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. Contestants will be required to give a 6-8 minute speech on: "Cooperative Excellence in an Era of Deregulation?" Each speaker will be asked one question by the judges. The questions will be taken from the "Questions" furnished to each entrant. The contest will be held at the Roby High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22. More detailed information is available through each participating school or from Ron Acosta at the Roby office of Big Country Electric Cooperative, 325-776-3903.

If you or someone you know is eligible to enter this contest, give it a try. The winner(s) and runner-up will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and will have a chance to meet more than 1,000 youth from around the nation while they enjoy the trip to Washington D.C. They will meet people who will become friends for life.

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Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach Lolo Martinez, Travis Adams, Gregg Guzman, Raul Villarreal, Weston Rutkowski, Vicente Castillo, D.J. McCulloch, Samuel Bitner, Derek Agraz, A.J. Alvarez, James Haggard, John English and Coach Toby Villa. Front, Luke Terry, Jared Webb. Photo by Bill Blankenship



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Sat., Jan. 27 • 5 p.m. JV Boys Dist. Tournament • Colorado City

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Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r, Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski, Haley Chavez, Hope Reid, Jasmine Thomas; back, Lacey Peiser, Chambray Bartley, Kimberly Medford, Sarah Garcia, Samantha Rodriguez, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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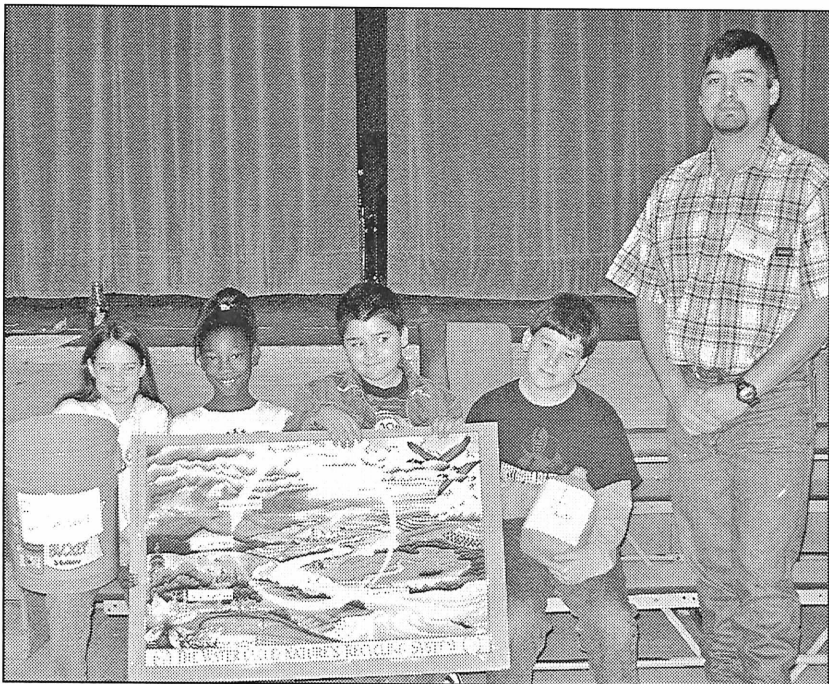
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WATER WISE PRESENTATION—Erin Blumenstein, Hayley Holland, Kyle Fraga and Reed Lee are pictured with Ben Garcia, NCRS Specialist after a presentation about being water wise. Garcia was invited to Haskell Elementary to encourage students to be a part of the conservation effort. The students are already becoming stewards of the soil, water, and air, through involvement in the Service Learning Projects, sponsored by Learn & Serve America. Future environmental and beautification projects are being planned by Haskell Elementary students. Students with dreams give us hope that "Today is the Day to be a part of Conservation's Power," this year's conservation poster contest theme.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 29- Feb. 2
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Manager's choice
Friday: Manager's choice

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, salad, rolls, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Enchilada casserole, refried beans, corn, salad, jello
Thursday: Manager's choice
Friday: Manager's choice

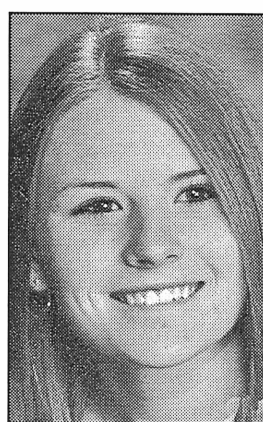
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Mon., Jan. 29

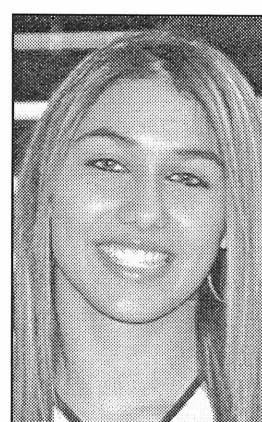
Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 31

Lunch—Chili with wieners, onions, pickles, pinto beans, cornbread, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee



SHAYLA D. FELTY



SAMANTHA RODRIQUEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Shayla Felty is the daughter of Dewayne and Jonita Felty of Haskell. She attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School she is active in FCS, Journalism, Quill and Scroll and in University Interscholastic League in academics.

She likes hanging out with her friends, going to church activities, shopping, taking random trips and working at Sonic.

Special awards and recognitions she has received include Texas Baptist All State Master Singers Choir at Hardin-Simmons, and being a qualifier as a participant in UIL poetry.

Her future plans are to attend

Abilene Christian University, major in child physiology, and open her own practice.

Samantha Rodriquez is the daughter of Carlos Rodriquez of Anson, and Kim Rodriquez of Abilene.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School she plays basketball, and was named All-Tournament at the Eula Holiday Classic.

She likes to hang out with her little sister Shaylee and everyone, and go shopping.

Future plans for her include moving to Abilene and attending Texas State Technical University to become a phlebotomist.

City Storm Warning Siren Testing Fridays at noon

This Week's Devotional Message:



DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT FAITH; BE AN EXAMPLE OF IT

We are continually urged to attend our house of worship, with many reasons why we should do so and thereby improve the quality of our lives. At the same time, we are asked to go one step father and in turn, try to persuade others to do likewise. However, words alone will seldom convince anyone of this. In order to be effective, you must live your own life in such a manner as to be a perfect example of the joys

of faith, which will help you either solve your problems or learn to cope with them; so that you can face the world with a genuine aura of serenity about you. This will be the most compelling argument you can give anyone about the blessings of regular attendance at religious services; proving that one radiant smile can be worth more than a thousand words.

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**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 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. 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. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

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

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

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

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

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

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

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

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 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

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church

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

Primitive Baptist Church

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

Church of Christ

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

First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

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

West Bethal Baptist Church

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

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church

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

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 29-Feb. 2
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Pig in a blanket
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick

Wednesday: Cereal, pop tart
Thursday: Breakfast taco
Friday: Blueberry muffin

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 roll, sunshine bars

Tuesday: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chips, garden salad, peach cobbler

Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, apple crisp

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, bread stick, sliced pears

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle slices, french fries, ice cream

SBA to offer loans

Small businesses in Shackelford County and the neighboring counties of Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Stephens and Throckmorton may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, excessive heat and high winds beginning Jan. 1, 2006," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

For information and application forms call toll-free 800-659-2955, or visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call 800-877-8339. Mail completed applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration at 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155.

The deadline to apply for these loans is Aug. 14, 2007.

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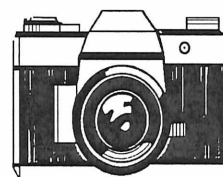
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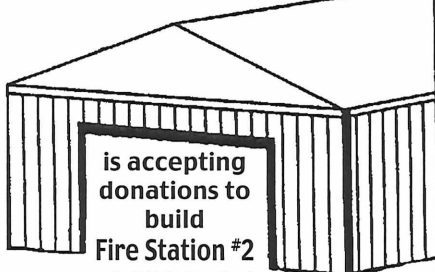
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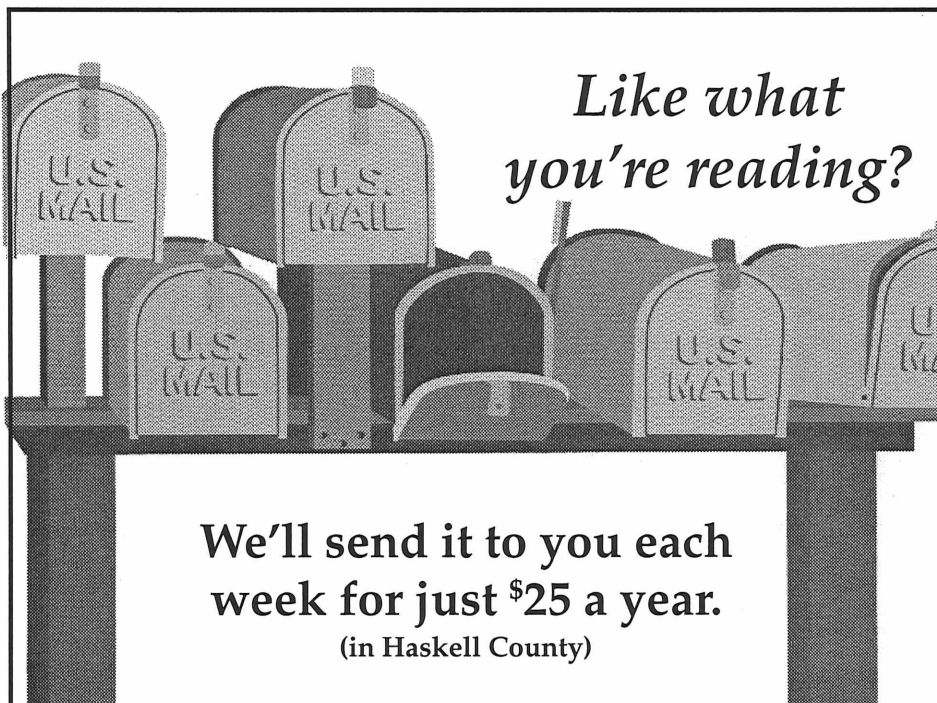
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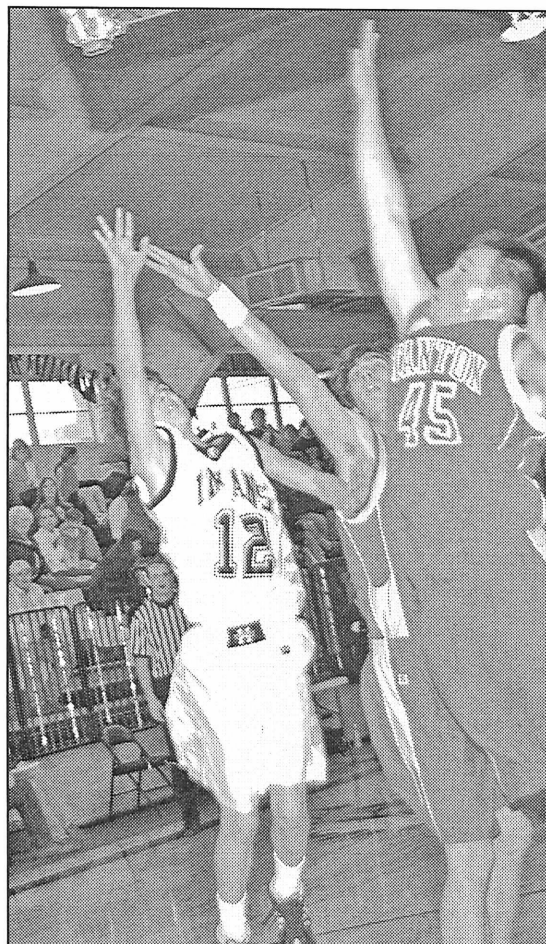
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GOING FOR COUNT—Haskell Indian, #12, John English, sinks a ball for one of three counts he added in the game with Stanton, Sat., Jan. 20. Photo by Bill Blankenship



PLACING A SCORE—Haskell Maiden, #41, Haley Chavez, makes a basket in the Maidens' winning 36 to 31 game with Stanton, Sat., Jan. 20. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Girls	***	Samuel Bitner 2, Guevara 1.	Pace 6, Rincon 6.
Haskell 59, Hawley 46	Haskell 56, Stanton 40	***	***
Scoring for Haskell: Samantha Rodriguez 13, Chambray Bartley 12, Kimberly Medford 12, Lacey Peiser 10, Hanna Wallace 6.	Scoring for Haskell: Weston Rutkowski 23, Travis Adams 16, D.J. McCulloch 7, Gregg Guzman 4, John English 3	Rule 68, Lubbock Warriors 61	Aspermont 56, Rule 47
JV score: Haskell 39, Hawley 22		Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 27, Wolfe 15, Hall 7, Simpson 7,	Scoring for Rule: Pace 14, Spitzer 10, Simpson 7, Incon 5, Hall 5, Saucedo 5, Wolfe 1.

Haskell 36, Stanton 31, (OT)			
Scoring for Haskell: Samantha Rodriguez 10, Chambray Bartley 8, Lacey Peiser 8, Hope Reid 2, Hanna Wallace 2, Haley Chavez 2, Sarah Garcia 2, Kimberly Medford 2.			

Roby 80, Paint Creek 22			
Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 12, Wolsch 6, Dowell 4.			

Rule 38, Aspermont 37			
Scoring for Rule: Ky. Scheets 14, Brannan 13, Dudensing 6, Ke. Scheets 5.			
Boys			
Hawley 50, Haskell 47			
Scoring for Haskell: John English 16, Gregg Guzman 11, D.J. McCulloch 7, Travis Adams 5, Weston Rutkowski 4.			
JV score: Hawley 40, Haskell 53			

Calendar

Jr., Sr. reception

Texas Tech University invites all junior and senior students and their parents to a reception Thurs., Jan. 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Education Building of Haskell Memorial Hospital. The Office of Admissions and Student Financial Aid will be available to answer any questions.

Financial aid

A presentation by Don Hilton from Panhandle Plains Financial Services will be held Wed., Jan. 31 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Haskell high school auditorium, open to all juniors and seniors in the area. First Financial Bank of Abilene will also be in attendance. The meeting will cover FAFSA applications, grants, loans, and other pertinent financial aid topics.

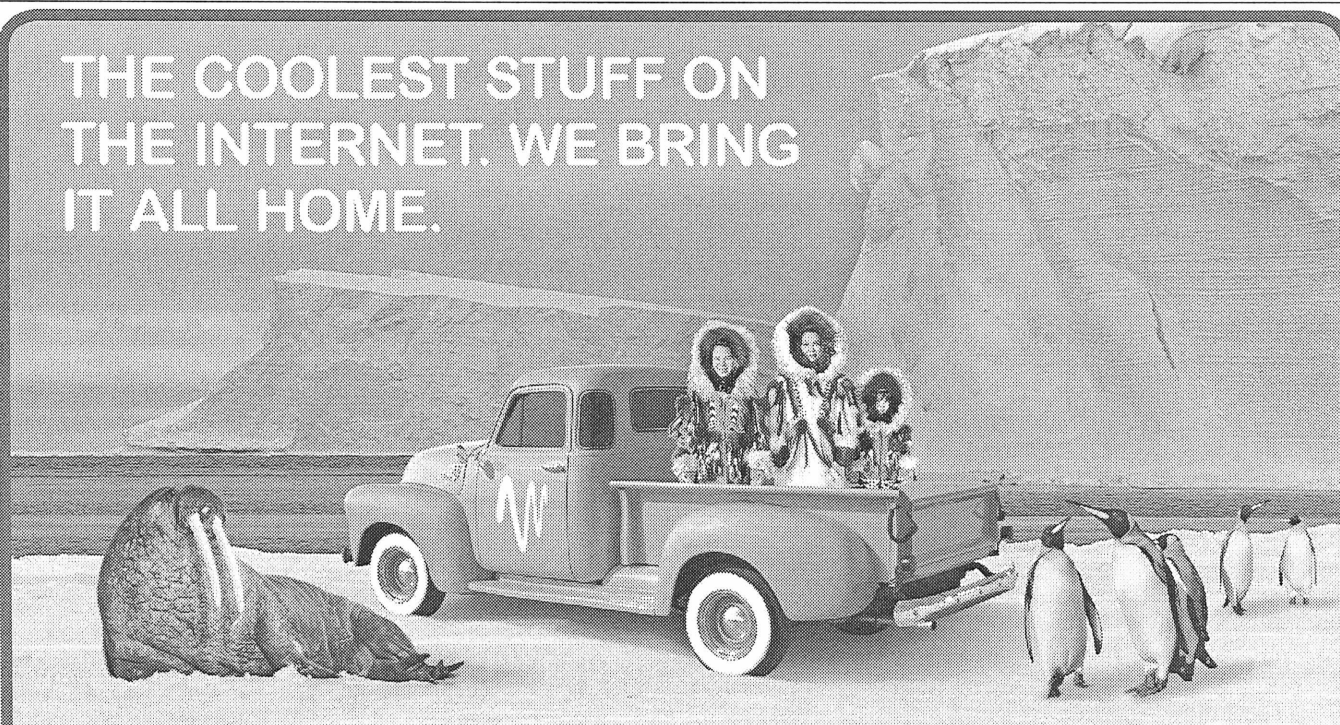
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