

## Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
**JVG-B, VG-B vs Colo. City**  
 Fri., Jan. 25, 4 p.m.  
 at Haskell  
**JV Girls-Boys**  
**Colorado City Tournament**  
 Sat., Jan. 26, at Colo. City  
**7th-8th Girls vs Stanton**  
 Mon., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.  
 at Stanton  
**7th-8th Boys vs Stanton**  
 Mon., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.  
 at Rochester  
**JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford**  
 Tues., Jan. 29, 4 p.m.  
 at Stamford  
**PAINT CREEK**  
**VG-VB vs Trent**  
 Fri., Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Trent  
**JH G-B vs Aspermont**  
 Mon., Jan. 28, 6 p.m.  
 at Aspermont  
**VG-VB vs Lueders-Avoca**  
 Tues., Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Lueders-Avoca  
**RULE**  
**VG, VB vs Lueders-Avoca**  
 Fri., Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Rule  
**JH G-B vs Roby**  
 Mon., Jan. 28, 6 pm.  
 at Roby  
**JVB, VG, VB vs Roby**  
 Tues., Jan. 29, 5 p.m.  
 at Roby

## Calendar

### Revival

Trinity Baptist Church, 114 S. Ave. D in Haskell, will conduct revival services Sun., Jan. 27 through Wed., Jan. 30. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and all evening services are at 6:30 p.m. Russell White, pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Stephenville and son of Pastor Larry White of Haskell will be preaching and singing.

### Dinner/auction

Noah Project-North will host their annual dinner/silent auction Sat., Feb. 23 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years old and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any member, or by calling the Noah Project office at 940-864-2551.

### Special service

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, will feature special speaker Pastor Johnny Silvas Sun., Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. with special singing by Martin Silvas. Lunch will follow the service at the Fellowship Hall.

### Bible study

A seven week Beth Moore Bible Study "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" is meeting Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Educational Building. A nursery is available by calling the church office at 864-2581. Workbooks are available for a fee. The study explores Psalms 120-134.

### Wear red

Haskell County ladies are encouraged to wear red Fri., Feb. 1 in support of the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease. Members of the Progressive Study Club encourage everyone to participate by wearing red to work and donating \$5 to help raise women's awareness of cardiovascular disease and empower women to reduce their risk. To make a donation to the American Heart Association, contact Susan Cockerell at 864-2851. For a \$5 donation, donors will receive a red dress pin or bracelet.

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**CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**—Workers level the old parking lot and mark the location of the new facilities under construction at Paint Creek School. This truck is installing the pier beams for the foundation and concrete slab. A new competition gym, including storage and new dressing rooms, a computer classroom and lab, a science

classroom and lab, will be included in the new addition. The approximately \$1.3 million project is scheduled to be completed in October 2008. With a growing campus population, students and staff are looking forward to the completion of the new facilities to better accommodate the Pirates.



**HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**—Robert Ivey, right, Haskell High School graduate, was inducted into the Tarleton State University Athletic Hall of Fame at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Ivey was a four year starter as a linebacker for the Texans from 1985-88, and is still the second leading tackler in TSU history. Dr. Dennis McCabe, president of Tarleton State University, made the presentation.

## Ivey inducted in to Hall of Fame

Robert Ivey, a Haskell native, was recently inducted into the Tarleton State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Ivey was a 1985 graduate of Haskell High School where he was a first team all-state linebacker for the Indians.

Ivey was a four year starter and outstanding linebacker for Tarleton State University from 1985-88 seasons. He earned second team all conference honors in 1986 and 1987. He helped his team win the 1986 NAIA Sunflower Bowl and advance to the NAIA Quarterfinals in 1987. He was a Team Captain in 1987 and 1988.

In 1988, he was selected as the TIAA Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Don Hansen's Football Gazette First Team All American Linebacker, NAIA, NCAA II, Honorable Mention All

American Linebacker. Ivey was the recipient of the John Fielding Higgs Award as the Most Valuable Player on the 1988 Tarleton Team. Ivey led the 1986 and 1987 team in tackles with 100 and 109 respectively and was second on the team in 1988 with 95 while playing in one less game than the other top six tacklers. Ivey is still the second leading tackler in the history of Tarleton football with 339 total tackles.

Over 150 people were in attendance for the event as Ivey joined 116 former inductees into Tarleton's most prestigious athletic group.

Family attending the banquet included, his wife Jami Ivey; daughters, Ashtin Ivey and Savannah Ivey; parents, L.B. and Marie Ivey; sister, Cindy Fitzharris and her husband Kevin.

## Clear Fork Crime Stoppers pays first reward for tip

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers recently paid its first reward to an anonymous informant. Information given by the informant assisted in the arrest of a felony fugitive with four outstanding arrest warrants issued in two different counties in the Clear Fork Crime Stoppers service area.

"We hope this first \$500 reward leads to many more,"

stated Clear Fork Crime Stopper's coordinator Billie McKeever. "We encourage other informants to report any information about crimes in Fisher, Jones, Haskell and Shackelford counties by calling 1-800-222-TIPS."

For more information about Clear Fork Crime Stoppers or to schedule a presentation call 940-256-0787.

## Dinner, auction to benefit Noah

The Noah Project-North is hosting their annual dinner/silent auction on Sat., Feb. 23, at the Haskell Civic Center. The "Return of The Golden Girls" will be the entertainment along with the silent auction. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years old and under. The doors open at 6 p.m.

Advisory Committee members and Noah staff will be asking for donations for the silent auction from now until then. Your donated item or cash item will be greatly appreciated.

This dinner/auction is the main fund-raiser for Noah-North and it is always lots of fun. Tickets may be purchased from the members or staff, or by calling the office at 940-864-2551. Your donation is tax deductible.

The proceeds will be used to help the victims of family violence in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 940-864-2551 or come by the office on the third floor of the Haskell Courthouse.

## Player of the week

Haskell Indian D.J. McCulloch, was named Big Country Player of the Week on Tues., Jan. 15 by the Abilene Reporter-News.

The senior post had a huge week, averaging 24.5 points and 10 rebounds in wins over Stamford and Merkel. He scored 31 points against the Stamford team.



**PEN PALS**—Welcoming home their pen pal PFC Aaron Walters, second from left back row, are front row, l-r, Jason Howry, Roger Hayes and Troy Sears; back row, Carlos Sanchez, Walters, Gilbert Doran and Chris Hollingsworth. Not pictured is Kevin Reed. Walters, based in Anaconda/Balad, is a member of the OIF 6 in Iraq. Walters attended high school in Haskell and coached the Special Olympics team, of which his pen pals were members, in 2000. Walters will return from leave Jan. 29. Walters has served in California, Korea and Iraq and has kept in touch with his pen pals throughout his time in the military.

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# Kirklands celebrate anniversary



MR. AND MRS. B.D. KIRKLAND

B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 18.

A party was held Nov. 10 in their honor, hosted by their family Tammy and Tom Tension, Jacky Dee and Barbara Kirkland; and grandchildren, Jennifer and Alex Padron, Jackson Kirkland, Kristin Kirkland, Stephanie Cornett and Rebecca Kirkland. The party included dinner with a bride and groom's cake, dancing and a slide show.

In attendance were many friends and family including some members of the Weinert Class of 58, Truman and Charlene Therwhanger, Jack and Glenda Therwhanger, Dru and Lynn Bruton, and J.B. and Carolyn Griffin. Family in attendance were Charlene Hawkins, Tamera and her children, Cloa Estep, Heather and Logan Parsons, Clarence Tatum, Terry Tatum and son, Krystal, Billy Tatum, Katie and Jake Roysdon, Lila Stewart, William Kirkland, Charles and Peggy Kirkland, Johnny and Kathie Kirkland and grandson, Lona Mae Phelps, Ethelyne Slade, Paula Kraemer and Judy Slade of Arizona, John Hardman of North Carolina, Andy and Marlene Sanders, Netha, A.J. Renetha and Kadie Caruth, Crystal, Logan and Jaci McDaniel, Lisa Lambright, Andrea Jackson, Tina and Ricky Thomas, Walter and Sue Cox, Walter Jr., Christi, Kade, Drew and Macy Cox, Brenda Sartain, Jacky and Sandra Sanders, Ben, Melinda and family, Bill and Elaine Holley.

The family has a legacy of 50th anniversaries including Marie's grandparents, George and Harriet Alexander, and Henry and Lou Sanders; her parents, Jack and Sallie Sanders; her siblings, Lona Mae and Dudley Phelps, Travis and Wilma Sanders, Ethel and Darwin Slade, Andy and Marlene Sanders, and B.D.'s sister, Myrl and Verna Andress.

The couple enjoyed a cruise to Alaska accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law.

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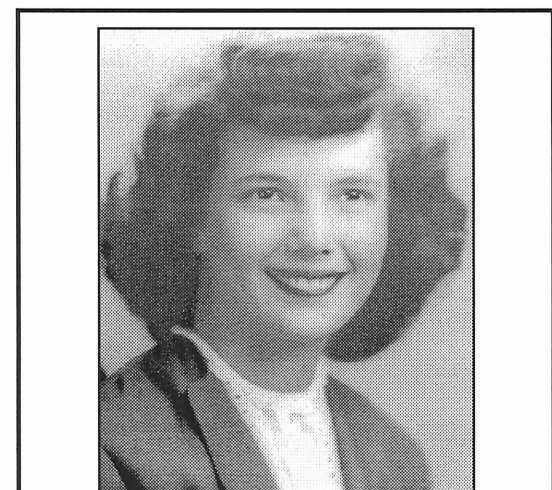
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## Gifted students sought

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T Program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

To nominate a child for this screening, come by the office at Paint Creek School Wed., Jan. 16 to Thurs., Jan. 31 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a G/T nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 31, 2008. For further information, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 940-864-2868.



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# Obituaries

## Frances Allen Mahan



**FRANCES MAHAN**  
Funeral services for Frances Allen Mahan, 92, of Weinert were held Sat., Jan. 19 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with John Snider and Phil Sims officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-

McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Mahan died Wed., Jan. 16 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born April 27, 1915 in Gainesville, she was the daughter of the late Enoch Walter Maples and Captola Fraser Maples. She married James Haskell Allen Sept. 3, 1932 in Fredrick, Oklahoma. She later married Leonard Alvin 'Bud' Mahan April 23, 1945 in Reno, Nevada. They both preceded her in death. She graduated as Valedictorian of Rochester High School and in 1958 graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She worked as an elementary school teacher at Ector County Independent Schools. She was a member of the

Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; son, Edward William 'Bill' Allen; daughter, Sharon Leonora Mahan New Rose; stepsons, Orville and Leroy Mahan; brothers, Drew Johnston Maples, George Edward Maples, Benned Maples and Lewis Walter Maples; and sister, Celia Mary Maples Lillard.

Survivors include sons, Jim H. Allen of Mesa, Arizona and Leonard Mahan Jr. of Weinert; daughters, Ruby LaRogue of Hamilton; sister-in-law, Mary Nell Stanfield of Clyde; 27 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

## Sandra Kay Lampe Slaton



**SANDRA SLATON**  
Funeral services for Sandra Kay Lampe Slaton, 64, of Rochester were held Wed., Jan. 23 at First Baptist Church in

Haskell with Pastor Greg Gasaway and Rev. Karen Byrd officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Slaton died Sat., Jan. 19.

Born Dec. 12, 1943 in Rochester, she was the daughter of the late Cecil Lampe and Virginia Goins Lampe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sheila Suzanne Slaton; sister, Judy Ann Lampe Williams; and granddaughter, Larissa R. Cooper.

Survivors include her daughters, Marcelle Veronica Slaton Blissett and husband, Rusty of Port Charlotte, Florida, Shelly Suzette Slaton Cooper and

husband, D.L. of Haskell, Cicily Jolette Slaton Muniz and husband, Jesse of Abilene; son, Rocky Joe Slaton and wife, Yvette of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Tre York, Shauna J. York, Patricia Kay Lindsey, Randall J. Lindsey, Cassandra Vasquez, Artie Vasquez, Leslie J. Slaton, Cassidy Cooper, Dylan R. Cooper, Amy Muniz, Miranda Muniz, Marissa Muniz; great grandchildren, Tristian Wallace, Gisselle Garcia, Samantha Garcia, Matthew Sosa, Sebastian Vazquez; and brother, Cecil Lee Lampe Sr. of Abilene.

Donations for funeral expenses may be made to the Sandra Lampe Slaton fund at First National Bank, Haskell. PD. NOTICE

## Billie Bynum

Funeral services for Billie Bynum, 91, formerly of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 15 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Ford Cole officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Bynum died Sun., Jan. 13 in Fort Worth.

Born Dec. 1, 1916 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Allen Duval Adams and Thelma (Bledsoe) Adams. She married James Thurmond Bynum May 18, 1934 in Stamford. He preceded her in death Aug. 2, 1979. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1934. She loved being a

homemaker and operating the preschool facility she established and ran for years. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents and twin brother.

Survivors include her daughter, Dr. Terry Collet and husband, Reagan of Fort Worth; grandson, Tony Collet of Granbury; granddaughter, Tammy Dempsey and husband, Danny of Brock; three great grandchildren, Clint, Colton and Caitlyn; and brother, Allen Adams and wife, Doris of Louisville, Kentucky. PD. NOTICE

## Dorothy Chesnut

Funeral services for Dorothy Chesnut, 58, of Midland were held Wed., Jan. 16 at This Generation Church with Pastor Bill Forest officiating. Burial was in Serenity Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chesnut went home to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Sat., Jan. 12 at the Hospice Inpatient Unit in Midland.

Born Sept. 13, 1949 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Jack and Letha Isbell. She was raised and educated in Haskell where she graduated from Haskell High School in 1968. She later attended Midland College where she received her LVN certification in August of 2006. She has worked at Midland Memorial Hospital and was an In Home Care nurse. She enjoyed arts and crafts, fishing and

camping. She had a great sense of humor and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Dale Isbell.

Survivors include her five sons and their wives, Allen Chesnut, Anthony and wife Pam Chesnut, Jason and wife Shanla Chesnut, Jackie T. 'J.T.' Chesnut and Jerry and wife Deana Downing, all of Midland; three brothers, Johnny Isbell of Haskell, Alvin Isbell of Loving, New Mexico and Tony Isbell of Midland; her parents, Jack and Letha Isbell of Haskell; twenty-two grandchildren; four nephews; nine nieces; and numerous cousins.

Nana, we love you. You will be greatly missed by all your family and friends. PD. NOTICE

## Friske brings demonstration to Art Club

The Brazos West Art Association met at the Haskell National Bank Community Building, Mon. Jan. 14, for the regular monthly meeting.

Paul Friske of Abilene was

guest artist. Working in oils, he painted a beautiful country scene of trees, plants and road with standing water.

Attending were Nelwyn Beakley, Betty Berry, Bobbie

Harrison, Betty Hook, Martha Spitzer and Marsha Whittemore. New member Barbara Fouts was welcomed.

Hook and Whittemore were hostesses.

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# Ceremony unites Stewart, Wagner

Lana Kay Stewart and William Conrad Wagner, III, were married Dec. 29 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with Rev. Henry L. Salley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Ozona. She is the granddaughter of Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings, and the late Frank F. McMullan, Jr. of Ozona, and the late James and Janice Stewart of Haskell.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Wagner of Uvalde. He is the grandson of Bill and Berta Wagner of Uvalde, and Jane Martin of Manassas, Virginia and the late Kenneth Martin of Memphis, Tennessee.

Maid of honor was Kimberly Childress of Ozona. Bridesmaids were Katie Wagner of Uvalde, Lauren Wagner of College Station, Jurahee Jones of Sweetwater and Blair Gorbett of Trent. Junior bridesmaids were Abby Newton of Ozona and Kinsey Chandler of Sanderson.

Best man was Kyle Wagner of College Station. Groomsmen were Dusty Parker of Lamesa, Sammy Hutchinson of Uvalde, Clay John Anderson of College Station and Jake Stewart of West Point, New York. Ushers were Brooks Bland of Lubbock, Jess McMullan of College Station, and Luke McMullan of Alpine.

The bride wore a strapless fitted silk charmeuse gown with hand ruched bodice and drop waist. The vintage Hollywood design with stunning modern accents was detailed with pleated insets in the skirt and sweep train. She wore a short blusher style Birdcage veil in ivory color French tulle, detailed with a feathered hibiscus hairpiece.

She accessorized with "something old," a pearl necklace with diamond clasp that belonged to her great grandmother, Margaret Davidson McMullan; as well as "something borrowed," a delicate pearl bracelet from life long friend, Kimberly Bean Childress. "Something new" was her wedding dress, and "something blue" was her baby blue satin garter. In her shoe, she wore a six pence, given to her by her father. She carried a bouquet of white protea and seeded eucalyptus, ballet wrapped with chocolate and ivory satin ribbon.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore fitted strapless full length dresses of teal shantung silk, with chocolate

brown cummerbund. Each wore a strand of black pearls and matching earrings, which were a gift from the bride. They carried clutch bouquets of white stock and protea with seeded eucalyptus, ballet wrapped with chocolate satin ribbon. The junior bridesmaids, who also served as candle lighters, wore chocolate brown sleeveless organza dresses with a beaded sash.

The bridegroom and his attendants wore black wool tuxedos, with boutonnieres of seeded eucalyptus and the crest of a peacock feather.

The church was decorated with an altar arrangement of lilies, stock, snapdragons and gerbera daisies, all in shades of white. A beautiful cross, adorned in a multitude of white flowers held the Unity candle, and spiral candelabras draped in variegated white and green ivy were to each side. Pew markers of white stock, greenery and chocolate brown ribbon lined the aisle.

The mother of the bride was escorted by her son, Jake Stewart, while the mother of the groom was escorted by her son, Kyle Wagner.

Organist for the ceremony was Marilyn Cox, and the flautist Justina Saunders. The Ice House Brass Quintet of San Angelo played "Air" from Water Music during the lighting of the candles. As the mothers entered, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was played.

The bride, escorted by her father, made her way to the altar as the musicians played "Trumpet Voluntary."

The couple exchanged rings, performed the unity candle ceremony, then prayed The Lord's Prayer in unison with the congregation. The newlyweds exited to "Rondeau," and the bridal party to "Trumpet Tune."

A reception followed at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center. Magnificent chandeliers with strings of pearls and crystals hung from the ceiling. These, along with pewter candelabras and glass votives on tables decorated with lush arrangements of peacock feathers, created a golden glow of romantic elegance. Upon entering, guests were drawn to the registration table, an antique mirrored vanity, anchored by a gold-toned oriental rug. A framed photograph of the bride's grandmother, Lorelei Hankins,



MRS. WILLIAM CONRAD WAGNER III

being primped for her wedding by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Hankins, dressed the registration table. It was illuminated by an antique lamp and flanked by a fabulous urn of peacock feathers. Tables covered in off white damask cloths with flowing overlays of ribboned taffeta in chocolate brown, and brown chairs dressed in sheer golden brown organza.

In the center was an intimate table, reserved for Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner III, set with white china on gold chargers, and heirloom silver.

The bride's cake was five layers of apricot poppyseed cake with white buttercream icing, chocolate brown fleurs-de-lis design and delicate script initial

"W" on top. The groom's cake was two layers of German chocolate with scroll design and bold script initial "W" on top.

Guests danced to western music throughout the night. As the evening came to an end, the couple made their way out the door, running the gauntlet of family and friends, who ceremoniously tossed rice and birdseed as the couple made their way into their decorated vehicle.

The bride is a graduate of Ozona High School and Texas Tech University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Uvalde High School and Texas A&M University. After a wedding trip to Lajitas, the couple will reside in Wolfforth.

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Inspectors told to focus on metal bridge component

AUSTIN—Last summer, the Interstate 35 West Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minneapolis woke people up.

Inspection crews fanned out across each state and assessed the condition of bridges under their care.

The Texas Department of Transportation ran bridge safety inspections and declared Texas bridges safe.

Now, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters has told Texas and the other states to address how changes in bridge weight, capacity and bridge conditions might affect "gusset plates." Gusset plates and girders hold up certain bridges. They work like a hub and spokes. Peters' directive suggests inspectors should take a closer look at gusset plates when calculating load capacity on the nation's 13,000 steel truss bridges. Texas has more than 300 of them.

According to TxDOT, there are only six bridges in Texas like the one that collapsed in Minnesota and all of them have either been inspected within the last year or are scheduled for replacement.

### Guv calls for nominations to hall

Gov. Rick Perry is calling for nominations of outstanding women for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, coordinated by the Governor's Commission for Women, includes among its many inductees Lady Bird Johnson, educator and lawmaker Barbara Jordan, Gov. Ann Richards, rancher Hallie Stillwell, Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper reporter Caro Crawford Brown, musician Lydia Mendoza, and newspaper publisher and presidential cabinet member Oveta Culp Hobby.

This year's categories for nominees are leadership, historic preservation, health, physical fitness, education and performing arts.

An independent panel of judges will review the nominations and the governor will induct the women the panel recommends into the 2008 Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in the fall.

Nominees must be native or current Texas residents, their noted achievement must have significant ties to Texas, and they must have been involved in the noted achievement during the past 12 months.

In related news, a 1986 Texas

Women's Hall of Fame inductee, former State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco of Austin, has been named by House Speaker Tom Craddick as a member of the Texas Ethics Commission. Her term, effective immediately, will end in November 2011.

### AG withdraws benefits opinions

Attorney General Greg Abbott withdrew two letter opinions released in 2006, disqualifying certain veterans from receiving college tuition exemptions available under the Hazlewood Act.

The San Antonio-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of six Gulf War veterans who are now U.S. citizens.

The veterans were denied the Hazlewood exemption because they were legal residents but not U.S. citizens at the time they entered the military.

After Abbott vacated the opinions, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted temporary rules to provide that qualified veterans are eligible for the Hazlewood exemption whether they were U.S. citizens or legal resident immigrants at the time they entered the military.

### Student testing is rescheduled

Education Commissioner Robert Scott moved back the state testing calendar so Texas school students will not take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exams on the March 4 statewide primary election day.

"By moving testing dates, we can preserve schools as polling places and maintain a calm, quiet, secure testing environment for our students," Scott said.

Tests scheduled for March 4-6 will be given one day later than originally scheduled.

About 2.6 million students will be affected.

### Texas' role in primaries may rise

Even though the Lone Star State's primary comes a month after the Feb. 5 Super Tuesday primaries or caucuses in 24 other states, a general sense of the importance of Texas in the presidential primaries seems to be improving.

This may be attributed to the fact that no clear frontrunner has emerged for the Democrats or the Republicans.

Texas, second in population among the states, has 34 electoral votes, and may emerge as a key to victory for any of the campaigns.



ACROSS THE U.S., IDEAS SURFACE TO SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM RECESSION...

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago January 22, 1998

Casey Burgess of Haskell, a student at Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee was named to the Dean's List of the fall semester.

Jeremy Harlan, son of Karen Ratliff and Marcie Elmore, daughter of W.O. and Mendi Elmore visited the Rotary Club.

Haskell CISD receives a telecommunications, infrastructure grant. Those on the grant writing team were Pam Thigpen, Dusty Garison, Bob Baker, Debi Burson, Sherry Adams, Wayne Hester, Jimmy Huff, Jessica Rieger, Amanda Hadaway, Lou Gilly, Billie McKeever, Betsy McManamon and Joan Strickland.

Walter Haley of Vernon, visited his mother, Dora Hollie.

Elsie and Kimberly Mayers of Bryan, visited their parents, Mr. and Mr. Joe Ruiz.

### 20 Years Ago January 28, 1988

Winners in the Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby were Jeremy Cadenhead, best-looking car; Will Trammell, Wolf Cub champion; Ethan Brown, Tiger Cub champion; Casey Thompson, Bear Cub champion; and Bobby Cothron, Webelos champion.

Olney Savings recently matched funds with the War Whoop to purchase a new enlarger and camera for the school newspaper. The War Whoop staff can now utilize the newly remodeled darkroom with new floor, two large sinks, formica countertops and wooden cabinets.

Dr. Frank C. Spencer, son of

Lillian Spencer of Haskell, was elected as chairman of the board of regents of the American College of Surgeons.

Paul J. Riggins of Rule made the Dean's honor roll at Wayland Baptist University.

Julie Ann Roewe and Lori Dawn McGee were named to the Dean's list at Western Texas College in Snyder.

### 30 Years Ago January 26, 1978

Haskell County Attorney Charles Chapman was admitted to practice in Federal Court. He was introduced in Federal Court in Abilene by Abilene attorney Stanley Wilson and Haskell attorney Royce Adkins.

Named to the West Texas State University President's Honor Roll from Haskell was John W. Cox a freshman management major. Named to the Dean's List from Haskell was Mona C. Bledsoe, a freshman music education major and Linda K. Hartsfield, a senior nursing major.

Mrs. Jack Sanders and Mrs. H.E. Freedy of Weinert visited with Dessie Marion.

Nellie Stanfield and Nelda Sue of Knox City visited Haney Stanfield.

Harvey Medford of Munday visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Medford.

Ruth McKennon of Munday visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Chandler.

Robert G. Colbert, Vernon L. Pruet, Cynthia S. Thomas and Carol A. Dudensing qualified for the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Texas Tech University.

### 40 Years Ago January 25, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cook and Jimmy of Fort Worth visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nierdieck and family.

Cora Davis of Rule and son, J.C. of Austin, visited with Mrs. John Clark.

Hattie Clark of Holliday visited with her sister, Mrs. John Clark.

Harold Smith of Quanah visited in the home of Mrs. John Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. J.V. Patterson and daughter, Gloria and Anita Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Montgomery were in Seymour to hear the McMurry Chanters.

Mrs. L.E. Weber of Hearne visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Couch and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Lemmon.

### 50 Years Ago January 23, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Groves of McComb, Oklahoma are visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and children. Groves are parents of Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery left for El Paso where they will be enrolled in Texas Western College. He will study electronic engineering and she will major in elementary education.

R.I. Johnson and Loraine Johnson of Boggs & Johnson have returned from Dallas where they attended a furniture show and market.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Chamberlin and sons, Marty and Cliff, of Midland were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Chamberlin.

Pfc. Charles R. Sorrells, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Sorrells, is a driver with the 84th Transportation Company in Germany.

W.R. "Red" Howard has announced the purchase of Boyd's Magnolia Station.

Barbara McAnelly, county home demonstration agent of Fannin County will be transferred to Haskell County to begin work here in a similar capacity.

### 100 Years Ago January 25, 1908

Vernon Cobb, who was in town from his father's ranch in the southeast part of the county, said that cattle had come this far into the winter in fine condition.

Cora Lemmon left on a visit to friends in Seymour.

Rev. I.N. Alvis, Magie Simpson of Rule and Rev. J.T. Nicholson left for Abilene, where they will attend a ten days Bible school at Simmons College.

Born on the 21st to Mr. and Mrs. U.T. Stodgill of the east side, an eleven pound boy.

J.W. Hester, who owns a farm about one and a half miles north of town, was approached a few days ago by a party with a proposition to lease the mineral rights on his land. Eight or ten years ago, in boring a well on this place, particles of lead were brought up to the surface. Hester has the matter under investigation but has not made any terms.

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade vaulted to their highest finish in four years on Tuesday due to a steady barrage of investment fund buying amid fears that cotton plantings in the United States will be sharply down this season.

The number of acres planted to cotton in the U.S. have dropped sharply in the past three seasons. The culprit has been a rush into the biofuel sector and the resulting increase in demand for grains, like corn, to be diverted into the production of ethanol.

Cotton industry observers have said Texas, which planted 4.93 million acres to cotton in 2007 and probably will plant the same amount this year, will account for more than half of the total acres planted to cotton in the United States.

"With Texas carrying so much weight if we had a bad year here the situation could tighten numbers down considerably," a Texas-based analyst said. "Bad weather in the Lone Star state could easily chop two million bales off the U.S. cotton crop."

Analysts have said recently that December cotton prices would need to rise to 85 cents per pound and stay above that level in order to convince American farmers considering a switch to grains or soybeans to plant cotton once again. U.S. plantings were forecast in a recent survey of analysts to fall between 9.3 million and 9.4 million acres in 2008, down sharply from the 10.8 million planted in 2007. The market continued to close on the high side Thursday as investors piled into the market due to widespread belief that fiber contracts are undervalued.

"It's pure fund buying," a cotton market watcher explained. "Funds feel fiber prices are undervalued, and they also point to the fact that U.S. cotton acreage in 2008 probably will switch to other crops like soybeans and wheat which have rallied to multi-year highs. Thursday's export sales report added some additional support," he said.

Net export sales of U.S. cotton for the week ended Jan. 10 totaled 505,400 bales. The figure was higher than the previous week and more than five-times the four-week average. The primary buyer was Mexico, with lesser amounts to China, Turkey, Pakistan and Indonesia.

Export shipments of 165,600 bales were up two percent from the previous week and nine percent from the four-week average. Major destinations included Turkey, Indonesia, China and Mexico.

"Thursday's healthy export sales must have come as a shock to the bears who have been pointing out that mills are not buying cotton due to elevated prices for U.S. cotton," an analyst noted. "But the fact remains that over half a million bales of U.S. cotton found a home and that many mills have yet to fix the price on their procurements which adds further support to the market," he concluded.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 111,623 bales in the week ended Jan. 17 compared to 55,496 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 62.94 to 64.87 cents per pound versus 57.48 to 62.05 cents per pound one week earlier.

## Students in the News

Ross Short of Rochester has been named to the President's Honor List at Texas Tech University for the 2007 fall semester. Students must attain a grade-point average of 4.0 to be included on the list.

Short was also listed on the

Dean's Honor List at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources of Texas Tech University for the 2007 fall semester. Students must attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be on the list.

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Jerrica Escobedo, Paula Isbell and Breanna Marquis have been named to the Dean's List for the 2007 Fall semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be included on the list, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Midwestern State University of Wichita Falls has released the names of students on the Provost's honor roll and the Dean's honor roll.

Adam Diaz was listed on the Provost's list. To be included on the list, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

Ashleigh Nichole Miller was listed on the Dean's list. To be included on the list, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited.

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

### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

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HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski and Coach Toby Villa.  
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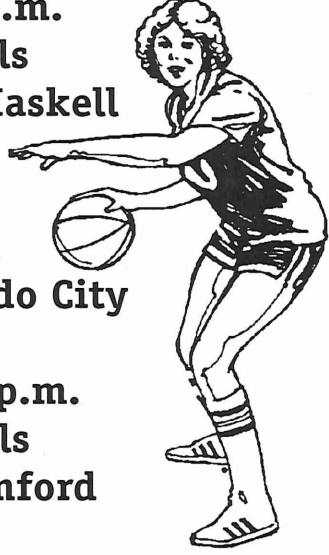
HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Claire Isbell, Lauren Newton, Paige Adams and Briè Torres; back row, Coach David Middleton, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Lacey Peiser, Ashton Rutkowski, Hannah Wallace and Aerial Thane.  
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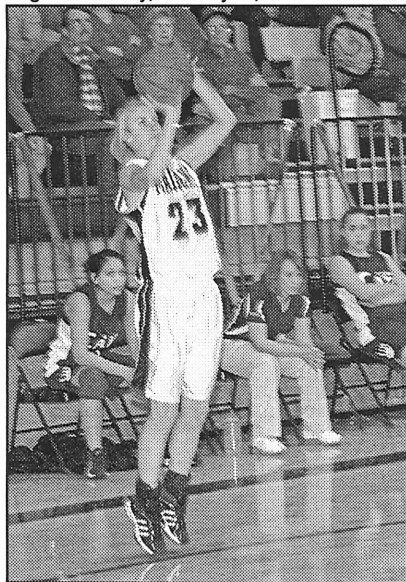
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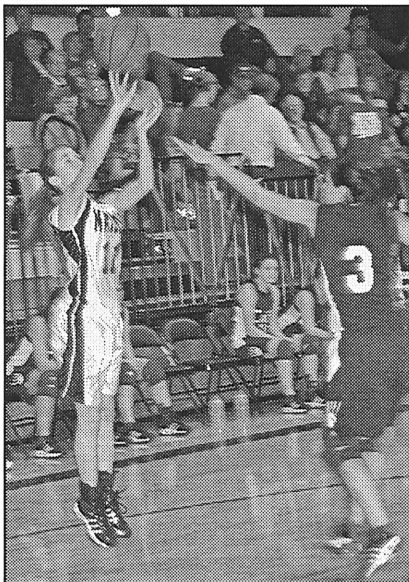
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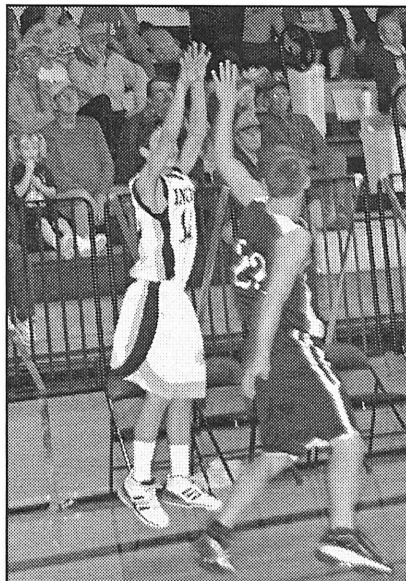
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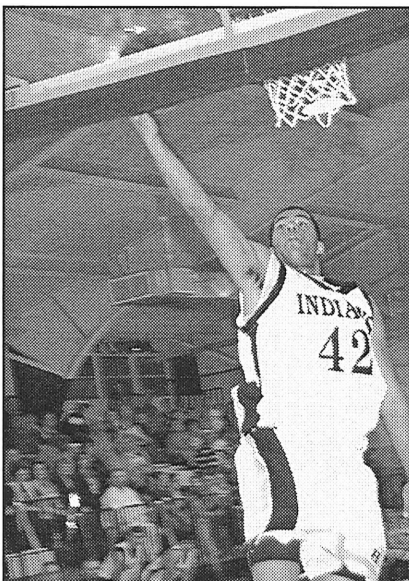
**LONG SHOT**—Haskell Maiden #23 Ashton Rutkowski attempts a shot during the game against Hawley Jan. 15. Rutkowski added 5 points to the close scoring game. The Maidens won 37-35. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**PASSING THE BALL**—Haskell Maiden #11 Aubrey Bassett tries to pass the ball against a Hawley player in the game played in Haskell Jan. 15. Bassett added 6 points to the Maiden's score. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**LONG SHOT**—Haskell Indian #12 John English attempts a long shot during the Haskell-Hawley game Jan. 15. English scored 11 points during the game. Haskell defeated the Bearcats 66-29. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Indian #42 D.J. McCulloch adds two points during the Indians' winning game against Hawley. McCulloch scored 25 points in the game played in Indian gym on Jan. 15. Photo by Bill Blankenship

**Students in the News**



**ROBBYN TRIBBEY**

Robbyn Dyamond Tribbey, a 2006 graduate of Haskell High School, was named to the President's List at Hardin Simmons University for the fall 2007 semester. Students named to the President's List have to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Tribbey is a student at the Kelley College of Business at Hardin Simmons majoring in Accounting. She is the daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey of Haskell and the granddaughter of Luther Meier of Old Glory.

On Oct. 11, Tribbey was inducted in to the Hardin Simmons University chapter of Delta Mu Delta, an international honor society in business administration. She was elected for the society because of her high scholastic attainment.

Matthew Bowers of Haskell was listed on the Honor Roll for the Fall 2007 semester at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

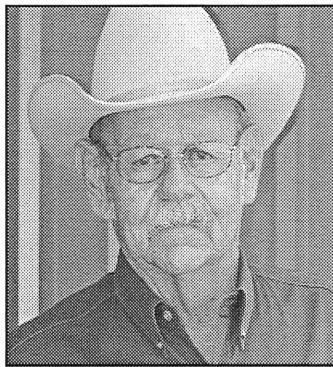
The Honor Roll lists students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.64 while completing at least 12 semester hours. Bowers is a sophomore pursuing a degree in Computer Information Systems and Business.

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is the last day to pay your 2007 taxes and avoid the penalty and interest charges. This does not apply to the Haskell CISD taxes for 2007.

I am seeking re-election as county commissioner precinct #1 Haskell County. In the seven years I have served in this position, we have updated most of our equipment and brought most of our roads to a higher level.



I spent 30 years in the Natural Gas

Liquids Division for Cities Services, Occidental and Conoco Oil Companies. I was born, raised and lived my entire life west of Rochester on the family farm, where I raised mostly wheat and cattle.

I have been a member of the Haskell County Historical Commission for 15 years, a member of the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society 13 years, and am serving my tenth year as president of this organization. I'm also service my second term as a member of the Haskell County Appraisal District. I served on the Haskell County Junior Livestock board of directors for 9 years and was co-chairman of the lamb show for 2 years. I still support 4-H and FFA as two of the best programs for our youth.

I have been married to my childhood sweetheart, Teresa Martin, almost 48 years. We have one daughter and son-in-law, Mickey and Michelle Dunnam of Haskell, and one previous granddaughter, Shalee Dunnam.

If re-elected, I will continue to devote my time to improving the roads in precinct #1, and to work with commissioner's court to handle the county business as efficiently and economically as possible. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,  
**Johnny Scoggins**

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Johnny Scoggins

**Area Basketball scores**

**Girls**

Haskell 37, Hawley 35  
Scoring for Haskell: Peiser 8, Bassett 6, Newton 6, Rodgers 6, Rutkowski 5, Torres 4, Johnson 2.  
JV: Haskell 37, Hawley 29.  
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Rule 41, Paint Creek 15  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 16, Messenger 13, M. Dudensing 5, Petty 2, Benavides 2, Johnson 2, J. Dudensing 1.  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Martinez 5, Wiggle 4, Wolsch 2, Wagner 2, Hall 2.  
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Rule Roby 83, Paint Creek 16  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Wigley 11, Wolsch 4, Armstrong 1.

Aspermont 42, Rule 23  
Scoring for Rule: Scheets 11, Dudensing 7, Muniz 4, Messenger 1.  
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**Boys**  
Haskell 66, Hawley 29  
Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 25, English 11, Adams 11, Agraz 6, Marshall 6, Guzman 5, Rutkowski 2.  
JV: Hawley 46, Haskell 45  
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Rule 97, Paint Creek 13  
Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 32, Wolfe 13, Hall 12, Rincon 11,

Clark 8, Saucedo 8, Simpson 7, Pace 6.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Groves 5, Myers 5, Bishop 2, McDonald 1.

JV score: Rule 47, Newcastle 22  
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Rule 56, Aspermont 27  
Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 16, Pace 12, Simpson 12, Saucedo 8, Rincon 3, Wolfe 3, Clark 2.  
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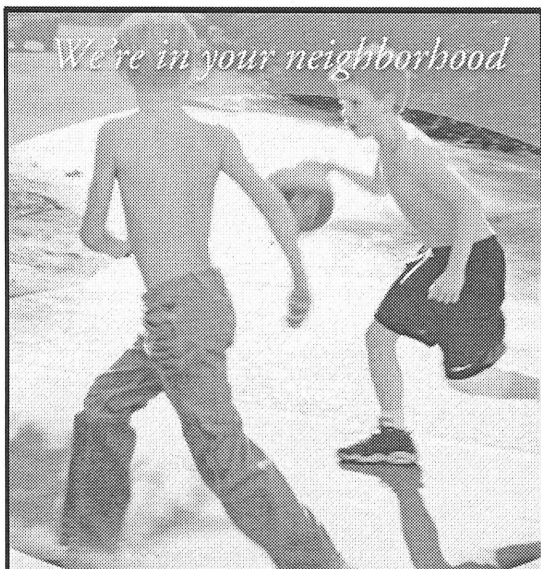
Roby 92, Paint Creek 21  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Myers 6, Bishop 6, Whitfield 5, Groves 4.

**Scouts to sell cookies**

For more than 80 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies—an experience that helps girls build strong skills, values and friendships. This year is no different, Jan. 19 marked the kick-off of the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

The Girl Scouts are offering: Thin Mints (mint chocolate cookie coated in chocolate), Samoas (caramel and toasted coconut), All Abouts (shortbread with a rich fudge coating on the bottom), Tagalongs (layered peanut butter and chocolate), Do-si-dos (Oatmeal cookies with peanut butter filling), Trefoils (shortbread) and our latest editions, the Lemon Chalet Creme (cinnamon-ginger cookie with lemon creme filling), the Sugar Free Chocolate Chip (a classic favorite with chocolate chips).

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies Jan. 19 through March 9. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package, with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax 806-748-0769 or phone 806-745-2855. Proceeds benefit individual troop programs and Council initiatives.



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Ephesians 3:20-21



**Dr. Bailey Stone**  
Evangelist  
Allen, Texas



**Dr. Steve Joiner**  
Pastor, FBC  
Buffalo Gap

Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
**Jan. 25, 26, 27**  
6:00 each evening  
9:30 & 10:45 on Sunday morning



**Shiloh**

Southern Gospel Concert on Saturday night

**Cornerstone Bible Conference**

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church  
West Hwy 380 in Haskell 940-864-5557