

Softball

HASKELL
JV in Eula Tournament
March 4-6 at Eula
V in Wichita Falls Optimist
Tournament
March 4-6 at Wichita Falls
JV vs Hawley
Tues., March 9 at Hawley
V vs Trent
Tues., March 9, 5 p.m.
at Trent

Baseball

HASKELL
Haskell in Merkel
Tournament
March 4-6 at Merkel
Haskell vs Hamlin
Tues., March 9, 4 p.m.
at Hamlin

Track

HASKELL
JH at Haskell Meet
Thurs., March 4
V at Cisco Meet
Sat., March 6
PAINT CREEK
JH at Cow Country Relays
Mon., Mar. 8, at Throckmorton
V at Cow Country Relays
Fri., Mar. 12 at Throckmorton

Calendar

Celebrate Texas

Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style will be held Sat., March 6 around the Haskell courthouse square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of displays, reenactment groups and vendors will be available.

Hamburger meal

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will be serving hamburgers and french fries on the square Sat., March 6 during the Celebrate Texas Celebrate Haskell event. Cost of a hamburger meal is \$5.00.

Krispy Kreme

Haskell Heroes will sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts Sat., March 6 on the square from 7 a.m. until they're gone. Doughnuts will be \$7 per dozen. Doughnuts will also be available at the Little Dribbler Tournament at the High School Gym. All proceeds go toward autism research.

Music program

The Noah Project organization will be hosting "Over the Rainbow for Noah" at First United Methodist Church of Haskell Sat., March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Musicians from Haskell County and beyond will provide an evening of music and entertainment to benefit the Noah Project. The cost of admission will be by donation.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to car pool to Benjamin where a tour of their museum will be held pertaining to an 'Old West Outing' at which time the club will observe Texas Heritage-Americanism. Following the tour the group will adjourn to the home of Janoma Stephens for refreshments.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Gary Conn, talented Knox City artist, will bring a program and demonstrate 'all about drawing.'

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Welcome to Celebrate Texas Celebrate Haskell

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Local scouts race pinewood derby cars



PINEWOOD DERBY-Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 held their annual pinewood derby races Sun., Feb. 28 at the Haskell Elementary gym. Webelos scouts participating included, front row, l-r, Dalton Meinzer, Tanner Thomas, Tyler Hoover, Payton Thomas and Rudy Espinoza. Helping with the event were, back row, Sherri Morrow, Cubmaster; Joey Thomas, Webelos leader; Preston Morrow, Boy Scout; Riley Meinzer, Boy Scout; and Tyke Meinzer, Webelos leader.

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 held their annual pinewood derby races Sun., Feb. 28 at the Haskell Elementary gym before a crowd of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends.

Rudy Espinoza took the overall grand champion and first place honors. His car was chosen Best of Show and Coolest Design.

Tanner Thomas held the second place position. His car had the Best Paint Job and Most Artistic Design.

Dalton Meinzer raced to the third place position. His car was named Most Unique Design and Most Unusual Car.

Payton Thomas held the fourth place pole position. His car was chosen Most Decorated and Most Aerodynamic Design.

Kyler Hoover garnered the fifth place position. His car was named Most Realistic and Most Fuel Efficient.

Boy Scouts Preston Morrow and Riley Meinzer of Haskell's Troop 136 helped with the event.

Haskell Progressive Study Club project to honor County veterans with Wall of Honor

by Caron Yates

The Progressive Study Club has long been known for its active involvement with community projects and efforts. They now have embarked upon a most ambitious project to recognize Haskell County Veterans with a Wall of Honor.

Club President Dorothy Hartsfield said, "After attending the county Veterans' Day celebrations, as well as centering the club's November program around Veterans' Day, I began thinking that the county seat should also have a memorial."

In presenting the idea to the club members, she noted that there are several communities in the area that have beautiful memorials. The Progressive Study Club voted to take the lead role in making this dream a reality.

Members of the club met with County Judge David Davis and the Commissioners' Court in early Dec. to discuss the project with them. After receiving their support, plans were set in motion.

The next step was to decide the best place for the memorial, determine what it would look like, and contact someone with experience in building memorials.

It was decided that the greatest vantage point would be a location on the southwest corner of the courthouse square. Wanting to include the existing memorial to servicemen, the new plan calls for placing black granite tablets, five north and five east of the original monument. Names will be

inscribed on both sides. The granite will come from India. There will also be four black granite bevels, placed on the flat top of the existing memorial. Here the names of service personnel who died while serving their country will be engraved. The plan also calls for benches to be placed near the memorial.

The goal is to build a memorial that will include any veteran that has made his or her home in Haskell County, has worked, raised a family, worshiped here, or is buried in any county cemetery. There are in excess of 2500 entries of veterans' discharge records on file with the county clerk.

The next, and possibly biggest hurdle, is raising money to finance the project. It is going to take everyone working together to see this through. The Progressive Study Club is asking other organizations, businesses, families and individuals across Haskell County to contribute to this worthy undertaking.

In fact, some contributions have already been received. Hartsfield said that when approximately half of the needed money is received, work on the memorial will begin. Donations may be sent to Dorothy Hartsfield at 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521. Please make checks payable to Progressive Study Club. She also reminds everyone that they are a tax deductible organization. Names of service personnel to be included on the memorial may be sent to the same address.

It is the desire of the club to fix the names of members of the armed services of Haskell County, in a place of perpetual honor and remembrance. The Wall of

Honor is one way to say thank you to these men and women, who have served so that we can walk the streets of our hometown secure in the blessings of liberty.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this wonderful endeavor. Contributions in any amount are needed for the completion of the project.

Celebrate Texas Celebrate Haskell activities to be held Saturday

by Caron Yates

In honor of Texas Independence Day, the Committee to Help Haskell County has planned a Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style day.

Activities for the day, March 6, will begin at 10 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony conducted by the Haskell Boy Scouts, and will include a bugler from Ft. Griffin.

Events throughout the day will include a book signing by Wyman Meinzer, the official photographer of Texas. The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society, will have available their new book, Images of America, Haskell County, for purchase. Story telling by a park ranger from Copper Breaks State Park will be a part of the day's activities.

Also around the square will be the HSU Six White Horses, Lone Star Ladies Horse Team, Old Time Pictures by Callie Sherman, Native American flintknapping, Drummer Boy Ice Cream Tent, as well as other vendors.

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will cook hamburgers. Reenactment groups with infantry and

artillery from Ft. Griffin and Ft. Chadbourne will perform. Music, including fiddle playing, is scheduled for the celebration.

The final event for the day will be the flag lowering ceremony at 3 p.m., also carried out by the Boy Scouts.

In the event of inclement weather, events will be

moved to the Haskell Civic Center.

Texas have always been proud of their state and their heritage. Everyone is encouraged to take pride in their county as well, and come be a part of the full day of activities as we Celebrate Texas Independence, Haskell Style.

Over the Rainbow musical to benefit Noah Project

Sat., March 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell at 6:30 p.m. a program of music to benefit the Noah Project will be held.

The seventeen musicians (some in pairs) will be performing many types of music. Performers of a wide variety were chosen to perform and create this program for the public's enjoyment.

Proceeds benefit the Noah Project, which serves a five-county area in and around Haskell County.

The emcee is full of personality and will be a real asset to the program. "Noah" still plans to attend as well as perform.

After attending the "Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style" event on the square earlier in the day, plan to attend "Over the Rainbow for Noah" in the evening, enjoy the music and support the Noah Project.

The price of admission is your choice.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session Mon., Feb. 22 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Randy Bowers and Robert

Tribbey in attendance. Councilmen Chan Guess and Jason Hall were absent.

The invocation was offered by Bowers.

The Council rejected the rezoning of 205 S. 6th East, Brown & Roberts Addition, Block 21—South part of the E/2, from retail to special purpose as requested by Mobil Home Concepts. The rejection was by recommendation of the zoning board.

The annual financial audit report was given by Jeff Gregg of Castagna and Gregg. The report was approved by the council.

The Texas Capital Fund Contract #7258032 repayment letter was discussed.

The council will allow the Lions Club to utilize the recycling trailer to start a community recycling program.

A budget amendment resolution was approved.

The policy concerning changing the holiday pay schedule for the police department was tabled.

Police Chief Steven Grand gave the January police activity report and annual racial profiling report in compliance with state law.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson said:

•Haskell will host the regional Texas Midwest Community Network meeting at the Haskell National Bank Community Room April 7. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Anderson.

•The city election will be held May 8.

•Anderson will attend a public funds investment training for small cities March 4-5 in DeSoto.

Calendar

Garage sale

Haskell Heroes is getting ready for their community wide garage sale and needs your stuff. Clean out and get rid of your treasures. Drop off at 1307 N. Ave F or call 256-2509 for pick up. Deadline is April 2.

Garage sale

A benefit garage sale will be held Sat., April 3 at the Haskell National Bank Building. All proceeds go to Autism Speaks.

Rochester homecoming

Plans for Rochester homecoming are being made for Fri.- Sat., Oct. 8-9.

Obituaries

Merry Jane Molet



MERRY MOLET

Memorial services for Merry Jane Molet, 46, of Jud were held Wed., Feb. 24 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Funeral services were held

Fri., Feb. 26 at the First Baptist Church in Dewar, Oklahoma with Rev. Junior Taylor officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery in Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Molet passed away Mon., Feb. 22 at her home in Jud.

Born Dec. 24, 1963 in Talihina, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Maudel Perkins and Ellis Tolburt. She was loved by many friends and family. The children around her called her Aunt Merry and will miss her very much.

Survivors include Lynn Payne, a loving and caring companion; her mother; three children of Oklahoma;

two stepchildren, Selinda and Michael Payne; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Austin Leckuhl, Will Frye, Erich Reid, Shane Lewdellen, Thomas Molet and Ellis Montgomery.

Honorary pallbearers were Anthony Lehmkuhl, Derrick Lehmkuhl and Dean Blood.

Lynn wishes to express his sincere thanks to all Merry's friends and family for all the condolences and to Cornerstone Church for their many prayers. God bless everyone for their expressions of love and friendship of Merry and Lynn. PD. NOTICE

Andrew A. 'Andy' Hanson

Memorial services for Andrew A. 'Andy' Hanson, 57, of Amarillo were held Sat., Feb. 20 at Amarillo South Church under the direction of Cox-Larone Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Hanson died Wed., Feb. 17.

Born April 12, 1952 in Amarillo, he graduated from Canyon High School in 1970. He attended the United States Air Force Academy from 1970-72 and earned his bachelor's degree in History from WTSU in 1978. He married Judith Moeller in Haskell Sept. 1, 1979. He worked for Ellet and Gaynor Professional Engineers from 1979 until the time of his death. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snow skiing and loved to ride his motorcycle. He was especially fond of 'Roxy,' the family dog. He was a loving and devoted husband and father who loved

spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hanson and his father-in-law, Frank Moeller.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Hanson of Amarillo; daughter, Jessica Hanson of Amarillo; mother, Billie Hanson of Amarillo; two brothers, Matt Hanson and wife Tracy of Colorado Springs and Mark Hanson and wife Lora of Amarillo; mother-in-law, Evelyn Moeller of Haskell; sisters-in-law, Janice Payne of Haskell and Sheila Hibbitts and husband Rick of Kopperl; brother-in-law, Allen Moeller and wife Rhonda of Haskell; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Helping Hand Fund in care of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 3500 Bowie, Amarillo, Texas 79109. PD. NOTICE

Rule ISD announces honor rolls, perfect attendance list

Rule ISD has announced the honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of the school year. Included are:

First grade: A honor roll, Sidney Campbell, Ryan Cooper, Kacie Easterling and Joey Flores; A-B honor roll, Michael Medford and Kayla Hollingsworth.

Second grade: A honor roll, Kennedy Fritzier; A-B honor roll, Danny Kreger, Jessica Cruz and Madalyn Navarrette.

Third grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel; A-B honor roll, Del Fritzier and Avery Tanner.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Alexandzandra Cooper; A-B honor roll, Xaviar Bruce, Mason Helms, Alexandria Martinez, Christina Moore, Pablo Sandoval and Thomas Short.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh and America Shelton.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Kade Lowak; A-B honor

roll, Gabriel Baiza, Sarah Campbell, Chris Holder, Samantha Lewis and Braden Tanner.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Christina Herrera.

Eighth grade: A-B honor roll, Marissa Holder and Charlie Thomison.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Josh Quintero, Daniel Turner and Darryl Williams.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Jenny Dudensing; A-B honor roll, Grace Burgess, Allison Petty, Brittany Roberts, Shelby Starr and Stephanie Threet.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Joseph Turner; A-B honor roll, Brittany Grindstaff and Robbie Whorton.

Students on the perfect attendance list for the fourth six weeks include:

P-K: Baylee Cloud.

Kindergarten: Daena Diaz, Sean Gatlin, Patrick Lightfoot, Emily Turner and Alfonso Ramos.

First grade: Kayla Hollingsworth, Hannah Sears, Kacie Easterling, Michael Medford and Dean Kreger.

Second grade: Cheyenne

Kreger, Antonio Amaya, Madalyn Navarrette, Kennedy Fritzier, Alex Nino, Jessica Cruz, Fabian Hollingsworth and Yesenia Moreno.

Third grade: Melana Quiroga and Del Fritzier.

Fourth grade: Thomas Short and Pablo Sandoval.

Fifth grade: Austin Redden, Alysia Hollabaugh, Casey Stiewert and Hunter Threet.

Sixth grade: Samantha Lewis, Gabriel Baiza, Kade Lowack, Sara Leonard and Shanisha Vanderbilt.

Seventh grade: Josh Starr, Luis Diaz and Jessica Gutierrez.

Eighth grade: Michael Perez, Rebecca Foreman and Charlie Thomison.

Ninth grade: Darryl Williams, Daniel Turner, Celeste Caddell and Jennifer Starr.

Tenth grade: Lizzie Benavides, Colin Taylor and Patrick Starr.

Eleventh grade: Shelby Starr.

Twelfth grade: Joseph Turner, Taylor Stewart, Vickie Benavides, Kate Rowan and Lorena Diaz.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Haskell County, Texas, will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING to allow public comment on a Texas Community Development Program infrastructure improvements project (TCDP Contract No. #728447 728457). The projects involved Reconstruction of storm damaged roads and water crossings. The intent of the public hearing is to review program performance and receive public comments.

The public hearing shall be as follows:
DATE: March 8, 2010
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D

Should you not be able to attend and wish to comment, please mail your comments to Haskell County, 1 Avenue D, Haskell County, Texas 79521.

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Welcome to Celebrate Texas Celebrate Haskell



CITIZENS OF THE MONTH—The character word for the month of February at Paint Creek ISD was "Responsibility." Students from each grade level are being recognized for demonstrating responsibility in the classroom. Recognized are, front row, l-r, Chris Elias, seventh grade; Chris Acosta, Kindergarten; Desiree Acosta, second grade; Brittany Yanez, third grade; and Catherine Lemond, fifth grade; middle row, Corbin Waggoner, first grade and Jarrett Lopez, sixth grade; back row, Shana Armstrong, eleventh grade; Britney Martinez, twelfth grade; Felysha Walker, tenth grade; Felicity Gentry, fourth grade; Kadie McCord, eighth grade; and Elena Moreno, ninth grade.

Paint Creek School announces honor rolls

Paint Creek ISD has announced the A and A-B honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of the school term.

Included are:
 First grade: A honor roll, William Bogle, Jasmine Boyd, Dakota Davis, Zakary Elkins, Gracie Oliver, Corbin Waggoner and Brianna Yanez; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Mitchell and Eric Perkins.

Second grade: A honor roll, Nancy Acosta, Tanner Booe, Jaelyn Snelling and Adaline Utley; A-B honor roll, A.J. Bailiff, Dawson Barnett, Kayla Bosnjak and Madyson Moore.

Third grade: A honor roll, Garrett Arendall; A-B honor roll, Manuel Acosta, Jr. Bogle, Logan Escamilla, Bailey Hawkins, Chase Thompson, Gabriel Todd, Antonio Yanez and Brittany

Yanez.
 Fourth grade: A honor roll, Abigail Blair and Felicity Gentry; A-B honor roll Cheyenne Elias, Bayden Graham, Katelyn Jenkins and Caleb White.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond; A-B honor roll, Corey Mengwasser and Buddy Trotter.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Paige Ramirez and Ryan Reid.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Bryant Booe, Joey Bosnjak, Chris Elias, Caitlyn Mengwasser, Sylvia Schantz, Micah Waggoner and Brad Winterstein.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Shawn Myers; A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Haley Jackson, Baleigh Lopez, Marco Martinez,

Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford and Tarah Trotter.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Cheyenne Buerger.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Hsin-di Liu.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Denton Reed.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Brennan Medford, Jessica Pendergraft and Brittany Waggoner; A-B honor roll, Lupe Ipina.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Hee Haw to be held March 25-27

The Sagerton community has begun making preparations for the 40th production of the Sagerton Hee Haw. The dates are March 25-27 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin about 6:45 p.m.

Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Dickie Greenwood is in charge of the music. The whole community is involved in some capacity for the evening's entertainment. Proceeds from the Hee Haw go for scholarships for each graduating senior on the Sagerton mail route, upkeep of the community center, and community projects.

The Hee Haw program for Thurs., March 25, is especially for groups. If a group is interested in tickets on group night, call 940-997-2688 for more information.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Tues., March 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. If there are any tickets left for the Thursday night performance, these tickets may be purchased on March 9 also. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center on March 9, tickets may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton. Tickets are limited to 10 per person sold on March 9. If more tickets are needed, patrons go through the line again. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. when the cafeteria will close.

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Mesquite District to meet in Haskell Sat., March 13

Mesquite District 2009 50th Spring Convention will be hosted by the Progressive Study Club of Haskell Sat., March 13, in the Haskell Civic Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with call to order at 9:30 a.m.

The welcome will be by Progressive Study Club president Dorothy Harstfield. A business session will follow and continue until noon with a break for lunch.

The meeting will continue at 1 p.m. with installation of officers for the 2010-12 term. The Federation Creed will adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting for the Mesquite District will be July 24 when a summer workshop will be held in Moran.

The Mesquite District includes the cities of Albany, Cisco, Crowell, Hamlin, Haskell, Merkel, Moran, Stamford and Winters.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

New driver's license standards for age group effective March 1

AUSTIN—Starting March 1, Texas driver's license applicants between the ages of 18 and 24 must complete an approved driver education course and a driving skills test.

A Texas Department of Public Safety news release said applicants must submit a certificate proving that they successfully completed a driver education course approved by the Texas Education Agency.

A 2009 state law created the requirement and authorized the development of a six-hour adult driver education course to meet the needs of this group of drivers. Applicants who present proof of successful completion of the approved course will not be required to submit to the written highway signs and traffic laws test required under section 521.161 of the Texas Transportation Code but must still pass the driving skills examination.

A driving safety course or drug and alcohol driving awareness program are not acceptable as driver education courses for this requirement.

This change in the law does not affect applicants ages 15 to 17 who still are required to complete a driver education course to be licensed, the DPS said.

Sweep nabs nearly 300 individuals

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its law enforcement partners arrested 284 foreign nationals with criminal records during a three-day enforcement surge throughout Texas, making it the biggest operation of its kind carried out by ICE in the state.

The operation concluded Feb. 25. ICE officers and agents worked in teams with the U.S. Marshals Service, Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service and local law enforcement agencies.

Of those arrested, nearly 160 have violent criminal histories, such as homicide, assault and robbery, and more than 20 have convictions for sexual offenses. Of the total arrested, 18 already have been removed from the country.

Texas standards already higher

Texas' English and mathematics college and career readiness standards meet and in some cases exceed national standards, according to an analysis released Feb. 23.

Texas College and Career Readiness Standards adopted in 2008 were compared with the national Common Core College Readiness Standards created by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association.

Examples of standards for Texas students that are not in the national standards:

- Analyze works of literature for what they suggest about the historical period and cultural context in which they were written;
- Use effective reading strategies to determine a written work's purpose and intended audience;
- Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message of an informative or persuasive text;
- Geometric reasoning that makes connections between geometry, statistics and probabilities;
- Connecting mathematics to the study of other disciplines by using appropriate mathematical models in the natural, physical and social sciences.

Former secretary of state dies

Myra McDaniel, Texas' first African American secretary of state, died of lung cancer at her home in Austin on Feb. 25. She was buried in the Texas State Cemetery on March 1.

McDaniel, 77, served as general counsel to Gov. Mark White. White named her secretary of state in 1984 and she served until 1987. She also was a former assistant special counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas and former chief, Taxation Division, Office of the Attorney General of Texas. Most recently, she was an attorney for the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta L.L.P.

Gov. Rick Perry said McDaniel "personified the Texas tradition of dedication to her community, from editing her church newsletter all the way to serving as Texas secretary of state."

Snapshot before primaries

On the weekend before the March 2 party primaries, polling information pointed toward a likely runoff between incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Debra Medina of Wharton was running third.

In the Democratic primary, the two top polling candidates for governor, Houston Mayor Bill White and Houston businessman Farouk Shami, showed White with a double-digit lead.

ARRA money is spoken for

The Texas Department of Transportation reported Feb. 25 that various transportation authorities in the state have obligated all of the \$2.25 billion Texas received for transportation projects through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The money will be used for highways, bridges, rail and transportation enhancement projects.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 2, 2000

The Rule Bobcats defeated Throckmorton 82 to 61 in a Class A boys bi-district basketball playoff game. Scoring were Brian Lehmann, 23 pts.; Jody Harvey, 19 pts.; Josh Smith, 16 pts.; Grant Hisey, 14 pts.; Joe Sotele, 8 pts.; and Tony Navarette and Jeremy Hertel with 2 pts. each.

In celebration of National FHA week, Haskell FHA members Eden Thomas, Jaclyn Drinnon, Susie Skinner and Samantha Pedroza, presented county librarian Joan Strickland with books donated to the children's section of the county library.

Several Haskell Elementary students were recognized at the school board meeting for earning the most accelerated reading points in their class during the first semester. Recognized were Jennifer Farber, Hannah Page, Bryan Richardson, Eric Marcunas, Aubrey Bassett, Ashley Meier, James Williams, Brennan Medford and Brooke Bullinger.

20 Years Ago March 1, 1990

Hoyt Perry was the first person to vote absentee in Haskell County, as he voted on the Republican ticket for his grandson, Rick Perry, a candidate for state Agricultural Commissioner.

The Haskell High School band received ten first place medals and an all-state honor

during the UIL solo and ensemble contest. Missy Phemister, senior, received the all-state honor with a piccolo solo.

Mayor Greg Melton, proclaimed Mar. 2 as Lane-Felker Day in honor of the national, state, and area recognition the owners, Frances Lane and Mattie Muriel Felker English, have brought to our city.

30 Years Ago February 28, 1980

M.C. (Sonny) Wilfong, owner and operator of Wilfong Texaco, celebrated 50 years in business. Operating out of one of the oldest buildings in Haskell, he has been pumping gas since Jan. 1930.

Kelly Croft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Croft of Haskell, was initiated into the Gamma Iota Chapter of Sigma Kappa at Texas Tech University.

In the upcoming city election, the terms of Mayor Royce Williams, Joe Cortez and Franciene Johnson will expire. All three have announced for re-election.

40 Years Ago February 26, 1970

Following a barbecue supper for Jaycees, their wives and other guests, Jaycee of the Month awards were presented to Frank Jenkins, Dale Lawrence, Roger Sharp and Travis Gary.

Stephen Munday of Haskell, was sworn into the United States Army Reserve

during ceremonies held on the West Texas State University campus in Canyon.

Paula Wooten of Haskell, freshman art major, has been elected historian of the Hardin-Simmons University Rodeo Club.

50 Years Ago March 3, 1960

Thomas B. Roberson, local oil products distributor, was elected president and Bill Ratliff was elected vice-president of the Rotary Club.

Superintendent Robert R. King was given a three year contract as head of Haskell Public School system at a meeting of the board of trustees. He has been with the school system since 1956.

Oscar Tooley of Haskell, was re-elected president of the Six-County Rural Mail Carriers Association at their annual meeting. Truett Alvis of Rochester, was elected vice-president.

100 Years Ago February 26, 1910

The uncertainty as to whether the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector will be separated this year under the new law is causing some confusion. All the candidates for Sheriff have changed their announcements to read Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We can say authoritatively that Dr. E.E. Gilbert did not sign the petition for the local option election, but that the initials E.E. in the illegible name were those of another party.

Cancer group offers seminar

Cancer Services Network, an agency of the United Way of Abilene, will offer two six-week Cancer Support Groups for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. If you or someone you know has cancer, this group is for you. When you have cancer, you have many things to think about. This group teaches you ways to help yourself and your family. You, your family and friends are welcome to attend.

This group will meet weekly for six weeks to discuss topics relevant to dealing with a cancer diagnosis. One session will be offered on Tuesdays, March 16 to April 20 in the Perkins Room at the Hendrick Cancer Center, located at 2000 Pine Street. Another session on Thursdays, March 18 through April 22 will be offered in the conference room at Texas Oncology-Abilene located at 1957 Antilley Road. The Cancer Support Groups will meet from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Weekly topics include: Telling your Story, Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Communicating with your Medical Team; and Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, Social Worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has over twelve years experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling 325-672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

A Scholastic book fair was held at Haskell Elementary library the week of Feb. 22-26 for students in pre kindergarten through eighth grade. This year's theme was "Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read" and students came to the fair all week with their classes. Many people attended the special family event on Thursday evening from 4:30 until 6:00 and enjoyed refreshments, door prizes, and a chance for kids and families to shop together. The book fair ended Friday at noon.

This year's book fair was a big success and we would like to thank all those who came and helped in any way, including the Elementary and Junior High faculty and staff; fifth and sixth grade students who helped set up the fair and worked on "Family Night," those who donated decorations, those who helped take down the fair, and of course all those who bought merchandise. A special thanks goes to our community volunteers who worked at the book fair and assisted in so many ways, and the teachers who stepped in to help as needed. It takes many people to make this event such a success and we are grateful to all who participated.

Betsy McManamon
School Librarian
Haskell CISD

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Attorney General Warns Teens, Parents About Sexting Dangers

During a recent visit to the national Teen Dating Abuse Helpline (NTDAH), the Office of the Attorney General warned Texas teens and parents about the dangers of sexting. Sexting is the practice of teens sending sexually explicit messages or images electronically, primarily between mobile phones.

Embarrassing or explicit messages can spread like wildfire through a school or across the country—or even get posted on public Web sites. Before they know it, teens find that what started as a bit of fun starts to have severe consequences—humiliation, suspension from school or athletic participation and loss of jobs or college scholarships.

When they encounter peer pressure to participate

in sexting, teens should contact NTDAH online at www.loveisrespect.org or call NTDAH at 866-331-9474. NTDAH provides the only 24-hour help line in the country where trained teen advocates counsel fellow teens about digital harassment. The advocates do not tell teens what to do, but guide them on how to handle sexting peer pressure, regret, embarrassment or other sexting issues they are encountering.

NTDAH counselors also provide guidance to concerned parents who call the Helpline. Parents must have frank conversations with their children about the potential for embarrassment and the legal ramifications of sexting. If teens do not want a photo or text message to fall into the wrong hands—including strangers, potential employers, teachers or college admission officers—

they should not send it.

By talking with their teenage children and staying aware of developments in their child's life, parents can show that they care and are approachable when problems arise. Setting boundaries and simultaneously entrusting kids to conduct themselves responsibly may feel like a balancing act, but it can really help protect teens from an instance of bad judgment that can haunt them for life.

Teens, parents and law enforcement authorities must keep an open line of communication to combat sexting. For additional advice, teens should turn to the trained advocates at NTDAH. Every teen's decision to avoid sexting helps build a much brighter future for our great state.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

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DISTRICT WINNER—Servando Martinez, a fourth grade student at Haskell Elementary School, was the first place district poster contest winner.

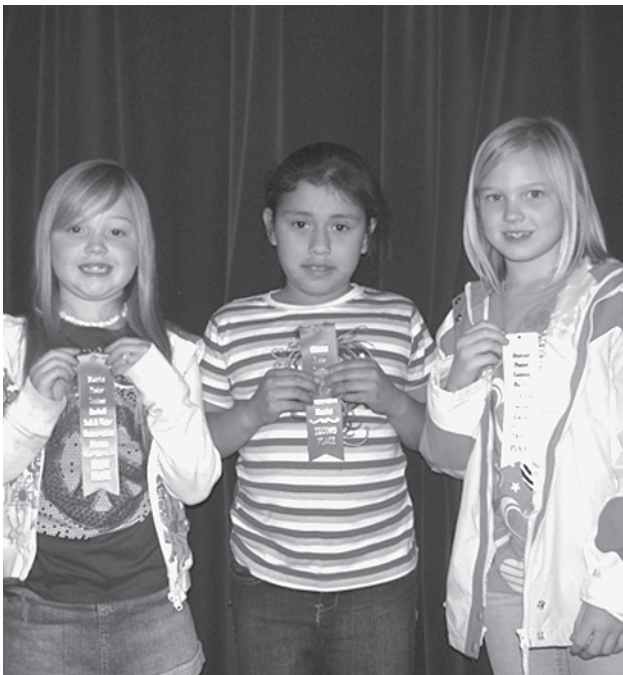


DISTRICT WINNER—Melisa Rock, a fifth grade student at Paint Creek School, was the second place district poster contest winner.



DISTRICT WINNER—Ariel Wolf, a fourth grade student at Haskell Elementary School, was the third place district poster contest winner.

2010 Haskell, Paint Creek and District Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest Winners



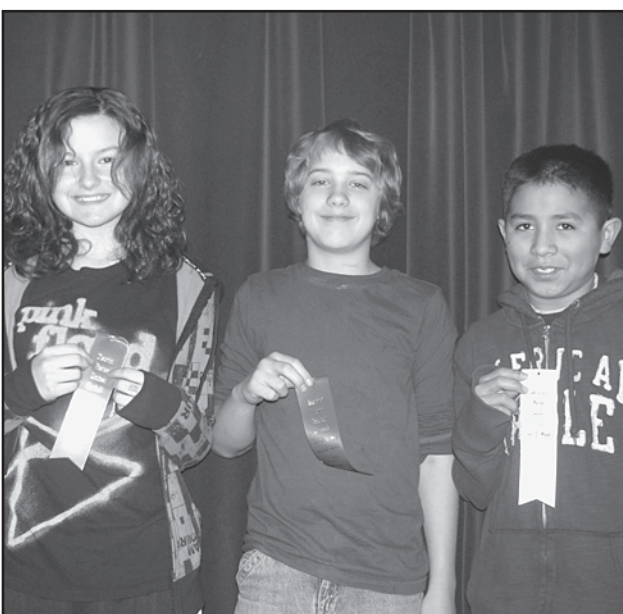
PAINT CREEK SECOND GRADE—l-r, Adaline Utley, first place; Desiree Acosta, second place; and Madysen Moore, third place.



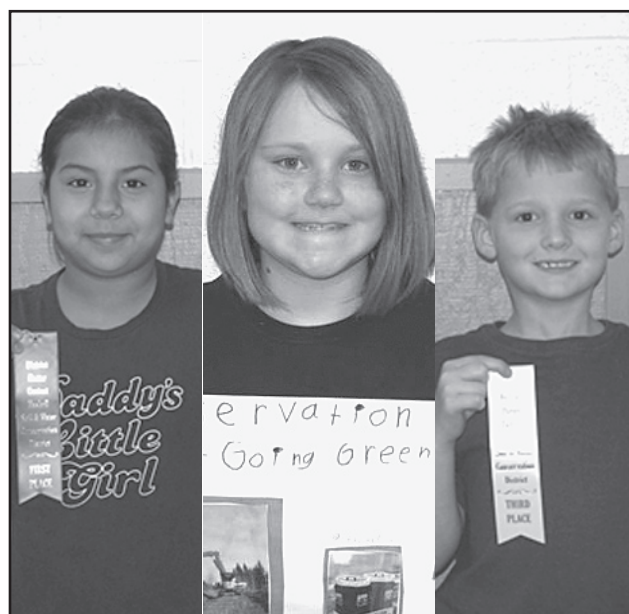
PAINT CREEK FOURTH GRADE—l-r, Felicity Hannsz, first place and Caleb White, third place. Not pictured, Katelyn Jenkins, second place.



PAINT CREEK FIFTH GRADE—l-r, Melisa Rock, first place; Catherine Lemond, second place; and Sabrina Ortega, third place.



PAINT CREEK SIXTH GRADE—l-r, Paige Ramirez, first place; Dylan Webb, second place; and Jarrett Lopez, third place.



MRS. DARDEN'S SECOND GRADE—l-r, Lauren Alexander, first place; Braelyn Bevel, second place; and Paul Weidler, third place.



MRS. BLAKLEY'S THIRD GRADE—l-r, Grace Colley, first place; Katelyn Hudson, second place; and David Torres, third place.



MRS. CYPERT'S THIRD GRADE—Desiree Weidler, first place.



HASKELL OVERALL THIRD GRADE—l-r, Desiree Weidler, first place; Grace Colley, second place; and Katelyn Hudson, third place.



MRS. SLOAN'S FOURTH GRADE—l-r, Servando Martinez, first place; Dalton Meinzer, second place; and Jonathan Weidler, third place.

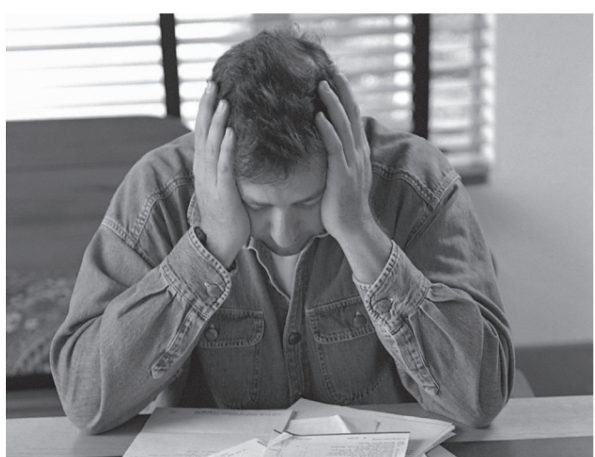


MRS. ROEWE'S FOURTH GRADE—l-r, Lori Beth Rodgers, first place; Ariel Wolf, second place; and McCaila Walker, third place.



HASKELL OVERALL FOURTH GRADE—l-r, Lori Beth Rodgers, first place; Ariel Wolf, second place; and Servando Martinez, third place.

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Haskell School Menu

March 8-12 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Manager's choice
Wednesday: Cereal, Cheddar Chex Mix
Thursday: Cheese omelet
Friday: Muffin, manager's choice

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High

School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot biscuit, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, rosy applesauce

Wednesday: Jose 'Ole Burrito, baby carrots, ranch dressing, queso, nacho chips, fresh fruit

Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, garden salad, peanut butter pie

Friday: Choice: Ham and cheese or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, fresh fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., March 8

Lunch—Chili wieners, mac and cheese, au gratin potatoes, pork and beans, cornbread, lemon cake, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 10

Lunch—Hamburger steaks with gravy, pinto beans, cream potatoes, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or

coffee

Fri., March 12

Lunch—Chicken and spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, brownie, pears, tea or coffee

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



AUSTIN MARSHALL



TYLER RODRIQUEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Austin Marshall is the son of Gloria and Rodney Marshall of Haskell.

He attends the United Methodist church.

At Haskell High School he participates in football, basketball and track. He was on the state semi final team and on the district first team as a tight end and on the second team as a defensive end in football. He is a track state qualifier and placed fifth on a team in the mile relay.

He enjoys hunting, fishing and hanging out with his friends.

Marshall plans to attend a four year college next fall and pursue a degree in the sports science field and become an athletic trainer. He hopes to be accepted and attend Texas Tech University. He has been accepted to attend

South Plains College which offers an opportunity to transfer to Tech.

Tyler Rodriguez is the son of Carlos Rodriguez and Kimberly Walker.

He attends the Church of Christ.

At Haskell High School, he participates in football, baseball and track. He was a state qualifier in the 1600 meter relay where he placed fifth; was a state qualifier in the 800 meter run where he placed fourth; and was Honorable Mention All-State running back in football.

He enjoys fishing, hunting and hanging out with his friends.

Rodriguez plans to train to play college baseball. He plans to attend Texas State at San Marcos.

This Week's Devotional Message:

Faith sustained our leaders in their darkest hours



Our founding fathers had to face a full range of problems resulting from the birth pangs of a young nation, including war and a great deal of internal despondency. Yet even in the depths of despair they refused to give up until the battles were won and the problems resolved. What sustained them during those dark hours was their unwavering faith in the Almighty, to whom they turned for in-

spiration when forced to make a major decision; and they freely admitted that they could have done nothing without this divine guidance. Thus their own greatness was underscored by their very denial of it. Perhaps we are not all born leaders, but all of us—and certainly those who have been chosen to lead us today—would do well to follow the example of those revered statesmen.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 10:45 a.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**
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. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a.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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

New Covenant Foursquare

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

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

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

Church in the Wind

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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison

Sunday 11 a.m

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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

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

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

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

Primitive Baptist Church

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

Church of Christ

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

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

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

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

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

Paint Creek School Menu

March 8-12 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Waffles

Tuesday: Breakfast pockets

Wednesday: Toast or cereal

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, fresh fruit

Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, peas, salad, cobbler

Wednesday: Corndogs, fries, carrots, fruit

Thursday: Ham, potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, pudding

Friday: Hamburgers, salad, cheese, pickles, chips, cookies

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We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Haskell County Fire Department and the dedicated men of that department. Someone set fires next to our land close to Rochester on Feb 20th which got out of control. If it were not for these men, our adjoining field with barn, cattle, and equipment would have also burned. The firemen, who are entirely volunteer, stayed for many hours in the cold and wind watching and controlling this burn. The county of Haskell is very fortunate to have such committed people who are willing to go out at all hours to protect our property. We would also like to thank Greg and Ellen Hearn for their help. Thank you again!
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1304 N. AVE. L. Cute three-bedroom, two bath with living, kitchen-dining, utility hookups, great yard with good water well and garden plot that is ready for a fall crop. Home has window units for cooling and furnace for heat. Owner is leaving the kitchen range and will sell the washer/dryer and refrigerator. **PRICE REDUCED.**

1000 CR 210. Large country home with three bedrooms and two bathrooms on 1.7 acres. Approximately one mile east of HWY 277 on the country club road. Amenities include an extra large den kitchen area with fireplace and beamed ceiling opening onto a patio area. The master bedroom and bathroom are isolated from the two remaining bedrooms and bathroom. Dwelling has C/HA, storm cellar, and overlooks a small lake (lake is not part of deeded property). There is a metal shop building and other storage facilities on the property.

1109 N. AVE. K. Very nice two bedroom, one bath with living, dining, kitchen and den combination and a very nice screened in porch. There is an attached garage with an automatic door opener, C/HA, wood floors under the carpet, fenced yard, water well, large storage and a large covered carport.
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TEXAS TECH TOUR—The juniors and seniors at Paint Creek traveled to Lubbock Thurs., Feb. 18 to tour the Texas Tech campus including their state-of-the-art Recreational Center. Those pictured, l-r, include Nicole (the tour guide), Bente Senders, LaCresha Dixon, Jordan Adkins, Brittany Waggoner, Shana Armstrong, Jana Middendorf, Britney Martinez, Santos Ipina, Lupe Ipina, J.J. Garcia, Hunter Hall, Amy Bogle, Brennan Medford, Curtis Bishop, Nathan Edwards, Adam Rimes and Denton Reed.



FELYSHA WALKER
Walker wins youth contest

Big Country Electric Cooperative announces the winners of the annual Youth Tour Speech Contest. The contest was held Feb. 22 at the Roby High School Auditorium. Out of an outstanding 27 competitors, three winners were selected: Felysha Walker of Paint Creek, Holly Bearden of Stamford and John Hensley of Borden County. They will join 1,500 other teens from across the country for a 9-day all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a \$1,500 academic award.

The purpose of this tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nation's capital. They will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless other points of interest. The students will experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government.

Other contestants from Haskell County included Jenny Dudensing of Rule,

Candidates may file for city, school board positions

by Caron Yates

City and school board elections for the county have been set for Sat., May 8. Filing applications for city elections in Haskell, Rule, Rochester and Weinert are currently being accepted, as well as applications for school board positions in Haskell and Rule.

Filing for placement on any of the city or school board ballots began Feb. 8 and continues through Mar. 8. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 26 and ends May 4. Applications may be picked up at the respective city hall offices and at the administration office of each school district.

In the Haskell city election, the mayor and two councilman are up for election. The councilman are two year at large terms. Early voting will take place at the city hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Extended hours on Tues., April 27 and Wed., April 28 will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Haskell CISD will have two single member districts on the ballot. Single member district 1, is now held by Felix Rodriguez and single member district 6 is being served by Joey Kimbrough. Anyone living in the district may file for a seat, however you must live in the single member district for which you are voting.

Information as to which member district you are eligible to vote in, is found on your individual voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member districts is available at the school administration office.

In Rule's city election, the mayor and two council seats are to be determined. Three 3-year terms on the school board for Rule ISD are up for election. Places held by Norva Smith, Teresa Stryker and Elaina Mathis will expire.

Voters in Rochester will be deciding on two city council seats currently held by Darryl McGhee and John Hicks.

The City of Weinert will be voting on mayor and two council seats. Presently serving as mayor is Julian Estrada, while Randy Waggoner and Angela Kirkland are council members up for re-election.

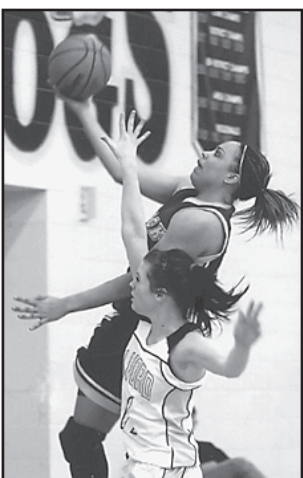
For your vote to count, you must present your voter certificate, drivers license or personal identification. You may also present a form of ID containing a photograph or birth certificate, passport, or copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Brock advances to state

Kenisha Harris and the Brock Lady Eagles survived a very tough regional tournament to advance to Austin to defend their state championship from last year. Brock has been ranked number one since pre-season polls.

Brock has a 35-2 record, losing only to two 5A schools including number six ranked 5A school Georgetown. Brock recently played number three 3A Madisonville and beat them 22 points. They also beat state ranked 3A Abilene Wylie by 27 points earlier this year. Madisonville and Wylie will be at the state tournament in 3A.

At the regional tournament,



KENISHA HARRIS

Brock had a hard fought game with the east Texas powerhouse Winnsboro and held on for a 47 to 44 win. Harris was double teamed all game, but managed a double double with 14 points and 15 rebounds.

The next opponent was Peaster, Brock's district rival and a great state ranked team that Brock had already beaten three times this year. All but one game was decided by two points or less. It took overtime to do it, but Brock won in overtime by two points. Harris had a crucial steal and a big blocked shot in the overtime period as each possession was golden. She didn't just block the shot, she tried to knock a hole in the floor with it and her teammates responded.

Brock will play the first game in Austin Friday morning. Harris has many friends and family in the area.

Harris is the granddaughter of Jerry and Jerry Ann Harris of Haskell and great granddaughter of Euanna Hicks, also of Haskell. She is the niece of Todd and Cherie Harris and daughter of Jim and Evett Harris.

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The City of Rochester is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 2009 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) contract with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs to include abandonment of oxidation ditch and chlorine contact basin, installation of new Imhoff tank, renovation of two clarifiers and sludge drying beds, and electrical system upgrades.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 8, 2010 at the City Hall located 214 Carothers Street, Rochester, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the renovations at the wastewater treatment facility located north of Rochester on State Highway 6.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. The City Hall is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact City Secretary's office to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact City Secretary's office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the city until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the City Hall address listed above. For further information concerning the city's 2009 TxCDBG project and/or this proposed amendment, please contact Gregg Hearn, City Manager, City of Rochester at (940) 742-3411.



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