

## Early voting underway

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## Track

**HASKELL**  
Regional Meet  
Mon.-Tues., May 3-4  
at ACU in Abilene  
**PAINT CREEK**  
Regional Meet  
Mon.-Tues., May 3-4  
in Abilene  
**RULE**  
Regional Meet  
Mon.-Tues., May 3-4  
at ACU in Abilene

## Calendar

### Garage sale

The Haskell city wide garage sale will be held Sat., May 1. Maps are available on the square beginning at 7 a.m.

### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 27 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

### Bake sale

A bake sale hosted by the Haskell Cancer Support Group will be held Sat., May 1 beginning at 9 a.m. at Modern Way and The Drug Store in Haskell. The proceeds will benefit cancer support.

### VA seminar

A Veterans benefits and information seminar will be held Tues., May 4 at American Legion Post #661, 929 SE Hwy. 6 in Lueders beginning at 2 p.m. A fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Charles Prewit, Jones County Veteran Service Officer at 325-823-3812 for information.

### Talent show

A talent show will be staged Sat., May 1 at the Haskell Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Admission for a meal and the show is \$10. Proceeds benefit 'Haskell Heroes' and Autism Speaks! To enter the show or for more information, contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509. Registration forms are available at the Haskell school campus offices.

### Luncheon

A luncheon will be held Sun., May 2 at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center from noon to 1 p.m. A stuffed baked potato, salad, dessert and drink will be served. Donations will be accepted. A dessert auction will follow the meal. Proceeds will benefit the youth summer camp fund.

### Prayer meeting

Paint Creek Baptist Church members will meet for prayer Thurs., May 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. For information, contact Beverly at 940-864-3318.

### Food drive

The Letter Carrier Food Drive will be Sat., May 8. Put your non-perishable food items in a plastic bag or paper sack by your mailbox. Your carrier will pick them up and donate them to a local food bank. May 8 is the day your carrier will carry more than mail. Donations are needed more than ever. This is a big help for lots of families each year.

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## Ten 4-H members compete at fashion show

Ten Haskell County 4-H members advanced to the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show on April 17 after winning first place honors at the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show in March.

The district show was held at the Jayton School

where 4-H contestants from 24 counties participated in the annual event sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension, National Farm Life Insurance, and AEP Texas.

Cotton Awards, donated by the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. were given to the best cotton garments in

the construction and buying categories in each junior and intermediate division. In the senior category, cotton awards were limited to one senior construction participant and one senior buying participant.

Kent County 4-H leaders hosted the event featuring

"Simply Stunning" as the theme.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies for the afternoon program was District 4-H Council President, Jenny Dudensing of Haskell County. Also on the program from Haskell County was Brooke Bullinger, 2nd Vice

President of the District 4-H Council.

Results of the day's competition were:

Fabric & Fashion Design, Senior Apparel: Grace Burgess of Rule, first place.

Fashion Story Board, Intermediate Wearable: Sarah Campbell of Rule, second place.

Junior Construction Specialty: Sarah Fouts of Sagerton, second place.

First Place Cotton Award: Sarah Fouts

Junior Buying Casual: Avery Tanner of Sagerton, second place.

Junior Buying Dressy: Bailey Hawkins of Haskell, second place.

First Place Cotton Award: Bailey Hawkins

Intermediate Construction Dressy: Emily Fouts of Sagerton, first place.

First Place Cotton Award: Emily Fouts.

Senior Construction Casual: Allison Petty of Rule, first place.

Senior Construction Dressy: Jenny Dudensing of Sagerton, first place.

Senior Construction Cotton Award: Jenny Dudensing, first place.

Senior Buying Dressy: Kate Rowan of O'Brien, first place.

Also competing in the District Fashion Show was Kourtney Hertel of Rule in the Junior Construction Pop-Over Skirt category.

First place senior winners, Grace Burgess, Allison Petty, Jenny Dudensing and Kate Rowan will advance to the State 4-H Fashion Show June 9-10 in College Station.

Four Haskell County Volunteer 4-H Clothing Project Leaders served as judges for the district competition including Renee Dudensing of Sagerton, Debbie Tanner of Rule, Tammi Hawkins of Haskell, and Julie Petty of Rule.

Serving Haskell County as County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences is Jane Rowan. She can be contacted by calling either 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

The Haskell County Extension Office is located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.



**DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW**—Ten Haskell County 4-H members advanced to the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show on April 17 after winning first place honors at the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show in March including front row, l-r, Sarah Fouts, Bailey Hawkins, Avery Tanner and Kourtney Hertel; back row, Emily Fouts, Allison Petty, Kate Rowan and Jenny Dudensing. Not pictured are Grace Burgess and Sarah Campbell.

## Country Club sees improvements

by Caron Yates

It has been fifty-two years since a group of Haskell merchants and community members envisioned what is now known as the Haskell Country Club.

According to longtime local dentist Dr. William Kemp, it was in 1958, that a group of one hundred people donated \$100 each to purchase the land, which at the time was pasture. With the help of city and county equipment, along with many man hours, the land was cleared and the golf course soon became a reality.

Eight years later, in 1966, the general feeling was that the facility should be expanded to include activities that could be enjoyed by entire families, not just golfers. Plans were soon drawn up by a consulting engineer from Wichita Falls for this Recreation Facility. Before long a clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts had been added.

Throughout the intervening years, many families have enjoyed golfing, swimming, and fishing from the fully stocked tank, as well as parties, receptions and other events held at the country club. Kemp said that membership reached an all time high in 1999 with two hundred members.

It seems that with the declining population of the county, depressed economy and busy schedules, the country club has seen a steady drop in membership. Consequently, upkeep has been limited, forcing the

closing of the pool several years ago.

The expectations and hopes of those community leaders over fifty years ago, have taken hold in a new generation. New board members for the Haskell Country Club are Casey Larned, Donnie Skiles, Johnny Fuentes, David Lisle, J.D. Garcia and Joel Torres III. This group of men are working very hard to update the country club and restore it to a family oriented facility, as in years past.

Many updates and improvements are in the works. A new fence has been erected around the pool, a new pump and sand filter installed and plans are to reopen the pool by the first of June.

Andy Rodriquez is the greens keeper, and through

his hard work, the course has drastically improved. The building of more cart sheds is also planned.

Stage two will include the refurbishing of the club house as time and money allows.

## City Wide Clean Up ends Saturday

The City of Haskell will offer a final day of free dumping at the landfill, ending the City Wide Clean Up campaign.

The landfill will be open Sat., May 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Trailers and loads will be weighed at the landfill on the new scales. There will be no charge, but the landfill must record the weight in

compliance with TCEQ rules.

Chemicals, tires, batteries, anything containing Freon, asbestos, roofing materials and paint will not be accepted.

This is a service for the citizens of Haskell who live in the city limits. Those using the service may be asked for proof of residence, such as a water bill.



**2010 HASKELL INDIANS**—The Haskell Indians baseball team have advanced to the playoffs. Their next game was pending at press time. Team members include, front row, l-r, Sterling Bird, Garrett Miller, Tyrone Neskorik, Gabriel Torres, Austin Nanny, Christian Myers and James Williams; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, Ricky Barrett, Scottie Rodriguez, Simon Rodriguez, Ethan Frierson, Marco Gonzalez, Tyler Rodriquez, A.J. Benton and Coach Josh Damron.

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**HIGH WATER LEVEL**—The recent rains filled the lake level at Lake Stamford and threatened the doorsteps of many cabins around the marinas. On Wed., April 21, a few ventured to fish from the dock at The Anchor. The boat dock was under water. Residents of the lake were watchful and hoped that no more rain would fall any time soon.

## CTFC makes another patronage distribution

The board of directors of Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, which serves a 20 county area in Central and West Texas, has announced that it has approved another cash patronage distribution to eligible association borrowers for fiscal year 2009. This marks the seventeenth consecutive year the association has returned excess capital to its borrowers. Including this year's patronage, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA has distributed over \$37.5 million in excess capital to

its borrowers over the past 17 years. This capital has been distributed either through patronage distributions, dividends, stock reductions, or stock equalizations. Patronage distributions alone have accounted for approximately \$27 million of the total amount of capital returned to association borrowers.

This year's \$2.5 million patronage was distributed to borrowers on March 19 and amounts to over three-quarters percent reduction in the rate of interest borrowers

paid on their loans during 2009.

In making the announcement, board chairman Cody B. Richmond stated that the board of directors and management were delighted to once again reduce the cost of borrowing to the association's stockholders and emphasized that this is only one of the many benefits of obtaining agricultural and rural area credit from the Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA. He noted that the association's financial strength allows the board and management to maintain an efficient and profitable operation and to continue the policy of returning excess earnings back to our shareholders.

Association CEO James R. Isenhower also noted that despite the adverse economic times many financial institutions experienced in 2009, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA remains financially strong and is able to once again make a patronage distribution when numerous other Farm Credit institutions are unable to do so.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, with over \$400 million in loan assets, provides financing for agricultural, rural housing and certain agri-business purposes in Central and West Texas. Association headquarters are located in Coleman, with branch offices in Brownwood, Brady, Haskell and San Angelo.

Board members include Cody Richmond, Chris West, Jerry Don Klose, Philip Hinds, Mike Finlay, Mickey Dillard, Larry Damron, Brent Heinze, Wayland Shurley, Robby Halfmann and Glenn Miller.

The board and management remain committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the association while offering competitive loan products that meet the financial needs of all eligible borrowers.

## Obituaries

### Ruby 'Naomi' Address



**NAOMI ADDRESS**

Funeral services for Ruby 'Naomi' Address, 92, of Globe, Arizona were held March 30 at Trinity Baptist Church in Globe. Interment was in Globe Cemetery.

Mrs. Address went to her Lord March 25.

Born May 13, 1917 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Rueben and Olien Buford Lackey. She grew up in Haskell enjoying her large family of sisters and cousins. She married J.T. Address Dec. 3, 1932, her best friend's brother. Together they had three children, Billie Sommerville (Dave deceased) of Globe, Arizona; Ron (Ruth) of Chino Valley, Arizona and Gary (LaVerna) of Globe, Arizona. In 1949, they moved to Miami, Arizona where J.T. found work with the mines and they raised their family.

In 1945, Naomi and J.T. joined a group that had a vision of establishing a Southern Baptist Church in the area and became charter members of Trinity Baptist

Church. She was active in church activities, teaching Sunday School, supporting youth and mission activities, doing whatever needed to be done, and most importantly, leading by her Christian example. In 1959, the closing of Miami Copper Mine forced them to move to Grants, New Mexico, where he found work. They were able to move back to the area and their home church when, in 1965, they established the Burger Box in Lower Miami across from George Washington School.

Naomi ran the Burger Box, cooking her renowned hamburgers until 1979. She loved to go on picnics, fishing and camping. She eagerly awaited and planned for the annual family two-week camping trip to the White Mountains. The Rusty Nail, as the campsite came to be known, was where family and friends, sometimes as many as 40 plus, gathered for good fun and good food. She was a wonderful cook and her cobblers and biscuits and gravy were treats in store for the campers. She loved having her family around her—playing card and board games, sharing stories, games and songs around the campfire and participating in talent show nights.

Everyone knew Grandma was hard to beat at Rummy. She enjoyed crocheting, especially afghans for her

family, and working word puzzles. For 65 years she remained a faithful member and contributor to the Trinity Baptist Church, regularly attending Sunday School and church until her death.

She was a good and lifelong friend to many, offering her counsel and sharing her ability to enjoy life. She was an inspiration and a role model for friends and family alike. She dearly loved her family and family holidays and celebrations, having just attended her great great granddaughter's costume birthday party at the end of February. Mom, Mother, Grandma, Nana, GiGi will be greatly missed by her daughter, two sons, two daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, J.T. Address; sisters, Willie Address and Alta Faye Davis, both of Haskell; and sister-in-law and friend, Lela Faye Wesler.

Survivors also include two sisters, Frieda Fly of Rochester and Juanita Grimes of Weinert, numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM)—Schwenk in care of Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2733, Globe, Arizona 85502.

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## Mixed receipts shown in April sales tax revenue

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state received \$1.46 billion in sales tax revenue in March, down 7.8 percent compared to March 2009.

"For the second month in a row, the decline in sales tax collections continued to moderate," Combs said. "Following an eight-month stretch of double-digit declines, the pace of revenue losses is slowing. The oil and gas, construction, manufacturing and retail industries registered lower sales tax revenue collections than one year earlier. We expect further declines in the near term followed by a return to sales tax revenue growth later this year."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$394.1 million in April sales tax allocations, a 3.9 percent decrease compared to April 2009. So far in 2010, monthly sales tax allocations to local governments lag 7.4 percent behind 2009.

Comptroller Combs sent April sales tax allocations of \$265.7 million to Texas

cities, down 3.6 percent compared to April 2009. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7 percent lower than last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$24.0 million, down 7.7 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 12.9 percent lower than last year.

In addition, 164 special purpose taxing districts are getting \$15.7 million in sales tax, down 1.8 percent compared to last April. Ten local transit systems will receive \$88.6 million in sales tax rebates, down 3.9 percent compared to a year ago.

March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in February.

The Comptroller's May sales tax allocation will be made Fri., May 14.

Haskell County had a 1.22 percent decrease for April 2010 of \$28,904.43 in comparison to \$29,262.41 for April 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$124,927.13 reflect a 1.68 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$127,063.52.

The City of Haskell had a 1.82 percent decrease for April 2010 of \$26,759.03 in

comparison to \$27,257.11 for April 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$114,419.84 reflect a 2.73 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$117,634.64.

The City of O'Brien had a 345.92 percent increase for April 2010 of \$280.62 in comparison to \$62.93 for April 2009. 2009 payments to date of \$1,078.68 reflect a 226.03 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$330.85.

The City of Rochester had a 7.35 percent increase for April 2010 of \$363.69 in comparison to \$338.77 for April 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$1,951.48 reflect a 3.15 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$2,014.98.

The City of Rule had a 7.11 percent decrease for April 2010 of \$1,344.44 in comparison to \$1,447.36 for April 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$6,759.81 reflect a 13.61 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$5,949.83.

The City of Weinert had a .26 percent increase for April 2010 of \$156.65 in comparison to \$156.24 for April 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$717.32 reflect a 36.70 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$1,133.22.

## USDA reports

### 2009 ACRE yields

USDA has released 2009 actual and 2010 benchmark yields for Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program for wheat, long grain rice, medium grain rice, oats and barley in a majority of states. USDA will publish data for additional states and other crops as it becomes available.

Actual and benchmark yields are used in calculating payments through ACRE, which provides producers an option to protect themselves against declines in market revenue. The latest benchmark and actual yields, along with detailed information about

the ACRE program and ACRE calculations, can be found at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>.

USDA also reminds producers they have until June 1, 2010, to enroll their farms in either the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or the ACRE program. The decision to enroll in the ACRE program is irrevocable. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

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# Overton shares service videos with historical society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society met Mon., April 5 in the Haskell County Library. Paint Creek area resident Wallar Overton shared slides and stories of his military service in Germany.

Also on the program, Haskell High School English instructor Darlene Bellinghausen presented a paper submitted by freshman student Tillie McGuire based on her interview with Dorothy Cox. Cox served our country as a member of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) during World War II.

The May 3 meeting of the historical society will include a program on Irene McGregor Ratliff. The McGregor family owned several hundred acres of farm land on the Brazos River west of O'Brien. Purchased around the turn of the 20th century, the land remains in the McGregor/Ratliff family today. In the days before mechanization, it was home to several families who worked the land. The McGregors later moved into Haskell for Irene to attend school. Bellinghausen will present the program on this early day Haskell County family.

Also scheduled to speak is HHS student Preston

Morrow who will share his interview of Haskell County veteran Rebus Guess. The historical society extends an invitation to everyone to enjoy these programs Mon., May 3 at 6 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

Sales of our Images of America book, Haskell County, are going well. We want to express our gratitude to all who have purchased books, and we hope you have enjoyed the photographs and historical information. The books sell for \$21.99 plus \$3.00 shipping. Proceeds from all books purchased from Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society members go towards additional county historical preservation projects.

The society has recently purchased 14 rolls of early day Haskell Free Press editions on micro film from the Texas Tech University Southwest Collection. The micro film is housed in the Haskell County Library. The historical society also plans to donate a portion of book proceeds to the Haskell County Veterans' Memorial.

For book purchases and information, contact president Johnny Scoggins 742-3486, Susan Turner (s57\_turner@hotmail.com) 742-3347, Bobby Robinson 997-2156, or Wanda Ham 864-2769.

# Retired teachers view retirement center presentation

The Haskell County chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association met April 21, at the Red Rooster for their monthly meeting. Sixteen members were in attendance.

Acting president Vida White called the business meeting to order. She presented information concerning TRTA's recent efforts in Washington D.C. advocating for the repeal of the GPO/WEP. White also reported that the TRTA director took part in a meeting of the state affairs committee concerning the state employee health care program, and how TRS-Care may be affected by the new federal health care initiative.

Nancy Toliver presented the "health minute," on understanding your blood

pressure reading. Toliver also reminded members it is time to pay dues.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Joel Wright, Executive Director of Stilwell Retirement Residence in Waco. The retirement residence, opened 45 years ago, is the only teacher retirement home in Texas. It is a non-profit residence, which provides comfortable, secure and affordable independent living for retired school personnel. Wright presented a power point on the many positive aspects of living at the residence.

The final meeting will be held May 19 at the Red Rooster restaurant beginning at 11:30.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend.



MR. AND MRS. RUSTY HOWARD

# Johnson, Howard wed in Las Vegas

Rusty Howard of Haskell and Kayla Johnson of Big Spring were united in marriage April 19 in Las Vegas, Nevada. True to Las Vegas style, the ceremony took place at the Hollywood Wedding Chapel on Las Vegas Boulevard.

The bride is the daughter of Kay Johnson of Big Spring and Jack and Shay Vest of Prarie Lea. She is the granddaughter of Ann Martin of Lockhart.

The groom is the son of Bobby and Kim Howard of Haskell. He is the grandson of Melba Howard of Haskell

and W.R. and Joyce Hager of Weinert.

The bride is a police officer with the Big Spring Police Department. The groom is employed by Price Construction of Big Spring. The couple and her daughter, Gentry, will reside in Big Spring.

Since only a very limited number of family and friends were in attendance at Las Vegas, the bride and groom have plans for a reception Texas style where their family and friends can celebrate with them.

## Births

Lee and Meg Petty of Midland announce the birth of a son, Law Evetts Petty, born April 5.

He joins his sister, Tanah and brother, Ty. Grandparents are Betsy

McManamon of Haskell and Keith and Christy Petty of Midland.

Great grandparents are George Fouts of Haskell and Mary Lou Petty of Midland.

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State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Sunset report suggests PUC needs more oversight authority

AUSTIN—An April 23 Sunset Advisory Commission report recommends increasing the Public Utility Commission's authority to oversee the electric industry in Texas.

The report says ERCOT, the powerful Electric Reliability Council of Texas, needs a board of directors with fewer members tied to the electric industry.

"Clearly there are a number of issues that ERCOT must address," said PUC Commissioner Donna Nelson. "I believe the Sunset recommendations draw attention to many of those issues and I encourage the ERCOT board to make the necessary changes to increase the level of confidence Texans have in their electric grid operator."

ERCOT, founded in 1970, manages the flow of electric power to 22 million Texas customers, representing 85 percent of the state's electric load and 75 percent of the Texas land area. ERCOT manages financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers customer switching for 6.5 million Texans in competitive choice areas.

The Sunset process will continue this year with a public hearing and Legislative review in preparation for the 82nd regular session of the Texas Legislature, which begins in January 2011.

#### Mansion addition plans approved

The State Preservation Board announced plans for an addition to be built on the west side of the Governor's Mansion.

The 1,000 square foot addition would include a stairway, more space in the first-floor kitchen and a new second-floor bedroom.

The 153-year-old building has been undergoing restoration since June 2008, when an arson fire destroyed much of it.

The bill for the restoration will be paid with millions in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds in addition to funds raised privately.

#### UT to restructure TeleCampus

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa announced changes in the operation of the system's online and distance learning functions.

UT TeleCampus will move into a new System Administration office, allowing broader access to online courses, which Cigarroa said should bolster graduation rates.

And, the office will

serve as a clearinghouse for innovations where start-up programs will be implemented and employees will assist with distance education marketing and recruitment efforts.

#### Program to help with admissions

A free Online College Preparation Assistance Pilot Program soon will help high school students tackle the college selection and application process.

The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are launching the \$1.5 million pilot program and expect 20,000 to 30,000 high school students from across Texas to participate.

School districts and their selected high schools will be notified as to when they may participate. The program tailors each student's information to help them stay on track to graduate and proceed toward career goals.

#### Agency acts to ensure disclosure

The Texas Ethics Commission recently approved new rules requiring public disclosure of direct campaign expenditures by corporations and unions to candidates for public office.

The rule comes in the wake of the Citizens United U.S. Supreme Court case, which took the lid off donations to candidates.

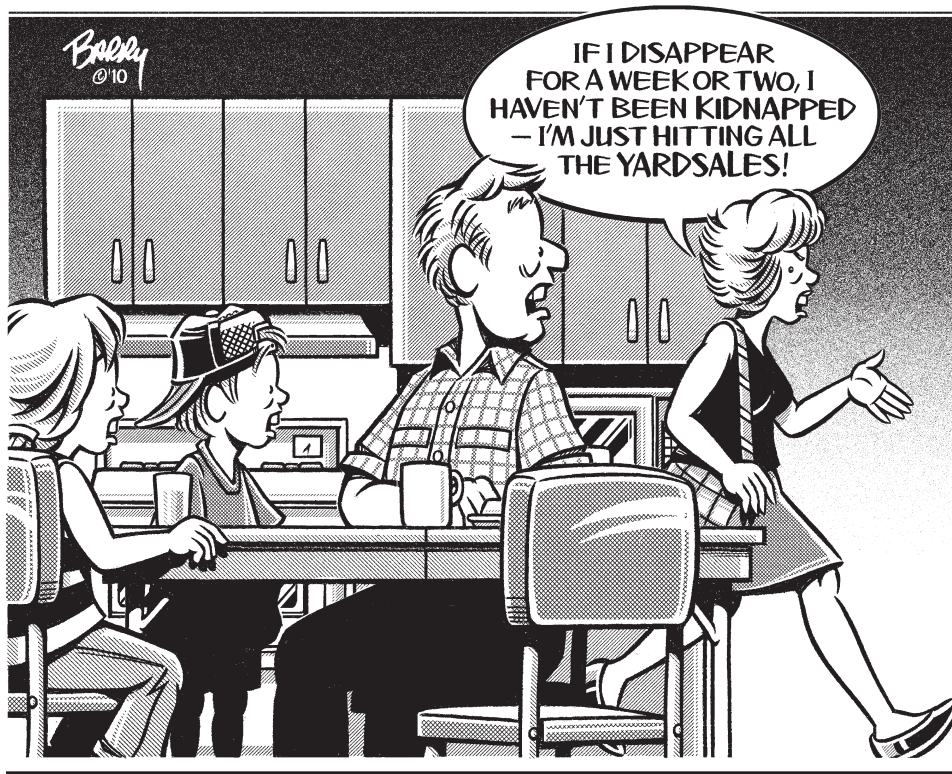
Extending the disclosure requirement "would favor the public interest by providing information to the public regarding efforts to influence elections through spending," according to the draft language adopted by the Commission.

#### Every day is Earth Day at TxDOT

On April 20, two days in advance of Earth Day, a Texas Department of Transportation news release said every day is Earth Day for the agency.

The main reason is that TxDOT is one of the state's leading consumers of recycled goods, such as roofing scraps, old tires, worn asphalt and other materials that Texans normally pitch into landfills. For example, in 2009, TxDOT used more than 2.8 million tons of reclaimed asphalt and about 780,000 tires worth of scrap rubber.

The agency pointed to its fleet of more than 3,300 alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles as an example of its efforts to improve air quality and the fact that it offers an annual clean air incentive program for department staff. The program encourages the use of public transit, carpooling and brown-bagging a lunch to further reduce emissions.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago April 27, 2000

Paint Creek student, Candace Everhart, won first place in Ready Writing at the regional academic meet, qualifying her for the State UIL meet in Austin.

At the San Antonio Livestock Show, Candice Brister, daughter of Greg and Debbie Brister, won her class in the medium wool division. She also placed fourth overall in the Quality Lamb Carcass Competition.

Justin Custer of Rule, was awarded the Freshman Mathematics Award from the Department of Mathematics at Hardin-Simmons University.

#### 20 Years Ago April 26, 1990

War Whoop staffers Chris McGhee, James Rike, Davis Chapman, Mindy McGee, Julie Nanny and Brandy Lancaster won eight state journalism awards.

Walter Hargrove will be head coach and athletic director at Haskell High School. The school board elevated him to the position following the resignation of Nelson Coulter.

Haskell County representatives at the district Extension Homemakers' meeting were Earmal Bevel, Alice Yates, Margaret Jones, Mildred Robertson, Dolores Medford, Lou Gilly, Faye Jetton, Gladys O'Neal, Dorthay Wells, Phylecia Bailey, Reatha Mullins and Jimmie Weinert.

#### 30 Years Ago April 24, 1980

Regional UIL medal winners from Haskell include Kim Griffith, third in poetry interpretation; Sharla Drinnon, third in typing; Cindy Everett, first in shorthand; Richard Vincent, first in persuasive speaking; Emily Cox, first in 110 meter hurdles; and Sonja Tidrow, first in slide rule.

Franciene Johnson has been appointed to the Rural Development Board of the West Texas Council of Governments.

Paul Cooper, a 1959 Haskell High School graduate, was named Parker and Palo Pinto Counties' Man of the Year. Cooper, son of Ben and Irene Cooper, is Director of Admissions for the Lena Pope Children's Home in Fort Worth.

#### 40 Years Ago April 23, 1970

Sue Pate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Pate, was recognized for twenty-five years of service with West Texas Utilities Co. A 1942 graduate of HHS, she has worked as a cashier/bookkeeper in the Haskell office.

Ray Lusk, maintenance foreman at the Texas Highway Department, and the sixteen men he supervises, were presented a Certificate of Merit for completing a record 9,125 days without a lost time accident.

First place winners in the 23-A district track meet

were Karen Bartlett, shot put; Glenda Chapman, high jump; Pat Harris, discus; Pam Klose, Pam Colbert, Paula Middleton and Glenda Chapman, mile relay.

Rule placed first in district with their play "A Poem's Youth and Spring." Best actress honors went to Marilyn Moore, and best actor was Bill Jones, both of Rule.

#### 50 Years Ago April 28, 1960

Donald Mapes, son of Mrs. Tom Mapes of Haskell, recently flew his plane here from Venezuela for a three week visit.

Army Specialist Four Walter Cox, whose wife Sue, lives in Weinert, participated with other personnel from the 92nd Artillery in Exercise Puerto Pine in Puerto Rico.

The Magazine Club enjoyed an informative program on "Religions of the World," presented by Mrs. Joe Thigpen, Beryle Boone, Mrs. Bailey Toliver and Mrs. Elmer Turner.

#### 100 Year Ago April 23, 1910

Masters Earl Chancellor and Trainor Wyche exhibited several specimens of vegetables raised in gardens on the North Ward School grounds by students of the school.

Byron Wright, Warren Fitzgerald, Virgil Hudson, R.D. Stephens and Walter Hicks spent several days on Paint Creek fishing and hunting.

## Can 9-1-1 find you in an emergency?

Many times, the dedication, long hours, and hard work of the public safety telecommunicators go unnoticed. Telecommunicators handle emergency calls and many non-emergency situations for the residents not only in our own towns and counties but for travelers passing through our region.

You can help the 9-1-1 telecommunicators by being prepared for emergencies when they happen. Not only will it make their job easier, but being prepared will get help to you more quickly. Here are a couple of ways to help ensure you can be found quickly in an emergency:

- Your 9-1-1 address should be posted and visible from the road so that emergency responders can easily find you in case of an emergency. In an emergency, seconds can sometimes make a life-saving difference. Make sure your 9-1-1 address numbers are posted and are easy to see from the road. A well-marked location is much easier for law enforcement officers, firefighters and medical personnel to find you when you need help.

- Help make sure your 9-1-1 address is correct. The phone company's information for your 9-1-1 address is what will display on the 9-1-1 call center's equipment. You can check with your phone company to make certain your correct physical address is listed in their records. If you are unsure of your correct 9-1-1 address, contact your local 9-1-1 addressing coordinator, city hall, or county judge's office.

- If you are calling from a cell phone, know your location! Be prepared to provide your phone number and the exact location of your emergency. When giving directions, use county and city names, cross streets, mile markers and landmarks.

## Initiative to help conserve outdoor spaces

President Barack Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum recently establishing the America's Great Outdoors Initiative to promote and support innovative community-level efforts to conserve outdoor spaces and to reconnect Americans to the outdoors. The President spoke before leaders representing the conservation, farming, ranching, sporting, recreation, forestry, private industry, local parks and academia communities from all 53 states and territories.

The Presidential Memorandum calls on the Secretaries of the Interior and of Agriculture, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to lead the Initiative, in coordination with the Departments of Defense,

Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Labor, Transportation, Education, and the Office of Management and Budget. The Initiative will support a 21st century conservation agenda that builds on successes in communities across the country, and will start a national dialogue about conservation that supports the efforts of private citizens and local communities.

"Today, with 80 percent of Americans living in cities and suburbs, it is more important than ever for people to have access to outdoor space. Just as we cherish our childhood memories of hiking and sledding, fishing and camping, and just as we enjoy spending time outdoors with our families, we must guard these places and traditions for new generations," said CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley. "Through this Initiative

we hope to identify new opportunities to work with Americans on a modern approach to conservation that begins at the ground level, and to reinvigorate the national conversation about our outdoors."

"Since President Theodore Roosevelt held the first White House conference on conservation in 1908, we as Americans have taken extraordinary steps to protect our land, water, wildlife, and history for future generations, but today the places we love face new challenges that require new ideas and new strategies to solve," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative will start a much-needed dialogue about conservation in our country so that we can hear directly from Americans about the places they care about and how they are working to protect them. This is about listening, learning, and finding common-sense ways to support the good work that is happening in communities across the country."

"President Obama's America's Great Outdoors

Initiative will play an important role in confronting the serious challenges our natural resources face today: climate change, air and water pollution, landscape fragmentation and loss of open space," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This effort will bring Americans from across the country together to look for new approaches to protect our national treasures. And it will highlight the importance of working across ownership boundaries to restore and conserve both private and public lands in a way that recognizes that conservation and economic vitality are inextricably linked."

"Too many of our cities have limited access to parks for children, low-income residents and communities of color. Improving access to open areas and green space in our urban communities should be a focus of a 21st century conservation strategy," said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. "It makes me proud that generations to come will know that we took action to preserve, restore and protect vital natural treasures."

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# May garden checklist

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

•Prune spring-flowering shrubs soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune, and avoid excessive cutting except where necessary to control size.

•Roses have high fertilizer requirements. For most soils, use a complete fertilizer for the first application just as new growth starts, then use ammonium sulfate, or other high nitrogen source, every 4 to 6 weeks, usually just as the new growth cycle starts following a lowering cycle. For organic sources use cottonseed, rotted manures or alfalfa meal.

•Continue to spray rose varieties susceptible to black spot, using a spray recommended for fungus control every 7 to 10 days. Many of the Old Garden Roses and some of the newer ones have considerable resistance to black spot.

•Climbing hybrid tea roses may be pruned as soon as they complete flowering.

•Removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive

growth, and applying fertilizer to an established annual bed can do wonders towards rejuvenating and extending the life of the planting.

•As soon as azaleas have finished flowering, apply an acid type fertilizer at the rate recommended. Don't over fertilize, as azalea roots are near the surface and damage can occur. Water thoroughly after fertilizing.

•Seeds if amaranthus, celosia, cosmos, marigold, portulaca, zinnia and other warm-season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded areas moist until seeds germinate. Thin out as soon as they are large enough to transplant. Surplus plants can be transplanted to other areas.

•It will soon be time for bagworms to attack junipers and other narrow-leafed evergreens. Control measures, such as Sevin dust or spray, should be applied while the insects and the bags are about one-half inch in length.

•When caterpillars attack

live oak trees en masse, it is very alarming, but usually nothing can be done. A healthy live oak will usually regrow its leaves and resume normal activities.

•For instant color, purchase started annual plants. Select short, compact plants. Any flowers or flower buds should be pinched to give plants an opportunity to become established.

•Check new tender growth for aphids. A few can be tolerated, but large numbers should be controlled. Always follow label instructions on approved pesticides for control. Washing them off with a strong spray of water may be all that is necessary for adequate control.

•Many flower or vegetable seeds left over after planting the garden can be saved for the next season by closing the packets with tape or paper clips and storing in a sealed glass jar in your refrigerator.

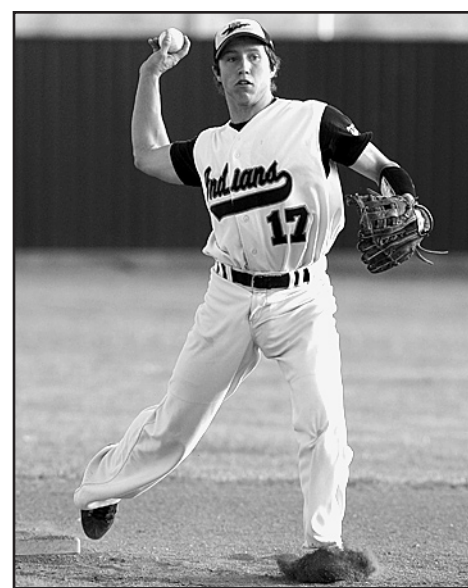
•Start weeding early in the flower garden. Early competition with small plants can delay flowering. A mulch will discourage weed growth and make those that do come through easier to pull.

•Soil purchased for use in beds, low areas, and containers should be examined closely. Often, nut grass and other weeds, nematodes, and soil-borne disease are brought into the yard through contaminated soil sources.

•Watch newspaper and other publicity for information regarding wildflower trails, and open garden days. Plan to take a trip to enjoy beautiful gardens and trails that are abundant in many areas of Texas.



INDIANS VS STAMFORD  
Tyler Rodriguez gets a hit



INDIANS VS STAMFORD  
Christian Myers makes a double play

## HHS lists honor roll names

Haskell High School has announced the students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of the school year. Listed are:

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Ashley Adams, Maci Colley, Shelby Dunnam, Cailey Foster, Carson Hadaway, Doug King, Madison Mayfield, Preston Morrow, Brett Shelton and Kalyn Wheatley; A-B honor roll, Adrian Alexander, Taylor Burson, Norma Camacho, Sydney Cassidy, Maegan Chavez, Phil Coleman, Shawn Duncan, Cannon Edwards, Morgan Frierson, Delecia Garcia, Carlos Gonzales, L.J. Hammond, Cole Hutchinson, Caitlan Johnson, Tillie McGuire, Cassidy Rios, Veronica Robledo, Allison Rodriguez, Steven Schmegner, Nicole Smith and Jasmine Wilson.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Erica Atkins, Ryan Baumbach, Garrett Brueggeman, Lisa Hibbitts, Jasmine Klose, Krista McLemore and Layne Petty; A-B honor roll, Bank Adisornphankul, Lynna Billington, Claire

Carmicheal, Manuel Miller, Christian Myers, DeLeon, Sara Duncan, Jamie Juanita Ortega., Pamela Flye, Paige Glover, Adrian Walker, Sara Weise and Otto Hernandez, Colton Kimmel, Zeman.

Twelfth grade: Ahonorroll, Lealonnie Alvarez, Dustin Andersen, Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson, Sonya Camacho, Gideon Carmicheal, Miranda Johnson, Cody McLemore, Ashley Meier, Lynette Ortiz, Lisa Rodgers, Leah Tibbitts, Briè Torres and Kayce Wilcox; A-B honor roll, A.J. Benton, Veronica Benton, Kayla Chambers, Freddie Estrada, Ethan Frierson, Kim Glass, Clint Hamilton, Kostas Mahlelis, Austin Marshall, Jonathan Ortiz, Tyler Reese, Scottie Rodriguez, Shambrie Rodriguez, Shelby Still and Breanna Villa.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Irma DeLeon, Codi Foster, Angelica Gonzalez, Cheslee Hearn, Nathan Meredith, Jessica Rodriguez, Ashlee Short, Dawn Skinner, Clarissa Walker, Ross Wittenborn and Crystal Wright; A-B honor roll, Kelsie Adams, Amber Allen, Ashley Bullard, Leslie Crosson, Bailey Fillmon, Arabella Garcia, Candice Hill, Harley James, Meagan Kimbrough, A.J. Knowles, Marissa McGhee, Garrett



INDIANS VS STAMFORD  
James Williams at catcher

## Calendar

### Dishwasher fund

The Stonewall County Senior Citizens will host bingo and snacks Mon., May 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will benefit the group's dishwasher fund.

### All Sports banquet

The Haskell All Sports Banquet will be held Mon., May 10 at the Haskell Civic Center. The meal will begin at 6 p.m. with the awards beginning at 7 p.m. All High School athletes will be recognized. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Freshman class or at the High School, Jr. High, Elementary or Administration offices.

### Krispy Kreme donuts

In preparation for its Oct. 9, 2010 homecoming celebration, the Rochester Homecoming Association will sell Krispy Kreme Donuts Saturday morning, May 8 at the Rochester City Hall and on the square in Haskell. For more information or to pre-order, call Susan Turner 742-3347 or Terri Klose 864-3801.

### Hamburger dinner

A hamburger dinner including a hamburger, fixings, homemade onion French fries, homemade dessert and tea will be served Sun., May 16 from 11:30

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Trinity Lutheran youth group has been blessed to have so many kids going to church camp so another fund-raiser is needed.

### 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.

### Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

### Rochester homecoming

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

### Bible school

First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold Vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Area youth will have their own sessions upstairs led by Shanna White. Call Pastor Dan Bullock at 940-673-8310 or director Mary Murphy 940-673-8269 for more information.

## NCTMWA receives loan

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has approved by resolution a loan in the amount of \$7,500,000 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund-Disadvantaged Community Program to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (Haskell, Knox and Stonewall Counties) to finance water system improvements.

With these funds, the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (Authority) plans to replace its four million-gallons-per-day conventional treatment plant with a new five million-gallons-per-day microfiltration or ultrafiltration plant to address quality and capacity problems. The Authority,

located in Haskell, Knox and Stonewall counties, provides treated water to the cities of Haskell, Munday, Knox City, Aspermont, Rule, Goree, Rochester, Benjamin and Paint Creek and Rhineland Water Supply Corporations. With an estimated population of 10,424, the Authority provides service to 4,999 connections.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

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- Home care is less expensive than other forms of care.
- Home care is the preferred form of care. According to a recent study conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, Inc. the American public preferred long-term care based on home care over nursing home care by an overwhelming 79% to 14% margin.

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

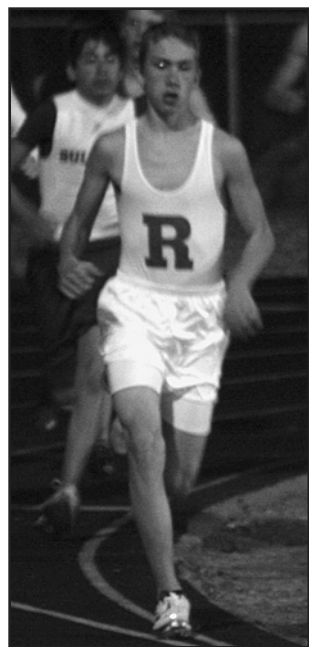
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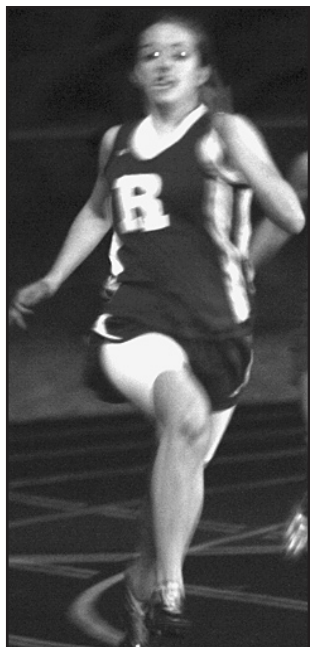
**AREA QUALIFIER**  
Rule Bobcat  
Wesley Short  
300 meter hurdles



**AREA/REGIONAL QUALIFIER**  
Rule Bobcat  
Cade Brown  
800 and 1600 meter run



**AREA/REGIONAL QUALIFIER**  
Rule Lady Bobcat  
Kate Rowan  
1600 meter run



**AREA/REGIONAL QUALIFIER**  
Rule Lady Bobcat  
Allison Petty  
200 meter dash

# Rule school names honor roll students, perfect attendance list

Rule ISD has announced the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of the year. Included are:

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

Second grade: A honor roll, Kennedy Fritzler and Madalyn Navarrette; A-B honor roll, Danny Kreger, Antonio Amaya, Kiya Bailey and Jessica Cruz.

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

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Alexzandra Cooper; A-B honor roll, Alexandria Martinez, Christina Moore and Thomas Short.

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

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Kade Lowack; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baiza, Sarah Campbell, Kylie Deville, Chris Holder, Samantha Lewis and Braden Tanner.

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

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Marissa Holder; A-B honor roll, Brandon Cooper.

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

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Dennise Salas.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Jenny Dudensing and Allison Petty; A-B honor roll, Cade Brown, Grace Burgess, Amber Polk, Cody Reece, Brittany Roberts, Shelby Starr, Stephanie Threet and Shalisse Vanderbilt.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Joseph Turner; A-B honor roll, Vickie Benavides, Lorena Diaz and Brittany

Grindstaff. Students with perfect attendance for the fifth six weeks include:

Kindergarten: Alfonso Ramos, Sean Gatlin and Patrick Lightfoot.

First grade: Dean Kreger, Kacie Easterling, Sidney Campbell, Hannah Sears and Kayla Hollingsworth.

Second grade: Madalyn Navarrette, Bobby Jo Nieto, Danny Kreger, Kennedy Fritzler, Jessica Ramos, Cheyenne Kreger and Yesenia Moreno.

Third grade: Maddie Hays, Del Fritzler, Dakota Perez, Kourtney Hertel, Brittany Macias, Avery Tanner and Emily Martinez.

Fourth grade: Christina Moore, Thomas Short and Pablo Sandoval.

Fifth grade: Abel Sandoval, Austin Redden and Alysia Hollabaugh.

Sixth grade: Sarah Campbell, Kylie Deville, Kade Lowack, Braden Tanner, Samantha Lewis, Shanisha Vanderbilt, Gaspar Magallon and Gabriel Baiza.

Seventh grade: Paul Nieto, Jessica Gutierrez, Josh Starr, Daneil Campos, Luis Diaz, Keelie DeVille, Colton Rogers and Ryan Pace.

Eighth grade: Charlie Thomison and Cole Rutherford.

Ninth grade: Cody Potter, Clay Morrow, Jennifer Starr, Josh Quintero and Daniel Turner.

Tenth grade: Patrick Starr, Lizzie Benavides and Mason Grindstaff.

Eleventh grade: Cade Brown, Shalisse Vanderbilt, Cody Reece, Allison Petty and Jenny Dudensing.

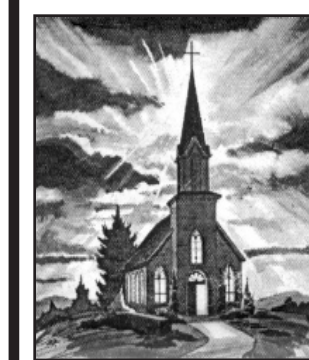
Twelfth grade: Vickie Benavides, Joseph Turner, Brittany Grindstaff, Taylor Stewart, Wesley Short and Kate Rowan.

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**RULE TRACK QUALIFIERS**—The Rule Lady Bobcat 800 meter relay team qualified for area. Members are, l-r, Allison Petty, Amber Polk, Lorena Diaz and Kate Rowan.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



The word 'conservation' should become increasingly a part of our everyday vocabulary; not just as an expression but as a mandate to preserve our environment and ultimately, life itself. When God gave us this planet for our home, He did so as a sacred trust, expecting us to take care of it as conditions warrant. For example, in a normally dry area or during a periodic drought, it is only common sense not to waste water. And with our landfill disposal sites growing into towering mountains, it behooves us to recycle containers or re-use them as best we can, to at least slow down the process. Learn at your house of worship that the earth is ours to inhabit and enjoy, but also to maintain; so let us assume, our share of the responsibility for it. It's the only home we'll ever have.

### 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., 10:45 a., 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., 10:45 a., 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.  
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
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 Omegs  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
Sunday 9 a.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
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## Haskell School Menu

**May 3-7 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** French toast  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast pocket  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Biscuit, sausage  
**Friday:** Pig in a blanket

**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. 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:** Popcorn chicken, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, peaches  
**Tuesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, assorted chips, apple, 1 fruit roll-up  
**Wednesday:** Chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, queso, nacho chips, fresh strawberries  
**Thursday:** Lasagna, rainbow vegetables, garden salad, bread stick, Mandarin orange salad  
**Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baked fries, Gogurt

## Paint Creek School Menu

**May 3-7 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** French toast  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** Waffles  
**Friday:** Cinnamon rolls

**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Corndogs, fries, carrots, pudding  
**Tuesday:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, cherry cobbler  
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OPEN-HOUSE STYLE PUBLIC MEETING STATEWIDE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration will host two series of open house-style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this first series of meetings is to present an overview of the project and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and videos about the planning process. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan

and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm at: Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene Area Office, 1350 N. Arnold Blvd., Abilene, Texas 79603.

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the State can be found at [http://www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/transportation\\_plan/default.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm) or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at: [http://www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/transportation\\_plan/default.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm) key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at: (HYPERLINK "mailto:TPP\_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us" TPP\_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us), or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224 Houston, Texas, 77027.

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### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

Due to the unopposed status of the May 8, 2010 general election for the placement of mayor and two council members, this election has been cancelled by the City Council of the City of Rule. 17-18c

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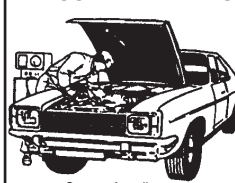
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# TMCN luncheon held in Haskell

Haskell community leaders hosted one of five network luncheons being held in April sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. Discussion at the luncheon focused on "how to encourage optimism at the local level in today's challenging economic climate."

During the luncheon community representatives from neighboring cities offered insights on current programs that encourage shopping at home and ways local business owners work together to strengthen local economies. Attendees discussed ways to assist employers when retention and expansion are issues of concern. The group also received an update on the Texas Midwest Chamber Cooperative that offers business owners a way to access discounted healthcare coverage for employees through employer group insurance.



**ATTEND LUNCHEON**—Attending the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon held in Haskell were, front row, l-r, Carolyn Graston, Megan Cox, Linda St. John, Louetta Wallace, Lynn Dodson, Susan Cockerell, Sally Rueffer and Travis Dean; back row, Randy Bowers, Brandon Anderson, Bob Smith, David Davis and Robert Tribbey.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Haskell, Anson, Aspermont, Knox City, Munday and Stamford. Representatives from Hendrick Health System and Workforce Solutions also attended.

Texas Midwest

Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness and promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of

"communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

For more information about TMCN call 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563 or visit [www.texasmidwest.org](http://www.texasmidwest.org).

## Early voting underway for school election

by Caron Yates

The Haskell CISD school board election is the only election scheduled for May 8 in Haskell County.

All other prospective city and school board races for the county, drew no opponents, thereby making it unnecessary for those elections to be held.

Two single member districts for the Haskell school board will be open. Felix Rodriguez,

currently serving single member district 1, is being challenged by Joel Torres III. Incumbent Joey Kimbrough, who serves single member district 6, will face Tyke Meinzer in the election.

Early voting by personal appearance will take place at the administration office from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., April 26 through May 4.

Registered voters living in either of these single

member districts, may request a ballot to be voted by mail, beginning March 9 through April 30. You may call or come to the school administration office to pick up a request form to vote by mail.

Voting on election day, May 8, will be at City Hall from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

You must live in single member districts 1 or 6 to be eligible to vote in this election. Information

as to your school voting district can be found on your individual voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member districts is available at the school administration office.

Voters are reminded to bring their voter registration card or some other type of photo identification with them when they come to vote.

## Soil Stewardship Week to be observed

Texas 216 soil and water conservation districts will be joining with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to celebrate an annual historical national 55-year observance April 25-May 2 which focuses on the care and conservation of the state and nation's renewable natural resources. The theme for this year's Stewardship Week observance is "Conservation Habits=Healthy Habitats."

"The stewardship concept involves personal and social

responsibility, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely to leave a rich legacy for future generations," said Scott Buckles, President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

"When we begin to think that each of us has a role in conserving and protecting our natural resources, we can effect personal actions that will have a positive impact for creating healthy habitats

of ecosystems found in and around our communities," Buckles added.

In America, the stewardship observance traces its origin to the Rogation Days celebrated more than 1,500 years ago in the neighborhood of Vienne, France. The custom began when bad weather and earthquakes brought crop failures and widespread hunger. The people of that community responded by imploring for divine help to alleviate their suffering and

privation.

"The stewardship observance relies on locally led soil and water conservation districts nationwide sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation activities. From a national perspective, NACD represents the nation's 3,000 soil and water conservation districts which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country," said Buckles.

"Districts throughout Texas provide an array of activities to promote the observance such as conservation and stewardship field days, programs, workshops and other outreach efforts throughout their communities to educate citizens about the need to care for soil, water and related renewable natural resources," Buckles added.

## Paint Creek to register Pre-K, Kindergarten for 2010-11 year

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten students

for the 2010-11 school year Tues., May 11. Pre-K students currently enrolled

at Paint Creek need not enroll until fall registration. Please come by the school office between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to complete needed paperwork.

To attend Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2010. To attend Pre-K a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2010. Parents should bring their driver's license, and their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

If you cannot attend registration, but have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student, call the school at 940-864-2868 and make arrangements to come at another time.

## Veterans seminar to be held May 4 at Lueders Post

A Veterans benefits and information seminar will be held Tues., May 4 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post #661, 929 SE Hwy. 6 in Lueders.

A fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Veterans and their family members will have the opportunity to learn more about eligibility for Veterans benefits and medical services at the meeting.

Valuable personal assistance with your questions and claims will be offered by experts from the Texas Veterans Land Board, the Waco VA Regional Office, VA Veterans Health Care System and many other organizations that serve veterans.

Those attending should bring their DD 214, ID and any VA correspondence.

For more information, contact Charles Prewit, Jones County Veteran Service Officer at 325-823-3812.

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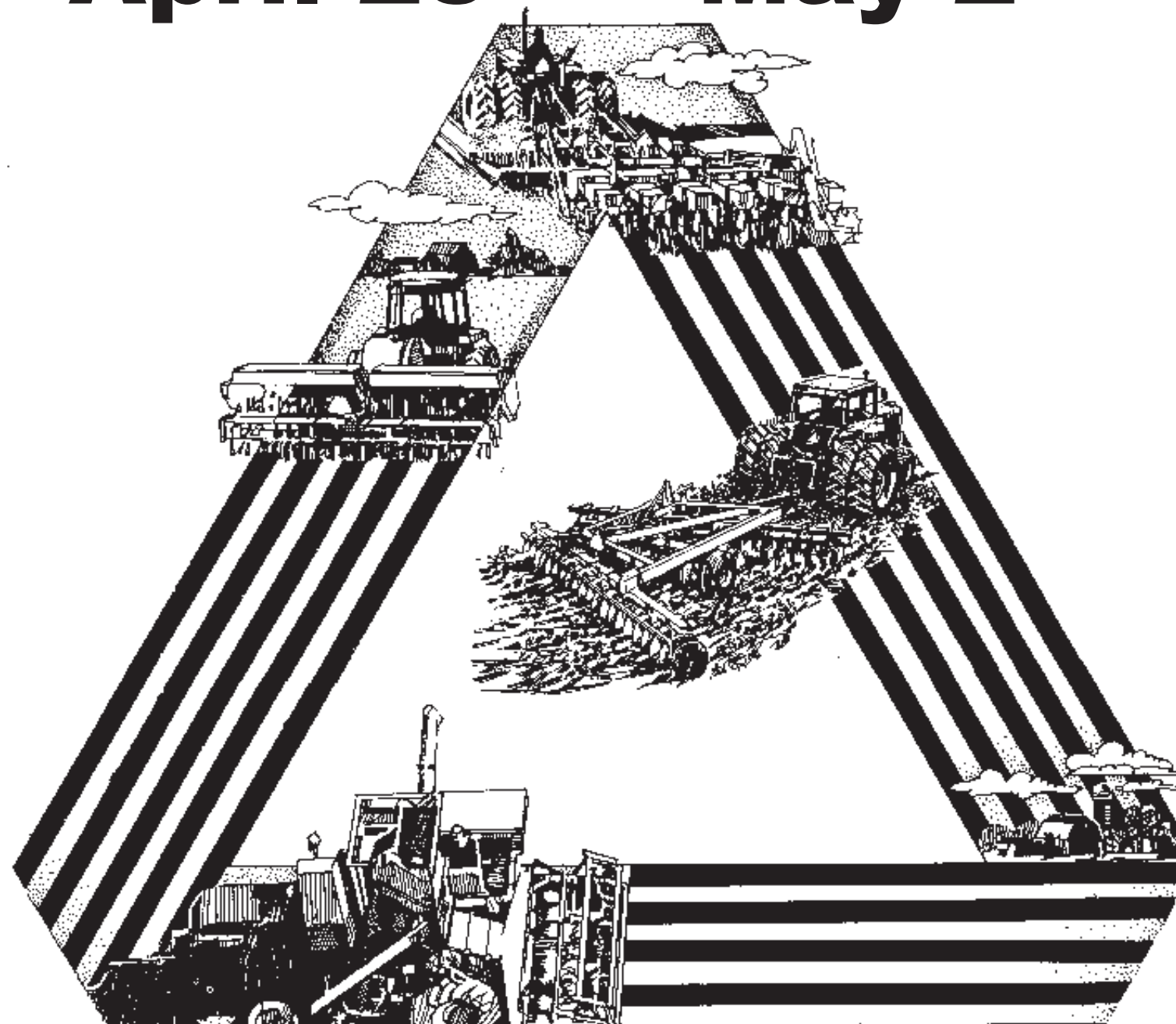
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## Conservation Habits=Healthy Habitats is theme of Soil Stewardship Week observed April 25-May 2

The Haskell SWCD encourages you to think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of natural resources during its annual Stewardship Week celebration.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 25-May 2, 2010 as Stewardship Week, marking the 55th year of the national event.

The 2010 Stewardship Week is themed "Conservation Habits=Healthy Habitats," encouraging citizens, schools and communities to develop and

maintain habitat areas using good conservation practices.

Kenneth Sanders acts as the chairman for Haskell SWCD. The District was formed to assist people in Haskell County. During Stewardship Week, Haskell SWCD will be distributing educational materials to area schools and churches. The elementary campuses will be receiving activity booklets and the churches will be receiving an insert for their bulletin along with a church leadership guide. The district also provides book covers to the area schools. Each year they sponsor the annual Poster Contest and Essay Contest.

NACD President Steve Robinson. "Each of us can make a difference by developing habitat areas in our own backyards, our schools or in our communities."

Haskell SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts ([www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org)) which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

For information about Stewardship Week and conservation, contact Haskell SWCD at 940-864-8516 ext. 4 or [haskellswcd@tx.nacdnet.org](mailto:haskellswcd@tx.nacdnet.org). Additional information about Stewardship Week is available on the NACD website at [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org).

Being good stewards of our natural resources at home and in our communities is an important task for each citizen. When we think about protecting and managing our natural resources, we can provide healthy habitats for the ecosystems on our planet," says

## SWCD offers scholarships

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in Haskell County who write an essay on the Soil Stewardship Week theme of the year.

The essays are judged by area judges who have interest in and know about soil conservation. Co-sponsors of the contest are Haskell

National Bank, First National Bank-Haskell, First National Bank-Rochester, Central Texas Farm Credit, Rule Banking Center and Capital Farm Credit.

Included in this supplement are some of the essays written by area seniors.

These essays do not reflect the results of the judging.

## Top SWCD poster winners named

Winning the Haskell SWCD district poster contest were; 1. Servando Martinez, Haskell, fourth grade; 2. Melisa Rock, Paint Creek, fifth grade; and 3. Ariel Wolf, Haskell, fourth grade.

### Haskell

Mrs. Darden's second grade: 1. Lauren Alexander, 2. Braelyn Bevel, 3. Paul Weidler.

Overall third grade: 1. Desiree Weidler, 2. Grace Colley, 3. Katelyn Hudson.

Mrs. Blakley's third grade: 1. Grace Colley, 2. Katelyn Hudson, 3. David Torres.

Mrs. Cypert's third grade: 1. Desiree Weidler.

Overall fourth grade: 1. Lori Beth Rodgers, 2. Ariel Wolf, 3. Servando Martinez.

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3. McCaila Walker.

### Paint Creek

Second grade: 1. Adaline Utley, 2. Desiree Acosta, 3. Madysen Moore.

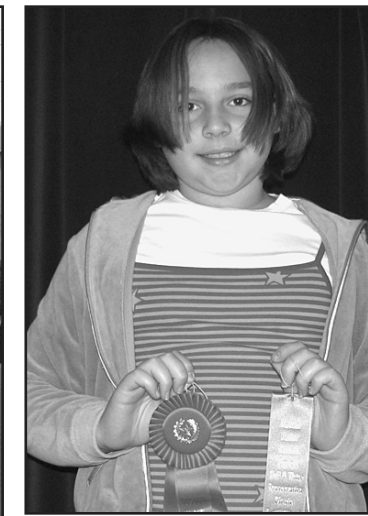
Fourth grade: 1. Felicity Hannsz, 2. Katelyn Jenkins, 3. Caleb White.

Fifth grade: 1. Melisa Rock, 2. Catherine Lemond, 3. Sabrina Ortega.

Sixth grade: 1. Paige Ramirez, 2. Dylan Webb, 3. Jarrett Lopez.



**FIRST PLACE**  
Servando Martinez  
Haskell fourth grade



**SECOND PLACE**  
Melisa Rock  
Paint Creek fifth grade



**THIRD PLACE**  
Ariel Wolf  
Haskell fourth grade



*Proclamation*

Our Texas landscape is a natural treasure. From the Hill Country to the Gulf Coast and from the East Texas pine forests to the West Texas plains, the Lone Star State is abounding with beauty and natural resources.

As growth and development increase, demand on these precious resources also rises. It is imperative that we work to ensure healthy soil for nurturing crops, and a stable, safe and sufficient water supply capable of meeting demand now and in the future.

To highlight the importance of this issue, an awareness campaign will be conducted across the Lone Star State.

At this time, I urge all Texans to remember that it is our duty and responsibility to preserve our environment and protect our great state's natural resources. Through conservation and commitment to maintaining a healthy environment, we will ensure that Texas remains a natural treasure today and in the future.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 25 – May 2, 2010,

**SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK**

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 25th day of March, 2010.



**Gears upon years**

by Cody McLemore

A lonely, old grandfather clock sits forgotten in the corner of an abandoned house. Second by second the hands move in the same repeating pattern. Everyone likes to believe that it will run forever, but slowly dust gathers between the gears, and the old grandfather clock slows down. Second by second the gears of the timepiece wear down and get further apart, and the chiming of the bells ring more quietly with the passing of each hour. Then, as suddenly as the clock was started, the gears fall apart and time stood still.

Conservation practices have existed since the beginning of time, but by today's standards, conservation seems almost unnatural. Today, we seem more focused on comfort rather than the impact we make on the environment. We would rather drive our big gas guzzling trucks or SUV's than

walk a few blocks to the store. On the Associated Content website, Kid-Romeo says car pollution kills nature, destroys trees, harms our air, and leads to global warming. If we all cut back on our driving, we would lessen the amount of pollution, and decrease the impact we have on our habitat.

Water conservation should also be an important part of our world today. According to the Water Use it Wisely website, "There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you." We can all pitch in to save water by routine checks on all faucets for leaks, taking shorter showers, or even keeping our grass cut longer. The Indiana State Department of Health website gives this advice, "Set your lawn mower wheels one notch further down so you are mowing higher than usual. Longer grass means less evaporation. The roots of closely cut grass have to work harder, thus requiring more water. Cutting grass close to the ground means more thatch, which

reduces the ability of water to penetrate the soil." If we all follow these simple tasks, we could make the world a much better place.

Our habitats work just like the gears of a clock. Over time, the gears of a clock get worn down and abused. Without every gear working in unison, the clock hands fail to turn and no longer tell us the time. We can learn to save our supplied resources by taking simple steps towards "going green." Natural resources run the world in which we live, work, and play. Although we believe that these resources will be there forever, we will not realize how important they are until they are depleted from this earth. Our whole lives depend on having electricity, clean water, and food to eat, but without conservation these comforts and necessities would not exist. Second by second, the gears of the earth are used and abused without a caring glance. Now, as suddenly as it was created, the gears of the world fall apart. The earth stands still.

**Consequences of my actions**

by Tyler Reese

I remember when I was younger and my parents would always tell me to turn the water off while I brush my teeth, or turn off the light when I leave the room. I never understood why my parents would make me do those things, and when I asked they would tell me I was saving money. Being young I never understood what my parents meant about saving money, I only did what they told me to do. So I listened to my parents and I would turn off the water when I brushed my teeth and turn off the lights when I left a room. Then I formed a habit of doing that and I never knew the importance of what I was doing. Until I grew older, and learned the benefits of conserving energy and resources, then I discovered that there was more to turning off the faucet than just saving money.

Now that I'm older I have realized that these habits that I have formed from my youth are not only good to save money, but they also conserve resources. "By turning off the water while I brush my teeth I can save up to six gallons of water per week"

(Davies 1). That will be less water we have to take from lakes and the water depths will not drop and cause aquatic animals habitats to be destroyed. Cutting back on how much I drive, I can also help protect habitats. "Cars effect the environment by putting CO2 and speeding up greenhouse gas emissions into the air" (Global Warming 2). "Vehicles also release sodium nitrates and sulfur nitrates into the air. They form acids and when it rains the acid kills plants and animals alike" (Effects of Acid Rain 3). So a good habit I learned was to limit how much I drive my truck, and utilize different methods of transportation. Instead of driving to my friend's house, I can ride my bike there. That would decrease the amount I drive and also would be good for my health. Also when I get tired of the house, I can walk down to the park instead of cruising up and down town.

Conservation habits can equal healthy habitats. Water, energy, and natural resources are the main items of conservation. By conserving them with day to day habits we can make

our habitats healthier. Instead of letting the water flow while I brush my teeth, I can turn the faucet off and rinse when I'm done. This will reduce the amount of water taken from lakes and

prevent damage to aquatic habitats. When I feel like taking a drive around town, I can just take a walk down to the park. Walking rather than driving will diminish the amount of emissions

I put into the air by using my truck and that will decline the amount of acid rain and prevent plants and animals from suffering the consequences of my actions.

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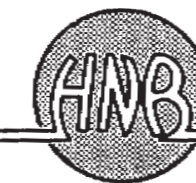
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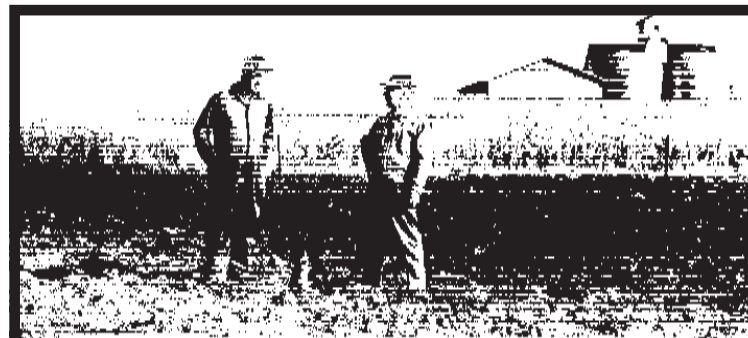
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Whereas stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious resources,

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HABITAT STEWARDSHIP WEEK

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## Cross cultural conservation

by Brooke Bullinger

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. These are three conservation words I learned in elementary school but didn't appreciate their full meaning until I practiced them on a trip last summer to Tokyo, Japan. Conservation and wise usage of natural resources like air, water, soil, plants, and wildlife were part of the Japanese lifestyle due to the close proximity of habitats for plants, animals, and 127 million people on this island of 145,882 square miles, comparable in size to California. These conservation habits ensured healthy habitats for both plants and animals. When my trip was over, I returned home with a mindset to practice daily the new habits I had acquired in order to preserve the habitat in which I live and the habitats of plants

and animals in my area.

According to the United States Geological Survey Web site, about two gallons of water per minute are used in the shower ("How Much Water Do You Use at Home on a Typical Day?" 1); whereas in Japan, water would only flow from the shower head after vigorously pumping the handle. This requirement led to shorter showers and reduced water usage. All sink faucets were operated by motion sensors which lessened the amount of water wasted while washing hands and brushing teeth.

Living two weeks with no option but to regulate water use has prompted me to be less wasteful at home. "When you use water wisely, you help the environment. You save water for fish and animals. You help preserve drinking water supplies.

And you ease the burden on wastewater treatment plants-the less water you send down the drain, the less work these plants have to do to make water clean again" ("Why Conserve Water?" 1).

Before arriving in the most populated city of the world, I envisioned the skyline being blurred with smog like I had seen in Houston; however, pollution, in the air and on the ground, was at a minimum in Tokyo. "Although the United States makes up just four percent of the world's population, we produce 25 percent of the carbon dioxide pollution from fossil-fuel burning-by far the largest share of any country" (Global Warming Basics 2-3). A large percentage of the green house gases emitted in America are from vehicles. "A single gallon of gasoline produces 19.4 pounds of carbon dioxide" ("Emission Facts" 2). Because of the high population density in Japan, very few people own cars. Walking and riding bikes or the subway are the most common forms of transportation. These choices significantly reduce toxic fumes released into the atmosphere and promote healthier habitats.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. These three conservation words for healthy habitats are now included in my daily lifestyle. I am developing habits to reduce my carbon footprint by driving less, minimizing my water use, recycling trash, and replacing plastic sacks with reusable bags. I am exploring other ways to ensure healthy habitats for years to come by planting trees, preventing soil erosion and providing homes for wildlife. Observing the Japanese people has helped me become aware of my niche in healthy habitats and shown me ways to make a positive impact in my environment.

## Ways to save

by Lealonn Alvarez

My everyday life does not consist of "Going Green" habits and neither do most common households. There are several ways to conserve different materials in our world that take little effort, and by making these small changes, our habitat will become a better place to live.

Sam Martin's research for the Ecology Global Network found each year over four billion trees, or thirty five percent, are cut down in every continent for the use of manufacturing of paper (Martin 1). There are many ways to reduce the amount of trees being cut down. One way would be to use the Internet to view and pay bills online, or use email to correspond with others. Tom Anderson of Fox 43 TV says, "If every household in America viewed their bills online, then around sixteen million trees would be saved each year (Anderson 1)." Other ways would include using recycled paper, printing doubled sided documents, and reusing envelopes and folders.

Energy is an element that is needed for all technology. Most households waste about fifty nine percent of energy used on a daily basis. The staff members of the Sustainable Environment for Quality of Life Corporation have posted a list of one hundred ways to save the environment on the Internet, twenty-eight of which are

ways to conserve energy. Small steps such as wrapping water heaters in insulated blankets and unplugging appliances that aren't being used make a significant difference at the end of the month (Wager 1). This not only saves energy but can also help save money. Another good way to reduce the amount of power being used is to plant trees around homes and central air conditioning units (Wager 2). The shade will cause the house to be cooler and the air conditioning units will take less power to convert outside air to colder air.

Water is essential for life. By keeping our water clean and by protecting it, our lives will improve. This is an area in conserving that really would not take much effort but would make a good change. The best place to start water conservation would be in the home. According to Jason Wager, a worker for SEQL, a small but significant modification would be to fix any leaks around and outside of the house (Wager 1). My family has made two adjustments around our house; we've switched our old shower heads for low flow ones, and we



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always make sure to wash full loads of clothes. We learned about these ideas around two months ago from the "100 Ways to Save the Environment" list posted by the SEQL (Wager 1). My family feels we are doing our part to help save our planet and in return we've noticed that just by making these small changes our water bill has gone down by almost a hundred dollars this month. The organization Friends for Change: Project Disney is an association that does different conservation projects to help protect our habitat

and encourage kids to do the same. On May 14, 2009, millions of kids only took a shower for five minutes and saved enough water to fill 128,000 bathtubs.

Conserving is not just about saving trees; it is about saving our homes from the harm we have already caused. There are hundreds of ways we as citizens of the world can help our environments. From something as small as planting trees in the yard, to something as big as the Friends for Change organization, anyone can make the change to save our environment.

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# A brighter future

by Shelby Still

Imagine your great, great grandchildren playing outside pretending to swing on a colossal tree branch while their parents watch as the weather man discusses a sixty percent chance of acid rain. The highest paying occupations are driving dump

trucks and working in landfills that are overloaded with sewage and the decaying remains of deceased creatures. The rivers and lakes are contaminated with nuclear waste, and the light blue sky is now a hazy, darkened green that smells of exhaust and gasoline. Although this vision may seem a bit farfetched, the possibility of a slightly worse future doesn't exactly appeal to the human interest. We hear on the news of the increasing dangers of global warming and the diminishing environments surrounding us, yet many of us choose not to do anything to prevent it.

In a typical U.S. household, 363 gallons of water is used every day. About seventy gallons of indoor water use is utilized per person daily. Approximately 440 gallons of rain runoff is employed per hour, and an estimated 66,175



gallons of outdoor water is used per year (Hutchinson 1). For a family of four, those numbers can certainly add up. So, in response to this excessive water usage, my family and I have acquired some small but effective habits. For example, when doing dishes, I fill one side of the sink with dish water for cleaning and the other side of the sink with regular tap water for rinsing. Whenever I brush my teeth in the morning and before I go to bed, I never leave the water running while I brush. Also, when the time comes for spring gardens

and lush green lawns, I simply do most of the water activities in the late afternoons or early in the morning which allows the water to evaporate slower and the vegetation time to absorb the water's nutrients. However small these habits may seem, in the end they produce much larger results.

Pollution is the most harmful environmental factor in the world today. It affects over a billion people around the world and an estimated millions are poisoned and killed by the toxins each year (Pollution

Facts 1). These same toxins cause animal deaths, contaminate water sources, and contribute negatively to the supposed global warming situation. As a reaction to this increasing dilemma, I have acquired a few "Go Green" habits to assist in the impasse that this environmental hazard has presented. For example, although I am unable to reduce my driving amount, I can reduce the amount of emissions that I give out by taking care of my vehicle on a daily basis. This includes keeping my tires properly inflated and aligned, as well as changing my oil when needed. Also, because of the growing littering and plastic bag hazards, I have purchased eco-friendly shopping bags. These shopping bags are made of materials that do not harm the environment during their production and are biodegradable (Nutt 2). These simple habits are able to save me money as well as assist in the environment.

Imagine again your great, great grandchildren playing outside, swinging on a colossal tree branch while their parents watch as the weatherman discusses clear skies and a high of seventy degrees. Lawyers and doctors are some of the highest paid occupations in the United States. Landfills are slowly diminishing while recycling companies begin their rise in society. Rivers and lakes are perfect for swimming and fishing with the sky radiating a breath-taking sunset. Although this vision may seem a bit too perfect, the idea of a literally brighter future gives me more hope and even more motivation.



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# Conserve to change

by Jordan Burson

I awake at seven o'clock to my relentless buzzing alarm clock reminding me to arise from my deep slumber of pleasant dreams to prepare for another day. I stagger from bed and flick the light switch, only to find myself still standing in my dark room. The old light bulbs, which are now in need of replacement, didn't even last a full month. I make a mental note to inform my mom to purchase some new LED light bulbs that will not only last longer but save us money. I stroll straight to the bathroom to brush my teeth, to remove the foul smell of morning breath. As I round the dark corner, which is usually lit with my room light, I come face to face with my little brother who is brushing vigorously, but of course, has left the faucet turned wide open.

"Don't you know to turn off the

water when you're not using it?" I sternly ask. Quickly, I reach over and turn the cold water knob until the flow stops completely. I swiftly brush my teeth before wandering to the laundry room to retrieve my favorite T-shirt. As I shuffle through the clean shirts, I notice my sister is about to wash only one item in our washer. I snatch her dirty pants away and give her the same spiel my mom gave to me about how if we don't wash a full load a clothes, we are wasting water and her income.

This uncomplicated, daily routine reveals how simple tasks that my family and I perform everyday are filled with opportunities not only to conserve energy, but also to conserve the amount of money we spend on household bills. For example, even though LED light bulbs cost more money at the store, the truth is they are saving my wallet

and energy at home compared to regular light bulbs. "LED light bulbs last up to 10 times as long as compact fluorescents, and far longer than typical incandescent" ("Energy Efficient Lighting" 1). Water is another resource we can conserve by merely turning off the water when we brush our teeth. "An individual would let 684 gallons minimum run down the drain in a year's time of brushing their teeth" ("How Much Water" 2). By simply

turning off the faucet, my family could save 4,104 gallons of water per year. This lesson also has a connection with filling the washer full of clothes before beginning a cycle. The average American family will start a load of laundry with a minimum amount of clothes when in reality "one large load of laundry will use less energy than two small or medium loads" (Be Efficient" 1).

My daily routine is packed with chances to save energy and opportunities to be conservative. Small changes that we perform day

after day make a huge difference over time. It's my duty to take these opportunities and use them to better not only my community but my world. Animal habitats and their safety rely on what we as people do on a daily basis. When we do these simple responsibilities such as using energy saving light bulbs or saving the amount of water the household uses, we are drastically reducing global warming and endangered species of animals across the globe. These small sacrifices make a huge difference in our planets well-being.

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