

Softball

HASKELL

V Eula Tournament
Mar. 10-12 at Eula
JV/Lubbock Tournament
Mar. 11-12 at Lubbock

Baseball

HASKELL

V Ballinger Double Header
Fri., March 11, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
JV-V vs Stamford
Mon., March 14, 1 p.m.
at Stamford
JV Hamlin Tourney (Dist.)
Tues., March 15, 12 noon
at Hamlin
V vs Rotan
Wed., March 16, 1 p.m.
at Haskell

Track

HASKELL

JH Hamlin
Thurs., March 10 at Hamlin
V Throckmorton
Thurs., March 10 at
Throckmorton
PAINT CREEK
V at Greyhound Relays
Fri., March 11 at Knox City
RULE
V at Knox City
Fri., March 11 at Knox City

Calendar

Gospel concert

A Bluegrass gospel concert, featuring the David Warren family, will be held Thurs., March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell. The family plays several different instruments and sings great gospel hymns.

Music Revue

The Big Country Music Revue, 1001 Union, former Methodist Church building in Rule, will open Sat., March 12 with a show free to the public. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The show starts promptly at 6 p.m. With 150 seats available, those attending should arrive early to guarantee a seat. A ventriloquist, whistler, music of all types, and Elvis is in the building are all acts on the schedule.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Ruth Jackson, well-known Abilene artist, will present a program using acrylics. Everyone is invited.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., March 16 at 11:30 a.m. Debbie Earles will bring a program on what and when to plant. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

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Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend

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"The People's Choice"

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Thompson wins 'official' pie baking contest

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Haskell County cooks participated in the Pie Baking Contest Sat., March 5 in conjunction with the Texas Independence Day-Haskell Style Celebration. Pie entries were taken

from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with judging of pies beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The three judge panel critiqued each pie based on Overall Appearance, Taste, Creativity and Overall Impression. Serving as judges for the event were

Wanda Thompson, Luis Olivarez and Ray Clark.

Results of judging were:
Adult Division, Fruit Pies: Mary Jennings, Haskell, first place, Apple Pie; Linda Parsons, Rochester, second place, Best Berry Texas Citrus

Pie; Frances Clark, Haskell, third place, Pear Supreme Pie.

Nut Pies: Dolores Medford, Paint Creek, first place, Maple Pecan Pie; Mary Jennings, second place, Pecan Pie; Mary Rike, Haskell, third place,

Southern Comfort Pecan pie.

Adult Best of Show: Mary Jennings, Apple Pie.

Youth Division: Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton, first place, Pineapple Upside Down Pie.

Youth Best of Show: Jenny Dudensing, Pineapple Upside Down Pie.

Class winners received a pie plate and \$20 gift card. Second place winners took home a pie carrier. The two "Best of Show" bakers each were awarded a gift basket filled with cookbooks, baking equipment and baking supplies. Numerous local businesses generously furnished awards and gifts for the Pie Baking Contest. Appreciation is extended to the following for this support: Modern Way Grocery; Richardson's True Value Hardware; The Drug Store; Wal-Mart-Stamford; The Carousel; Henderson Book Store; First United Methodist Church; and Wild Horse Trading Post.

During judging of the Pie Baking Contest, two city/county officials were on the third floor of the courthouse competing in a "Pie Challenge." The contest was patterned after the "4-H Food Challenge" held each fall.

Challengers for the Pie Baking Contest were John Gannaway, Haskell City Mayor and Kenny Thompson, Haskell County Commissioner, Pct. 3.

The two novice pie bakers were provided the ingredients and equipment to prepare a pie. With no directions or recipe, they had 40 minutes to prepare a crust from scratch and a filling for a pecan pie. When the pies came from the oven, judges had the opportunity to critique the Challengers preparation techniques and taste the finished products. Serving as judges for the event were Erlinda Mayfield and Joyce Ivy. After much deliberation, Kenny Thompson was named winner of the Pie Challenge and was presented with the coveted prize—a Golden, Diamond Studded "Cow Pie."

Organizers express their appreciation to these two gentlemen for their willingness to participate in the challenge. They each did an excellent job.

Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA)—Haskell County organized and sponsored the Pie Baking Contest and Pie Challenge.

For more information about these events, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-2546.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS—Haskell City Mayor John Gannaway, left, and Haskell County Commissioner Kenny Thompson had some official pie baking business to attend to during the Celebrate Texas Independence—Haskell County Style. Thompson was the winner of the competition.



RAISE FLAGS—Haskell Boy Scout Troop 146 members lead the opening ceremonies of the Celebrate Texas Independence—Haskell County Style event March 5 with the raising of the flags.



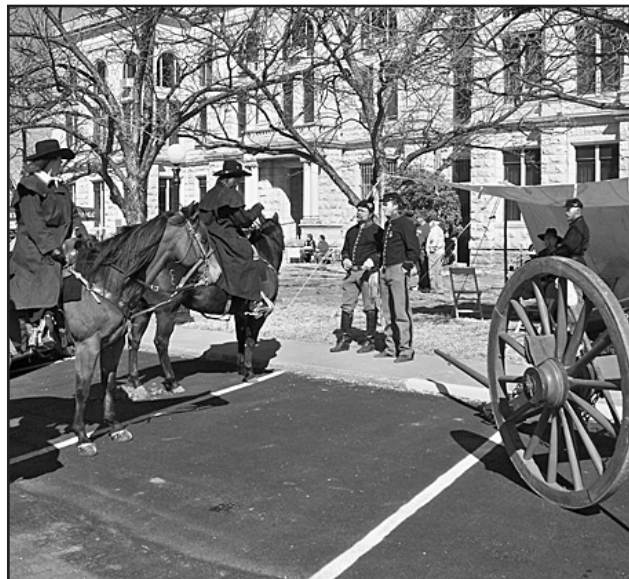
ROPE MAKING—Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148 demonstrated the fine art of rope making last Saturday during the Celebrate Texas Independence—Haskell County Style celebration held on the square.



FLINTKNAPPING—Lee Ward held demonstrations on the fine points of arrow making during the Celebrate Texas Independence—Haskell County Style celebration held last Saturday on the square.



CANNON FIRE—Cannon fire was heard during the Celebrate Texas Independence—Haskell County Style on Sat., March 5.



PERIOD ATTIRE—Horses, soldiers and cannons helped depict the era of Texas Independence during the celebration held on the square Sat.

Deadline to file for City, School candidate positions is March 14

For anyone aspiring to be on the ballot as a candidate in the upcoming city and school board elections, time is running out.

The last day to file is March 14, by 5 p.m. City

council seats are up for election in Haskell, Rule, Rochester and Weinert. The position of mayor will also be elected for the city of Rochester. Applications may be picked up at the respective city hall

offices.

For anyone interested in serving on the school boards at Rule ISD and Haskell CISD, applications must also be filed by March 14. Haskell CISD administration office will

be open from 2-5 p.m. on Mon., Mar. 14. Applications may be obtained at the administration office of each school.

City and school board elections are set for Sat., May 14.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Hee Haw tickets go on sale

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held on March 24-26 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin an hour before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 24, is especially for

Indians run at Hamlin

Results of the Long Sleeve Relays held at Hamlin High School include:

Haskell Indian team total: Fifth place, 39.

800: 2. Kelson Aguero, 2:10.22.

400: 4. Marco Gonzalez, 55.85.

300 hurdles: 6. Garrett Markey, 48.81.

400 relay: 6. Haskell, 47.21.

800 relay: 4. Haskell, 1:36.83.

1600 relay: 2. Haskell, 3:41.65.

groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made beginning Tues., March 8, by calling 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Sat., March 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. After the completion of tickets sales at the Community Center on March 11, orders may be placed by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for

tickets. A limit of 10 tickets sold per person will be sold on March 11. If more tickets are needed, you may enter the line again.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be on sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sandwiches and pies will be sold on Thursday night.

The price of the tickets is \$5.00 each.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Feb. 28 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jason Hall in attendance. Absent was Councilman Chan Guess.

Hall offered the invocation.

The construction of monument signs on all entrances to Haskell, funded 50% out of excess sales tax revenue and 50% out of hotel/motel tax, was approved.

Budget amendments were approved as presented.

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

- The City is very saddened by the loss of City Attorney, Jean Shotts. His law firm will continue to serve the City for the time being.

- The City has a great set of employees who are very well qualified. Two employees are entertaining options for changes in their careers and the City is working with these employees to make the transition seamless.

- A local Boy Scout will be repainting the old street signs for his Eagle Scout project.

- Anderson will be out of town for the next Council meeting.

- As a reminder, three council members will be elected in the May election. Those interested in running should contact Louetta Wallace in the City office.

- The City of Haskell has grown over the last 10 years. The official census population is 3,322, up from 3,106 in 2000. This is mainly due to the 450 unwilling citizens at the prison.

- The golf board is looking at lease and loan options to acquire a newer mower for the grounds keeping.

Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs hold meeting

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held a March meeting Sunday afternoon, March 6 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs met together. Fifteen attended the meeting.

A short business meeting, discussing the upcoming events, such as Clothing Project, Fashion Story Board, Photography Project, Livestock Judging, Shooting Sports, and Share-The-Fun Contests to name a few, was held.

The 4-Hers participated in preparing treat bags for the Haskell County Food Bank to be distributed in April.

A door prize was given by guessing amount of skittles in a jar. Refreshments were served and the 4-Hers were adjourned.

The next 4-H meeting will be at the Haskell County Extension Office Sun., April 10. The 4-Hers will decorate pillow cases for themselves.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Calendar

Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

Fund-raiser

To raise money for Relay for Life, gourmet coffee and a doughnut will be available for \$1 at the CitiBank lobby in Haskell each Friday through March 25.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Obituaries

Winnie Mae Darnell Sherman



WINNIE SHERMAN

Funeral services for Winnie Mae Darnell Sherman, 92, of Haskell were held Sat., March 5 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Haskell. Services were under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home of Rotan.

Mrs. Sherman passed from this life Mon., Feb. 28 in Rotan.

The middle child of six, Sherman was born Dec. 24, 1918 in Woodson, the daughter of the late George and Anna Mae Stoker

Darnell. She graduated from Haskell High School and married Henry Alvin Sherman Aug. 21, 1937.

She was a much respected, hard-working woman. In her early married years, she lived for three years outside Dove Creek, Colorado in a half dug-out house where she and Alvin lived in two sections of land. After returning to Texas, she worked along side her husband, first on a farm, then in a floor covering-interior decorating business, and finally in her own antique and collectible store.

She had a passion for travel. Her journeys to Alaska, Hawaii and Europe were highlights as well as her many trips around the United States. She loved to read, to go "antiquing," and loved entertaining her family. Thanksgivings at "Mamaw's" became a much revered Sherman tradition. Most of all, she was a woman of God who humbly mentored her Christian values to all who knew her. She was a member

of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Alvin; her daughter, Annie Wynette Mullins; and one great grandson, Tyler Morrow. Both parents and all but one sibling also preceded her.

Survivors include two sons, Henry Alvin Jr. "Hank" and wife, Kathie of Roscoe and George William and wife, Lynn of Amarillo; one son-in-law, Franky Don Mullins of Sweetwater; eight grandchildren, Donny Mullins, Terrie Morrow, Kieth Mullins, Alichia Warren, James Boatman, Nathan Sherman, Nikah Hart and Nisha Arnold; twelve great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren; one brother, Robert Darnell of Knox City; two sisters-in-law, Ann and Doris; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Haskell. PD.

Billie Jean Kemp



BILLIE JEAN KEMP

Funeral services for Billie Jean Kemp, 84, of Haskell were held Mon., March 7 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell. Burial

was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Kemp passed away Thurs., March 3 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born May 29, 1926 in Sealy, she was the daughter of William F. Viereck and Christie Sanders Viereck. She married Dr. William J. Kemp, Sr., Nov. 12, 1944 in Austin and moved to Haskell in 1949. She worked as a secretary and homemaker and was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Progressive Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Kemberly Kay Kemp of Houston; one son, Dr. William James Kemp, Jr. of Amarillo; three grandsons, William James Kemp, III of Dallas, James Patrick Kemp of Amarillo, and Pherl Lawford Brossman of Houston; one granddaughter, Mary Tympranz Brossman of Portland, Oregon; four great grandchildren, Luke, Ben, Kate and Sawyer; two sisters, Dorothy Hansen of Austin and Shirley Crooks of Fredricksburg.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Haskell. PD. NOTICE

Johnie E. Billington Sr.



JOHNIE BILLINGTON SR.

Graveside services for Johnie E. Billington, Sr., 69, of Haskell were held Fri., March 4 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell followed by a celebration of life service at Cornerstone Fellowship

Baptist Church, under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Billington passed away Sun., Feb. 27 at a local nursing center.

Born Dec. 25, 1941 in Gladewater, he was the son of the late George "Slim" E. Billington and Dorothy Wright Billington. He married Gussie Johnson in Haskell Jan. 7, 1962. They were married 47 years, before she preceded him in death June 19, 2008. He worked as a ginners and a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gussie Lee Billington; daughter, Jackie Billington; grandson, Jamey Ned; brothers, Fred Billington and J.W. Billington.

Survivors include his children, James Ray Billington of Haskell, Lynelle Roberson of DeSoto, Richard Billington (Janita) of Amarillo, Georgia Ned (Edward) of Dumas, Regina Billington of Lubbock, Johnie Billington, Jr. (Cathy) of Haskell, Kenneth Billington (Delilah) of Haskell, Quinten Billington of Abilene, Syreeta Finley (Aaron) of Dallas, Kevin Billington of Abilene, and Tyrone Billington of Arlington; 19 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren; sisters, Juanita Wheeler, Minnie Itson, Mary Bell Johnson and Georgia Smith; brothers, Robert McGinnis and Jessie Billington; several nieces, nephews and a host of dear friends. PD. NOTICE

Susana Rodriquez



SUSANA RODRIQUEZ

Funeral services for Susana Rodriquez, 60, of Haskell were held Mon., Feb.

10 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell. Rosary was held Sunday evening at St. George Catholic Church.

Born April 4, 1950 in Sinton, she was the daughter of the late Ponciano Lopez, Sr. and Josefina Martinez. She married Trinidad "Butch" Rodriquez Aug. 18, 1966 in Haskell. She was a member of St. George Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Trinidad "Butch" Rodriquez;

and sister Linda Rojo.

Survivors include four sons, Trinidad Rodriquez, Jr. of Haskell, Victor Rodriquez of Haskell, Salvador Rodriquez Sr. and wife Cecilia of Haskell and Michael Rodriquez and wife Felicia of Munday; three daughters, Christina Landaverde of Haskell and husband Javier, Cathy Billington and husband Johnie, Jr. of Haskell, and Jessica Rodriquez of Haskell; 15 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and two brothers, Ponciano Lopez, Jr. of Haskell and Tony Lopez of Abilene. PD. NOTICE

Haskell FFA teams compete

Fifteen members of the Haskell FFA Chapter competed at the Possum Kingdom Area Range Contest and the Jacksboro Career Development Events March 3 and 4. Results are as follows:

Possum Kingdom Area Range Contest

Range Team: First place, Cheslee Hearn,

First Individual; Marissa McGhee, Third Individual; Madison Mayfield, Eighth Individual; Carson Hadaway and Shelby Dunnam.

Jacksboro CDE

Range Team: Second place, Cheslee Hearn, Fourth Individual; Marissa McGhee, Madison Mayfield, Carson Hadaway and Shelby Dunnam.

Poultry Team: Fourth place, Ross Wittenborn, Third Individual; Krista McLemore, Ashley Adams, Breanna Steadham and Camden Smith.

Dairy Products: Fifth Place, Denise Hibbitts, Sixth Individual; Claire Carmichael, Kaley Mathis, Emily Fouts and Meghan Glover.

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A Road Less Traveled

The road less traveled, the more difficult way is the true path to fulfillment. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matthew 7:13-14, 15-20 NIV).

The Road Not Taken

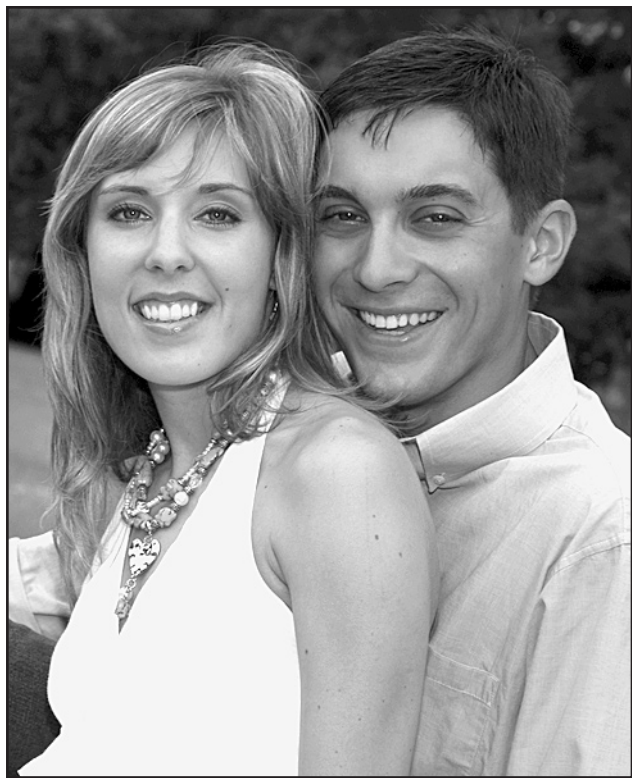
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
On, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Aren't you glad you made the decision to follow Christ? There are many who choose to believe that all you have to do to go to heaven is die. Aren't they in for a big surprise? The "way" that Jesus told us in **John 14:6** is still the only way. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" It may be a road less traveled, but we should be thanking Christ for giving us a compass to get us on that road. Hasn't it made all the difference? If you know someone going the wrong direction give them the Lord's Road Map to Eternity.



COURTNEY BUERGER-BRADLEY SCHMIDT

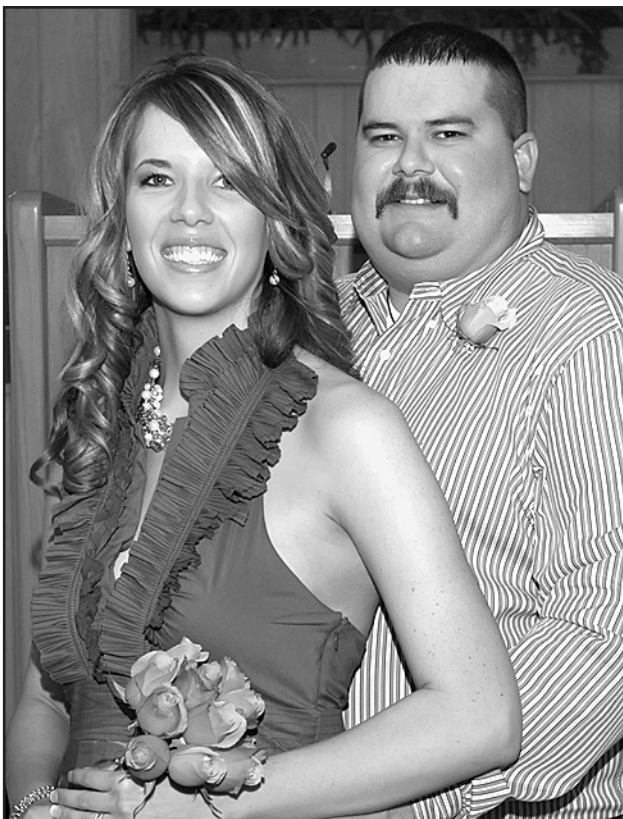
Buerger, Schmidt plan May wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Buerger of Avoca are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Buerger of Corpus Christi, to Bradley Schmidt of Lenexa, Kansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt of Louise.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Paint Creek ISD. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2008 with a degree in Ag Economics. She is employed by Frontier Risk Management in Robstown.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2004 graduate of Louise ISD. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 2008 with a degree in Ag Economics. He is employed by Triumph Seed Co. in Lenexa, Kansas.

The couple plans a May 7 wedding at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl.



MR. AND MRS. DOUG SORRELLS

Couple united in private ceremony

Doug and Deshea Sorrells were united in marriage Fri., Feb. 18 in a private afternoon ceremony held at the First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Russell Stanley officiating.

The groom is the son of the late Doyle Sorrells and Betty Sorrells of Rule. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Slim Sorrells and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dick Andrews, all of Rule. He is employed by Langford Roustabout Service in Haskell.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Lisa Milburn of Haskell, Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon and Rocky Holmes of Lake Brownwood. She is the granddaughter of Jeanne Burleson of May and Max and Doris Jean McMeans of Haskell. She is employed by Edward Jones in Stamford.

The couple will reside in Haskell.

Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

March 1 a great meeting was held by the Haskell Area Cancer Support Group.

The group was updated on all our cancer patients and their treatments. Joann Thane told us about her upcoming doctor's appointment. Glen Hutto spoke about his continued chemo every other week and the toll it takes on a body after three plus years.

We are always reminded of how far cancer treatments have come. Mae Lou Yeldell tells us of treatment in the basement of Hendrick Medical Center in the 40's.

We also spoke about the AVIA program that was designed to help companies with prescription help for their patients. Lonnie Meredith at The Drug Store in Haskell called reporting that other companies do this work honestly and at a far cheaper rate. But unfortunately no one wants to listen on how to save money for their cancer patients and help more people in return. But Lonnie, thank you so very much for all the help you do for our group and for all of your patients in Haskell and surrounding areas. You

and all your employee's are "stand up people!"

We also spoke about the upcoming Relay for Life and our team. We may not have many in numbers and many are cancer patients but we look forward to making a step to help!

A wonderful meal by Mae Lou Yeldell and Birdie Goudeau was served and Charlie McClutchen was served a birthday mini cake by Melissa Mitchell for his birthday.

The next meeting has changed a bit. Since the Haskell National Bank building has been sold, we are now meeting at The Education Building at Haskell Memorial Hospital. The next meeting will be March 29 with a light meal and Dr. Bill McSmith as guest speaker.

Everyone is invited and let's remember, if you know of someone with cancer, you are affected and we need your help.

For more information on the meetings or any information for cancer, call 325-864-4466 or 940-864-4466.

Haskell Lodge #241

On a beautiful afternoon, the members of Haskell Lodge #241 met at the Pit 'n Grill for their monthly meeting.

President Jerry Don Klose called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag.

Phyllis Klose led the membership in a memorial to Billie Jean Kemp, a member since Oct. 21, 1951, who passed away Thurs., March 3.

Several birthdays were honored this month including T.J. Brueggeman, Dorothea Monroe and Harry Koehler.

The anniversary couple this month is J.R. and Inez Merchant celebrating five years together.

The installation of officers was postponed until April. The lodge is looking forward to a visit from the Grand Vice President-Fraternal, Lee Vogel, who will do double duty having the honor of installing our officers, and presenting several members with 60 year membership pins.

Door prizes were awarded Dorothea Monroe, J.R. Merchant and Ruth Klose.

With the men playing dominoes and the women playing the domino game of chicken foot, a good time was had by all after a good meal and a day of fellowship.

The group adjourned with anticipation of the pleasure to be had next month. The membership looks forward to Bernice Vogel coming and joining in a good game of chicken foot.

The April meeting will begin with dominoes ahead of the business meeting, fellowship and games following the business meeting, which will be held April 3 at 3 p.m. at the Pit 'n Grill restaurant.

Library Notes

The Robert and Anita Herren Memorial Fund has presented the Haskell County Library with a monetary donation.

This fund is administered by The Community Foundation of Abilene and endowed by the Herren family to help the library and other community entities. It will ensure an enduring financial base for the organizations it funds.

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Bridal Shower Registry Angela Aycock and Cale Parson Meredith Harvey and Corey Jones

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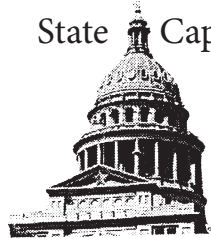
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Comptroller lays out options for budget writing panel

AUSTIN - Tough questions over how the Legislature will address a \$4.3 billion state revenue shortfall in fiscal year 2011 and a \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall in Texas' 2012-2013 budget cycle continued last week.

On March 3, Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chair of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, invited Comptroller Susan Combs to come forward and present "a clear description of how we arrived at this point, what our current challenges are and how we should address them."

Combs, part of whose job is to ascertain whether the state has enough funds to pay for expenditures proposed by the Legislature, accepted on short notice. She testified that the Legislature, in facing the current deficit, has three options: deeper budget cuts, delaying spending, and tapping other resources such as the state's \$9 billion Rainy Day Fund, or some combination of those options.

But, she said, "I cannot certify new appropriations until the deficit is addressed." So, it could be inferred, that until the budget crisis is solved or abated, the survival of any legislation that would add to current state fiscal obligations is in doubt.

Now, before Combs testified, Pitts said he filed legislation that proposes to transfer \$4.3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund into the General Revenue Fund. But even so, he said, deeper cuts to already-cut budgets will have to be considered.

Pitts pointed out that many fellow lawmakers on the present Appropriations committee also served on the committee in 2009 when the 2010-2011 budget was drawn up. "In hindsight, it's worth asking if we all should have anticipated a decline much sooner," Pitts said.

For the record, Pitts said, Texas' budget troubles stem from a nationwide economic recession and a long series of monthly double-digit declines in sales tax revenue.

However, Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, interjected that the state's \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall for 2012-2013 is attributable not only to a nationwide recession, but also to the state's \$11 billion "structural deficit."

The structural deficit is a systemic shortfall grown out of the state's 2006 school finance reform plan that cut property taxes by billions of dollars.

That, coupled with years of less-than-expected revenue from a business-margins tax the Legislature passed to pay for the property tax cut, has widened and deepened the budget hole.

House passes sonogram bill

HB 15 by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, was adopted by the House on March 3.

Among the legislation's many requirements is that a woman who wishes to terminate her pregnancy must choose whether to view a sonogram and hear the heartbeat of the fetus before a sedative or anesthesia is administered and before the termination may continue.

According to the official bill analysis, the sonogram must be performed 72 to 24 hours before termination, except in cases where the woman's life is endangered. The physician must describe the results in easy-to-understand language.

The legislation also requires the physician to provide a list of agencies offering ultrasounds at no cost to the pregnant woman.

House floor votes taken on proposed amendments to the bill closely followed party lines. The final vote on the bill was 103-46.

One Republican voted in opposition on the final vote. Freshman state Rep. Sarah Davis of Houston published a news release explaining, "To me, the issue at stake was not about abortion, but about the role of government in our personal lives. ... Although I fully support informed consent, I do not support the Legislature practicing medicine. Conservative legislators have been united against the expanding role of government, and I remain true to that principle."

The state Senate passed a similar sonogram bill, SB 16, in mid-February.

Current, former lawmakers eye RRC

In January, when Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams announced his resignation to run for the U.S. Senate, the door opened for a replacement. Williams announced his bid for the Senate when Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she would not seek another term in office.

Current state Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, filed as an applicant to fill Williams' unexpired term, and so did former state Sen. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Brimer also is seeking appointment as state insurance commissioner to replace Mike Geeslin who has asked to not be reappointed.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 8, 2001

Jeffery Sorrells and Helen Allison were honored for their spirit of volunteering and service to others by being named Man and Woman of the Year during the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Haskell High School senior, Deshea Phemister, was recently selected to be part of a life changing sports mission trip with Sport Quest, the athletic division of Athletes of Good News organization.

Jimmie and Orville Darden and Opal and W.B. Tidrow were honored with a reception by their families as they celebrated 50 years of marriage.

20 Years Ago March 7, 1991

The board of trustees at Paint Creek Independent School District approved the promotion of Debbie Hobgood as elementary school principal.

Dala Harris of Haskell, a member of the McMurry women's basketball team, was chosen for the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association All-Academic Team.

Sgt. John C. Mills, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Johnny Mills, has been visiting relatives and friends in Haskell. He has been transferred from Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, New Mexico to Anchorage, Alaska.

30 Years Ago March 5, 1981

Norris Anders, manager of the Rule Co-op Gin, was named Cooperative Ginner of the Year, during the annual meeting of the Texas Cooperative Ginners Association.

Eight HHS band students qualified for the state solo and ensemble contest in Austin. Students qualifying include D'Anne Burris, Shannon Lane, Laurie Reynolds, Paul Williams, Kristie Alves, Cindy Everett, Kim Lane and Sheila Moeller.

Steele Precision Machine is now open. The shop manufactures and repairs metal parts for household items, automobiles, farm and oil field equipment.

Lanny Beauchamp, who served as court reporter for the 39th Judicial District for eight years, was honored with a reception by friends and coworkers. He has accepted a position in Austin.

40 Years Ago March 11, 1971

Charles McCauley, Haskell County Heart Association Finance Chairman, announced that as of today \$2,346.88 has been raised in Haskell County, topping the goal of \$1,357.

Randy Stone and Charles Franklin of Haskell, were selected to the All-District first team for 7-AA boys' basketball.

Caron Cloud, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Cloud of

Rule, is a Spring pledge for Phi Upsilon Omicron, at Texas Tech University. Pledges must have an over-all grade average of 3.0 or better.

50 Years Ago March 9, 1961

David Josselet, who has been employed in Austin for the past few years, has joined the staff of Cook's Barber Shop. Josselet and his family moved to Haskell last week.

S.W. Kelso, Bob Sego and John Thomas have all filed as candidates for City Alderman. They are seeking the positions held by Myron Biard and Barney Frazier, who will not seek re-election.

The Haskell High School

band, led by Director Porter, was judged the outstanding band among seven Class AA bands in the Sweetwater Festival Parade.

100 Years Ago March 10, 1911

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Bascomb of Sharpesburg, Kentucky, are visiting in this city. He has owned an interest in a large tract of land in this county.

Judge A.C. Foster and family of Rule were in the city on several occasions lately. He has purchased a new auto and is making good use of the machine.

Mrs. Alice Nolen left Monday for Alabama, in the interest of the Nolen Estate.

Letter to the Editor

To the mayor of Haskell: Seems like the Green Card has become slack. We see cars up on the main street at a local business. If you are a business person, you don't get a Green Card?

We were one of the lucky recipients of a Green Card.

Old cars are sitting there that haven't run in 30 years and an old Suburban that hasn't run in 10 years.

Come on, let's wake up and send out a few more Green Cards.

Here's what the Green Card says:

"NOTICE. The City of Haskell is focusing on enforcing Chapter 683.071-683.078 of the State of Texas, Transportation Code, Abandoned Motor Vehicles, Subchapter E, Junked Vehicles: Public Nuisance; Abatement. If you have received this notice the city has deduced the following 1.) A vehicle noncompliant with this portion of the code is located on your property OR 2.) You were the last known individual that a vehicle was registered to. If you have questions or would like a copy of the code please contact Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, City of Haskell, at 940-864-2333. This notice is to inform you that you have 2 weeks upon receiving this notice to have this Junk Vehicle removed from the City Limits of Haskell."

The B.L. Strickland estate

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

The Texas Independence Day Celebration is over and it was wonderful. The entertainment provided by Cliff Morris, Jennabeth Kimbrough and Doris Brock was excellent. Doris and Hubert Brock just retired here and live in the Tidrow house. We just met them at the ECC a couple of days ago. Who knew the woman could play the keyboard and sing like that? What a nice addition to our town. I love the ones who come prepared and seem to love to work like Doris, Freida Ivy and Dan and Elsa Kaszuba. Freida is so involved with many aspects of improving our city. Dan, one of our new city policemen, and his wife Elsa, told me that they intend to walk the creek with a skimmer net and help get the debris out of the creek. How lucky can we get? I'm looking forward to our becoming a Certified Retirement Community if we get folks like these. Of course, the Kaszubas aren't retired, but they already love this town and are willing to do their part.

We do need loudspeakers on all four sides of the Courthouse so everyone around the square could have enjoyed the music, as Morris suggested. Speakers like that would also be helpful at other times like the Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade, the Christmas Parade and numerous other events.

Kenny Thompson was a formidable competitor in the pie baking contest. Kenny and I both made pecan pies and the judges agreed that there was only a hair's difference between the two pies-I think the hair they referred to came out of Kenny's beard (only jesting). However, I am still wondering if the fingernail files he hands out come election time that each of the judges just happened to have influenced their final vote. I did overhear Erlinda telling Kenny, "Hey, those nail files don't come close to the \$20 Gannaway paid me." Congratulations, Kenny, I'll just have to try harder next time. Also, a huge thank you goes to our coaches: Wanda Thompson and Christye Gannaway. I would love to see a competition between those two good pastry chefs.

Melyn Wittenborn, a master gardener, is in the process of getting prices for crepe myrtles to be planted at the park. Several of us walked the park with Wittenborn and planned where these bushes would be placed. As soon as we get prices, we will let you know and perhaps you'd like to purchase one or more in memory of loved ones. Our initial effort is to have at least 50 plants; it would look even better if we had 100. I'll keep you posted as we get more information 'cause it is plantin' time! The city has tested the irrigation system because it has not been used for some time and found it to be mostly intact but ready to use.

Some time ago I'm told, there was a small fee attached to the water bill called the "Rehab Fee." This was money that was used to beautify the square and other areas that were in need. I suggest that we again offer that opportunity-\$2 per month. Since it is strictly voluntary, you will have to call City Hall (864-2333) and talk with either Louetta or Carolyn if you are interested in helping to beautify our city. Surely we can afford 50 cents per week to accomplish this goal. The Beautification Committee thanks you in advance.

Ervin Unger has agreed to give us several huge stones to be placed in the park and also in the RV area. He is going to provide some smaller ones that we can use around the crepe myrtles. These will add to the looks of our park. I don't know about you, but I get just a tad excited when I think about what all we have going on and people like Ervin (who used to live here but now lives in Breckenridge) who continue to have pride in Haskell and are willing to help us out. Next time you see Ervin, tell him how much you appreciate his support and if you need some stones for building or landscaping, be sure to check with him.

Brandon is making some contacts to see if we can put some street lights at the intersection of North 14th and the U.S. 277

reroute. Hopefully this will get done in order to improve the safety of that intersection. He is also compiling a list of contacts in and around Haskell who will buy your junk vehicles. The sooner we get rid of those old junk vehicles, the sooner we can move on to our next endeavor...lots that need to be cleaned and houses that need to be bulldozed.

Bill Steele is to be commended for keeping the big cross at his place of business lighted per citizen request. It's a very impressive sight when travelling down U.S. 380 and it makes a favorable impression upon folks.

If you know of anyone looking for a place to retire, send them our way. You can tell them that if they can't be happy here, then they probably won't be happy anywhere. We have the people who can and do make a difference and we would love for them to join us.

Wild Horse Prairie Days is the first week in June. Let's set that date as our goal to get some of these projects we've talked about turned into reality. Monuments at entrances to the city, rocks at the park, lights on the tops of the buildings, lighted water tower, painted and repaired old fire house doors, lights on the gazebos on square and park. I'm eager to see the fountains as well, but fear we'll have to wait a mite longer for them to be a reality... need to clean the creek, repair weirs, and find solutions to moss problem before we install them. We also have Homecoming this year, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, so that is added impetus for us to get busy. Our best chance of getting retirees back to Haskell is from this group returning to the place they enjoyed in the days of their youth. Let's make a concerted effort to show them how good life can be if they'll return to the Reservation!

And may I add, I'm having a heck of a good time being your Mayor. Many kind remarks of the job I'm doing are greatly appreciated...can't believe you pay me for doing this...think I'll just return your dollar!

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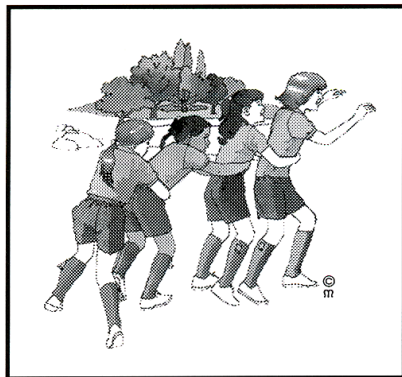
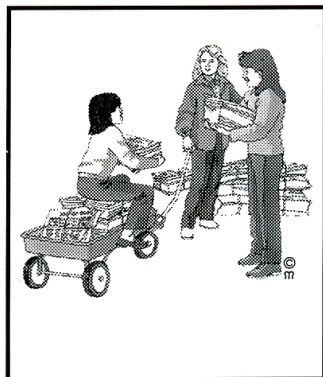
Girl Scout Week March 6-12

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and Troop #7118**

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Brittany Andrews
Taylor Silvas
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Jalista Sanchez
Lauryn Collins
Cheyenne Campbell
Dezi Silvas
Civanna Evans
Hope Bridges
Baylee Cloud
Destiny Bridges
Kylee Carnes
Ysabella Fernandez
Trinity Whorton
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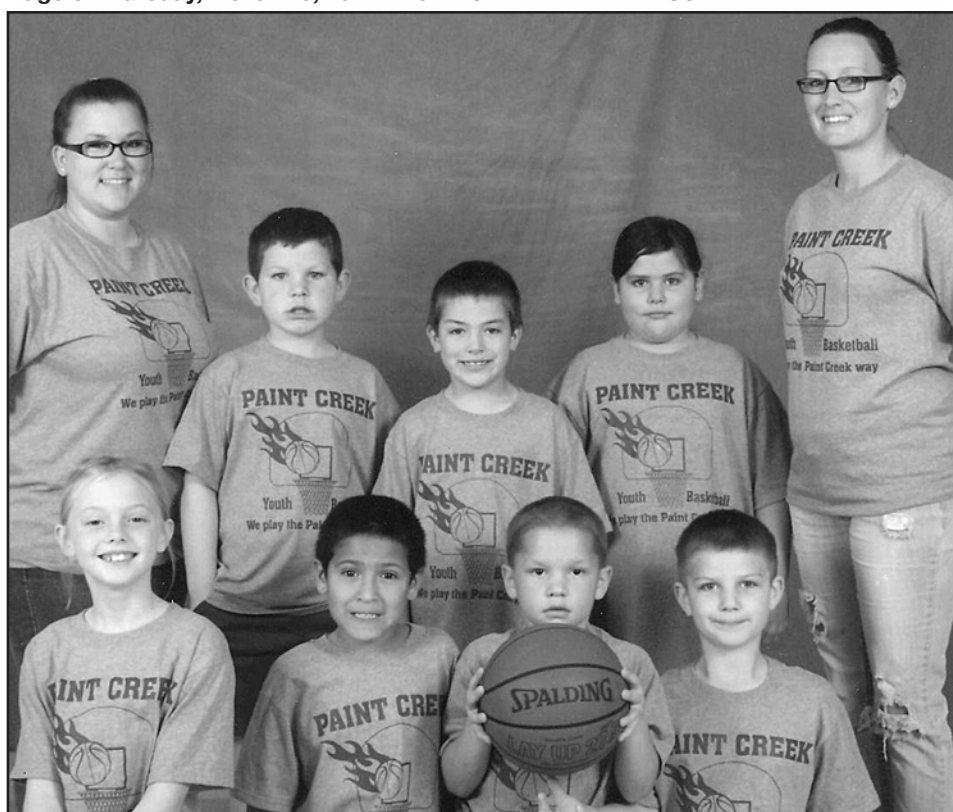
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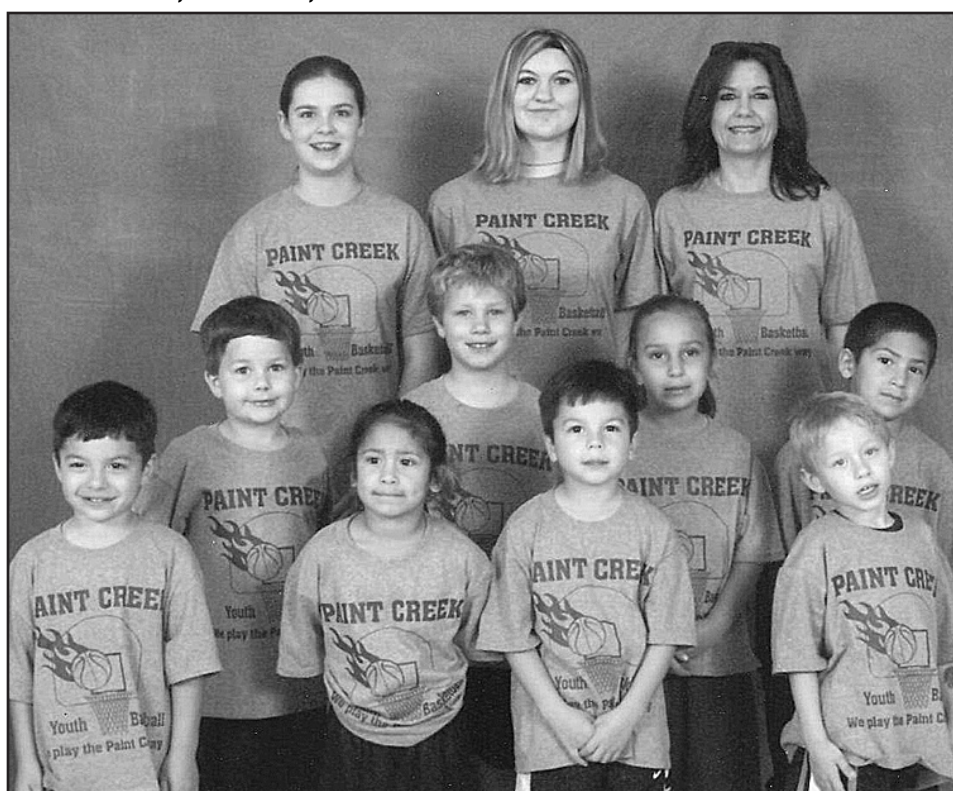




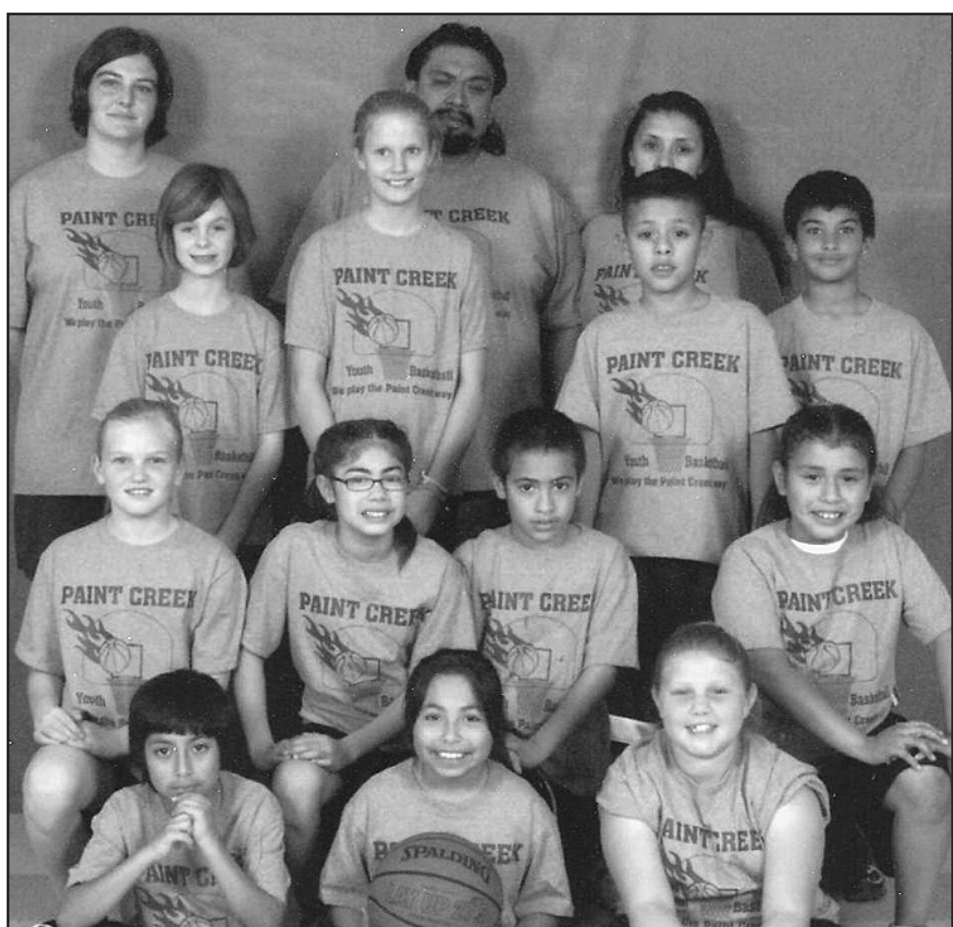
PAINT CREEK LITTLE DRIBBLERS—Participating in the Paint Creek Little Dribblers program were, bottom row, l-r, Gracie Oliver, Isidro Salinas, Christopher Pannell and Kolby Tidrow; back row, Kasey Delmasso (coach), Steven Crain, Ethan Jenkins, Danica Elias and Wendy Jenkins (coach).



PAINT CREEK LITTLE DRIBBLERS—Participating in the Paint Creek Little Dribblers program were, bottom row, l-r, Jordan Westerman and Brianna Yanez; middle row, Corbin Waggoner, Zakary Elkins, Dawson Conn and Dakota Davis; back row, coaches Darla and James Davis.



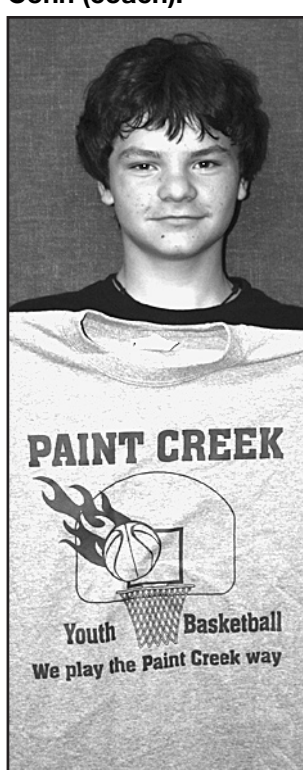
PAINT CREEK LITTLE DRIBBLERS—Participating in the Paint Creek Little Dribblers program were, bottom row, l-r, Cayden Rogers, Daneli Salinas, Cowan Rogers and Kayden Steinman; middle row, Levi Rhoads, Mason Webb, Ragen Thompson and Damian Salinas; back row, coaches Tarah Trotter, Kadie McCord and Sarah McCord.



PAINT CREEK LITTLE DRIBBLERS—Participating in the Paint Creek Little Dribblers program were, bottom row, l-r, Antonio Yanez, Brittany Yanez and Cameron Poulton; second row, Madyson Moore, Larissa Villarreal, Daniel Salinas and Desiree Acosta; third row, Bailey Hawkins, Zoe Webb, Manuel Acosta and Chase Thompson; back row, coaches Jessica Sorley, Chris Acosta and Frances Acosta.



PAINT CREEK LITTLE DRIBBLERS—Participating in the Paint Creek Little Dribblers program were, bottom row, l-r, Audrey Cochran and Cheyenne Elias; middle row, Buddy Trotter, Catherine Lemond and Amber Conn; back row, Julie Cochran (coach), Katelyn Jenkins, Marina Salinas and Denise Conn (coach).



WINNING DESIGN—Brad Winterstein won the Paint Creek Little Dribbler T-Shirt design contest. The Paint Creek Little Dribbler teams participated in three tournaments this season. The first was held at Benjamin Feb. 19, Paint Creek Feb. 26, and at Lueders-Avoca March 5.

Elderly may defer property taxes

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Haskell County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred—but not cancelled—as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien.

No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Haskell County Appraisal District at 604 North 1st Street, Haskell or call them at 940-864-3805. Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121, ext. 2.

Calendar

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.

Enchilada dinner

The Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell will host an enchilada dinner Sun., March 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, 12 and under.

Haskell Municipal Golf Course announces tournament schedule

The Haskell Municipal Golf Course's 2011 golf tournament schedule has been released.

Weekly Wednesday Scrambles
Tee time, 6 p.m. beginning March 16
March 16
Wednesday Scramble.
Tee time, 6 p.m.
April 23
1 Day 2 Person Scramble.
Tee time, 1 p.m.
June 11-12
'One Time' 3 Person

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Dinner, auction

The Noah Project-North will have their dinner and silent auction Sat., March 26 at the Haskell Civic Center. Those interested in making a donation or providing something for the silent auction should contact Pat at 864-5841, Coleta at 864-8036 or Jeri at 864-

3467. An advisory member will collect items around town.

Spring Fling

The Noah Project-North's annual "Spring Fling" will be held Sat., March 26, at the Haskell Civic Center. This is the Noah Project-North's main fund-raiser of the year. A ham dinner with all of the trimmings and the famous homemade desserts will be served. The program will be emceed by Brian Burgess. A quartet from McMurry University called the "McMurry Sounds" and the McMurry trumpets of seven people called the "Trumpet Choir" will entertain those attending. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$5.00 for children 10 years and under and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member or at the door. To donate an item for the silent auction, call 864-2551.

Autism walk

The seventh annual West Texas Walk for Autism will be held April 2 at the Abilene Zoo. Haskell Heroes would love your support. Register on line at www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/westexas. For more information or to donate, contact Melissa Burson, Tamara Swinney or Jennifer Bridges.

Scramble.
Team tee times
8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
July 16-17
3 Person Scramble.
Tee times,
8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Aug. 27
1 Day Club
Championship.
Tee time, 1 p.m.

For full registration information, contact Johnny Fuentes 940-256-2283 or Casey Larned 325-669-0688 or 864-2749.



DISTRICT WINNER—Cash Bassett, a second grade student at Haskell Elementary School, was the first place district poster contest winner.



DISTRICT WINNER—Bailey Hawkins, a fourth grade student at Paint Creek School, was the second place district poster contest winner.



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

Haskell, Paint Creek and District 2011 SWCD Poster Contest Winners

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District held the 2011 poster contest.

This year's themes were "Forests for People—More Than You Can Imagine" or "Conservation Habits=Healthy Habitats."

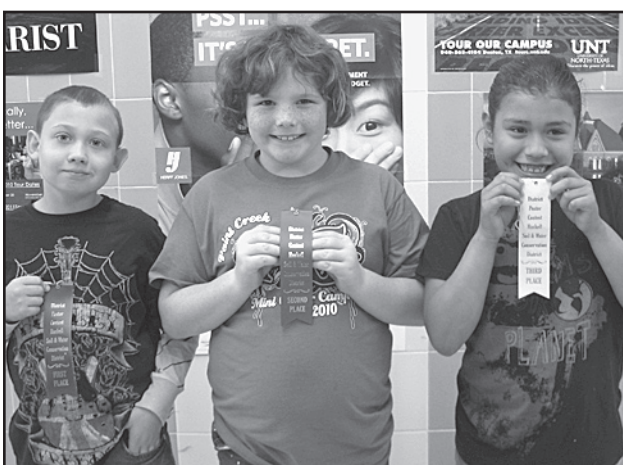
The contest was open to all students ages 12 and under in Haskell County. The top three winning posters from each grade and each school were sent to the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District, where the top three posters were selected for the District winners. Those winning three posters were advanced to the Area Contest. Each student whose poster was selected as the top three in their grade and the top three District winners were presented ribbons. Every student that participated in the contest received a coupon

for a free treat from Dairy Queen.

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to express their appreciation to each participant who took the time and effort to study the themes and make a poster.



HASKELL SECOND GRADE
Cash Bassett
first place



PAINT CREEK THIRD GRADE—I-r, Austin Roysdon, first place; K'Lee Lampe, second place; and Desiree Acosta, third place.



PAINT CREEK FOURTH GRADE—I-r, Bailey Hawkins, first place; Brittany Yanez, second place; and Cameron Poulton, third place.



HASKELL THIRD GRADE—I-r, Caleb Wright, first place; James Robledo, second place; and Heavenly Perez, third place.



HASKELL FOURTH GRADE—I-r, Allie Andress, first place; and Desiree Weidler, second place.

Local independent agent selected to offer AARP insurance

After meeting several social responsibility and business requirements, Haskell County Insurance Agency, Inc., was authorized to offer a popular insurance program in Texas.

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., (NYSE: HIG) has announced that it is making its award-winning AARP® branded auto insurance program available through Haskell County Insurance Agency in Haskell.

Haskell County Insurance Agency, Inc. was chosen after satisfying a number of eligibility requirements, which included: demonstrating a commitment to community service; meeting a high-level of business and ethics standards; and completing a training program designed to highlight the needs of the 50+ population.

"For 25 years, the industry-leading AARP-branded auto insurance program from The Hartford has been extremely popular," said Kathy Bromage, vice president, The Hartford. "Much of the success of this program is due to innovative product features and a commitment to truly understand and support our customers. We are thrilled to now be able to offer these benefits with our independent agent partners."

According to research from The Hartford, the majority of AARP members prefer the advice and counsel of a local agent when making decisions about their insurance. Based on this research and strong customer demand, The Hartford is offering the AARP-branded auto insurance program through select, authorized independent agents. These products were previously only available from The Hartford by phone, the Internet and by mail.

The AARP-branded auto insurance program is designed in consultation with The Hartford Advance 50+

Team, which helps to tailor our products and services specifically to the interests and needs of Baby Boomers and older adults. Other unique hallmarks of the program include:

- **Lifetime continuation agreement**—assures that the customer's insurance policy will not be dropped as long as a few simple requirements are met.

- **RecoverCare**—helps customers pay for assistance with daily errands and responsibilities, like cooking, cleaning, shopping, dog walking, transportation and yard work if they are injured in an auto accident.

- **Standard 12-month rate protection** versus the traditional six month policies offered by most companies.

Although Haskell County Insurance has changed locations and names several times during the over 100 years it has been a vital part of Haskell, the service and dedication of its owners and employees has remained the same. "We serve the county and more," Chan Guess, owner said.

Owners, Chan and Bridget Guess, as well as employees Beth Guess and Bonita Tatum, are dedicated to keeping Haskell strong.

Chan was raised in Haskell

and returned after completing his MBA at Texas Tech University. He has been involved with the local community by being past president of the Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, chairman of the Zoning Board, Haskell County Appraisal Review Board, and numerous other local boards. Chan is a current Alderman for the City of Haskell and serves as treasurer for First Baptist Church.

Bridget, originally from Brownfield, has been an asset to the agency and to Haskell. She is a member of Haskell Young Homemakers and will be a member of the Haskell County Appraisal Review Board in the upcoming year. She, along with Chan and their daughters, Jacee, age 12 and Cami, age 3, are members of the First Baptist Church.

Bridget also owns and operates Haskell County Realty.

Haskell County Insurance would not be complete without two very important people. Bonita Tatum is a licensed insurance agent and has been employed with the agency for 28 years. She is also the agency's office manager.

Beth Guess joined the agency in 2001. She is the customer service representative.

"We invite you to give us a

call and experience our service for yourselves," Guess said.

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Thurs., March 17 at noon
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Meal provided.
This informational meeting will be of interest to those considering raising Guar. Guar contracts for the new year will be discussed.
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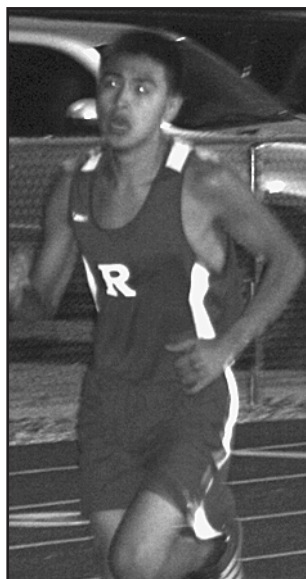
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March 17th
6 p.m.

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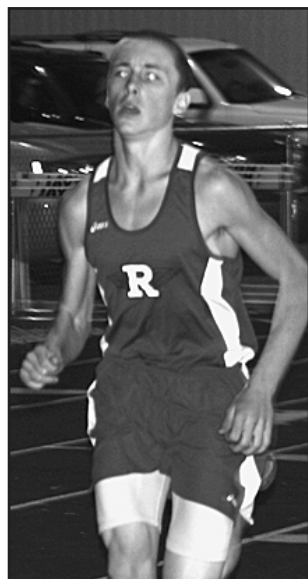
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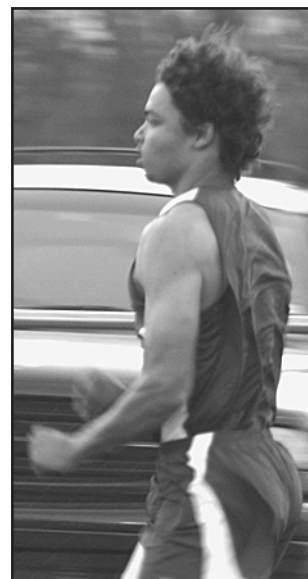
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Rule track



MICHAEL PEREZ
Rule track



COLLIN TAYLOR
Rule track



DARRYL WILLIAMS
Rule track



ALLISON PETTY
Rule track

Rule School runners compete at Jayton Relays

The Rule Jr. High Kittens competed at Jayton's Relays Thurs., March 3.

Jonah Caddell finished first in the 800 and third in the 400 meter runs.

Colton Rogers finished third in long jump, third in discus, second in the 100 and second in the 200 meter run.

Ryan Pace finished first in the 110 hurdles and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles.

The Rule High School Bobcats and Lady Cats also competed at Jayton Fri., March 4.

Allison Petty finished third in the 200 and fifth in the 100 meters in a time of 28.03 and 13.07 respectively.

Cade Brown finished first in the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:52 and first place in the 3200 meter run in a time of 10:46.

Michael Perez finished second in the 3200 meter run in a time of 11:41 and second in the 1600 meter run in a time of 5:19.

Collin Taylor finished sixth in the 400 meter run in a time of :59 seconds and third in the 1600 meter run in 5:22.

Darryl Williams was fourth place in the 100 meter run in :11.5.



VALENTINE SWEETS—Joseph Calvert, left, and Hazel Dumas were crowned Valentine King and Queen by residents and staff at Haskell Healthcare Center during a Valentine party hosted by the First Christian Church.

Girl Scouts celebrate anniversary week

By Caron Yates

The week of March 6 through March 12 has been set aside to recognize and honor the Girl Scout Organization and its more than 3.2 million Girl Scouts and their adult leaders.

It was on March 12, 1912 that founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop in Savannah, Georgia.

According to girlscouts.org, Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the U.S. Congress in March of 1950. More than fifty million American women enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood. Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of ten million girls and adults in one hundred forty-five countries.

The Girl Scout mission statement proclaims, "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place." Through the years, especially in times of great need in this country, the Girl Scouts have stepped up and shown the kind of courage and character the mission statement intends. During World War I, girls learned about food production and conservation, sold war bonds, worked in hospitals, and collected peach pits for use in gas mask filters.

Girl Scouts led community relief efforts during the Great Depression by collecting clothing, making quilts,

participating in food drives and canning programs and providing meals to undernourished children. It was in the 1930s that the first sale of commercially baked Girl Scout Cookies took place.

When the U.S. entered World War II, Girl Scouts operated bicycle courier services, invested more than 48,000 hours in Farm Aide projects, collected fat and scrap metal and grew Victory Gardens. They also sponsored Defense Institutes, which taught 10,000 women survival skills and techniques for comforting children during blackouts and air raids.

Although the world they live in today may be quite different from times past, Girl Scouts are still engaged in many worthy projects such as collecting money to help support the children of Afghanistan. They responded to the September 11 attack on America by performing community services, hosting remembrance ceremonies and writing thank-you letters to rescuers.

There are two girl scout troops in Haskell and one at Paint Creek with a membership of thirty-four girls and six leaders.

Some ninety-nine years after Low assembled those eighteen girls from Georgia for a local girl scout meeting, the Girl Scout organization is still dedicated to every girl, everywhere and their potential of growing up to make the world a better place.

Rochester Women's Club holds meetings

The Rochester Women's Club met in their club building for the January meeting with Betty Thompson leading the meeting.

Entertainment was brought by Margaret Russell and Lila Martin about travels in Italy by Margaret and her mother Betty Thompson in 2007 and by Margaret in 2010.

Hostesses for the day were Marguerite Gauntt and Gerri Newberry. Attending were Betty White, Frieda Fly, Newberry, Elaine Glover, Ada Pope, Sharon Mullino, Gauntt, Thompson and her daughter Teresa lafeure, Russell, Martin and Verlene Stegemoeller.

No election of officers was held.

Stegemoeller served as reporter in the absence of the appointed officer.

The Rochester Woman's Club met in the Mullino home for the March meeting. Leader for the day was Sharon Mullino.

Speaker for the day was Joseph Barrett, pastor of the Baptist Church in Rochester. He spoke about a ten day trip he and his wife Natalie took to Greece. He showed slides of places where Paul

in the Bible traveled and some of the ruins that have been recovered from that time. It is amazing that they have survived. Pastor Barrett said that Greece is a place of refugees and it is hard for them to survive. The overwhelming poverty, food and living conditions make you realize how fortunate we are to live in our country.

Hostesses for the day were Mullino and Mary Johnston. Attending were Gauntt, Glover, Fly, Lora Cleveland, Johnston, Sammie Loper, Newberry, Russell, Pope, Stegemoeller, White and Mullino.

ECC Menu

Mon., March 14

Taco and trimmings, onion, pickles, pinto beans, pears, cookies, tea or coffee

Wed., March 16

Chicken, cream gravy, green beans, beets, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee

Fri., March 18

Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, fruit cup, cookie, tea or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



Through the eyes of faith we see life more clearly

Your eyes are your windows of the world you live in, through which you are able to observe your surroundings, recognize your fellow beings, perform your everyday tasks and follow the pathway of your life. They enable you to concentrate on a single object or person, or scan every detail of the panorama within your field of vision. You can

develop your powers of observation so as to enjoy the natural beauty of God's creation whenever you step out of doors, and you can also quickly identify a situation that should be remedied or a person in need of your help. At the church of your choice you will learn to see all the good things of this world through the eyes of faith.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

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

Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 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.m.
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

Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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 Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

On March 21, 2011 at 2 p.m., the Board of Commissioners for the Haskell Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place in the Community Center located at the Haskell Housing Authority at 702 S. Avenue H, Haskell, Texas.

The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 702 S. Avenue H, on weekdays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., Fridays 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HASKELL §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 2nd day of March, 2011, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,629. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Perez, Pete George. Legal description, 1. Lot Six (6), Block Thirty-two (32), Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,632. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Scheets, Minnie, Ind/Heir of Melvin H. Kreger, Deceased, Et Al. Legal description, 2. Lot Six (6), Block Fourteen (14), Brown & Roberts, Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,706. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Westmoreland T.E., Et Ux. Legal description, 3. Lot one

(1) and two (2) in Block twenty-three (23) of the South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,707. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Kirkland, B.D. Sr. Legal description, 4. A Lot, Tract or Parcel of land lying and being situated in Haskell County, Texas, and being a (80x140) part of Outlot Number Twelve (12) Tract 19, of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 5. All that certain tract or parcel of land in Haskell County, Texas, and being a (130x140) part of Outlot Number Twelve (12) Tract 18, of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of April, 2011, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of March, 2011, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

"All bidders must now display proof of compliance with 34.015 or Texas Tax Code."

Given under my hand this 3rd day of March, 2011.

David Halliburton, Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas

10-12c

NOTICE

The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., April 6, 2011 for the following properties to be sold separately: 405 Union Ave. (old City Hall) and 404 Union Ave. (old Fire Dept.).

For more information, please call Rule City Hall, 940-996-2214.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any

or all bids. 10-13c

NOTICE

The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids for cemetery maintenance work at the Rule Cemetery. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., March 21, 2011. Contract is for one year, April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012. You may pick up a

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The family of Susana Rodriquez would like to thank everyone for the many thoughts and prayers during the loss of our loved one. Whether it was food, flowers, a card or a simple phone call, it was all greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Smith Family Funeral Homes for all their help. May God bless you.

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The family of Norma Lee Lowry would like to express a sincere thank you for the love and prayers sent her way during her illness and passing. Perhaps you sent food, a card, flowers, made a visit, made a phone call or gave a hug and said a kind word-with deep appreciation we say thank you for your kindness.

A special thank you to the Haskell First United Methodist Church for letting us have Mom's service in our beautiful church. Also, a special thank you to the Methodist ladies for a delicious lunch that was prepared and served to our family.

A very special thank you to Pastor Tom Long for delivering a beautiful celebration of Mom's life. A sincere thank you to Nelda, Ember, Bethany and Jan for the beautiful uplifting music. A big thank you to Allison Kate for reading Mammaw's favorite poem.

A sincere thank you to Mesa Springs and staff of Abilene and Country Elegance and staff of Stamford for the wonderful care that our loved one received.

Norma Lowry was a kind, sweet, loving mother and grandmother/great grandmother. Her caring, giving Christian spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

With deep appreciation, may the Lord bless each one of you.

Sincerely,
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Twenty athletes receive end-of-year basketball honors

by **Caron Yates**

Twenty Haskell County basketball players received All-District recognition at the conclusion of the 2010-11 basketball season.

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Second Team All District



MARISSA MCGHEE
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Second Team All District



ISAIAH LLEWELLYN
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Newcomer of the Year



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Haskell
Honorable Mention

Hearn and Marissa McGhee were named to the second team all-district, while Ashlee Short earned honorable mention.

Receiving the District Newcomer of the Year Award, was Haskell Indian Isaiah Llewellyn, a sophomore. Christian Myers was selected for the first team all-district, while seniors Kelson Aguero and Austin Nanny received honorable mention recognition.

In District 14-1A, Division II, Lady Pirates' Felysha Walker was selected for the first team all-district, and Katie Bosnjak, Shana Armstrong and Katrina Buerger were named honorable mention.

The Pirates landed four players on the all-district team. Curtis Bishop made first team, Hunter Hall made second team, and honorable

mention recognition went to Jordan Adkins and Nathan Edwards.

Rule High School was also well represented, with Amber

Polk selected to the first team, Jenny Dudensing chosen for the second team and Allison Petty named honorable mention.

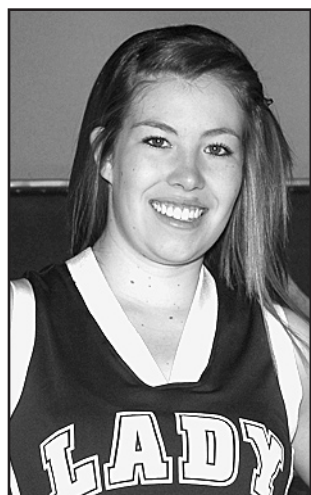
Rule Bobcat Cade Brown was selected as the Offensive Most Valuable Player in District 14, 1-A, while Daniel Turner was listed as honorable

mention.

Congratulations to all these area basketball players on a job well done.



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Paint Creek
First Team All District



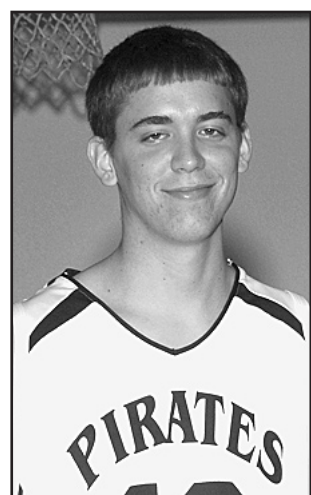
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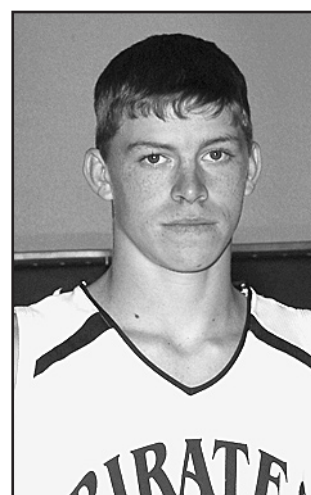
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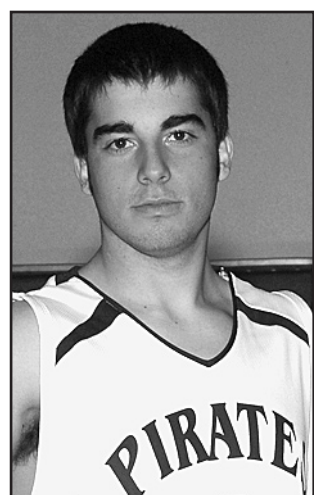
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Honorable Mention



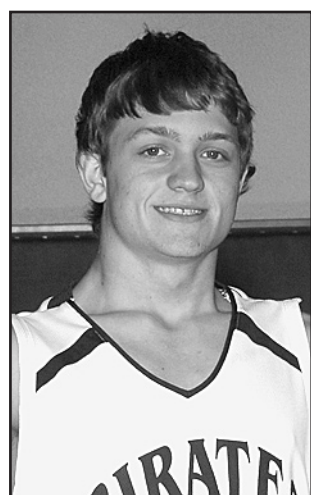
CURTIS BISHOP
Paint Creek
First Team All District



HUNTER HALL
Paint Creek
Second Team All District



JORDAN ADKINS
Paint Creek
Honorable Mention



NATHAN EDWARDS
Paint Creek
Honorable Mention



ASHLEE SHORT
Haskell
Honorable Mention



CHRISTIAN MYERS
Haskell
First Team All District



AUSTIN NANNY
Haskell
Honorable Mention

Bryan Davis is finalist for Rule Supt.

Rule ISD has named the lone finalist in their search for a superintendent.

Bryan Davis, current Principal at Sudan, has accepted the position and will be hired after the mandatory 21 day waiting period.

Robert Turner, President of the Board of Trustees, said the Board was delighted with the number and the quality of applicants for the job. "The task of selecting applicants for interview was not an easy one. We narrowed the field from the 16 applicants to five and conducted those interviews last week. We had five very good interviews with some very good men. It was satisfying to have each of them confirm our financial strength. We have taken diligent care of our school's finances in the past and are in good financial condition as we brace for the cuts that are coming in our state funding. We renovated our football/basketball locker rooms and

rest rooms and replaced air conditioning and heating in our auditorium and gym and still maintain a fund balance of about 1.4 million (almost equivalent to one year's budget). Our school is financially sound and this will help us weather the certain shortfall of the next two years. We have cut unnecessary spending over the past several years and offered a resignation incentive in December. Four teachers have accepted the offer and that will help us prepare for the cuts the state legislature is proposing. We know we have a great school with great teachers and staff and wonderful kids. We are excited to go forward and continue to offer a small school-personal education to each of our students. Our classes are small, but the teacher to student ratio is great—There is excitement in the air at Rule ISD as plans for new programs are being

developed for the coming school year.

Current Superintendent David Parr, who has been at Rule for the past 12 years, 11 as Superintendent—announced his retirement in December. His resignation is effective May 31.

We are sad to see him

go, but at the same time are anxious to move forward with our school. He has helped us to maintain our financial integrity and set the example of being a caring and nurturing school for our students. We will continue in that direction with our new superintendent."

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