

## Softball

**HASKELL**  
V-JV vs Albany  
Fri., April 15, 4:30 p.m.  
at Albany  
V vs Baird  
Tues., April 19, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell  
JV vs Olney (Double)  
Tues., April 19, 5 p.m.  
at Olney

## Baseball

**HASKELL**  
V vs Roby  
Fri., April 15, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell  
V-JV vs Seymour  
Tues., April 19, 5 p.m.  
at Seymour

## Track

**HASKELL**  
V at Area Meet  
Thurs., April 14 TBD  
**PAINT CREEK**  
JH at District Meet  
Fri., April 15  
at Throckmorton  
**RULE**  
JH at District Meet  
Fri., April 15  
at Crowell

## Golf

**HASKELL**  
B/G at Region II Meet  
Mon.-Thurs. April 18-21  
Shady Oaks Country Club  
at Baird

## Calendar

### Registration

Haskell Elementary School will register Kindergarten April 15 from 9 to 10 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. in the elementary office; and Pre-K April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the elementary office. Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 for more information.

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., April 15 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend if possible.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 16 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

### Cowboy breakfast

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host the annual Cowboy Breakfast, Sun., April 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Plenty of eggs, biscuits, gravy, bacon and sausage will be available for everyone to enjoy. There will be music and Donnell Brown will bring the devotional. Plan to attend and get your day started with a positive message. For more information, call the church office at 864-3202.

### Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., April 20 at 11:30 a.m. Don Bridges and Tommie Jo Lindsey, both of Abilene, will bring news from the state convention. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

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**DIRECTOR RETIRES**—A reception was held for City of Haskell Director of Public Works Thomas V. Rodriguez Mon., April 11 at City Hall after the City Council meeting. Rodriguez was presented a plaque in appreciation of his thirty-plus years of service to the city during the morning's city council meeting. Rodriguez, center, is shown with his plaque and John Gannaway, Mayor, left, and Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, right.

## Today is last day to register to vote

April 14 will be the last day to register to vote in the May city election.

To register, you can go by the Tax Assessor/Collector's office located on the first floor of the Haskell County courthouse.

Because there are no contested races for city council in Rule, Rochester, or Weinert, there will be no elections held. The same is true for the Haskell CISD and Rule school districts, no election will be necessary.

Although there are no challengers for the three who have filed for city council in Haskell, the city of Haskell will still hold an election.

The purpose of the election, is to present propositions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, relating to the Development Corporation of Haskell. The DCOH is seeking a change from a 4A corporation to a Type B corporation, which will expand their scope and allow them more options and opportunities in their efforts for the city.

Early voting begins May 2 and continues through May 10, with the election set for Sat., May 14.

## Athletes named to AR-N All-Big Country basketball teams

The Abilene Reporter-News has announced their selections for All-Big Country Basketball teams for Class 1A, Division I and Class 1A, Division II.

Curtis Bishop, a 6-5 forward for the Paint Creek Pirates, was named to the second team for Class 1A, Division II. The senior athlete averages a double-double with 15 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. He also averaged 3.5 blocks and was a first-team all-district pick for the second year in a row. He is a four-year starter.

Hunter Hall, a guard for

the Paint Creek Pirates and Cade Brown, a guard for the Rule Bobcats, were named to the Honorable Mention team.

Isaiah Llewellyn, a Haskell Indian, was named Newcomer of the Year on the Class 1A, Division I team.

Llewellyn, a sophomore,

## Proposition election set Saturday, May 14

The City of Haskell has scheduled an election for Sat., May 14 to authorize the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) to expand their ability to assist local enterprises in Haskell.

It is important to emphasize that the passage of the five propositions in this election will not increase any tax currently being paid in Haskell. Simply stated the passage of the five propositions will allow the DCOH to further assist existing business expansion and/or new business operating in Haskell, including, but not limited to the development of affordable housing, children's sports facilities, entertainment facilities, parks and museums.

Passage of the five propositions will necessitate a yes vote for each of the five separate propositions.



**TOP MEDALIST**—The Paint Creek Pirate team took third place behind Stamford and Hamlin at the Haskell Invitational Golf Tournament Wed., March 30. Pictured is Dusty Hall who shot the lowest score of 75 to take the honor of top medalist in the tournament.



**REGIONAL QUALIFIER**—Haskell Maiden Layne Petty, a junior student at Haskell High School, took the second place medalist at the District 13A golf tournament held at The Champion golf course at Weeks Park Golf Club in Wichita Falls Mon., April 4. Petty will compete at the Region II tournament April 18-19 at the Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird. She is the daughter of Toni and L.A. Seeliger of Haskell.



**MEDALIST**—Chris Lewis, a freshman at Rule High School, was first place medalist at Paint Creek Golf Invitational, shooting an 83. The teams competed at the Stamford Golf Course.

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Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

**Haskell district track meet results**

The Haskell Indians and Maidens competed at the District 13-1A track meet Friday in Munday.

The Maidens placed fourth with a team total of 59.

200: 4. Claire Carmichael, 28.52.

800: 2. Kaley Mathis, 2:38.93.

1600: 6. Kalyn Wheatley, 6:21.62.

3200: 7. Wheatley, 14:19.04.

800 relay: 2. Haskell, 1:54.02.

1600 relay: 1. Haskell, 4:27.40.

Discus: 5. Ashlee Short, 96-00.

Shot put: 2. Short. 34-05.

The Indians placed second with a team total of 93.

200: 3. Payne Utley, 23.76; 4. Isaiah Llewellyn, 24.49.

400: 2. Marco Gonzalez, 52.72.

800: 1. Kelson Agüero, 2:04.41; 4. Kelby Bell, 2:06.77.

1600: 7. Lorenzo Estrada, 5:21.15.

3200: 6. Estrada, 11:58.98.

400 relay: 1. Haskell, 44.66.

800 relay: 2. Haskell, 1:34.76.

1600 relay: 2. Haskell, 3:32.94.

Long jump: 3. Llewellyn, 19-07.50; 8. Utley, 18-06.

Discus: 5. Xzavier Bulliner, 130-02.

Shot Put. 8. Bulliner, 41-03.50.



**DUMPSTER EMPTIED**—The dumpster containing scrap metal for the Progressive Study Club's Wall of Honor drive was picked up by Jay's Scrap Metal recently. A new dumpster is ready to be filled by citizens. Scrap metal only is to be placed in the large dumpster. In the white containers, aluminum, aluminum cans or batteries may be left. A trash container has been provided by the City of Haskell. The club has no outlet for plastic bottles or trash. The City of Haskell has been very cooperative in the scrap metal project. The club would like to thank all the city employees for their help, along with the city police officers, who have kept an eye on the project. Pictured with the project are club members, l-r, Frieda Ivy and Dorothy Hartsfield.

**Obituaries**

**Marcus Villa**



Mr. Villa passed away Thurs., April 7 in Abilene.

Born April 25, 1925 in Weinert, he was the son of the late John Villa and Frances Garcia Villa. He married Isabell Quintana on May 1, 1943 in Benjamin. She preceded him in death in 1999. He was a member of St. George Catholic Church.

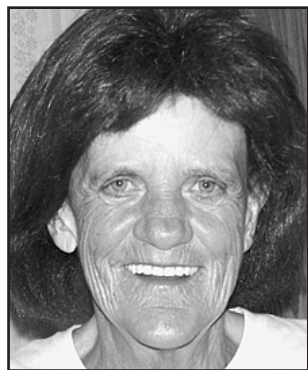
He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Christopher Villa, Manuel Villa, Domingo Villa Sr. and Victor Villa; sisters, David Pedroza and Anita Acosta.

Survivors include his daughter, Sussie Rodriguez of Mineral Wells; grandchildren, Fatima Jimenez of Mansfield, Tony Rodriguez Jr., of Mineral Wells, Elisa Parsons of Weatherford, Erma Zurita

of Marble Falls, Freddie Rodriguez of Houston and Cecelia Weiss of Mineral Wells; great grandchildren, Joe Benavides, Tabitha Benavides, A.J. Jimenez, Leticia Jimenez, Aaliyah Jimenez, Rachelle Eldridge, Jeremy Payne, Toni Rodriguez, Makayla Rodriguez, Keighley Parsons, Layo Zurita, Maycie Zurita, Jet Zurita, Cameron Weiss and Nadiya Weiss; great great grandchildren, Kaden Benavides, Onnika Benavides, Calvin Jimenez and Harley Eldridge; brother, John Villa Jr.; sisters, Julie Ramirez, Irene Garza, Bessie Villa, Nana Gutierrez and Francis Wang; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of dear friends. PD. NOTICE

**MARCUS VILLA**  
Funeral services for Marcus Villa, 85, of Haskell were held Mon., April 11 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father George Roney officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

**Rita L. Hoover**



April 8 at a local hospital.

Born May 8, 1943 in Sweetwater, she was the daughter of Wendell Dodson and Allie Lee Lambert Greer. She married Daniel R. Hoover Aug. 14, 1958 in Sweetwater. She worked as a caregiver at Rice Springs Nursing Home for over 33 years. She cared for others as much or more than herself. She was always a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her father and a granddaughter, Niya.


Survivors include her husband, Dan Hoover of Haskell; two sons, Keith Hoover of Abilene and Darryl Hoover and wife Melissa of

Shepherd; daughter, Donna McCulloch of Haskell; mother, Allie Lee Greer of Clifton; brother, Nelson Greer and wife Sharon of Nazareth, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Connie Davison of Clifton and Darlene Knight and husband George of Sweetwater; grandchildren, Josh, Ebony, Rochell, L.J., D.J., Kyler, Cheyenne and Destiny; great grandchildren, Caitlan, Shayla, Jeyla, Jessica, Bryson, Donovan and T.J.; and a host of friends.

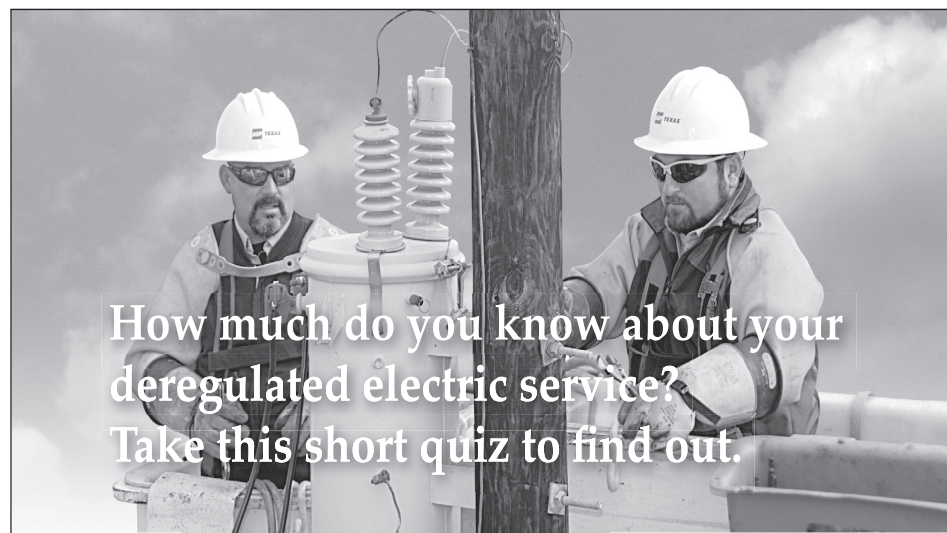
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville Drive, Building B, Suite 107, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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**RITA HOOVER**  
Memorial services for Rita L. Hoover, 67, of Haskell were held Mon., April 11 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim McCurley and L.J. McCulloch officiating. Services are under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel. Mrs. Hoover died Fri.,



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**BRAS FOR NOAH PROJECT**—The Haskell Progressive Study Club donated 250 bras to the Noah Project—North in Haskell to be used by victims of domestic violence. Pictured are club members, l-r, Connie Benton, Susan Cockerell, Dorothy Hartsfield, Donna Sue Anders, Service Area Director of the Noah Project—North, and Lynn Dodson.

## Bras donated to Noah Project

It is an unfortunate reality that many domestic violence survivors leave home with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. With that in mind, Victoria's Secret and General Federation of

Women's Clubs (GFWC) teamed up to donate bras to domestic violence shelters across the country. This project began when the National Domestic Hotline introduced GFWC Domestic

Violence Awareness to Victoria's Secret executives to assist with a service project at a Victoria's Secret regional sales meeting in Las Vegas.

The successful results from Las Vegas inspired Victoria's Secret to replicate the service project at Victoria's Secret regional sales meetings including Dallas. Texas Federation of Women's Clubs that lived near the sales meeting locations agreed to donate their time, effort, and vehicles to travel to the meetings, collect the bras, and distribute them to local shelters in their area.

The Progressive Study Club of Haskell was given 250 bras which were donated to the Noah Project located in Haskell.

Through the hard work and generosity of Victoria's Secret employees and GFWC of which the Progressive Study Club is a member, more than 22,000 bras, worth more than \$600,000, have been donated to thousands of domestic violence survivors around the country.

## Rochester Woman's Club

The Rochester Woman's Club held their April meeting in their club building.

After reciting the club collect, Susan Turner gave a book review on the book written by Jim Dent about the orphans that attended the Fort Worth Texas Freemasons home.

Life at the home was strict but they were children that needed a home. The home was very poor, but it taught children to never give up. A football team was started and the ball was two socks wound together at first. The truck they traveled in was called "Old Blue" and the boys had to ride in the back on a flat bed. The book is a tribute to a courageous band of underdogs from a time when America desperately needed fresh hope and big

dreams.

The boys were outweighed but they won games and were called the Twelve Mighty Mites. They remain a notable moment in the long history of American football. It reminded club members of a time when we were in school and how the town shut down during the football game, later opening up after the game.

Hostesses for the day were Frieda Fly and Verlene Stegemoeller.

Attending were Modelle Barton, Marguerite Gauntt, Gerri Newberry, Turner, Sammie Loper, Sharon Mullino, Mary Anna Johnston and the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held May 1 in the club building. Those attending are to bring a salad.

## 4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their April meeting Sunday afternoon, April 10 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs met together.

Thirteen attended the meeting. A short business meeting was held to discuss upcoming events, such as Co. Government Week in which members of the Haskell Youth Board will help the County fifth graders tour the Haskell County Courthouse, and upcoming contests such as Consumer Judging, District Fashion Show, District Round-Up Contests in Vernon, and shooting

sports. Also the deadlines to order steer validation tags and forms for horse validation were discussed. Then, the 4-Hers participated in decorating their own personal pillowcase.

A door prize was given by guessing amount of jelly beans in an Easter cup, won by Bailey Hawkins.

The next 4-H meeting will be at the Haskell County Extension Office Sun., May 15 in which they will have a pizza party and a scavenger hunt.

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

## TEEA holds Tri-County meeting

The annual Tri-County TEEA meeting was held March 22 in the Goree School lunchroom. The city of Goree has purchased the old school building and is renovating it for community and other functions. The Knox County Club was host for the meeting and had the room beautifully decorated with Texas items including a Texas quilt.

The morning speaker was Connie Bingham who grew up in the Goree area and now lives near Amarillo. Bingham operates a "plum business" called Texas Plum Line. The company makes plum jam and other plum items such as plum marinade, and plum syrup. She explained the process from hand picking the plums in Baylor, Hartley and other Texas counties to the shipping to places as far away as Israel.

After a delicious lunch, the speaker was Mary Jane Young of Benjamin. Young is the director of the Knox County Museum and is involved in the Knox County Veteran's Memorial. She told how the memorial and the museum started and how the exhibits at the museum are selected. Each area of the county is represented and is responsible for their part of the museum.

Attending the event from Haskell County were Jane Rowan, County Extension agent, Lena Tidwell, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Mary Jennings and Pat Jenkins.

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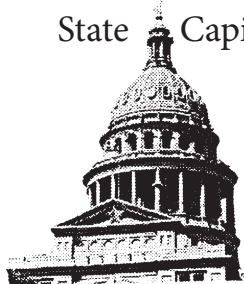
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### State budget proposals draw stakeholders to Austin

AUSTIN—A crowd, estimated at 5,000 people from across Texas, gathered at the Capitol to participate in a "Save Our State" rally on April 6.

Participants, many of whom are state employees with jobs on the chopping block, came to protest cuts proposed in the 2012-2013 state budget approved by the House on April 3, and to ask for greater consideration as the budget-writing process continues.

The Senate must produce its own version of the budget. Two weeks ago, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, asked a subcommittee under the direction of Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, to go on a \$5 billion revenue hunt.

This week Duncan and committee, who have been searching the state's financial woods, plains and caves, are expected to produce a report with findings that might yield a solution less painful than the House's state budget, which thins the ranks of state employees and lops off billions of dollars in education and health services.

### Report eyes health care spending

State Comptroller Susan Combs on April 6 released a new report, "Health Care Cost Drivers in Texas," examining where health care dollars go, why costs are soaring, and analyzing cost saving proposals the Legislature is considering.

Health care accounts for more than 34 percent of all Texas government spending from state, federal and other funds, Combs said in an April 6 news release. In fiscal 2009, the state spent about \$30 billion on health care, a 36 percent increase from fiscal 2005, according to Combs.

Among cost saving proposals examined in the report are these: expansion of managed care in the Medicaid program, a statewide smoking ban, requiring state employees who use tobacco to pay more for health insurance than non-users, and requiring state employees and retirees to pay a greater share of the cost of their health insurance benefits.

### Spotlight turns to Catholics

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and eight other Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Texas were honored in person in the Senate Chamber on April 6 in an honorary resolution by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, coauthor of the resolution, took a turn at the

microphone to speak in favor of the measure. "The state budget is a moral document that reflects the priorities and values of our state," Zaffirini said.

"And my hope, by the time we pass a Senate appropriations bill, is that it will reflect the highest priorities, the highest needs, the highest values of our state, and that the bishops who are here with us today will be proud of that document. That is my prayer, and I hope it is yours."

Zaffirini then asked Catholic members of the Senate and a large contingency of members of the Catholic Conference in the Senate Gallery to stand and be recognized.

The resolution passed unanimously. Then, Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, a Roman Catholic who chairs the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee, spoke up and asked for two things: that all members' names be added to the resolution, and that the bishops "keep praying for us."

### TxDOT applies for rail funds

The Texas Department of Transportation last week submitted applications for about \$43 million in federal high-speed intercity passenger rail grant funds for two Texas projects: one for preliminary engineering and environmental studies and one for safety improvements.

About \$18 million of the requested funding is for preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the proposed Dallas/Fort Worth to Houston High Speed Rail Line, a corridor that would connect two of the nation's most populated metropolitan areas. Proposed speeds would be up to 150 mph, TxDOT said.

Some \$2.4 billion in federal grants for such projects is available to the states.

### Deadline alert: register now

Deadline is Thursday, April 14, for Texans to register to vote in May 14 elections for city, school district and other local governmental bodies.

Voter registration applications are available at county elections offices, some post offices and libraries, and on the state's www.votexas.org website.

Texas residents are eligible to vote if they are a United States citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, not a convicted felon (unless sentence, probation, and/or parole have been completed), and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

## LAST MINUTE RETURNS — DOUBLY TAXING...



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

April 12, 2001

Haskell youngsters Chambray Bartley and Travis Adams, were among the group of Players in Progress (PIPS) that performed at the Final Four Women's NCAA championship competition in St. Louis, Missouri.

District 10-A UIL academic winners from Paint Creek High School advancing to regional competition, were Brian Scifres, 2nd in Mathematics; Jai Fernandez, 3rd in Informative Speaking; Natasha Lopez, 1st in Editorial Writing; and Coy Hise, 2nd in Persuasive Speaking.

Eddie Klose of Haskell, was named district president during the 125th semi-annual meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association.

### 20 Years Ago

April 11, 1991

Burl and Doris Darnell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family retreat in Abilene, hosted by their children.

Glenn Thompson of Haskell is the new minister of the Church of Christ in Rochester. He and his wife Kathy, own K&J Auto Care in Haskell.

Haskell sixth graders winning in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association regional championship, were Lyle Fouts, Casey Burgess, Matt Blanks, Regina Tatum, Sarah Cothron and Matthew McCord.

### 30 Years Ago

April 9, 1981

The "Voice of the Rolling Plains," KVRP, began broadcasting in Haskell this week. The station is owned by Ken and Nelda Lane.

Haskell gymnasts Joy McKeever and Sheree Dumas, won several honors at the State Class IV Gymnastics Meet held at Corpus Christi University.

David Frierson and Max McMeans won places on the board of trustees of Haskell ISD in the recent election.

### 40 Years Ago

April 15, 1971

Cliff Dunnam invited everyone to drive out to his home north of Haskell, to view the three hundred different varieties of iris he has blooming.

After serving on the Board of Directors of the Rolling Plains Production Credit Association for 31 years, C.G. Burson, Sr., announced that he will retire at the annual stockholders meeting.

Cecil Davis, Weinert High School graduate, has been accepted to Baylor University's Graduate School. He will receive his Bachelor's Degree from McMurry College in May.

Jimmy Lisle of Rule, the Big Country's leading Class B scorer last football

season, has been selected to participate in the All-Star football game at the Texas High School Coaches' Association convention.

### 50 Year Ago

April 13, 1961

Linda Speer, a Haskell High School senior, was crowned Band Sweetheart, at the coronation concert, while J.D. Stocks was presented the Arion Foundation award.

Suzanne Lane and Robert Starr were married in a double ring ceremony, in the chapel of Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Mrs. Luther Burkett attended a meeting of the State Nominating Committee for the Texas Federation of B&PW Clubs, held in Fort

Worth.

### 100 Years Ago

April 15, 1911

Deron Neathery and John Oates were married this week. She is a popular and accomplished young lady, and he is a popular young druggist.

W.C. Dickson and J.E. McCabe have been here several days, prospecting and inspecting all sections of the county.

R.D. Stephens has a trained delivery pony that put on a stunt this week. The pony broke loose, turned the delivery wagon upside down, then pitched and bucked his way to the public square, where it drew quite a crowd.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

I want to thank everyone who had a part in the 2011 Haskell/Knox County Relay for Life. I would love to list everyone by name, but hesitate to do so because I am afraid I might miss someone. There were so many people who contributed in some way to make this event a huge success.

Whatever part you played; survivor, caregiver, sponsor, team captain, team member, committee, announcer, entertainer, supporter, or contributor, you are truly appreciated! This event would not have been possible without each and every one of you! A very special thank you goes to the steering committee who worked so diligently for so many months to make a dream become a reality.

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel right now. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have given and for being a part of this amazing community event. Without you, cancer wins. With you, we save lives!

Congratulations Haskell and Knox County on a job well done!

Thank you,

Leigh Sims

Relay for Life Chairman

## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Congratulations to everyone who took advantage of the Cleanup Day on April 2. I am told that 19 tons of trash were taken to the landfill. Don't forget, we are also having a cleanup week (8 days really) from May 7 to May 14. This is a time when we can get rid of all of that bothersome trash that has been around for awhile and make Haskell look even better.

Members of the East Side Baptist Church answered a request to help clean up a yard for a family—something the column addressed last week that if you needed help call a neighbor, a church or organization. Four members of the East Side Baptist Church pitched in and it took about two hours to load the trailer. This is what it's all about—being good neighbors.

By the time you read this, we will have unloaded 95, yes believe it or not, 95 crape myrtles. They should be delivered on April 11. As soon as the utility people check out where we intend to plant them and make sure that there are no gas or electric lines there, then planting can begin. That sounds simple enough, but we had to get a map of the park, borrowed from Mike Dulaney, mark it, then go to Abilene and get copies made, all in an effort to "call before you dig" or something of that sort. We're waiting on that approval at present. I sure hope that we have some volunteers to help with the planting because this will be a major task. We have been offered help by Wes Steele to dig the holes, but we still need multiple helpers to place the trees. Once we get them planted, we will put the mulch and rocks around them to make beds so they won't be damaged by weed-eaters or mowers. We have marked 50 spots for the crape myrtles inside the park, the rest will be scattered down the creek sides and onto the banks bordering U.S. 380—provided we have the right to plant them on the city's easement or have the approval of the property owners.

The limestone rocks

donated by Mr. Unger are most all in place. You should have witnessed your city administrator driving the front-loader bobcat down to the park on Thursday. He simply said, "Where do you want them? and set about putting them in the marked spots. All but three were placed and they were judged to be too large for this size bobcat. The smaller stones donated by the Cortez family will be moved to the park as soon as we can get some city employees well and back on healthy, full time status. As the volunteers sat mostly exhausted by the heat and wind, we looked up and saw teenage boys running and vaulting off some of the larger stones. Okay, citizens, we are not going to place warning signs on all those rocks. You jump, you play with those "big boys" at your own peril!

I have noticed that the lights on the Courthouse are on. They really look good. I know that the Chamber of Commerce is working on getting all the lights on top of the buildings on the east and south sides of the square on as well as the rest of them on the north side. I also am looking forward to having lights on both gazebos. I've mentioned this before and have had no takers. Since most of the citizenry is my age (pressing 70) or older, we're in no shape to be climbing on top those gazebos and stringing lights. It occurred to me that people who hire out for Christmas decorating might be able to do this for us. Of course, we'll need to pay them for their service, so those of you who missed the crape myrtle sale, drop some coffee money off at City Hall or give to a City Councilman and this too will become an accomplished goal.

Other works in progress: The street lights on North 14th and the reroute, a light on the east side of the water tower so that our name can be seen from the reroute, working on the lighting plan that will be placed on the monuments on the north and south ends of town, working

on easements for placement of the monuments on the east and west end of town, getting an update from our code enforcement officer concerning our progress with the green cards and junked vehicles, formation of committees to start working on the goals set forth at the Forum and this list just seems to get longer and longer. My type-A personality wants to start putting some check marks by many of these and other objectives that are completed. I guess that you can tell by now that patience is not one of my strong points so I just keep thinking up new things to do.

I want to say thank you to all of you who are very supportive of every effort that we are undertaking to make Haskell a better place. Lots of small towns our size would not be willing to offer the support that you have given me. Like I have said before—You want to know what makes Haskell such a wonderful place to live—it's the people.

For those of you who don't know, Thomas Rodriguez, our Director of Public Works, is retiring from full-time employment with our fine city. However, he will continue to work as a consultant for us. Rodriguez has worked long and hard for Haskell and has seen this town undergo many changes. I don't know who we will hire as the new Director of Public Works but he sure will have some big shoes to fill. Rodriguez is an extremely dedicated employee who has always had the best interest of Haskell and its citizens at heart. Thomas, thanks for a job well done.

The fires close to us keep reminding us that we weak human beings really are no match for Mother Nature. Surrounding counties have rallied to the call and most have sent firefighters and equipment to the scene. We noticed lots of Bureau of Land Management vehicles in Asperment as we traveled to Lubbock on Friday. So this is a serious situation. Pray for rain and for the wind to abate.

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**ON TO STATE**—The Haskell FFA Range Judging Team competed at the Area Range Contest in Stephenville Wed., April 6 and finished first overall out of four areas present. The team also placed first in Area II qualifying them to the State Range Contest April 21. The team members also received the following individual placings, Cheslee Hearn first (fourth time this year to finish as High Individual), Marissa McGhee second, Madison Mayfield third, and Shelby Dunnam ninth. The range team, like all other FFA teams, compete not only against other 1A schools, but all schools, 6 man to 5A, across Texas. Range contestants will be competing at the State Qualifiers Contest in Hamilton April 19 and then at the State Contest at Tarleton State University on April 21. Team members pictured with the TSU President are, l-r, McGhee, Hearn, Hadaway, Dunnam and Mayfield.



**ADVANCE TO STATE**—On Saturday, the Rule FFA Dairy Cattle Judging team competed at Texas Tech University in the Area 2 FFA Judging Contest. The Rule team members are, l-r, Brittany Roberts, Daniel Campos, Stormie Hollabaugh, Marissa Holder, Colton Rogers, Christina Herrera and FFA teacher and sponsor, Keith Rowan. The eighth grade team of Campos, Hollabaugh, Rogers and Herrera advanced to the state meet, out-scoring the area's high school teams. Hollabaugh finished as the top Dairy Cattle Judge in the area. Other team members unable to attend were Kellie DeVille and Ryan Pace.



**COMPETE AT UIL**—Jenny Dudensing, center, finished second in Ready Writing and third in Spelling at the UIL meet held in Knox City. She will advance to the Regional Meet in Abilene at Abilene Christian University. Grace Burgess, right, was alternate in Social Studies and Allison Petty, left, was alternate in Ready Writing. All are students at Rule High School.

## CTFC makes distribution

The board of directors of the 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 2010. This marks the eighteenth consecutive year the association has returned excess capital to its borrowers. Including this year's patronage, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA has distributed over \$40 million in excess capital to its borrowers over the past 18 years. This capital has been distributed either through patronage distributions, dividends, stock reductions, or stock equalizations. Patronage distributions alone have accounted for over \$30 million of the total amount of capital returned to association borrowers.

This year's \$3.2 million patronage was distributed to borrowers on March 18 and, on an average across

the entire core loan portfolio, amounts to a full one percent reduction in the rate of interest borrowers paid on their loans during 2010.

In making the announcement, board chairman Brent Heinze 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 Boyd J. (Jimmy) Chambers also noted that despite the adversity some financial institutions continued to

experience in 2010, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA remains financially strong and able to once again make a patronage distribution for the benefit of our stockholders.

The Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, with over \$395 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 Heinze, Robby Halfmann, Cody Richmond, Jerry Don Klose, Philip Hinds, Mike Finlay, Mickey Dillard, Wayland Shurley 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.

## DCP signup underway

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell County reminds producers that the deadline to sign up for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program is June 1, 2011.

Payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Advance payments of 22 percent on the 2011 DCP program were available starting Dec. 1, 2010. The

remaining 78 percent of the DCP payment will be issued after Oct. 1, 2011.

Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

"It is important that producers submit their DCP contracts before June 1, 2011 because applications will not be approved after this date," said Brzozowski.

Producers can fill out a DCP contract at any USDA

Service Center or online. To access the online service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity.

For more information about DCP, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617, ext. 2. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



**UIL COMPETITORS**—Members of the Paint Creek UIL Academic team include, front row, l-r, Katrina Buerger, Caitlin Medford, Haley Myers, Charitie Winterstein, Felysha Walker and Brittney Herring; back row, Justin Bailey, Katie Jones, Caleb McCord, Curtis Bishop, Cheyenne Buerger, Cody Mayfield and Kadie McCord. Not pictured is Jimmy Abner.

## PCHS takes fifth at UIL

Paint Creek School took fifth place out of twelve teams participating in the Conference 1A District 12 UIL Academic Spring Meet held March 29 and 31.

Those individually placing in the top six were:

Calculator Applications, Katrina Buerger and Felysha Walker, fifth (tie); Headline Writing, Haley Myers, fourth; Mathematics: Caleb McCord,

fifth; Persuasive Speaking, Jimmy Abner, fifth; Ready Writing, Katie Jones, first, Haley Myers, fifth; Science, Caleb McCord, second; Spelling & Vocabulary, Myers, first.

Team results were Calculator Applications, third, Curtis Bishop, Katrina Buerger and Felysha Walker; Current Issues, fifth, Cheyenne Buerger, Charitie Winterstein,

Brittney Herring and Katie Jones; Literary Criticism, sixth, Buerger, Winterstein, Cody Mayfield; Mathematics, third, Caleb McCord, Kadie McCord, Jones and Mayfield; One-Act Play, third; Science, fourth, Caleb McCord, Curtis Bishop and Andrew Matthies; Spelling & Vocabulary, first, Haley Myers, Caitlin Medford, Justin Bailey and Winterstein.

## Calendar

### Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

### Bass tournament

The Haskell Bass Club will host the 4th Annual Open Tournament at Lake Stamford Sat., April 23. Headquarters will be at the Anchor Marina. For more information visit [Haskellbassclub.com](http://Haskellbassclub.com) or call 940-200-0481.

### Fun run/walk

The Josselet family reunion will hold a fun run/walk Sat., April 23 beginning at 7:45 a.m. in front of the Civic Center. Markers will be every 1/2 mile so that participants may walk/run whatever you want. There is no fee and no awards. Coffee, juice

and donuts will be served at Civic Center finish line.

### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 26 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office or call 864-2686 for details.

### Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 7. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477.

### Golf scramble

A one day, two person golf scramble will be held Sat., April 23 at the Haskell Municipal Golf Course. Tee

time is 1 p.m. Call Casey Larned at 864-2749 for entry information.

### Josselet reunion

The descendants of Victor J. and Catherine Josselet will meet Sat., April 23 in the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. for visiting and sharing. If you have had additions or other changes in your family since last reunion(2009), send them to Julia Harrell by April 15 at [tti@valornet.com](mailto:tti@valornet.com). Meat and beans will be furnished. Salads, vegetables and desserts need to be brought by relatives. This year the auction is planned, so bring goodies of all shapes and sizes. An Easter egg hunt will be held for the children. If you have any questions, contact Gary Thomas, president, Sandy Sanford, vice president, Robbie Harris, or Cathy Bartley.

## 4-H Photography results

by Wes Utley

### CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Eleven Haskell County 4-H'ers turned in a total of 39 pictures to be judged for the Haskell County 4-H Photography Project held March 27. Angela Burson of Baird, formerly of Rochester served as judge for this year's show. Parents, participants and the public were invited to view the Photography Projects March 27 at the Rule ISD Cafeteria in Rule during the 4-H Photography Exhibition and Awards Ceremony.

Cookies and punch were served during the public viewing of the photographs, courtesy of the Rochester 4-H Club and the Throckmorton 4-H Clothing Project participants. The mistress of ceremonies for the awards program was Allison Petty. Petty introduced Sarah Fouts and Avery Tanner to lead the audience in the American Pledge and the 4-H Motto and Pledge, and Jenny Dudensing lead the invocation, followed by the welcome and introduction of guests.

Petty introduced Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag to announce the participating 4-H'ers from the Photography Project and to announce placings. He was assisted by Aaron Urich and Stewart Urich. The program was closed by Emily Fouts.

Winners from the Haskell County competition, in the Senior division advanced on to the state level for State

4-H Round-Up at College Station in June, and first place winners from the Haskell County competition in the Junior and the Intermediate division advanced on to the district level for judging at Vernon in April. Winners in each respective category at the County level are as follows for the Junior level:

Animals-Wildlife: 1. Adaline Utley of Haskell; 2. Crow Parham of Haskell; 3. Cody Dutton of Weinert. (Also in this category were Christina Moore of Rule and Tanner of Sagerton).

Animals-Domestic: 1. Riley Sloan of Rochester; 2. Utley.

Marine: 1. Utley. Landscape/Nature: 1. Sloan; 2. Moore.

Plant/Flora: 1. Utley; 2. Dutton; 3. Sloan.

Elements of Design: 1. Parham; 2. Utley; 3. Sloan.

Catch All: 1. Parham; 2. Moore; 3. Sloan. (Also in this category was Tanner).

Intermediate Division: Animals-Wildlife: 1. Zhenia McTasney of Haskell.

Animals-Domestic: 1. Zhenia McTasney. Catch All: 1. Zhenia McTasney.

Senior Division: People: 1. Dudensing of Sagerton.

Animals-Wildlife: 1. Dudensing; 2. Fouts of Sagerton.

Animals-Domestic: 1st - River McTasney of Haskell; 2. Emily Fouts; 3. Petty of Rule.

Elements of Design: 1. Emily Fouts.

Nature/Landscape: 1. Petty. Plant/Flora: 1. Dudensing; 2. Petty.

Digital Darkroom: 1. Dudensing; 2. Emily Fouts.

Night Photography: 1. Petty.

Catch All: 1. Petty; 2. Emily Fouts. Food: 1. Petty.

### BCEC to hold annual meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its twelfth annual meeting of the membership Thurs., April 21 at Hamlin Middle School, located at 250 SW Ave. F in Hamlin.

Member registration will begin and the meal serving line will open at 6 p.m. in the middle school gym. Members and guests are invited to enjoy a tasty Texas barbecue meal. As members and guests are finished eating, they should move

to the auditorium to enjoy entertainment provided by Revolution, a dynamic violin troupe composed of Abilene and Cooper High School students.

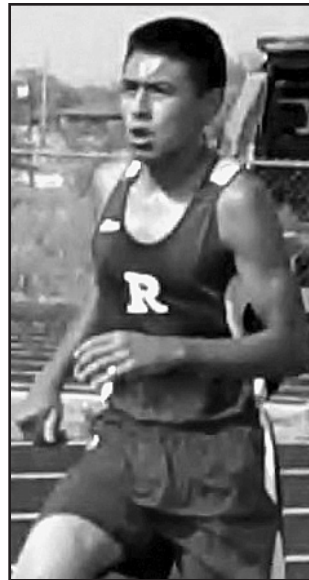
The business meeting will convene at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Member-owners of Big Country Electric Cooperative are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the director elections and business of their cooperative.

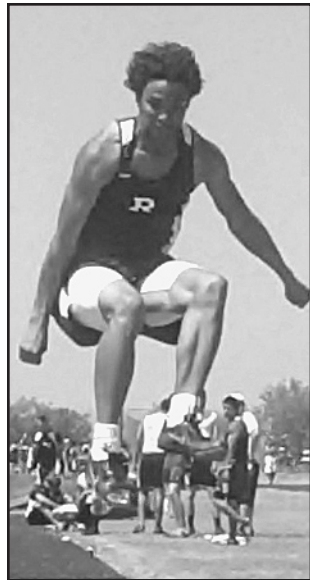




**CADE BROWN**  
Rule Bobcats



**MICHAEL PEREZ**  
Rule Bobcats



**DARRYL WILLIAMS**  
Rule Bobcats



**JACOB PEREZ**  
Rule Bobcats



**ALLISON PETTY**  
Rule Lady Bobcats

## Rule, Paint Creek track results

The Rule Bobcats and Lady Bobcats advanced to the area meet April 12.

Results of the district track meet include:

Cade Brown finished first in the 3200 meter run and 1600 meter run. Michael Perez finished second in the 3200 meter run and second in the 1600 meter run. Darryl Williams was first in the 100 meter dash, Jacob Perez finished second in the 800 meter run, and the Rule 1600 meter relay consisting of Jacob Perez, Williams, Michael Perez and Brown finished fourth. Allison Petty finished fourth

in the 200 meter run.

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The Rule and Paint Creek track teams competed in the District 12-1A track meet held Friday in Throckmorton.

The Rule Bobcats placed fifth with a team total of 64. The Paint Creek Pirates placed eleventh with a team total of 2.

The boys' results were:

Discus: 6. C. Reese, Rule, 94-8.  
Shot put: 6. Reese, Rule, 35-6.5.  
3200. 1. Cade Brown, 10:57.58; 2. Michael Perez, 11:19.10.

400: 5. River McTasney, Paint Creek, 58.61.6.

800: 2. Perez, Rule, 2:22.52.

100: 1. Darryl Williams, Rule, 11.08.

1600: 1. Brown, Rule, 5:01.15; Perez, Rule, 5:19.50.

1600 relay: 4. Rule 3:55.56.  
The Lady Pirates placed eleventh in a tie with a team total of 2 points.

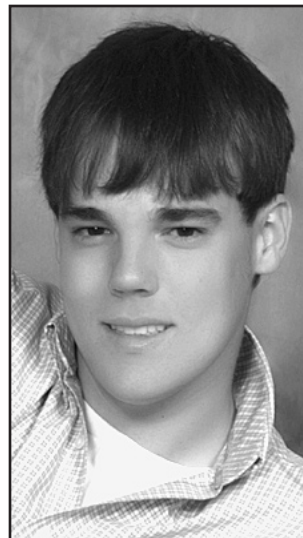
The girls' results were:

100 hurdles: 6. McCord, Paint Creek, 21.75.

100: 6. Katie Bosnjak, Paint Creek, 13.90.

200: 4. Allison Petty, Rule, 28.55.

## Students visit Rotary Club



**NATHAN MEREDITH**

Nathan Meredith is the son of Kim and Lonnie Meredith of Haskell.

He attends the Church of Christ.

At Haskell High School, he is active in UIL, band, student council and is a member of the National Honor Society.

He placed second in individual UIL accounting at district; been in the sweepstakes winning band for three years and is on the A honor roll.

He enjoys welding, working on cars and hunting.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University studying mechanical engineering. He would like to start his own fabrication and design shop.

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Taylor Murray is the son of Deon Anderson of Haskell.

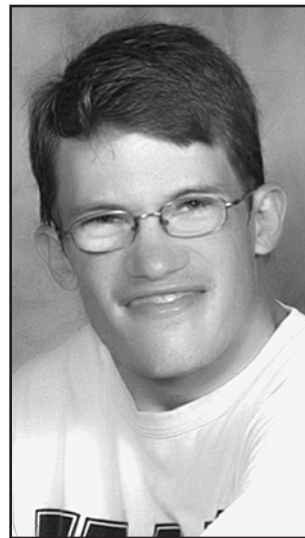
He attends First Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, he is the manager for the football and basketball teams.

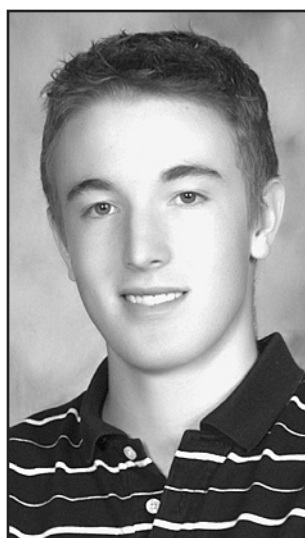
He enjoys playing the keyboard and listening to music.

He plans to work after high school.

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Ross Wittenborn is the son of James and Melyn



**TAYLOR MURRAY**



**ROSS WITTENBORN**

Wittenborn of Haskell. He attends Trinity Lutheran Church.

At Haskell High School, he is active in band, ag, athletics and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

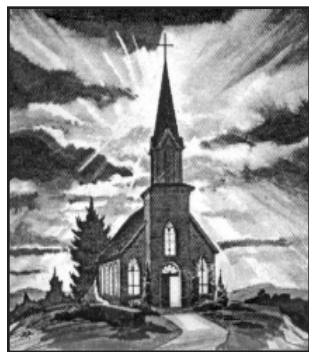
He has won at state ag the past two years and been a member of the sweepstakes winning band for the past three years. He has won fifth place in state band. He has been a member of National Honor Society for two years.

He enjoys fishing, hunting, playing the drums and playing basketball.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in fisheries and wildlife biology.

## This Week's Devotional Message:

Apply the lessons of the Sabbath all the rest of the week



At the place where you worship the sermons compel  
That you contemplate mending your ways;  
After which you are told to remember this well,  
For the week has another six days.  
You consider that service an hour well-spent;  
Where the guidance of God will abound;  
And with all good intentions you try to repent,  
For temptations are always around.  
But those wonderful lessons you're apt to ignore  
For the rest of the week, as we know;  
So just carry them with you right out of the door.  
And apply them wherever you go.

### 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**  
Frank Slayton, minister  
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., 10:30 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**  
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 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
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

### April 18-22 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Glazed french toast

**Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick

**Wednesday:** Cereal, graham crackers

**Thursday:** Pig in a blanket

**Friday:** Smucker's PB&J

### Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses.

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:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, sliced peaches, sunshine bars

**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets, toast

**Wednesday:** Chicken quesadillas, salsa, queso, tortilla chips, pinto beans, garden salad, grapes

**Thursday:** Salisbury steak, brown gravy, green beans with sliced potatoes, garden salad, two breadsticks, royal brownie, peas

**Friday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, peach fruit cup

## Rule School Menu

### April 18-22 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Cereal or yogurt, banana

**Tuesday:** Blueberry muffins, graham crackers

**Wednesday:** Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam or grape jelly

**Thursday:** Waffles, waffle syrup

**Friday:** No school

### Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, dill pickle spears, crackers, pineapple tidbits

**Tuesday:** Chicken patty sandwich, burger salad, sweet peas, apple

**Wednesday:** Frito pie, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, fresh orange

**Thursday:** Beef ravioli, tossed salad, whole kernel corn, garlic bread, jello

**Friday:** No school

## Paint Creek School Menu

### April 18-22 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Toast, cereal

**Tuesday:** Waffles

**Wednesday:** Cereal

**Thursday:** Cinnamon rolls

**Friday:** No school

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Lasagna, green beans, salad, fruit

**Tuesday:** Baked potatoes, ham, cheese, jello

**Wednesday:** Chicken sandwiches, salad, chips

**Thursday:** Ham sandwiches, chips, Easter cup cakes

**Friday:** No school

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HASKELL CISD Early Learning Center has immediate openings for 6 week olds through 3 year olds. Please call 940-863-4366 or come by 16 Avenue D for more information. 14-15c

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### Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Billie Jean Kemp, Deceased, were issued on April 4, 2011, in Cause No. 4452, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: William James Kemp.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being

administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Isaac M. Castro, Attorney at Law, 212 S. Central Avenue, P.O. Box 608, Hamlin, TX 79520.

Dated the 4th day of April, 2011.

Isaac M. Castro  
Attorney for William James Kemp  
State Bar No.: 03997450  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Haskell County has resolved the month of April as "Fair Housing Month." Haskell County endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice.

Copies of the County's Resolution are available free of charge to any interested person or groups at the County Courthouse. 15c

### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the City of Haskell, Texas:

(aloscotaciones registradas del Ciudad de Haskell, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00

p.m. on May 14, 2011, for voting in a general election to elect 3 Aldermen and 5 Propositions.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 14 de mayo de 2011 para votar en la Elección General para elegir 3 el miembro, de consejo and 5 Proposiciones.)

Location(s) of polling places: (Dirección(es) de las casillas electorales) City Hall, 301 South 1st St.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en) City Hall, 301 South 1st St. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 2, 2011 (entra las 2 de la mañana y las mayo de la tarde empezando el 2011) and ending on (y terminando el) May (Mayo) 10, 2011. May (mayo) 3rd and 4th, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) May (mayo) 6, 2011.

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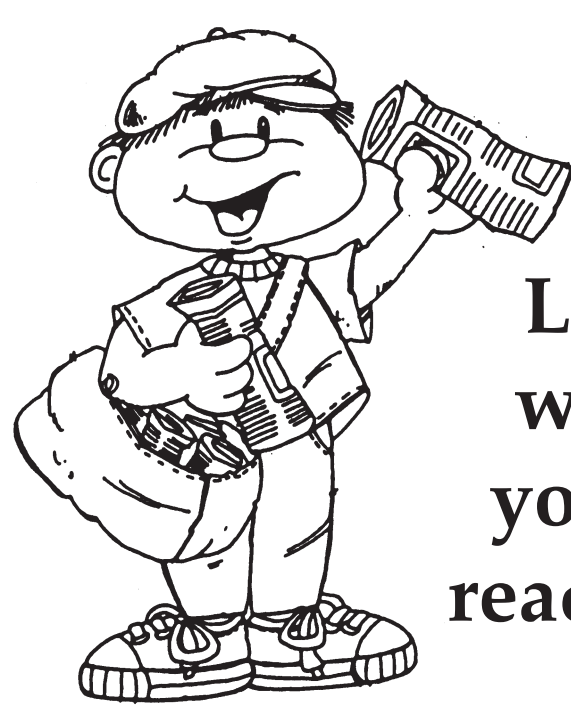
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**STATE CHAMPIONS**—Rochester Junior High School eighth graders took first place honors in the State Junior Varsity LifeSmarts—The Ultimate Consumer Challenge. The top sixteen scores of the team members were recognized with award t-shirts. Pictured in highest ranking order are, kneeling, l-r, Makenzie Gass, Kade Colley, Riley Meinzer, Taylor Flanary, Reed Lee and Galin Petty; standing, Jonathan Pedroza, Dakota Baumbach, Kenzie Shelton, Breezy Gibbs, Nate Reid, Hunter Key,

Amiee Munoz, Alannah Luce, Reagan Hadaway and Crissy Bassett. Other members of the team pictured standing are Breiana Bell, Abbi Alsabrook, Kyle Fraga, Jacie Klose, Angelo Pena, Aaron Silvas, Hayley Holland, Tamiya Lowry, Justice Dever, Destiny Billington, Warren Flye, Richard Wilson, Gloria De Los Santos and Shayla Hunt. Other eighth grade class members in photo standing are Shawnee Hill, Ace Valverde, Toby Castorena and Ian Bailey.

## RJH eighth grade wins state competition

Haskell CISD—Rochester Junior High eighth graders recently competed in the State Junior Varsity LifeSmarts—The Ultimate Consumer Challenge online

competition and received first place.

Students use LifeSmarts

to expand their consumer knowledge in the core areas of technology, personal finance, health and safety, the environment, and consumer rights and responsibilities. Educators use LifeSmarts to develop the consumer and marketplace skills of middle school students, engage them in consumer topics and reward them for the knowledge they gain.

The following Haskell CISD—Rochester Junior High eighth graders participated in the competition and were named State Champions: Makenzie Gass, Kade Colley, Riley Meinzer, Taylor Flanary, Reed Lee, Galin Petty, Jonathan Pedroza, Dakota Baumbach, Kenzie Shelton, Breezy Gibbs, Nate Reid, Hunter Key, Amiee Munoz, Alannah Luce, Reagan Hadaway, Crissy Bassett, Henry Smith, Breiana Bell, Abbi Alsabrook, Kyle Fraga, Jacie Klose, Angelo Pena, Aaron Silvas, Hayley Holland, Tamiya Lowry, Justice Dever, Warren Flye, Destiny Billington, Laurie Curiel, Crystal Reynolds, Richard Wilson, Gloria De Los Santos and Shayla Hunt.

Their team coach is Darlene Hopkins.



**ATTEND LUNCHEON**—Attending the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon in Stamford March 30 from Haskell were, l-r, John Gannaway, Susan Cockerell, Sally Rueffer, Lynn Dodson, Wallace Emerson and Brandon Anderson.

## Haskell group attends luncheon

Haskell was represented at a network luncheon in Stamford March 30. Attendees include Mayor John Gannaway, City Manager Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Judge Assistant Susan Cockerell, Justice of the Peace Lynn Dodson, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sally Rueffer and EDC Executive Director Wallace Emerson.

Stamford community leaders hosted one of five network luncheons sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network this spring. The luncheon was held at the FCCLA class room. Immediately following lunch, discussion focused on

“Effective Local Efforts.” Community representatives from neighboring cities offered comments on projects that create community-wide involvement; how to engage youth in community projects; and growing local leaders. The group also received an overview of the Texas Midwest Community Network organization.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Stamford, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, De Leon, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City and Munday. The meal was catered by an FCCLA class under the supervision of Tanya Holloway.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & 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).

## City Wide Clean Up set May 7-14

The Haskell City Wide Clean Up week will be held Sat., May 7 through Sat., May 14.

The landfill will be open Sat., May 7 and Sat., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Landfill hours May 9-12 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The City does not have trailers. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc. must be tied down.

Trailers and loads will be weighed at the landfill on the 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 during clean up week.

Bulky items will be picked up if they are by the dumpster, only if arrangements have been made by calling City Hall at 864-2333.

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.

## Steer validation tags to be ordered

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

All county steer projects, whether 4-H or FFA, must have their steer(s) validated for the 2011-12 stock show season. The Haskell County Extension Office will be collecting the tag orders.

If you plan to have a steer project and you are not currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA, contact your local Ag Science Teacher or Wes Utley,

County Extension Agent—Ag. at 940-864-2658 or come by the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

The deadline to order the steer validation tags is Thurs., April 14 by 5 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office.

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