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Calendar

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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 21 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., May 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Park worship

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will worship in the Haskell park Sun., May 22 at 10 a.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings will be served. For more information, call the church office at 940-864-3202. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

Pee wee track

Rule School will host a Pee Wee Track meet Fri., May 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. Schools entered will include Guthrie, Paint Creek and Rule. A concession stand will be available.

Memorial Day

Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Memorial Day program Mon., May 30, at 7 p.m. at the Rule Cemetery. John Greeson and John Pike will lead the services. Persons are asked to bring their chairs.

Parade entries

Entries for the Wild Horse Prairie Days annual parade are now being accepted. The parade will be June 3. For more information, contact Larned Sales Center at 864-2749. First, second and third place plaques will be awarded.

Parent meetings

Two end-of-year meetings for Title I and Migrant/PAC will be held Thurs., May 19. The first meeting will be held at 7:45 a.m. in the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria and a repeat session will be held at 12:15 in the Haskell High School Auditorium. All parents of Haskell CISD students are encouraged to attend.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., June 2 issue of The Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 26 at 4:30 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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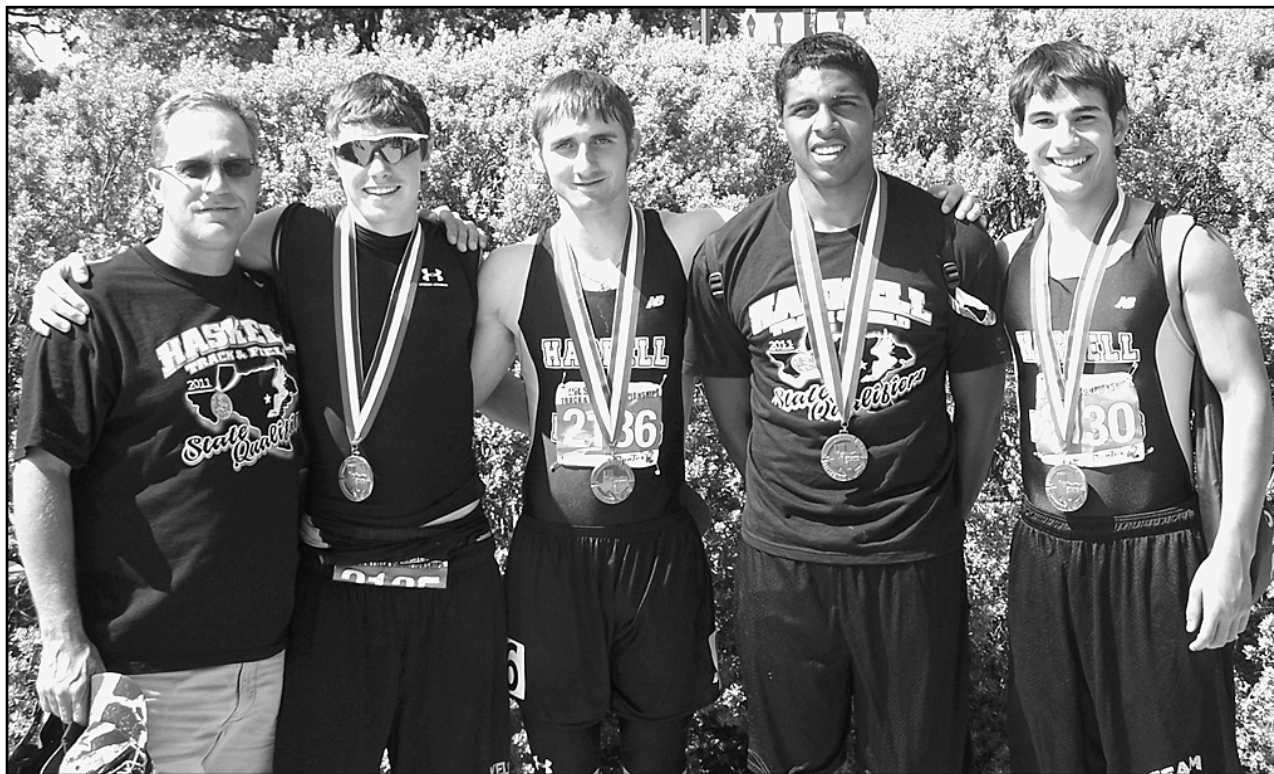
Good Luck Maidens

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BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS—The Haskell Indian 4x400 meter relay team won the bronze medal at the state track meet in Austin Sat., May 14 with a time of 3:25.72. Team members include, l-r, Coach Harvey Davis, Austin Nanny, Payne Utley, Marco Gonzales and Kelson Aguero. The last time Haskell

medaled at the state track meet in the mile relay was in 1988. This was a return trip to state for Nanny and Gonzalez in the 4x100 M relay. Nanny, Gonzales, Utley and Isaiah Llewellyn competed in the 4x100 M relay on Saturday placing eighth with a time of 43.31.

Maidens advance to regional semifinal round

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Maidens are still rolling. In fact they have advanced to the regional semifinals by defeating Roby on May 12 and 13.

Besting their record of last season, where they lost to Marfa in the quarterfinals, the Maidens overpowered Roby with scores of 10-0 and 8-0.

The two game series was certainly a team effort, with each of the Maidens contributing to the winning effort.

In game one, played at Wells Field on the Abilene Christian University campus, senior Codi Foster pitched a three-hitter and struck out seven for the Maidens.

In the fourth inning, Haskell came alive, sending ten batters to the plate. They had five runs on four hits, and a pair of walks. Scoring were Maci Colley, Laycee Tullos, Harley James, Codi Foster and Sara Weise. Jasmine Klose provided a two-run single.

The fifth inning was just

as exciting for the Maidens, with five more runs being scored by Tullos, James, Claire Carmichael, Codi Foster and Klose. Klose ended the game with her two-outs, two-run home run.

Game two was played on Friday at ACU with the Maidens being victorious once again. On the mound for Haskell was Cailey Foster, a sophomore left-hander, who pitched a four-hitter, struck out four and walked two in the winning effort.

Defense was the name of the game for Haskell. Left fielder Tullos came up with two huge defensive plays that helped in the shutout. In the first inning, after a Roby runner hesitated slightly

before running for third, Tullos was able to fire the ball in time to get her out. Then in the third inning, a Roby player trying to score from second after a single to left, was thrown out when Tullos hurled the ball from left field to home plate. Behind the plate was Sara Weise.

Klose helped the Maidens to a 2-0 lead in the third inning with a two-run double. It was in the fourth inning, however, that Haskell hit their stride, sending nine batters to the plate and scoring five runs. Scoring for Haskell were Tullos, James, Madison Homeyer, Klose and Sam Fuentes.

The Maidens finished the day with Fuentes getting a

Propositions voted yes

Although only slightly more than one hundred Haskell citizens voted in the election held May 14, the five propositions on the ballot were overwhelmingly approved.

Six percent of the registered voters cast their ballot, with forty-four early voters and fifty-eight voting on Saturday. The average approval vote for each proposed issue was about 86% in favor of authorizing the Development Corporation of Haskell to expand its ability to assist local enterprises in Haskell.

As an already established Type A corporation, these added powers given to the DCOH by the voters, will greatly add to the possibilities of projects they can undertake.

Walker, Glover win FFA speech contest

Members of the Haskell FFA attended the Area II Convention May 13-14 at TSTC in Sweetwater.

Haskell FFA had four members advance in the Texas FFA Scholarship Interview process. The members were Dawn Skinner, Ashlee Short, Sara Weise and Cheslee Hearn. Their scholarship applications will be judged in Austin along with 250 others from across the state of Texas. Out of those 250, approximately 140 will be chosen to interview at San Angelo on June 9. These members are competing for scholarships up to \$16,000.

Pamela Walker, senior, retired her office of Area II 1st Vice President. Walker was elected to serve Area II last

May. Since that time, she has served as a leader at the Area II Leadership Conference, attended the State Leadership Conference in Anna, served as a committee member and voting delegate at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has helped run and organize the Area II FFA Convention.

Walker, along with freshman Meghan Glover, competed in the Soil Stewardship Speaking Contest on Friday. Walker placed first in the competition with Glover placing second. Both of these young ladies advanced to the state speaking contest which will be held in Lubbock July 11 at the Texas FFA Convention.



SPEAKING CONTEST WINNERS—Haskell FFA members, l-r, Meghan Glover and Pamela Walker competed in the Soil Stewardship Speaking Contest. Walker placed first and Glover placed second. Both will compete in Lubbock at the Texas FFA Convention July 11.



REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens secured the Regional Quarterfinal Champion title by defeating Roby in two games 10-0 and 8-0 last week at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. The Maidens will meet Petrolia in a best of three game series Fri., May 20 at 6:30 p.m. and Sat., May 21 at 1 and 3 p.m. in Jacksboro. Team members are front row, Harley James; l-r, middle row, Kelsie Adams, Sara Weise, Codi Foster, Cailey Foster and Maci Colley; and back row, Caitlan Johnson, Samantha Fuentes, Jasmine Klose, Claire Carmichael, Laycee Tullos, Paige Glover, Madison Homeyer, Maegan Chavez and Delecia Garcia.



ENTRANCE MONUMENTS—The monuments marking the Haskell entrance on the south and north ends of Hwy. 277 are being completed. Monuments will also be along Hwy. 380. Jerry Lewis Jr., left, and Jerry Lewis Sr., both of Haskell, are the bricklayers. The signs are funded by excess sales tax and hotel/motel tax dollars.

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4-H takes top honors at District Round-Up



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SHARE THE FUN—Haskell County 4-H members participating in the District 4-H Share The Fun, Musical Competition include, l-r, Garrett Waggoner, Sarah Fouts, Grace Colley, Kourtney Gibson and Kylie Adams; back row, Riley Sloan, Reed Roewe, Dalton Meinzer, Katie Newberry, Sam Fouts, Jacee Guess. Riley Sloan played the fiddle. Other participants played the piano and are all piano students of Pam Gibson.

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KAMERYN MATHIS
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Third Place

by Jane Rowan
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Over 400 youth from the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed in Vernon Wed., May 4 at the annual District 4-H Round-Up. Youth had an opportunity to participate in twenty-five different competitions during the one



JUNIOR MUSICAL GROUP—These 4-H students placed at the District 4-H Round-Up held May 4 in Vernon in the Junior Musical contest. Pictured, l-r, are Sam Fouts, third place; Kylie Adams, fourth place; and Jacee Guess, first place.

day event held at the Wilbarger County Auditorium and the Vernon Boys & Girls Club. Awards were sponsored by American Electric Power and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

A record number of Haskell County 4-H youth participated in the 2011 4-H Round-Up with several placing in the top five of their competition. Results of Haskell County participants were as follows:

Educational Presentations
Public Speaking, Sr. Division: Emily Fouts, first place.

Share The Fun
Choreographed Routine, Junior Division: Kameryn Mathis, third place; Musical, Junior Division: Jacee Guess, first place; Sam Fouts, third place; and Kylie Adams, fourth place.

Other Haskell County youth participating in Share The Fun were: Vocal, Natalie Contreras; Musical,

Grace Colley, Sarah Fouts, Kourtney Gibson, Dalton Meinzer, Katie Newberry, Reed Roewe, Riley Sloan, and Garrett Waggoner; Choreographed Routine, Kaley Mathis and Adaline Utley.

Senior division winners will advance to the State 4-H Round-Up in their respective category at College Station in June. Qualifying for this honor was Emily Fouts in the Public Speaking category.



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ACCIDENT—This truck and trailer separated in an early morning accident Tues., May 10 on Hwy. 6 north of Rule. The truck was pulling a trailer loaded with a piece of heavy equipment. The accident occurred just after a light rain. No one was injured.

CUSTOMER NOTICE

On April 1, 2011 Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos Energy” or “the Company”), filed a Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is August 15, 2011. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,196,253 residential, 98,792 commercial, and 731 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company’s annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$13,151,685, or 1.25% percent, including gas costs, or 3.15% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a “major change” as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$60.37*	\$60.93*	\$0.56	0.93%	2.36%
Commercial	\$228.12*	\$230.20*	\$2.08	0.91%	4.21%
Industrial	\$2,299.71*	\$2,312.13*	\$12.42	0.54%	2.19%
Transportation	\$669.30	\$681.72	\$12.42	1.86%	2.19%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.9784 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA .

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy’s offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en las tarifas del gas. Este cambio afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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FOOD DRIVE—The Letter Carrier Food Drive held Sat., May 14 gathered 817 lbs. of donated food items. The food items will be donated to the local food bank. Postal employees participating include, I-r, Norva Smith, Dina Hays, Nancy Snelling, Teresa Briles, Reba Cheyne, Cynthia Kendall, Deward Gordy, Kay Smith and Debbie Tanner.

Pitcock speaks at Study Club meeting

Fifteen members were called to order by Progressive Study Club President, Lynn Dodson, May 12, in the Haskell County Library. Prayer was led by Dorothy Hartsfield, and pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag were led by Connie Benton.

Susan Cockerell introduced her aunt, Bette Pitcock of the American Business Women's

Association in Abilene. Pitcock spoke on Women Volunteering. She spoke of her first volunteering in 1949 when twice a day she helped feed 60 polio patients, including her son, in Hendrick Hospital. Her most recent volunteer work is helping with the West Texas Rehab Telethon and ABWA's Christmas in November.

State awards received by Progressive Study Club were

first place in Texas Heritage Special Projects, first place in GFWC Fund-raising, and second place to Nancy Toliver GFWC/TFWC Clubwoman Magazine.

The Progressive Study Club paid for ten crape myrtles to go around the Labriere House plus one for Arbor Day. Reporting on the Relay for Life, Frieda Ivy said our club raised \$2,874.90 of the \$55,000 total raised by Haskell County.

The club has received a second \$1,000 check for the Wall of Honor from the Genealogical Society. The club voted to ask that we do Homecoming meal in the fall and we order more markers to sell as needed. It was also voted to buy an affordable animal with our Heifer International money.

President Dodson encouraged members to help with the library's summer reading program. A salad supper was enjoyed by all with the Social Committee serving as hostesses.

Art club meets

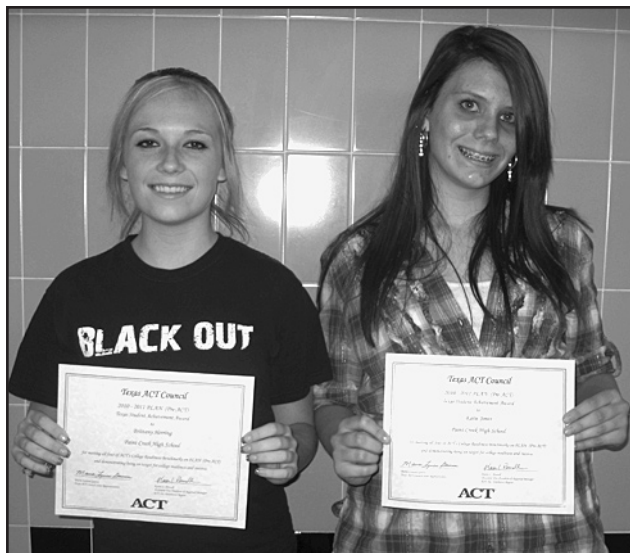
The Brazos West Art Association met May 9 at the Haskell Church of Christ annex for the last meeting of the year.

Ginger Test of Novice was the guest artist. She brought an interesting program on the use of watercolors. To begin, she made a template of an oak tree and used a splattering technique to create the leaves. She also demonstrated the painting of a mesquite tree, a Russian thistle and her trademark, the hummingbird. She brought

several beautiful paintings to display, inspiring everyone to try watercolors.

New officers installed for the coming year are Barbara Fouts, president; Joyce Ivy, first vice president; Betty Berry, second vice president; Nelwyn Beakley, secretary; Betty Hook, treasurer; and Peggy Middlebrook, reporter/historian. Jerry Bowers and Martha Spitzer were appointed to the telephone committee.

Officers were hostesses for the meeting.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS—Two Paint Creek sophomore students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (the Pre-ACT Assessment). These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college freshman experience. The students receiving this recognition from the ACT Council are, I-r, Brittany Herring and Katie Jones.



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Weinert VBS set June 6-8

First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold Beach Blast Vacation Bible School on Monday through Wednesday, June 6-8 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for kids 4 years old through those who just completed sixth grade. "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful." 1 Corinthians 1:9 is the theme and the motto is "God is faithful. I can dig it!"

Music, Bible study, crafts, food and water fun will make for a great time.

A family and friends fellowship will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Contact Dan Bullock, pastor, at 940-673-8310 or Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269 for more information.

Rochester Woman's Club

The Rochester Woman's Club met May 4 for a salad luncheon. Modelle Barton gave the treasurer's report.

Verlene Stegemoeller was the leader for the day with a program recognizing the group's mothers.

Recognizing mothers was a practice began in ancient Greece. President Wilson designated Mother's Day for the second Sunday of May every year. Each person gave a short talk about some of the things their mothers taught them or things about growing up.

Attending were Modelle Barton, Frieda Fly, Marguerite Gauntt, Mary Johnston, Sharon Mullino, Ada Pope, Verlene Stegemoeller and Betty Thompson.

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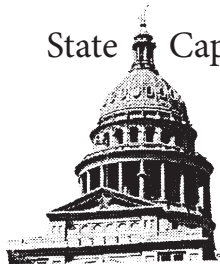
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

2012-2013 state budget remains unfinished

AUSTIN—Rarely does final passage of a state budget turn out to be anything other than an end-of-session frenzy. This legislative session is shaping up to be no different.

Lawmakers have until May 30 to pass that all-important document, the state's financial blueprint for the 2012 and 2013. If they don't make the deadline, the governor may order a special session.

Now, to achieve completion in the present, Republicans, who hold numerical majorities in both House and Senate, will have to find some way to agree with each other on how to cut up a smaller than usual pie. In 2009 they had a \$180 billion pot to work with; this session, it's around \$160 billion, give or take.

House Republicans, in step with the wishes of Gov. Rick Perry, insist on no new taxes and no raiding of the Rainy Day Fund. So far, they've gotten their way, thanks to the GOP's 101 seats to the Democrats' 49. Senate Republicans at first launched a plan to use a third of the \$9 billion Rainy Day Fund to lessen the blow of cuts to education and healthcare. They revised the plan after identifying accounting and tax collection measures they believe would short-circuit the need for Rainy Day funds.

This week, if the full Senate brings up the budget, members will attempt to attach amendments to it during floor debate. There's no telling what the final product will look like. Eventually, however, Texans will get to compare the Senate and House versions. The House version axes tens of thousands of jobs from the state payroll, lops off billions of health care dollars and generally cuts or slows spending in most ways imaginable.

Option to fed health in hopper

Attorney General Greg Abbott and other state attorneys general suing to have the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 declared unconstitutional, say the act violates states' rights in forcing citizens to buy health insurance.

Rep. Lois Kolkhorst of Brenham and Sen. Jane Nelson of Flower Mound, both Republicans, are working on an alternative to the federal plan: House Bill 5, already approved by the House and poised for consideration by the full Senate.

Their legislation would "authorize Texas to participate in a multi-state effort to secure

the consent of Congress, via an interstate compact, to regulate health care, free of federal interference," according to the legislature's official bill analysis.

HB 5 would establish an "Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission" to make non-binding recommendations on health care delivery. The bill also enables member states to receive federal dollars through a formula outlined in the compact, without federal conditions.

New CHL requires e-fingerprints

The Texas Department of Public Safety on May 12 announced it no longer accepts hard-copy fingerprint cards from applicants for a concealed handgun license (CHL).

Applicants must be fingerprinted electronically as part of the standard criminal background check.

The DPS said it tries to use fingerprints on file for current permit holders who are applying for renewal, but if existing prints do not meet quality standards, electronic prints must be submitted.

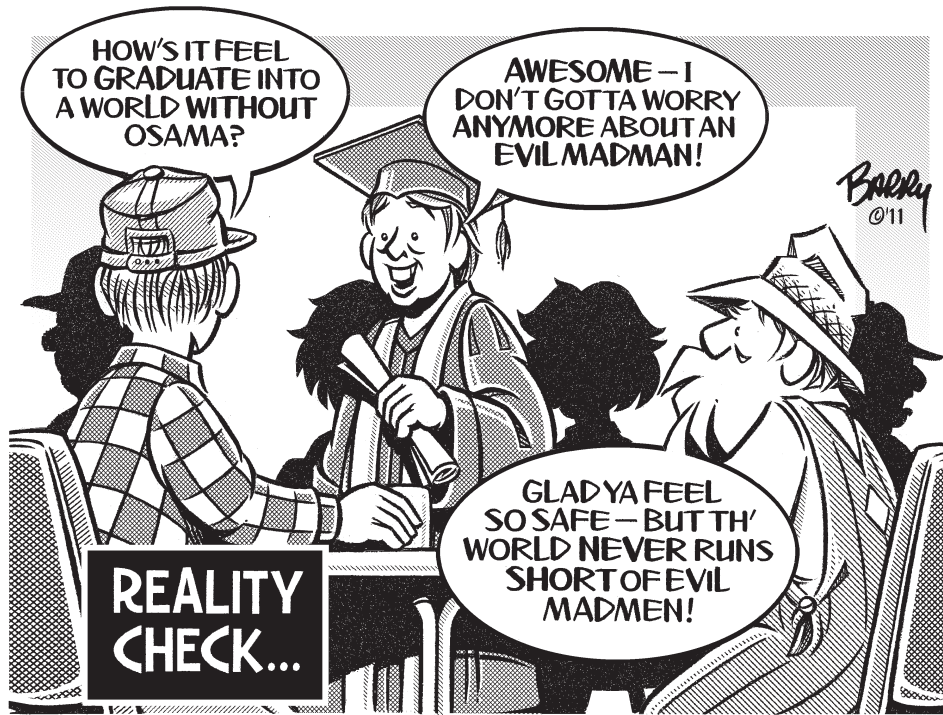
And speaking of those permits, Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns would be allowed to carry their weapons on college campuses and in campus buildings under a measure tentatively approved by the Senate on May 9. Of course, the House must approve too.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio, author of the measure (which was attached to a higher education finance bill) says students, faculty and staff, if legally armed, could help prevent shootings like the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech.

Concealed handgun permit applicants must be at least 21 years old and complete an approved CHL permit course.

Helo hog-hunting bill OK'd

In other action, the Senate on May 12 approved HB 716 by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville—legislation to allow the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to create guidelines for hunting feral hogs and coyotes from helicopters. According to the bill's Senate sponsor Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, an estimated 2 million feral hogs are not only free-ranging across rural Texas: they are encroaching on big cities. Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, before voting against the bill, said that shooting from a helicopter takes the sport out of the hunt.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 17, 2001

Local letter carriers Teresa Briles, Conrad Roewe, Duward Gordy, Jeff Claterbaugh, Kenny Ivy and Cindy Kendall collected almost 900 pounds of food items during the annual National Food Drive to Stamp Out Hunger.

Newly elected FFA officers at Haskell High School are B.J. Opsahl, president; Wendy Proctor, vice-president; Ross Bullinger, reporter; Angel Pena, secretary; Sydney Brueggeman, treasurer; and Ryan Burgess, sentinel.

The largest certified yellow catfish caught at Lake Stamford was pulled off a trot line this week near the Anchor. It weighed in at 64 1/2 pounds.

20 Years Ago May 16, 1991

Johnnie Billington left the state track meet with two gold medals, winning first in the 100 and 200 meter dash.

Chris Trussell, Ralph Torres, J.N. Cornelius and Russell Beakley were given the oaths of office as council members met at a special meeting of the Rule City Council.

Awards presented at the annual FFA parent-member banquet went to Blake Henshaw, Star Greenhand Award; Holly Hobgood, Star Chapter Farmer; and Mrs. Billie McKeever, honorary Chapter Farmer Degree for outstanding support of the local FFA chapter.

Kim Gilly won first

place in the prepared public speaking contest at the Double Mountain FFA district meeting.

30 Years Ago May 14, 1981

Robert W. Herren, Board Chairman, Haskell National Bank, has accepted appointment to the Agriculture-Rural American Committee of the Independent Bankers Association of America.

Randy Glenn Darden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Darden of Haskell, was recently honored by the Department of Business and Finance during Hardin-Simmons University's annual awards day ceremony.

Haskell High School Senior Carl Mayfield received a promotion to Private First Class. Mayfield, Leonard Howard and Bill Flanary will leave soon after graduation for Marine Corps Boot Camp.

40 Years Ago May 20, 1971

Becky Richardson was crowned Frontier Days Queen for 1971 by reigning queen Sue Abbott. Runners-up in the queen pageant were Kay Croft and Mrs. John Wallace.

Weinert High School honor students are valedictorian Janice Rainey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rainey, and salutatorian Pauletta Wilfong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wilfong.

Charles W. Cadenhead, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.F.

Cadenhead of Haskell, received his bachelor of science degree in biology in graduation exercises at Baylor University.

Haskell Livestock Auction celebrated its 5th anniversary. Co-owners are Pete Burkhalter and James Powell. Other employees include Gary Tate, ticket taker; Bob Watson, yard foreman; and Fred Daulby, public relations.

50 Years Ago May 18, 1961

More than one hundred mothers and daughters laid the foundation for a Girl Scout program for Haskell. Several civic-minded citizens are lending their support, with Mrs. C.A. Smethie and Mrs. Roy Wiseman comprising the Service Committee.

Airman Jerry W. Welsh who is attached to the 6314th Transportation Squadron at Osan, Korea, is one of the top instructors at the Air Force driver's school.

100 Years Ago May 20, 1911

H.M. Rike, vice president of the Farmers National Bank, is attending the Banker's Convention at Dallas.

Wallace and Fred Alexander are spending the week on the Clear Fork near Lueders, with some of Fred's schoolmates.

A large crowd gathered at the Methodist Church and celebrated the day by dedicating it to Mothers. The service was attended by all denominations and taxed the capacity of the new church.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Good news all around! All five of the DCOH propositions passed by about 80%. Total turnout was around 100 people. This will allow the organization to do many more things, more maneuverability. Thanks to Randy Hise and Wallace Emerson and all members of the Board.

The Haskell Maiden softball team, coached by John Foster, is progressing to yet another level closer to state. They had two impressive wins over Roby. Word has it from Bug and Bear (Cailey and Codi Foster) that their upcoming foe is strong in defense and steady hitters, but, "That's okay, so are we." They will be playing in Jacksboro. We have so many groups as well as individuals within our school that have excelled in many competitive areas. Kudos to these students and their teachers and sponsors. You make all of us so very proud—you are why we are recognized as an "Exemplary School."

The monument announcing "Haskell" on South U.S. 277 is finished and looks impressive. The lights on top will be completed when AEP has the time. Work on the North U.S. 277 one is beginning.

I misquoted: The total number of persons adding \$1

fee to their water (city) bills for "rehab" is 225 per month not a total of 40 as I had reported. Forty have been added since the plea went out from this column. Let's see if we can add another forty in the next couple of weeks.

A word of caution: I see dumpsters overflowing with junk which is good; however, I reiterate: do not put old tires or metal poles in the dumpsters. Please either cash in your old metal for yourself or add it to Dorothy's metal pile for the War Memorial. Metal in the dumpsters, old tree stumps, concrete will break the compactor in the garbage truck as well as damage our equipment at the landfill...it is very costly and it could be the reason your street isn't fixed!

Speaking of streets, 14th has been re-graded and caliche placed on it. It looks good and rides well.

Thanks to AEP the light on the old Haskell water tower is shining brightly...looks good.

I'm afraid the lights on the north and west side of the square which I viewed as a "start" to lighting the square took a brutal hit from the wind and the hail. If the Chamber of Commerce does not have the time to get them all repaired and working, I

would recommend that all of them be turned off. I do hope that at some point in time that they are all operational.

The County Commissioners voted not to help the City with the flower planter boxes around the square so the Beautification Committee will have to go it alone, but it's okay, we have good innovative minds on that committee and they'll come up with a plan. Count on it.

I was visiting with one of the Sheriff's deputies last week and he was telling me about some of the calls that he answers. These folks who serve in the area of law enforcement are due a huge "Thank You" from each of us. They put their lives on the line for us many times a day. Thanks to all of these folks as they strive to keep all segments of the criminal element either away or in jail and make Haskell a safe and peaceful place to live. You might consider telling them as we do our soldiers in the armed services, "Thank you for your service."

I don't have a final report on just how much tonnage of trash was taken to the landfill during our clean up week, but initial reports are that it was a bunch. Thanks for helping us get cleaned up.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., May 9 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers and Councilmen Chan Guess and Dan Hoover in attendance. Councilmen Sue Medford and Jason Hall were absent.

The invocation was given by Bowers.

The council approved the Zoning Board's recommendation on the request from Robert Tribbey to rezone Lots (1), 2, 6 and west part of 11 & 12; Block 42; Frisco Addition and already closed 60" wide street between Block 29 & 42; Frisco Addition on North Avenue A from residential to commercial with the purpose to use the property for billboards.

The council approved the Zoning Board's recommendation on the request from David Davis to rezone Lots 5 and the west part of 7 & 8; Block 42; Frisco Addition on North Avenue A from residential to commercial with the purpose to use the property for billboards.

No action was needed on the Zoning Board's action to allow the issue to die on the request from Robert Tribbey to rezone Lots 1 through 5; Block 1; R. Tribbey Addition on the 1600 block of Robbyn Lane from residential to commercial with the purpose to use the property for apartments.

Budget amendments were approved.

The council approved the purchase of a heavy trailer to transport tracks to and from fires for the fire department, when a suitable trailer is available. A presentation by Haskell firemen Mathew Cunningham and Casey Moeller was given.

No changes in committee assignments were made.

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

- Reminded citizens to vote in the Development Corporation of Haskell election for action on the five propositions appearing on the ballot on Sat., May 14.
- Clean Up week will end Sat., May 14.
- The monument signs on the south and north ends of town should be complete soon. The signs are funded by excess sales tax and hotel/motel tax dollars.
- Mathew Duran has been hired as the City's Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Office and grant writer. His first day is May 16. The city looks forward to his leadership and service to Haskell.
- The Energy Efficiency Grant money will be spent soon on projects suggested by the engineer.

Retirement party

A come and go retirement celebration honoring Haskell Elementary School retirees Susan LeFevre and Janie Rodriguez will be held Sun., May 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Occasions (formally Haskell National Bank Community Room). Please join us as we celebrate their years of touching young lives and their dedication to our children.

Homecoming

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

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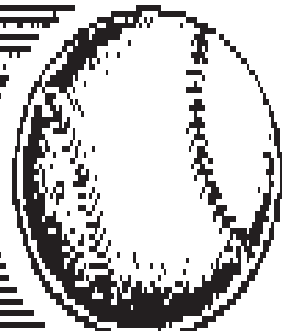
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HASKELL MAIDENS Regional Quarterfinal Champions



HASKELL MAIDENS—The Haskell Maidens softball team and back row, Caitlan Johnson, Samantha Fuentes, Jasmine members include, front row, Harley James; l-r, middle row, Kelsie Klose, Claire Carmichael, Laycee Tullos, Paige Glover, Madison Adams, Sara Weise, Codi Foster, Cailey Foster and Maci Colley; Homeyer, Maegan Chavez and Delecia Garcia.

Maidens vs Petrolia

Fri., May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., May 21, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (if needed)

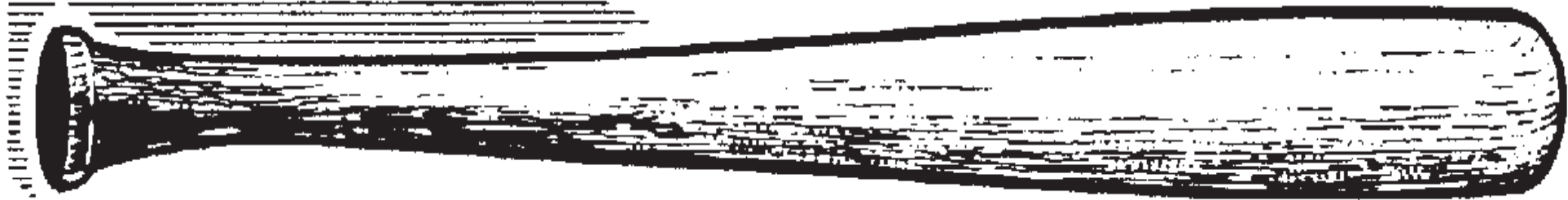
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Haskell students visit local Rotary Club



AYLSSA FRAGA



MARKUS MARTINEZ

Alyssa Fraga is the daughter of Stephanie Fraga and Richard Fraga of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is active in UIL and varsity softball.

She enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

She plans to attend Cisco Junior College in the fall pursuing the medical field to be an RN. She then would like to transfer to McMurry University.

Markus Martinez is the son of Ramon and Vera

Martinez of Haskell.

He attends the Foursquare church.

At Haskell High School, he participates in any class activity.

He enjoys being with friends, fishing, hunting and working on cars.

He plans to attend Lincoln College of Technology.

ECC Lunch Menu

Mon., May 23

Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, cherry cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., May 25

Pulled pork sandwich, BBQ sauce, pinto beans, potato salad, tea or coffee

Fri., May 27

Beef a roni, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, parmesan toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

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



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MAIDENS WIN—The Haskell Maidens defeated Roby to advance to the Regional Semifinal playoffs. Codi Foster delivers a pitch while Cailey Foster, first baseman, looks on.



LOOKING FOR SECOND—Haskell Maiden Cailey Foster anticipates advancing to second base during the game against Roby.



WEISE CATCH—Sara Weise catches for the Haskell Maidens during the Regional Quarterfinal game against Roby.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new,

wherever we are, and we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our house of worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

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., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

New Covenant Foursquare

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

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

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

Stephania 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

May 23-27

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Funnel cake
Wednesday: Cereal, manager's choice
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: Manager's choice

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: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, breadstick, apple crisp
Tuesday: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, fresh strawberries
Wednesday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked fries, fruit cup
Thursday: Pepperoni HotPocket, baby carrots, ranch dressing, assorted chips, fresh fruit
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, fruit cup or pudding cup

Paint Creek School Menu

May 23-27

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Cook's choice

Friday: Cook's choice

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Cook's choice

FFA competes in Anson

Three members of the Haskell FFA competed at the Double Mountain District Spring Speaking Contest May 11 in Anson.

Pamela Walker, senior, and Meghan Glover, freshman, competed in the Soil Stewardship Speaking contest where Walker placed first and Glover placed second. Both of these students advanced to the Area contest which was held in Sweetwater May 13.

Emily Fouts, freshman, competed in the Sr. Prepared Public Speaking contest where she placed third. Haskell FFA

also has five FFA members competing for Texas FFA scholarships this year. These students interviewed May 13 in Sweetwater.

Haskell FFA members will be competing for one of 135 scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$16,000. The Haskell FFA scholarship candidates are Meagan Kimbrough, Cheslee Hearn, Ashlee Short, Dawn Skinner and Sara Weise. If selected at Area, these candidates will move on to the state selection process which will be held in Austin.

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Garage Sale

HUGE GARAGE SALE at 604 N. 2nd (Methodist Parsonage). Furniture, home decorative items, children's clothes, child car seats, adult clothes, furniture, exercise equipment, area rug, toys, camcorder, bicycles and much, much more. Early sales will be Fri., May 20 beginning at 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the garage sale will continue Sat., May 21 from 7 a.m. until? 20c

Help Wanted

SONIC DRIVE IN in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER: Reports to the designated sergeant. Responsible for the custody and discipline of inmates assigned to the unit. All applicants need to come by Rolling Plains Detention Center to fill out an application or go online to www.emeraldcompanies.com <http://www.emeraldcompanies.com/> to fill out an application. 19-20c



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Help Wanted

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HELP WANTED: Waitresses and cooks needed. Apply in person at Red Rooster Restaurant, Haskell. Ask for Mena. 20-21c

CARETAKER needed for lady in Rule. Days. Light housekeeping, prepare one meal. Call Ron 214-770-6123. 20-23c

HELP WANTED: Busy, independent drug store has an immediate opening for an adult clerk—a motivated, energetic, dependable person to work 30 to 40 hours per week including some Saturdays. Retail experience helpful. Apply in person at 100 S. Ave. E, Haskell. Contact Linda at (940) 864-2673 The Drug Store in Haskell. 20c

Help Wanted

WES-T-GO now accepting applications for cashier. Apply in person at store. 400 N. Ave. E. 18-25c

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PUBLIC NOTICE North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is accepting bids for a two (2) year lease on a tract of land located at Miller's Creek Reservoir.

Two year lease term begins July 1, 2011 and expires June 30, 2013.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Land Lease Bid" noted on the outside, and delivered to 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371 or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2011.

All pertinent information relating to said lease conditions may be reviewed at the Authority office located at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2011. 20c

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6215-57-001 for BRIDGE SPALL REPAIR in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on June 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$167,212.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

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Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 0157-04-047 for POROUS FRICTION COURSE in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on June 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6215-57-001 for BRIDGE SPALL REPAIR in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on June 7, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$167,212.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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701 N. 17TH ST. Wonderful brick three-bedroom, one and one-half bath nicely updated home on a corner lot. Interior features include a bay window in the den area. The den, dining and large kitchen areas are open for a great family area. There is ample storage throughout the home, back yard patio inside the fenced yard and an oversized carport. This property is perfect for a family, couple or single, is economically maintained, and is move-in ready. Seller is offering a \$3,000.00 decorating allowance.



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197 CR 410. NEW FLOORING. Southside of Haskell. ACREAGE plus home, barn and livestock stalls. This one of a kind property is seldom on the market. Nice two bedroom, one bath home including a den, large kitchen with beautiful custom oak cabinets, living room, spacious bedrooms and bath, C/HA, metal roof and long front porch. There are 14 fenced acres with this property including some cultivation and sub-irrigated coastal. A well with a windmill is located near the barn.



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Aquifer levels drop in Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties

Many questions are being asked about this past summer's rainfall and the lack of fall and winter precipitation and their effects on the water table levels. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District measured water levels in December to determine the effects from the previous years pumping and the recharge from the season's precipitation.

Due to the summer rains and the imminent starting of wheat irrigation, the District gauged its list of monitor wells during the second week in December and again in the first week of May to determine the status of the Seymour Aquifer in Baylor, Haskell and Knox counties.

Well levels in Baylor County had dropped 1 foot or 12 inches, since December, 2010.

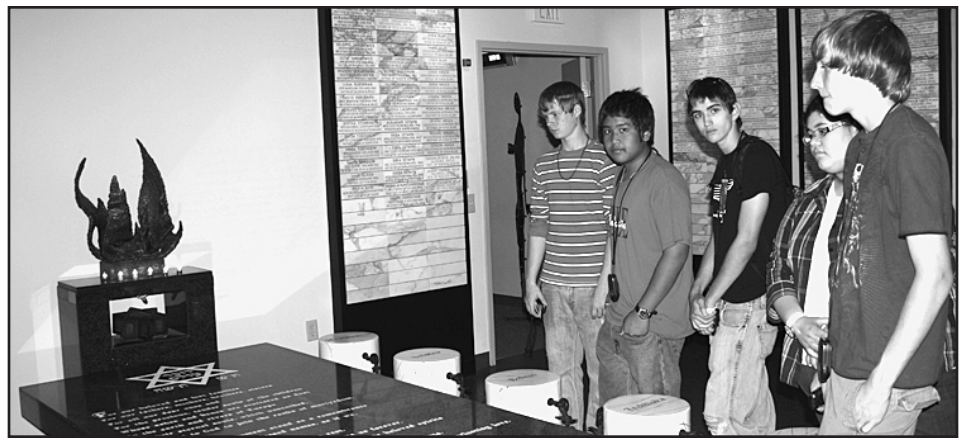
Well levels in some areas of Haskell County had dropped 6 inches to 3.62 feet, with an average of 24.08 inches, since December, 2010.

Wells levels in some areas of Knox County had dropped 2.83 feet or 33.96 inches, since December, 2011.

Due to the extreme variability of the Seymour Aquifer, varying rainfall, variations in recharge areas and pumping rates, water levels vary in the three counties. Some areas have levels above where we were at this time last year, some are about where we were last year

and some are below where we were last year.

One word of caution, the District encountered bees in wells in all three counties. If you are going to be working around a well that hasn't been disturbed in a while, please exercise caution. There is a good probability that bees could be in the well.



DALLAS TOUR—Rule High School sophomores recently took a trip to Dallas to tour the Holocaust Museum and Dealey Plaza where John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The trip was funded by proceeds from their entry into the Texas Co-op Power Video Contest on electricity. Students pictured at the Holocaust Museum, l-r, are Cody Potter, Yaemmesri Kwanmuang, Clay Morrow, Celeste Caddell and Travis Cox.



WATCH FOR BEES—Area producers are cautioned to watch for bees when working around irrigation wells. The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District crews have encountered swarms in Baylor, Knox and Haskell counties.



POOL REPAIRS—The swimming pool at the Haskell Country Club is receiving new tiles around the top of the pool and a new surface around the pool. Paul Rodriguez, left, and Tony DeLorosa are preparing the reinforcing steel before the pouring of the surface. The men are from Lubbock.

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