

Calendar

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.

Splash day

The Haskell City Pool will open May 28 for Splash Day from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more details on the pools, contact the Pool Manager, Lakay Caparoun at 940-256-2083.

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 the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center. Please join us as we celebrate their years of touching young lives and their dedication to our children.

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. Entry forms may be picked up from Susan Cockerell at 1 Ave. D, and faxed to 940-864-5722. First, second and third place plaques will be awarded.

Volleyball night

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

Cancer support

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

Teamkid

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

Homecoming

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

Al-Anon

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

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Congratulations Graduates

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76 Haskell seniors to graduate Friday night

Haskell County will have 76 seniors receiving diplomas during graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 27. Haskell High School will graduate 58 seniors during commencement exercises at Indian stadium, Fri., May 27 beginning at 8 p.m.

Those graduating are: Kelsie Adams, Kelson Agüero, J.J. Aguilar, Amber Allen, Kimberly Andrade, Erica Atkins, Ricky Barrett Jr., Michael Buerger, Ashley Bullard.

Leslie Crosson, Mona Cuellar, Irma DeLeon, Bailey Fillmon, Jamie Flye, Ariel Foreman, Codi Foster, Alyssa Fraga, Samantha Fuentes.

Arabella Garcia, David Gonzales, Angelica Gonzalez, Marco Gonzalez, Cheslee Hearn, Denise Hibbitts, Candice Hill, Judith Isbell.

Harley James, Meagan

Kimbrough, Colton Kimmel, Tessa Kirby, A.J. Knowles, Alex Lyon, Oren Maggard, Buddy Mahan.

Markus Martinez, Marissa McGhee, Nathan Meredith, Ricky Molina, Taylor Murray, Christian Myers, Lindsey Myers, Austin Nanny.

Angel Navarrette, Rosa Nieto, Adolfo Ramirez, Jessica Rodriguez, Simon Rodriguez, Andrew Sammons, Sydney Saucedo, Ashlee Short.

Dawn Skinner, Tony Trevino, Clarissa Walker, Pamela Walker, Sara Weise, Ross Wittenborn, Rosebud Wright and Zachary Wyrick.

Valedictorian is Codi Foster, daughter of John and Cindy Foster. Salutatorian is Nathan Meredith, son of Lonnie and Kim Meredith.

Eighth grade graduation and award ceremony will

be held Thurs., May 26 at 6 p.m. at the Rochester auditorium.

Paint Creek

Eight Paint Creek seniors will receive diplomas during exercises held Fri., May 27 at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

Graduating seniors include Jordan Adkins, Shana Armstrong, Curtis Bishop, Nathan Edwards.

Dillon Emert, Hunter Hall, Denton Reed and Josh White.

Paint Creek valedictorian

is Shana Armstrong, daughter of Wade Armstrong and Janet Smith. Salutatorian is Curtis Bishop, son of Shannon and Cheryl Bishop.

The eighth grade graduation exercises will be Thurs., May 26 at 7 p.m.

Rule

Ten Rule High School seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises held in the school auditorium Fri., May 27 at 7 p.m.

Graduates are Cade Brown, Grace Burgess, Jenny

Dudensing, Allison Petty, Amber Polk.

Cody Reece, Brittany Roberts, Shelby Starr, Stephanie Threet and Shalisse Vanderbilt.

Class valedictorian is Jenny Dudensing, daughter of Lynn Dale and Renee Dudensing. Salutatorian is Allison Petty, daughter of Rod and Julie Petty.

Rule eighth grade graduation will be Thurs., May 26 at 7 p.m. in the Rule school auditorium.

All night party to follow graduation

Haskell County parents will host the All Night Party Fri., May 27 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

The alcohol free and drug free activity will provide a safe environment for students on graduation night. A dance, inflatable outdoor games and table games are planned. Generous businesses, individuals and

clubs in Haskell and Jones counties and around the Abilene area make the event possible.

All students who attended high school during 2010-11 and college students are invited. Dress code will be enforced according to school guidelines. Admission for senior students is free. Admission for all other students is \$5.

Graduation issue inside

Appearing in this edition of the *Haskell Free Press* is our annual graduation section.

Our thanks to all who helped provide senior's pictures for use in this

traditional edition featuring photos of Haskell County graduates.

A special thanks to all our advertisers who make this section complete and this edition possible.

Magic show to benefit LED sign fund for Rule

by Caron Yates

It is not always easy to find an event that appeals to people of all ages and interests. The City of Rule, however, has booked just such an act.

Rob Jenkins Magic and

Comedy Show, based out of Shreveport, Louisiana, is committed to clean fun for the whole family. Not only will there be magic and comedy, but it also includes an animal act and a meet and greet after each

performance.

Jenkins, who has been doing his magic professionally for over twelve years, has performed all over the world with acts such as Wynonna Judd, Clint Black, Staind, and ZZ Top, as well as comedic stars Pauly Shore and Tommy Chong. His comedy has also been featured on Comedy Central, A&E and NBC. He headlines in Vegas at least

three times a year.

The event, scheduled for Fri., June 3 and Sat., June 4, is a fund-raiser for a community undertaking. Local citizens and organizations in Rule are coming together as a body to raise the necessary funds to purchase a scrolling LED message board.

It is believed, that such a message board, would be of great benefit to the city,

school, churches, businesses and other organizations. It would provide an easy and fun way of informing the whole community of the "happenings" in town, and in turn, promote more participation.

In addition to fund-raisers, the project committee is also looking for sponsorship donations that would include continued on page 6



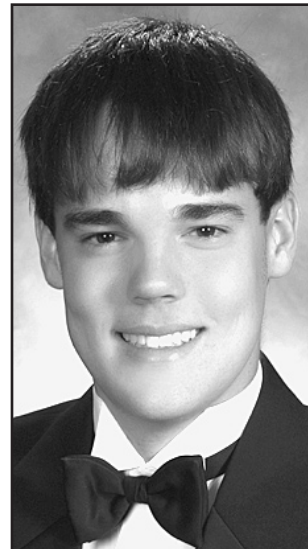
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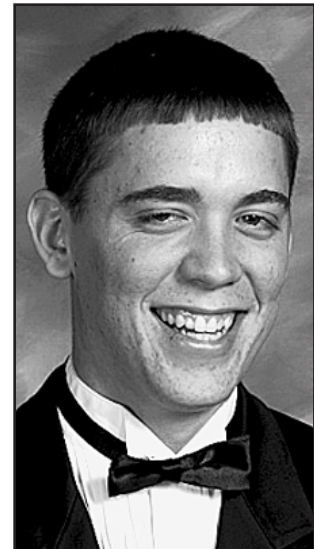
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PARTY'S OVER—A fire completely destroyed the former Party Port beverage business south of Haskell on Hwy. 277 Wed., May 18 at approximately 5:30 p.m. The building was a total loss. The fire is under investigation.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
I am writing this letter and it has many different things for the readers to honestly think about. My husband is a cancer survivor. He has been fighting cancer now for over three years, taking chemotherapy for over three years with just two months off the entire time. He is not eligible for radiation.

The cancer was found in December of 2008. We had no insurance, my husband is disabled and income was very small. They told us of an organization in Abilene that would help with medication and other related issues with cancer. I contacted them and our case worker was so very sweet and yes, they help so many people with cancer. I will not mention their names for many reasons.

Two years back, this organization hired a firm, AVIA, to handle their prescription assistance. At first we didn't see a lot of change but as time went on I did. Then this Feb., I went to fill my husband's monthly medications and instead of filling approximately six, the same amount of assistance filled two. With an income of disability only and \$800 spent on medication, that hurt.

When I went to digging into it, I found some shocking results. AVIA was paying our pharmacy \$3 and some change but yet charging the agency over \$60 for the same medication. So, they were profiting from my husband having cancer. My husband felt they were stealing from a cancer patient.

When I contacted this agency I told them all I had found out and their reply was, they are able to help

many more people with AVIA and I was the first to complain. Well, I may be the first to complain maybe because I was the first to stumble onto this and I am active in my husband's battle of cancer.

Another benefit we had was \$10 for transportation to doctor's appointments or to the hospital. We were told any appointments. After I spoke to the organization about AVIA, I was informed the gas help was for chemo or radiation only, not blood work for his cancer, CT's for his cancer, or blood transfusions from his cancer-only treatments. We drive from Haskell and ten dollars isn't a lot but it did help. But that's ok, we will make it.

If the organization would hire a part time person for 25 hours a week at ten dollars an hour to do nothing but prescriptions, they would help more people. AVIA charging the amount they are is sad and expensive. After this letter, we may lose our prescription assistance, but we felt people needed to know.

Our first oncologist started chemo in the hospital for three days every two weeks. After six months, he told us we were cancer free. I cannot tell you how we rejoiced or how many happy tears we had. We were told this after a PET scan and no cancer was found.

We came home from the doctor's appointment and my husband was bleeding and still very sick. I called our family doctor, Dr. McSmith in Haskell and he performed many tests and was always there when I called with questions. My husband was still bleeding and losing blood clots as large as half dollars at this time. I was given a copy of the PET scan he had done and I loaded it into my computer and...I saw the cancer. Also, my

husband has a spinal cord stimulator and it has always been mentioned in every test, x-ray or anything dealing with him. In this report, it was not mentioned. This makes me wonder if someone mixed up our reports.

After two weeks, our family doctor sent us for a CT scan. Results were as he said, "I am unsure of all this says but he is not cancer free and the cancer has grown." We were devastated. He then made us an appointment with Dr. Melnyk of Texas Oncology. Dr. Melnyk was our angel...the very first appointment he told us, "I can't cure you, but I can help maintain you." I will never forget those words. We have been going to appointments sometime twice a week and will do anything this doctor recommends. How many people do you know have stage IV cancer and is still fighting after three years on constant chemotherapy? Between God and Dr. Melnyk, we are here to still fight!!!

Our hearts are filled with joy when we talk about Texas Oncology. From the sweet voice that answers the phone, each chemo nurse, x-ray staff, CT staff, all lab personal, front desk staff, business office personal, and Brenda, Monica and Dr. Melnyk...Thank you all for being the angels you are. Thank you for giving me my husband for another three years. Thank you for caring. Thank you for the smiles and tissues when I shed tears and always accepting my baked goodies.

I just want readers to know, it is your responsibility to take control of your own medical. Ask questions and you have to feel you can talk to your doctor. Be your own advocate. If your doctor won't look you in the face when you ask questions, maybe you should look up another doctor! When we see Dr. Melnyk, he makes us feel we are his only patients that day, when we know he has so many. He doesn't mind shaking our hands. He doesn't mind all my questions and still shakes our hand. You see, cancer isn't contagious. But our smiles can be.

Thank you,
Glen and Kim Hutto
Haskell, Texas



RIBBON CUTTING—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting Tues., May 17 at The Movie Store located at 7 Ave E. Attending were front row, Sally Rueffer, Lisa Lewis, owner, and Mandy Lewis, owner; middle row, Tammy Cunningham, Jerry Lewis, owner, and Betty McDermott; back row, Bill Alcorn, Megan Cox and Tom Bassett.

Obituaries

Cleo Dell Gann



CLEO GANN

Celebration of life services for Cleo Dell Gann were held Fri., May 20 at the Rule Church of Christ in Rule. Interment was at Rule Cemetery under the direction of White's Funeral

Home of Weatherford.

Our loving mother, BeBe, sister, aunt and friend, went home to her heavenly Father Wed., May 18 surrounded by her family.

Born May 10, 1928 in Rule, she was the daughter of Roy Stephen and Okla Loraine Wilson. She married W.A. "Hub" Gann Oct. 12, 1945. She was a life long member of the Rule Church of Christ. She was an amazing woman who loved God, her family, and friends. She lived her faith each day, never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Her smile was so bright it lit up the room and gave encouragement to everyone who saw it.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; husband, "Hub"; five sisters; and one brother.

Survivors include daughters, Carol Bradley and husband, Bill of Milton, Florida, Sue Betts and husband, Kent of Madisonville, Sherry Dennis and husband, Larry of Lipan; brothers, Lee Roy Wilson and Billy Wilson; sister, Elizabeth Byrd; sisters-in-law, Vera and Allene; 14 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, send donations in memory of Cleo to the charity of your choice or Autumn Hill Manor, 202 W. Rentz, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

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Mary Jewel Harvey



MARY JEWEL HARVEY

Celebration of life services, organized by friends and fellow volunteers of the Blood and Fire Pantry at the Meadow Lakes City Center, were held Mon., May 2 for Mary Jewel Harvey, nee Cadenhead, 61, of Big Lake, Alaska.

Mrs. Harvey died Sun.,

May 1 after a courageous four-year battle with cancer.

Born Aug. 17, 1949, in Bryan, she was the daughter of Philip Wayne Cadenhead, DVM, and June Lavonne. She was an Aggie by birth.

She and her family moved to Hempstead, where she graduated from high school in 1968. She then attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught grade school in Hempstead, as well as in New Mexico and Alaska. She home-schooled her two children and was proud of them when they graduated.

She married Jeff Harvey in 1974 and they moved to Alaska in May 1991, and she was a proud Alaskan from then on.

She will be remembered by her family as a loving, kind,

pretty, petite and generous person who was a tough fighter. The family wishes to thank all her friends for helping Mary Jewel through her life in Alaska, especially the last five years.

She was preceded in death by her father and younger brother, Bill Cadenhead.

Survivors include her daughter, Amy Jewel Campbell and her husband, Calvin, of Wasilla; son, Christopher Harvey and wife, Kimberly, of Katy; grandchildren, Shawna Jewel and Cayden Campbell; her sister, Patti White, and her mother, June Patterson, both of Lockhart; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Services were under the direction of Valley Funeral Home and Crematory Wasilla.

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Summer reading program set at library

It is time for the Summer Reading Program at the Haskell County Library. Children ages five to eleven are welcome and encouraged to come listen to a story, make a craft and have refreshments.

The theme for this summer is "Dig up a good book." The library has lots

of good books available for children to read.

The program will be held each Tuesday and Thursday in June and July from 10 to 11 a.m. with the exception of Tues. July 5. No program will be held that day.

Come in and register for this summer program and pick up a reading log.

Keeping the children's reading skills up during the summer is very important so they don't forget and fall behind when school starts.

This program is sponsored by The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Haskell County Library and the Friends of the Library.

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8 am- 8 pm- "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting
8 am- 8 pm- Craft & Trade Show/Haskell Civic Ctr
5 pm- Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade
5-7 pm- Chuck Wagon Meal
7 pm- Wild Horse Prairie Days "WRCA" Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, June 4:
8 am- 8 pm- Craft & Trade Show/Haskell Civic Ctr
8 am- Ranch Horse Competition
11 am- Jr Ranch Rodeo w/"Pokey" the Clown
5-7 pm- Chuck Wagon Meal
7 pm- Wild Horse Prairie Days "WRCA" Ranch Rodeo
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SURPRISE PARTY—Longtime family friends of Sara Hodgins gathered for her surprise 60th birthday party in Haskell. Some of those attending were, l-r, Frank SoRelle, Garrett Wright, Beverly SoRelle, Jeff Wright, Sarah SoRelle Wright, Grace Wright, Jasi Hodgin, Wayne Hodgin, Sara Hodgins, Josi Hodgin, Jamie Hodgin, Teagen Hodgin and Lonnie Hodgin.

Sara Hodgins honored with surprise birthday party

The children of Sara Hodgins gave their mother a surprise 60th birthday party Sat., April 23 at the Bevers House.

Hodgin turned 60 April 5.

More than 50 people were in attendance, including her husband, Lonnie, and children Wayne Hodgin of Savannah, Georgia; Jamie and Josi Hodgin and their

daughter, Jasi, of Stockdale; and John Mark and Missy Hodgins and their children, Teagen and Jolee, of Henrietta.

Also attending were her brothers, Jim and Gail Yearly of Spring; and Johnny and Tena Yearly, their son Justin, all of Center, and her father, Jack Patterson of Garland.

The party marked the first time in about 15 years all

three Yearly siblings had been together at the same time.

"It was quite a reunion weekend," Johnny Yearly said. "During the past few years we've had multiple family get-togethers—weddings and graduations—but this is the first occasion we all could attend at the same time."

Hodgin's close friends, Ellen Rieger and Karen Lehrmann, also helped organize and plan the event.

Also there to help celebrate were Frank and Beverly SoRelle of Lubbock and their children, Sarah and Jeff Wright, and grandchildren, Garrett and Grace, all of Cypress; Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell and their children, Anna Doan of Anson and Jessica Rieger of Albany; Steven and Karen Lehrman of Sagerton and their children, Jennifer and Paul Page, and grandchildren, Hannah and Kendall, all of Seminole, Brian Lehrmann of Stamford and Joanna Lehrmann of Amarillo; Jeff and Lisa Teague of Paint Creek and daughter Maggie of Lubbock; Linda Flippin of Haskell; Justin and Stacie Teague and their children, Calie and Brylee, all of Wichita Falls, and Drake Everett of Haskell; Robbie Drinnon and son, Cory Green, and grandson, Evan, all of Haskell; and Ruby Turner of Haskell.

Hodgin is the daughter of the late J.C. and Sue Yearly of Haskell. She has been an educator for the Rule Independent School District for 30 years.

Crape myrtle care

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

Summer in Texas would not be complete without the abundance of crape myrtle flowers now beginning to be conspicuous over most of the state. Proper fertilization and pruning usually result in a long display of flowers of three months or more.

Fertilizer recommendations are best made after reviewing soil test results, but a general recommendation of 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of root area is sufficient for most trees and shrubs. This can be repeated again in the late fall. The first application should be made just before new growth begins in the spring. The number of square feet in the root area is determined by the branch spread of the tree.

The most significant decrease affecting crape myrtle is powdery mildew. This can be controlled by spraying with a suitable fungicide, used according to label instructions. Mildew is usually less of a problem if plants are located in open sunny areas where air circulation is good.

Pruning is best done in late winter before new growth begins. The structure and trunks of crape myrtle are among

their chief assets; therefore, pruning should normally involve only removing dead and twiggy growth to expose the sculptural character of the tree.

For dwarf varieties or in shrub borders where crape myrtles may be grown only for their blooms, severe pruning will help insure larger and more prolific flowers. To encourage another cycle of re-bloom, prune off faded and seedy blossom heads.

For something different, try some of the dwarf type crape myrtles in tubs or pots on the terrace. They do best in sunny areas, and are as satisfactory for container use as they are in the ground.

Breeders have added greatly to the range of colors and sizes available in crape myrtles in recent years. Several cultivars are almost red in color (for example, "Dynamite"), or maroon ("Victor"). Newer hybrids between the old Indica species and the Fauriei species generally have larger "heads" of flowers than the old-fashioned pure Indica varieties, but Indicas still retain their old fashioned charm. Also, the addition of Fauriei characteristics has produced several hybrids with very handsome bark and trunk patterns (for instance, "Natchez" or "Fantasy").

Haskell Co. TRTA meets

The Haskell County Chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association met May 18 at the Red Rooster Restaurant with seventeen members and one visitor present.

President Tommye Jo Clark called the meeting to order and led the invocation. Minutes were read and approved. Clark relayed thank you messages from TRTA for the tremendous efforts retired school personnel have made to contact legislators during this legislative session.

Nancy Toliver gave the "Health Minute," concerning Healthy Aging. She emphasized the tips given by Chris Kyker of Abilene, who helped establish the Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness.

Vida White gave an update on the current legislative session, and bills being considered that will affect education as well as retired school personnel.

Members were encouraged to contact the Memorial Committee to offer suggestions for guidelines. The organization voted to make donations to Noah Project North and the Food Bank as a community service project for the coming year.

The program was presented by Joan Frazier, Haskell County Librarian. She told of the many ways the county library has enhanced our city and county. It serves everyone, helps bring the world to us, promotes literacy, is essential to education, provides several free data bases, and in general helps build a better community. She also invites citizens to come view the Memory Garden, that has been added as an Eagle Scout project by River McTasney.

Frazier reminded everyone of just some of the services provided by the library, including the interlibrary loan program, the Field's room, the genealogy room and the summer reading program.

This was the last meeting of the year, for the Haskell County TRTA. Meetings will resume in September. All retired school personnel are encouraged to make plans to be a part of this organization, as it is our only voice in Austin.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Budget close to passage in final week

AUSTIN—Actions taken by the state House and Senate point toward the possibility of completing a state budget on or before May 30, the final day of the session.

House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, sent out press releases late in the week indicating negotiations were going well enough to pass a balanced budget that relies on historically deep cuts.

The House did pass a Senate “fiscal matters” bill—one just for public education—but House members attached amendments to the bill. The Senate, in turn, refused to concur on those amendments. A conference committee of five House members and five Senate members has a shrinking window of time to come to an agreement on the final language. Another Senate fiscal matters bill, one that deals with budget areas other than public education, was scheduled for consideration in the House on May 23.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on May 17 generated optimism about the state’s financial health a few days before the Legislature entered the final week of the 140-day session without a finalized state budget for 2012-2013.

“I am raising the general revenue estimate for the next biennium by \$1.2 billion,” Combs said, estimating that sales tax, oil and gas production tax and motor vehicle sales tax should bring in more revenue than trends indicated earlier.

Of the projected \$1.2 billion, the largest component is \$400 million in oil and gas production tax. Whatever the real number turns out to be for oil and gas production taxes, 75 percent of those are constitutionally reserved for deposit into the state’s so-called “rainy day” fund.

Even though the budget is expected to total more than \$160 billion, the rainy day fund remains a bone of contention. Some Texans say it is “raining” now, so it is time to use most, if not all of the fund to shore up cut-back public education and health care programs. And some Texans stand with Gov. Rick Perry, who said he would reject any plan that employs the fund in 2012-2013. House Bill 1 in its present form does not use rainy day funds.

Perry, now in his eleventh year as governor, recently has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 2012. And although he’s been shrugging off the idea while making speeches that seem national in scope, Perry’s pressing task is to scrutinize

the growing pile of passed legislation on his desk. He has until June 19 to sign, veto or let bills become law without his signature. Here are a few of the 180 bills the governor had signed as of May 20:

- HB 15: relating to informed consent to an abortion.
- HB 558: relating to payoff statements provided in connection with certain home loans.
- HB 613: relating to unauthorized harvesting of standing timber.
- HB 1806: relating to fishing tournament fraud.
- SB 18: relating to use of eminent domain authority.
- SB 894: relating to employment of physicians by certain hospitals.
- SB 1160: relating to the liability of landowners for damage or injury, including liability for harm to a trespasser.
- SB 1269: relating to transportation, lodging, and meals offered to and accepted by public servants.

In other recent action, the House approved Senate-originated redistricting bills for House districts and Senate districts. Those bills may get the governor’s signature, but there already are indications from certain Democratic lawmakers that redrawn maps that cut up communities of interest and disenable minority opportunity districts will be challenged in federal district court under the U.S. Voting Rights Act. Of the redistricting bills, only the one that redraws State Board of Education districts was on the governor’s desk as of May 22. That bill will take effect, without the governor’s signature, on Aug. 29.

Tax holiday this weekend

State sales tax holidays put a damper on the intake of state and local taxes, but strangely enough, they survived the Legislature’s revenue hunting and budget writing process.

In fact, Texas’ fourth annual “Energy Star” Sales Tax Holiday is May 28-30. “You can save water and energy by purchasing efficient, ENERGY STAR appliances,” said Comptroller Combs. “And during the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, you won’t pay state or local sales taxes on your new appliances.”

Unemployment rate drops

The Texas Workforce Commission on May 20 reported Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 8.0 percent for April, down from 8.1 percent in March, and from 8.2 percent a year ago and Texas’ total nonfarm employment was up by 32,900 jobs in April for a total gain of 254,400 jobs from a year ago.



REMEMBERING FALLEN CORPSMEN & MEDICS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES WHILE SAVING LIVES...

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 24, 2001

82 seniors graduated in Haskell County in commencement exercises. Honor students at Haskell High are Jimmy Huff and Dan Fouts; at Paint Creek are J.R. Hodges and Renee Thomas; at Rochester are Marcus Parks and Juli Penman; and at Rule are Cole Wolsch and Gloria Aguinaga.

Receiving the American Legion Award are Brad Blanks, Whitney Wallace, Deshea Phemister and Jeff Blanks.

The Rule FFA Livestock Judging Team of Kyle Kittley, Jonathan Hisey, Abby Dudensing and Matthew Hensley placed in the Double Mountain district contest.

20 Years Ago May 23, 1991

Varsity cheerleaders for the upcoming football season will be Holly Hobgood, Michelle Espinoza, Denise Collins, Guann Wallace, Daniela Guadalcázar and Bonnie Silvas.

Chad Ballard of Rochester graduated in commencement exercises at Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural development.

Haskell senior Chris McGhee will join the photography staff at Texas Tech University as a participant in the apprenticeship program offered by the university’s publications department. He was one of two selected from many applications.

30 Years Ago May 21, 1981

Haskell High School students placing at the state track meet, were Joseph Browning, first in the 300 meter hurdles and fifth in the 110 meter hurdles; Kerry Therwanger, fourth in the long jump; and Cary Hannsz, seventh in the 800 meter run.

Mitchell’s Porthole opened for business this week on the corner of South 2nd and Ave. F. The owners, Billy and Debra Mitchell, say the restaurant will feature chicken, fish, and chicken fried steak. Lynn Kreger is manager.

Janette Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Holmes of Rochester, has been chosen as a member of the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles for the coming school term.

Haskell High School students Sharla Drinnon and Sheila Moeller were presented with Arion Awards, sponsored by the Haskell Lions Club. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding musical achievement.

40 Years Ago May 27, 1971

E.N. “Buddy” Arnett, son of Mrs. A.B. Arnett of Rule, has completed course work leading to his doctor of jurisprudence degree at the Texas Tech School of Law.

Lynda Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Ivey of Haskell, who has been appearing in New York

theatres for the past five years, is presently starring in the new rock musical, “The Last Sweet Days of Isaac.”

Winners in the beard growing contest held in conjunction with Pioneer Days were David Connor, best all-around beard; Charles Thornhill, neatest outgrowth; and Ben McGee, woolliest specimen.

50 Years Ago May 25, 1961

Forty-six Haskell High School seniors will receive diplomas in commencement exercises. This year’s valedictorian is Barbara Rexrode and salutatorian is Martha Jane Bynum.

Three Haskell County graduates are to receive bachelor’s degrees from North Texas State College in Denton. They are William Overton of Paint Creek, Don Wayne Oates and Robert A. Sego, both of Haskell.

New officers for the National Honor Society at HHS will be Jerry Hadaway, president; Patsy Robertson, vice-president; Joan Watson, secretary; and Sue Christian, reporter.

100 Years Ago May 27, 1911

G.W. Gardner of the Plainview community, went to Stamford and purchased a new Deering binder. He says the wheat in this county will yield 20-25 bushels per acre.

E.G. Alexander is having a drainage curb put down in cement in front of his company’s buildings.

Warning issued about door to door alarm sales

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Texas residents to make sure that any alarm salesperson, company or alarm installer that they hire is licensed by the DPS Regulatory Services Division.

Historically, some alarm salespersons have aggressively marketed their services to residents in municipalities—primarily going door to door in neighborhoods. DPS is working with the alarm industry trade associations to provide information to citizens regarding licensed companies and individuals.

“If someone offering alarm-related services shows up at your door unsolicited, ask them for their DPS Private Security pocket card, which will also have their picture,” said Assistant Director RenEarl Bowie of the DPS Regulatory Services Division. “Do not accept any other form of identification as proof you are dealing with a licensed salesperson or installer.”

Alarm companies and installers must be licensed to operate legally in the state of Texas. The licensing process includes a criminal background check to help ensure the safety of the public.

To check whether a salesperson or installer is licensed in Texas, please visit the following link: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb/individual/individual_search.aspx.

To check whether an alarm company is licensed in Texas, visit the following link: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb/company/company_search.aspx.

“Beware of aggressive tactics, or of someone trying to push you into making a decision immediately,” said Bowie. “We have had numerous complaints of substandard work and broken promises in these situations.”

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Jim and Mary Byrd of the Dallas area both grew up in Haskell (maybe you remember Mary’s folks, Art and Mary McMillin and Jim’s folks, Jim and Mildred Byrd) are fans of the Ask the Mayor column. They sent money for a crape myrtle but missed the deadline. I told them there would be other worthy projects and lo and behold they just established a new fund, \$100 to ‘Light the Gazebo.’ So the Betterment Committee is going to concentrate on that idea and hopefully we can get it accomplished by Homecoming—Sept. 30-Oct. 1. I am constantly amazed at the support this city gets for it projects that improve our town from people who grew up here, but no longer live here but the fondness remains in their hearts.

Mary also sent a magazine “Cowboy” that mentions Wild Horse Prairie Days in Haskell, and also requested a poster advertising the upcoming event.

The northbound U.S. 277 monument is nearing completion.

Finally got a response from my new motto search. Laura Bowers does not like “Best Little Town in West Texas” She says it’s too generic. She prefers something that is just about Haskell and not just any little town—good idea. Another one that I’ve heard is, “Haskell, Texas—a small town with a big future.” We’ve heard: “Haskell, Texas... Not Dead Yet.” “Little town that refuses to die.” And my wife’s favorite for a billboard replacing: “Alive Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow...” “Haskell, Texas We Grow’em

Good” (then pictures in each corner of the billboard of John Kimbrough, Charles (Bates) Thornton (founder of Litton Industries), Dr. Frank Spencer and Governor Rick Perry. Guess we’re in the middle of a selection problem. Just for fun, send in your suggestions and let’s see what we can come up with that tells the world in a flash what Haskell is all about.

It’s time to get busy with the WHPD affair. I got Ole Blue all shined up or rather Vernon Session did the difficult but excellent job. I plan to drive it in the parade. It’s a 1979 Ford pickup (think we’ve visited the subject before when someone thought it should be junked along with the abandoned vehicles). It belonged to my dad along with the old saddle I plan to put in the back. So that’s my contribution to “The Good Old Days.”

I want to encourage all citizens to come to the City Council meetings the second and fourth Mondays at 7 a.m. We meet at City Hall. The County Commissioners Court meet on the second Monday and fourth Tuesday at 10 a.m.

They meet on the second floor of the Courthouse in the Commissioners’ Court meeting room. This is a way for you to stay apprised of the goings-on in your city and county.

We’re headed for Ruidoso and the Memorial Day opening of the racing season next week so Randy Bowers will be the guest columnist next week.

I guess the biggest news this week is the burning of the old liquor store on south U.S. 277. All I’ll say is, “Good Riddance” to one more eyesore.

A lot of people are expressing concerns that our crape myrtles aren’t looking very good. I think the biggest problem is that they are still in shock from transplanting and our West Texas winds that have almost whipped them to pieces. These trees came from a nursery near Hempstead, which is not from Houston where they had very little wind, high humidity, lots of rain—all of the things that they have been without since moving to Haskell. However, I believe that our TLC is going to keep them alive and well.

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PLACES THIRD—The Wild Horse Prairie Days Pokey the Clown team of, I-r, Cassidy Phemister, Chambray Phemister, Brody Stanfield and Shane Stanfield attended the 2010 World Champion Junior Ranch Rodeo finals in Amarillo and placed third.

Pokey the Clown to host Junior Ranch Rodeo June 4

Ranches, horse clubs, families and anyone who enjoys learning about the skills used by working cowboys on ranches, or just likes fun competition, is invited to come be a part of the Junior Ranch Rodeo with "Pokey" the Clown.

The fun begins at 11 a.m. on Sat., June 4 in the grassy area by the Howard Hopkins Rodeo Arena. Spectators are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a ringside seat as young competitors from age 3 to 16, show off their skills.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and also to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities are designed to encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

Teams will consist of four members and will be divided into four age groups. They include Super Peewee, ages 3-5; Peewee, ages 4-7; Junior, ages 8-11; and Senior, ages 12-16. An entry fee of \$20 is charged for each team, with each member receiving a t-shirt.

Events for the junior rodeo include a Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow

Milking and Calf Branding. All events will involve the use of custom made wooden 'livestock,' and all will compete on beautiful, handmade stickhorses.

Medals will be awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo next

November.

One of last year's winning teams placed third in the World Championships. Team members were Cassidy Phemister, Chambray Phemister, Brody Stanfield and Shane Stanfield.

For more information, entry blank and copy of the rules, call Larned Sales Center at 864-2749.



POKEY THE CLOWN

Top Horse, Top Hand to compete for AQHA honors

by Caron Yates

The Wild Horse Prairie Days event, which is celebrating its sixteenth year, was one of the first ranch rodeos sanctioned by the WRCA.

The Working Ranch Cowboys Association is committed to preserving the heritage and lifestyle of the Working Ranch Cowboy.

The competing ranches are working for points to qualify for the World Championship Ranch Rodeo, which will be

held in Nov. in Amarillo.

In fact WHPD competitors have, for the past several years, placed teams in the World Finals. Several teams competing in this year's WHPD, have already qualified for the upcoming World Finals. This is a testament to the level of competition at the WHPD rodeo.

It is hard to separate cowboys and their horses. This year there is an added incentive for the teams.

In each of the sanctioned ranch rodeos, the American Quarter Horse Association, or AQHA, will be presenting an award to the top quarter horse of the rodeo. To be eligible the horse must be registered with the AQHA. A \$250 cash award will go to the rider of the top quarter horse, and a bronze statue will be awarded to the owner of that horse. With the possibility of as many as one hundred horses competing, being named the top horse by the AQHA is quite prestigious.

As in years past, rodeo judges will be also be assessing the cowboys and their horses for the Top Hand and Top Horse awards.

It will be a weekend of excitement and thrills as Haskell welcomes people from all over to the Wild Horse Prairie Days.

Wild Horse Prairie Days heads into town June 3-4

by Caron Yates

Sixteen years ago, after much planning and significant hours of labor from many different people, the first Wild Horse Prairie Days was deemed a huge success. It has continued each year since, even growing as new activities have been added.

In 1998 the John Wallace Memorial Roping was added to the lineup of events. John Wallace was known far and wide as a cattleman. When he wasn't buying and selling cattle for himself and others, he was roping them, competing all across Texas and Oklahoma. After Wallace's death, Howard Hopkins, another well-known figure around the roping arena, came up with the idea of a calf roping in conjunction with the WHPD to memorialize Wallace.

It is now the "kick-off" event for the WHPD activities. This year, it is scheduled for Sunday, May 29, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Howard Hopkins Memorial Arena. For entry information contact J.W. Wallace at 864-3509 or Carl Hopkins at 864-5299.

The weekend of June 3-4 will be filled with activity, beginning with the Sam "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting at 8 a.m. on Friday. At 5 p.m., everyone is encouraged to gather around the square for the WHPD parade. Pictures of each entry and plaques for first, second and third places will be awarded. Anyone interested in having an entry should contact Susan Cockerell at 864-2851.

On both Friday and Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., inside the Civic Center, a Craft and Trade Show will be held. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. each night.

The main event, the rodeo, will begin at 7 p.m. both nights. Teams scheduled to compete on Friday night include the Crutch Ranch, Pitchfork Land and Cattle, NT/Hunter Ranch, Flowers Ranch, Stewart/Bowman, Nail Ranch, BS/Veale, Hager Ranch and Spires Ranch.

Saturday's roster lists LaMejor/Lamar, Myers/Mimms, Rocker B, Swenson Ranch, Thompson Ranch, Sandhill, Tongue River, Triangle/Black Cattle, Circle Bar and W.T. Waggoner

Ranch.

Several of these teams are from local and area ranches, so you probably know some of these cowboys. Four of the competing teams, Thompson (winner of 2010 WHPD), Sandhill, Triangle/Black Cattle and Crutch made it to the World Finals last year. On the average four or five teams which compete in the WHPD, qualify for the finals each year in November. Consequently, competition will be stiff again this year.

A ranch horse competition will be held at 8 a.m. on Sat., and the always exciting Jr. Ranch Rodeo with "Pokey" the clown will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday's activities will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. featuring Jerry Audley.

On Sunday, popular cowboy preacher Jeff Gore will conduct church services beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

You won't want to miss any of these activities. So round up your family and friends and come be a part of the fun at the sixteenth annual Wild Horse Prairie Days.

Queen's contest to be judged Thurs., June 2

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's contest will be held Thurs., June 2, during the invitational Sponsor's Party at the Haskell Civic Center.

Deadline for applications is Tues., May 31 at 5 p.m. Applications should be turned in to Susan Cockerell in the County Judge's office at 1 Ave. D.

The queen's contest is open to high school aged

girls attending one of the Haskell County schools, or be a high school aged representative of any of the participating ranches.

Applicants will need a sponsor, which can be local businesses, participating ranches or family, to pay the \$25 entry fee.

The interview process will begin at 4 p.m. at the Civic Center. The dress for the event will

be western. Contestants will be introduced and the winner announced during the meal.

The queen and first runner-up will receive an academic award.

The WHPD queen will ride in the parade on Friday and be introduced each night at the rodeo performances.

For more information, contact Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851.

Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

May has been a very busy month for The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group. Six families in Haskell have been helped. Fourteen medications and food for cancer patients in Haskell have been provided. Kim Hutto has answered ten phone calls from new cancer patients wanting to know the "unknown."

A bake sale was held and the group wants to thank everyone involved. The donations were low this year, but the response to purchase was overwhelming.

Hutto has said over and over, its up to each patient to take control of their own medical situation. Only the patient knows how their body is feeling. Always discuss this with your doctor no matter the illness. Cancer takes so many different turns in a patient's life and the lives of their families. Always remember, no two cancers are the same.

One of the meetings was held May 10 and a great meal was cooked by Mae Lou Yeldell. Desserts were made by Melissa Mitchell. Thank you ladies for always

filling our tummys as we learn more how to fight against this disease. The bake sale and how to inform more people about the group and the fight of cancer was discussed. Many people in this community have cancer and friends and family of cancer patients, but yet chairs at the meeting remain empty. A member suggested more fund-raisers, to not only help build the group's finances to assist cancer patients, but also to help be seen. Also the idea of each minister of every church reminding their congregation of this group was suggested. Each church has cancer patients and family members. That's why the group is here.

With the help of a few members, another bake sale is set June 25 at the Wal-Mart in Stamford. Hutto has had four calls this month alone from Stamford for help. The group is not here for just Haskell but for Haskell County. With that being said, the group has also helped with families from all over. Phone calls have been received from as far away

as Plano. Someone wanting to talk to someone without ever having to have a face to face meeting. Sometimes it's easier to talk to someone you don't know.

As Hutto writes this story, she has a knock on her door. A young mother has just been diagnosed with Leukemia. She just had a new baby and a daughter that is just one. They found it after child birth.

Please help fight this horrible disease. Cake donations are needed for the June bake sale. Funds are so low, and times are hard for everyone. A BBQ is planned here in Haskell soon. Watch for updates. Monetary donations may be sent to 506 S. 8th St., Haskell, Texas 79521.

Guest speakers from May through Aug. are ranging from Paul Garza, Mayor John Gannaway, Carolyn Moore an Oncology RN, N.P from Dr. McSmith's office, Amanda, and many more.

For more information, call Hutto at 940-864-5964 or 325-864-4466 or Mae Lou Yeldell at 940-864-2981.

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your name on the sign, as well as individual donations.

To make a donation or become a sponsor, contact project coordinator, Teresa Stryker. Donations may also be sent to Rule City Hall, P.O. Box 607, Rule, TX 79547.

Tickets for the Rob Jenkins Comedy and Magic Show are available at the Rule City Hall, or by calling 940-996-2214. The performance will take place June 3 and 4 at the Rule High School auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10, while those purchased at the door will be \$15.

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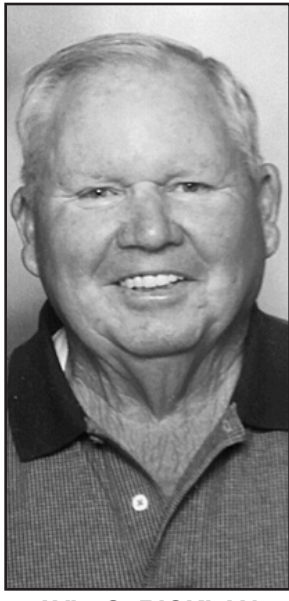
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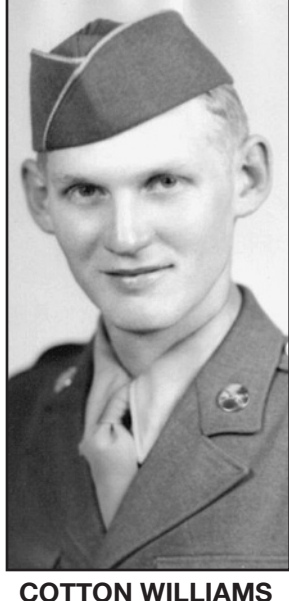
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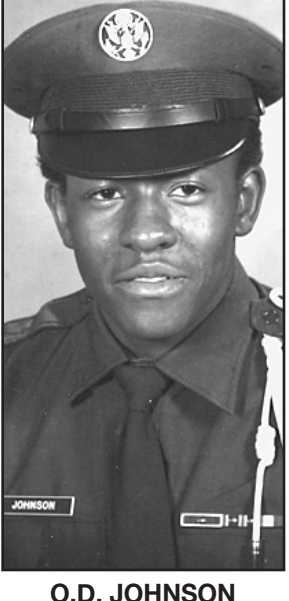
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Our thanks to the families and friends of these veterans who so graciously allowed us to share these pictures with our readers.

MEMORIAL DAY



PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENT—Haskell's Girl Softball Association 10u team, Sweet Heat, participated in the Clyde tournament May 7. Team members are, front row, l-r, Autum Gibbs, Abby Blair, Areli Torres, Ryanna Rodriguez and Vanessa Trussell; back row, Kourtney Gibson, Allie Andress, Landry Hanson, Kami Key, Kaelyn Bevel and Lauren Alexander.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS—Haskell's 8u softball team, Diamond Darlins, participated in the Redbud Round Robin tournament April 29. Playing seven games in one day, the team came home with a third place trophy. Team members are, front row, l-r, Emma Roewe, Jazlyn Rodela, Kiannah Luce, Delaney Hanson, Ashlyn Payne, Makayla Arendall and Abby Address; back row, Braelyn Bevel, Madysen Moore and Krislyn Tatum.

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.

Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held its May meeting Mon., May 2 in the Haskell County Library.

At the expression of much public interest, the society has voted to fund an additional reprinting of R. E. Sherrill's History of Haskell County. This publication is a must for any historian or resident of Haskell County. It contains a wealth of information on the county's

agricultural foundation, its initial organization, its towns, schools, churches, railroads, wildlife and major historical events that shaped our heritage. The book will be available in the coming months.

Thanks to your continued support of Haskell County's Images of America publication, sales of Haskell County calendars and other donations, the society is very pleased to make a second \$1,000.00 contribution to the Veterans' Wall of Honor. The members felt that there was little else we could do to better preserve Haskell County history than to help place in perpetual memory the names of those who have assured our freedom in their service of our country.

The program for the May meeting gave an opportunity for those present to relate a story or memory from their lifetime. President Johnny Scoggins presented a tintype photograph of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Grantham. This couple grew up and married in Tennessee, then made their way to Texas, settling in Runnels County. The tintype was unusual for its size. Most of us have seen tintypes that fit in the palm of one's hand, but this framed photo was approximately 11x14. First introduced about 1853, by the end of the American Civil War, tintypes had replaced the earlier ambrotypes which produced images on glass. There is actually no tin involved in creating tintypes, but rather, an iron plate upon which a negative image shows up against a dark background. Tintype photography was a very popular means of creating images before being replaced by a gelatin process and the modern camera developed by Kodak.

Marguerite Gauntt related her memories of Rochester school days. She vividly recalled the two story red brick school house with its

slide on the north side of the building. It was designed for an emergency fire escape, but it was a great temptation for school children. It seems the risk of apprehension was not enough to deter their occasional quest for adventure. Gauntt also told of the students' daily trek to town during lunchtime, past Michaels' Garage, on to the post office and stores, greeting familiar faces all along the way. "No one ever thought twice about us venturing downtown. We felt perfectly safe, and no one worried about us." Favorite teachers from days gone by, the hardships they endured and the societal demands the early day teaching profession placed upon female teachers were brought to mind, such as restrictions on personal relationships and travel. "You will not marry during the term of your contract... you may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores... you must wear at least two petticoats..."

The memory of childhood friends, the like of which there is no equal was recalled, also. It was agreed by all that there is something very special about the friendships forged in the schoolyard. Challenges, milestones and adventures bound us to schoolmates whose lives often mirror our own, especially in small rural towns where almost every family was involved in agriculture and met each other for worship on Sunday morning.

Others members present shared memories unique to their generation. We look forward to hearing more stories from our membership in the months ahead, as well as programs from special guests. If you have a story you would like to share, please feel free to join us. We invite anyone interested in history, especially of Haskell County, to attend our meetings on the first Monday of each month, 6:00pm, at the Haskell County Library.

Cancer seminar to be held

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

A comprehensive cancer control program, "Cancer Connections," will be conducted Mon., June 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building, located at 1 Avenue N in Haskell.

The two hour program, "Cancer Connections" will address the following topics:

- Cancer Prevention
- Early Detection of Cancer
- Cancer Treatments
- End of Life Care and Decision Making

•Cancer Resources

The program is open to anyone with an interest in cancer and there is no charge for the seminar. The program is being planned and sponsored by the Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership, Texas AgriLife Extension, Haskell Memorial Hospital and Big County Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

ECC Menu

Mon., May 30
Kraut and sausage, cream potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, tea or coffee

This Week's Devotional Message:



They gave their lives to preserve your freedom

We are inclined to take for granted the many forms of freedom which we enjoy in this country, perhaps because we have never been forced to live without them; and yet we must remind ourselves of the sacrifices that have been made in order to preserve them for us, by those who were called upon to give their lives in battle. Not

only on Memorial Day but throughout the year we should honor those brave heroes, and give our thanks to God for this wonderful free nation we have because of them. And since the list of our freedoms includes the right to worship God as we choose, the church of your choice is the best place to express your gratitude.

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
- 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
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Jim Reid, pastor
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We would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous support of Haskell Elementary PTO by parents, local merchants and our community during this school year.

Your generosity and support has enabled PTO to contribute over \$14,750 in equipment and supplies to Haskell Elementary School during the 2010-2011 school year. A large portion of these monetary donations were used to purchase a SmartBoard for fifth grade and to help purchase eight document cameras for grades first through fourth. PTO granted wishes for various grades and departments, including PE, RTI, first grade, Kindergarten and a digital camera for the office. Monetary donations were also given in support of the annual Science Fair and Pre-K Water Day. Six artificial Christmas trees were purchased for classrooms of teachers new to our campus as well as for the library.

In addition to the purchase of items for use by the teachers and students, PTO hosts various fun activities during the school year. Our Fall Festival, Decorated Pumpkin Auction and Santa Shop are big hits with the students. This year, we also gave several popcorn parties to winning classrooms as incentives for fund-raising activities. Teachers were treated to a salad luncheon and several mornings of breakfast during Teacher Appreciation week.

We would like to extend a thank you to several businesses for their donations of items during our more recent activities. Wal-Mart of Stamford donated cases of water for Field Day. Modern Way and Double "A" Drive Inn donated paper goods and Mi Familia donated flour tortillas for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thank you to the families of our elementary students for their support. You were instrumental in our fund-raising efforts, and for that, we are grateful. Parent volunteers also donated homemade breakfast items, cakes, brownies, cookies and other goodies for Teacher Appreciation week.

We would like to thank the administration, faculty and staff of Haskell Elementary for their continued support of Haskell Elementary PTO and the students of our community. Your dedication and generosity of time are invaluable. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Becky Gordy for taking such good care of the PTO fish tank.

This has been a very successful year that would not have been possible without the help of our dedicated parent volunteers and others who are always willing to give their time. These individuals are the backbone of our organization. Their involvement improves the education and lives of the students in our community.

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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.

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM—Members of the 4-H Shooting Sports team include, front row, l-r, Hunter Key, Taylor Buchanan, Austin Alsbrook, Cody Dutton and Riley Meinzer; back row, Cody Reese, Stewart Ulrich, Sterling Bird, Aaron Urich, Ryan Pace and Daniel Turner.

4-H members place at trap shooting contest

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
On May 14, eleven Haskell County 4-H members participated in the District 3 Trap Shooting contest held in Iowa Park. "The teams have been practicing for a few months and were very dedicated to shooting safely and accurately," said Wes Utley County Extension Agent.

The team of Riley Meinzer and Hunter Key placed seventh in the Intermediate Division. Taylor Buchanan and Austin Alsbrook placed twelfth in the Junior Division. The team of Ryan Pace and Cody Dutton placed thirteenth in the Intermediate Division. Cody Reese and Daniel

Turner placed ninth in the Senior Division. The three man team of Aaron Urich, Stewart Urich, and Sterling Bird placed ninth in the Senior three man team division. The Haskell County shooting sports team would like to thank Steve Alsbrook for allowing the team to practice at his farm.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a special meeting May 27 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Chan Guess, Sue Medford and Dan Hoover in attendance. Councilman Jason Hall was absent.

The invocation was offered by Medford. The resignation letter submitted by Councilman Jason Hall was accepted. The election results were canvassed and approved. The oath of office was administered to Aldermen Stacy Bridges, Bowers and Medford.

Bowers was named Mayor Pro Tem. Police Chief Steven Grand gave the police report for the month of April.

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

- A welcome was given to Mathew Duran as the new Director of Public Works for the city.
- The monument sign on the north end of town and the sign on the south end is finished except for the lights and topsoil. The signs are funded with excess sales tax dollars and hotel/motel tax funds and are not being funded by any property taxes.
- The city received a complaint on the city's stockpiles of materials. The city will be working hard to get the material moved out of sight or put into alleys. The city is fortunate to receive material from some projects around town as well as TxDOT and the material cannot always be immediately put to use. Storage of stockpiled materials is needed as most products are donated. If the city were to buy material as needed it would cost the taxpayers more. Stockpiled material is much different than piled up junk and debris.

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners Court met in a regular session with all members except Commissioner Johnny Scoggins present.

Sheriff David Halliburton cautioned the Judge and Commissioners to keep all

May sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in April was \$1.87 billion, up 11.4 percent compared to April 2010.

"This is the 13th straight month in which state sales tax revenue has increased," Combs said. "Business spending in sectors such as the oil and gas industry helped boost sales tax collections. Tax revenue from retail spending also showed growth."

Combs distributed \$600.1 million in local sales tax allocations, up 5.8 percent compared to May 2010. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 7.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Combs sent May sales tax allocations of \$403.4 million to Texas cities, up 4.7 percent compared to May 2010. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 6.2 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$37.4 million, up 11 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 12.6 percent higher than last year.

In addition, \$25.6 million went to 174 special purpose taxing districts throughout the state, up 13.9 percent compared to last May. Ten local transit systems received \$133.5 million in sales tax allocations, up 6.4 percent compared to a year ago.

The Comptroller's June sales tax allocation will be made Fri., June 10.

Haskell County had a

diesel fuel tanks locked due to the theft of fuel.

The Commissioners consulted with County Attorney Kris Fouts concerning the payment for four brick planters to be constructed around the square. Fouts informed

6.74 percent increase for May 2011 of \$50,436.93 in comparison to \$47,251.61 for May 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$211,480.57 reflect a 22.82 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$172,178.74.

The City of Haskell had a 7.18 percent increase for May 2011 of \$46,131.79 in comparison to \$43,040.88 for May 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$187,758.94 reflect a 19.24 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$157,460.72.

The City of O'Brien had a 5.18 percent decrease for May 2011 of \$246.30 in comparison to \$259.76 for May 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$1,684.28 reflect a 25.83 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$1,338.44.

The City of Rochester had a 2.00 percent increase for May 2011 of \$954.37 in comparison to \$935.60 for May 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$2,756.78 reflect a 4.51 percent decrease over 2010 payments to date of \$2,887.08.

The City of Rule had a 4.47 percent increase for May 2011 of \$2,661.71 in comparison to \$2,547.74 for May 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$18,033.88 reflect a 93.75 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$9,307.55.

The City of Weinert had a 5.31 percent decrease for May 2011 of \$442.76 in comparison to \$467.63 for May 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$1,246.69 reflect a 5.21 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$1,184.95.

the Commissioners that it would not be beneficial to the county. The Court voted to not pay for the planters.

A resolution in support of state legislation to establish a recycling refund system for beverage containers, including TX-82 Senate Bill 1119 and House Bill 2114 passed.

A resolution supporting the passage of state legislation requiring takeback recycling of mercury containing products passed.

A resolution to support the passage of state legislation required producers of televisions and other electronics to participate in producer takeback recycling programs passed.

The audit report submitted by Davis Kinard for the County Clerk's office was accepted.

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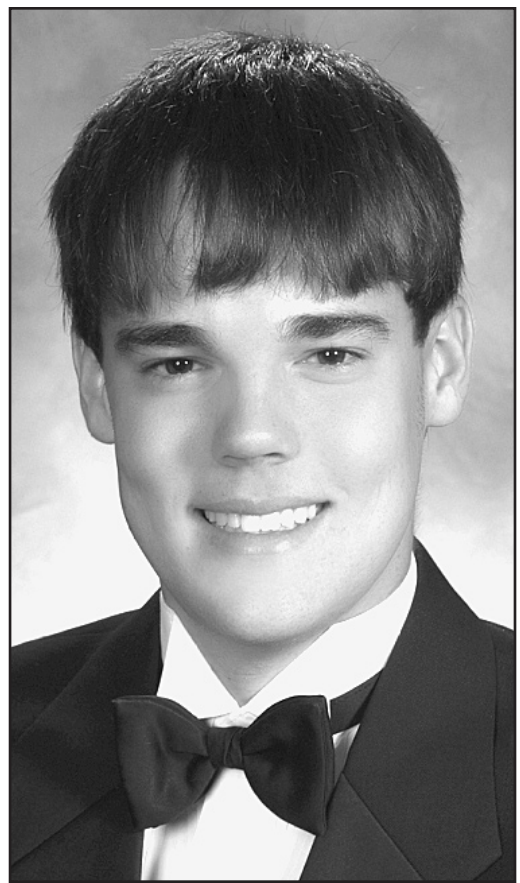


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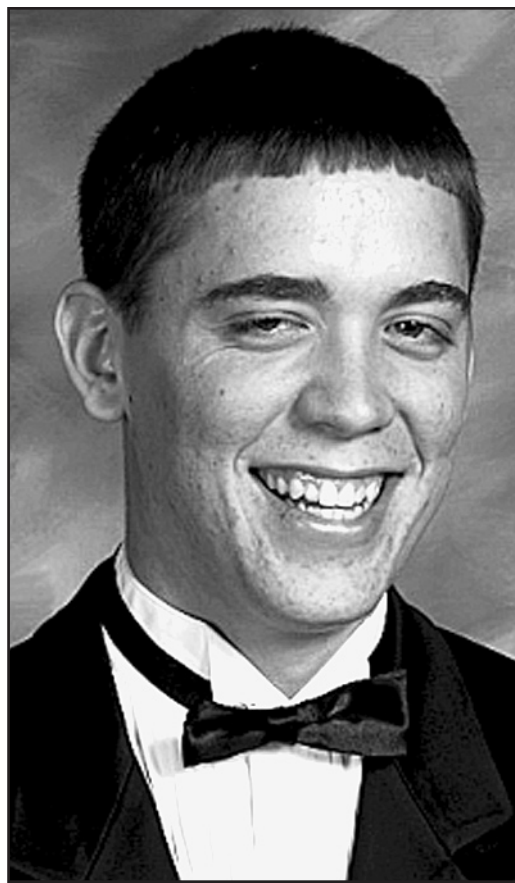


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ACCELERATED READERS—Haskell Elementary students treated to a tour of the Abilene Reporter-News and a pizza party May 5 were, front row, I-r, John Anderson, Taylor Tatum, Caleb Wright, J. J. Rubio, K'Lee Pace, Krislyn Tatum, Naomi Larned, Kourtney Gibson, Braelyn Bevel, Garrett Waggoner and Autum Gibbs; middle row, Cody Kucera, Katelyn Hudson, Grace Colley, Landry Hanson, Lauryn Crane, Skylar Layman, Sarah Fouts, Cody Dutton and Ramiro Olvera; and back row, Austin Guadalucazar, Dalton Meinzer, Hagen Isbell, Kameryn Mathis, Hollyn Hadaway, Evan Wheatley, Tanner Thomas, Peyton Shotts and Kyler Hoover.

Haskell Elementary reading students enjoy tour of Abilene Reporter-News

An Accelerated Reader (AR) trip to Abilene was taken by twenty-nine students and four teachers from Haskell Elementary School Thurs., May 5. The top AR readers in the third through fifth grades were treated to a tour of the Abilene Reporter News and lunch at Mr. Gatti's as a reward for their overall performance on Accelerated Reading during the 2010-11 school year.

Some of the highlights of the Abilene Reporter-News tour were learning about the history of the award-winning paper, various jobs people have, and how the paper runs. They also visited the ad department and the editorial department, and were shown old machinery and the printing press. Through their tour the students learned about the workings of a newspaper

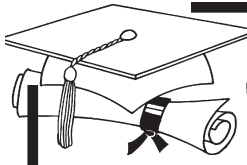
and how a paper is produced from beginning to end. The group went to Mr. Gatti's for pizza and a fun afternoon of games and rides.

Students attending from fifth grade were Cody Dutton, Dalton Meinzer, Peyton Shotts, Tanner Thomas, Austin Guadalucazar, Cody Kucera, Hollyn Hadaway, Evan Wheatley, John Anderson, Sarah Fouts, Hagen Isbell,


Kameryn Mathis and Kyler Hoover.

Fourth graders on the trip were Katelyn Hudson, Taylor Tatum and Grace Colley.

Third graders were Braelyn Bevel, Garrett Waggoner, Lauryn Crane, Landry Hanson, Autum Gibbs, Skylar Layman, Kourtney Gibson, Krislyn Tatum, Caleb Wright, K'Lee Pace, Naomi Larned, Ramiro Olvera and J. J. Rubio.

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Bluebonnet breakfast served to 57 students

A Texas Bluebonnet breakfast was held Tuesday morning, May 10 in the Haskell Elementary cafeteria. The breakfast had 57 students from the third through sixth grades in attendance, as well as seven teachers and Jimmy Lisle, Haskell Elementary principal.

The Bluebonnet breakfast is held each year in May to recognize those students who have read the current year's Bluebonnet Award books and passed the required number of Accelerated Reading tests

on these books. The Texas Bluebonnet reading program was established in 1979 and is the largest children's choice reading award program in the country. Texas students in third through sixth grades are encouraged to read at least five of the twenty nominated books each year to be able to vote for their favorite book in January. This year Texas school children voted for *The Uglified Ducky*, by Willy Clafin and illustrated by James Stimson. This is the hilarious story of a baby

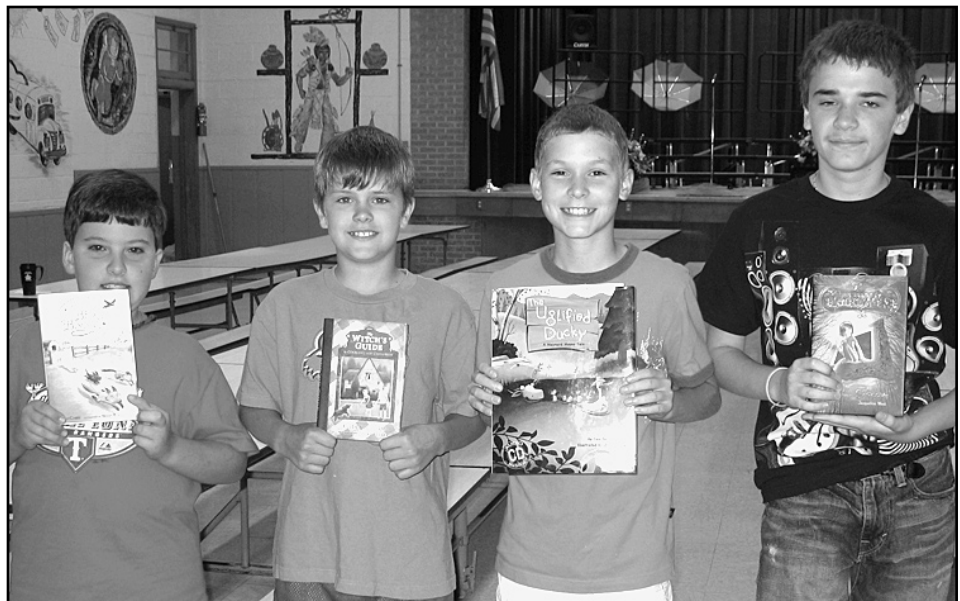
moose raised by a family of ducks who try to teach him to waddle, quack, and fly, but cannot see his true beauty.

A delicious breakfast was served by the sixteen sixth grade students. The Haskell Elementary food service provided blueberry pancake sausage-on-a-stick, blueberry muffins, assorted fresh fruits and fruit dip, and milk and juice. After the breakfast, the sixth graders entertained the other students by performing short skits from several of the 2010/2011 Bluebonnet

books. Six Bluebonnet books were given away, and the top readers from each grade were recognized and presented with a Bluebonnet book.


The top Bluebonnet/AR readers for each grade were Garrett Waggoner, third grade; Peyton Smith, fourth grade; Dalton Meinzer, fifth grade; and Payton Thomas, sixth grade. Meinzer was the overall top reader, having read all twenty Bluebonnet books and passed the required quizzes. Meinzer was presented with an autographed copy of this year's state winning book, *The Uglified Ducky*. All students were congratulated for their good reading this year and received an official Texas Bluebonnet Award certificate and pencil.

Our thanks goes to the participating sixth grade students, led by Mrs. Daniels, who helped set up the breakfast, furnished Bluebonnet book report place mats for the tables, provided the entertainment, and helped clean up afterward. Special thanks goes to all the third through sixth grade teachers who continue to encourage their students in the Texas Bluebonnet Program.

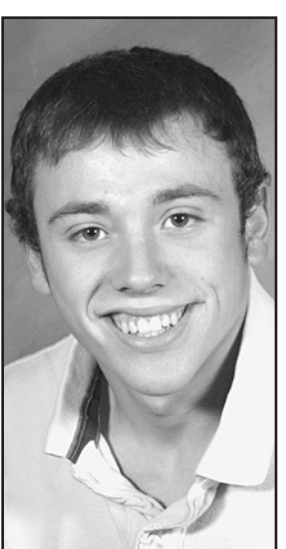


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Top students honored at Legacy Banquet

by Caron Yates

The fifth annual Legacy Banquet, hosted by the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation in memory of founding board member Roberta High, was held at the Haskell Civic Center. It is held each year to honor Haskell High School's top five graduating seniors.

The Educational Foundation, which was established in 1996, began as a heartfelt desire of Doyle and the late Roberta High. Reflecting on their own blessings, they began searching for a way to give back to the community.

Through their efforts, and the efforts of many community business leaders, school personnel and interested citizens, the Foundation became a reality. The purpose of which is to encourage excellence and innovation at Haskell CISD.

The evening began as Foundation vice-president Susan Turner, welcomed guests, and introduced Foundation board members, school board members, and Haskell superintendent and principals. After the invocation by Haskell Church of Christ minister Philip Sims, a delicious

meal provided through the generous donations of many local businesses was graciously served by Rochester Junior High eighth graders.

Haskell Elementary third graders entertained the group with songs encouraging a positive attitude, and the difference it can make not only in your life, but in the lives of those you meet. They sang the message that success begins with a winning attitude, which needs to be "Passed On." Each of the five seniors was presented with a ball that read, "Don't Drop the Ball, Pass It On." The group was led by music teacher Pam Gibson, and assisted by third grade teachers, Tonya Cypert, Donna Waggoner and Patsy Blakley.

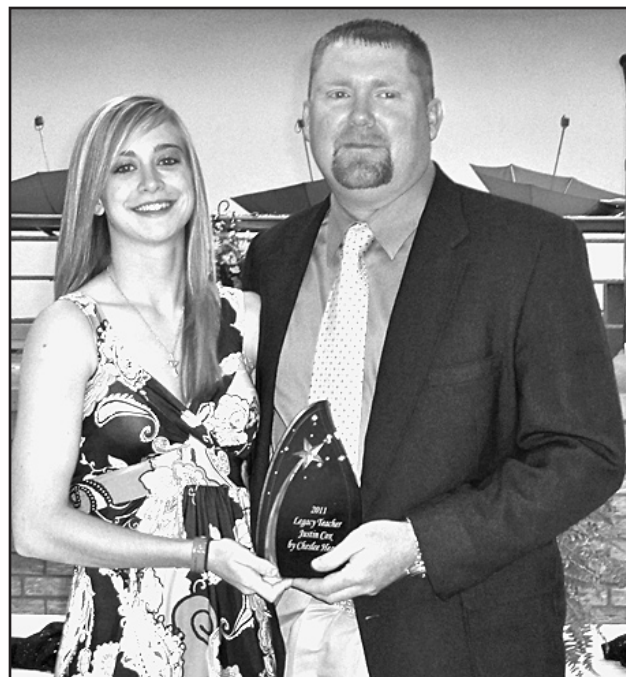
The 2011 Legacy students were recognized for their many accomplishments and activities, and were presented a certificate for a laptop computer along with a carrying case.

Students then paid tribute to a special teacher they felt had made a difference in their lives. Through entertaining narratives, each senior told of the positive influence their selected teacher has had in their high school education. Angelica Gonzalez honored math teacher Teresa

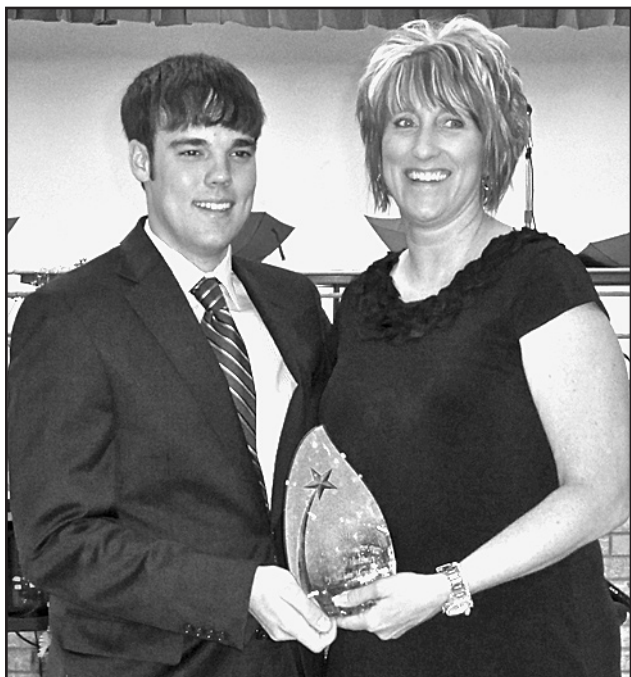
Martinez, Nathan Meredith paid tribute to accounting teacher Amanda Hadaway, Codi Foster recognized the influence of math teacher Kendra Bevel, Cheslee Hearn honored agricultural teacher Justin Cox and Rosebud Wright thanked band teacher Mike Aston.

The success of the Educational Foundation is only possible through the donations of community members, alumni and others who care about the Haskell CISD school system, its teachers and its students. The Foundation not only sponsors the Legacy Banquet, but it also awards up to five mini-grants to teachers each year for innovative projects. In addition, four academic awards are presented at commencement to Haskell High School seniors. Interested donors can contribute to the cause through monetary donations, or by purchasing bricks in honor or memory of someone. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 305, Haskell, TX 79521.

Turner closed the evening with the thought, "What makes a great teacher? It is those teachers which adjust to fit the circumstances and situations. They know that it is the little things that make a big difference, and recognize the smallest change or slightest try. Great teachers produce students whose curiosity and hunger for learning become so well developed that they become lifelong learners."




CHESLEE HEARN – JUSTIN COX



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LEGACY BANQUET—Haskell Elementary third graders, under the direction of Pam Gibson, presented a musical program during the Haskell CISD Legacy banquet. Third grade teachers are Tonya Cypert, Donna Waggoner and Patsy Blakley.




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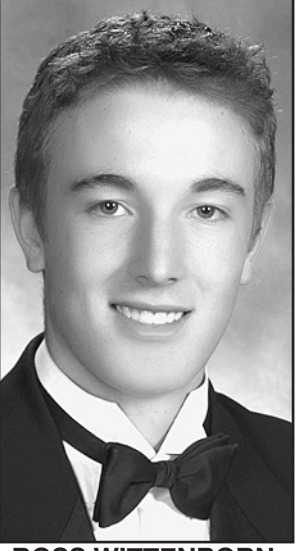
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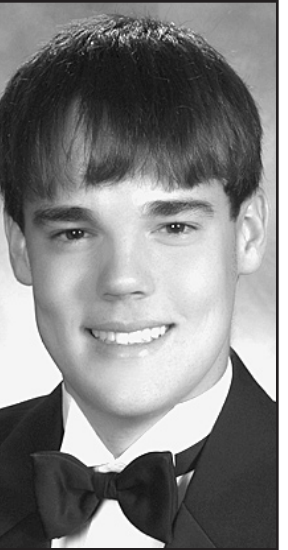
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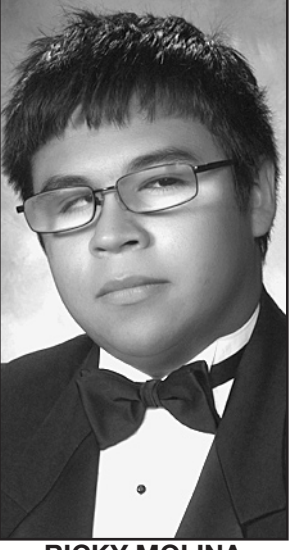
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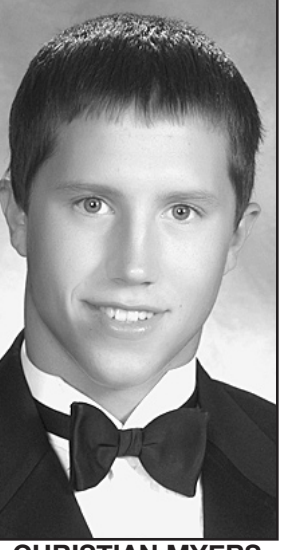
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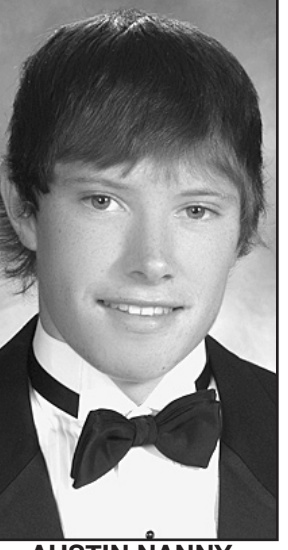
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Paint Creek students honored

Paint Creek School held the annual awards banquet Fri., May 13.

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments.

Mr. and Miss Pirate:

Curtis Bishop and Katrina Buerger.

Citizenship Awards: Caleb McCord and Felysha Walker.

Highest Ranking Students: Shana Armstrong, twelfth;

Haley Myers, eleventh; Katie Jones, tenth; and Kadie McCord, ninth.

Presidential Award for Academic Excellence: Shana Armstrong, Curtis Bishop, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord, Haley Myers, Felysha Walker, Brittany Herring, Katie Jones, River McTasney, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers.

Presidential Award for Academic Achievement: Josh White, Katie Bosnjak, Cheyenne Buerger, Danielle Oliver, Jamie Todd, Charitie Winterstein, Marco Martinez and Caitlin Medford.

Top students in English: Shana Armstrong, English 4; Katrina Buerger, English 3; Charitie Winterstein, English 2; and Kadie McCord, English 1.

Top students in Math: Statistics & Risk Management, Josh White; Algebra 2, Haley Myers; Geometry, Katie Jones; and Algebra 1, Kadie McCord.

Top students in Science: Anatomy & Physiology, Shana Armstrong; Chemistry, Caleb McCord; IPC, Katie Jones; and Biology, Kadie McCord.

Top students in Social Studies: Government, Shana Armstrong; Economics, Curtis Bishop; U.S. History, Felysha Walker; World History, Katie Jones; and World Geography, Kadie McCord.

Top student in Principles of Technology, Shawn Myers.

Top student in Yearbook, Shana Armstrong.

Top students in Family and Consumer Science: Matt Booe, Georgina Ipina and Cody Mayfield.

Top students in Agriculture: Hunter Hall and Felysha Walker.

A Honor Roll: Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord, Haley Myers and Katie Jones.

A/B Honor Roll: Shana Armstrong, Curtis Bishop, Hunter Hall, Denton Reed, Katie Bosnjak, Cody Mayfield and Kadie McCord.

Perfect Attendance: Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord, Haley Myers, Cheyenne Buerger, Katie Jones, Danielle Oliver and Caitlin Medford.

Coaches' Award: Jordan Adkins and Katie Bosnjak.

Most Conscientious Pirate Athlete, River McTasney.

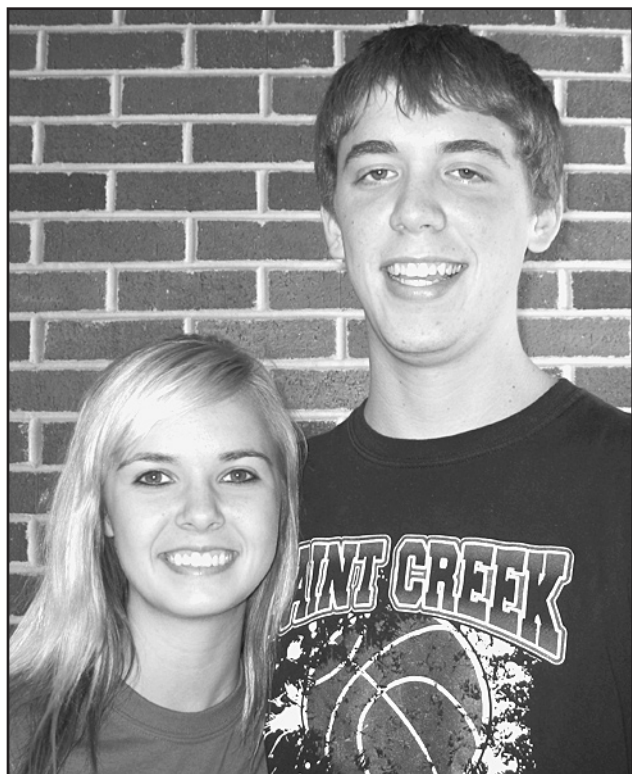
Kay Overton Fighting Heart Award, Baleigh Lopez.

Star Basketball Award: Curtis Bishop, Hunter Hall and Felysha Walker.

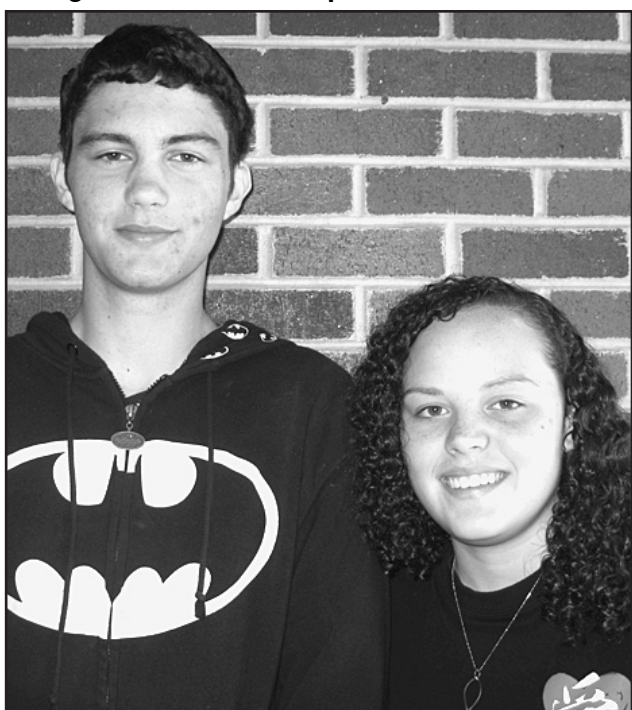
Faculty Service Awards: Amy Jimenez, 5 years.

School Board Service Award: Vern Howard, 20 years.

PTO Family of the Year Award: The Buddy and Deborah Oliver Family.

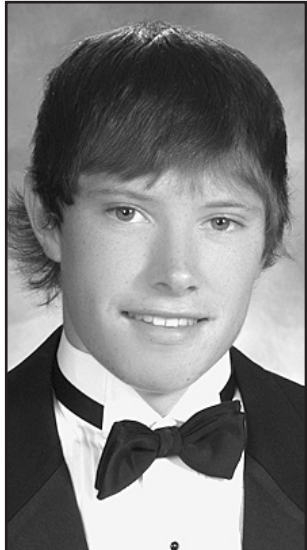


PIRATES—Named Mr. and Miss Pirate during the Paint Creek School awards banquet were Katrina Buerger and Curtis Bishop.



CITIZENSHIP AWARD—Receiving the Citizenship Award at the Paint Creek School awards banquet were Caleb McCord and Felysha Walker.

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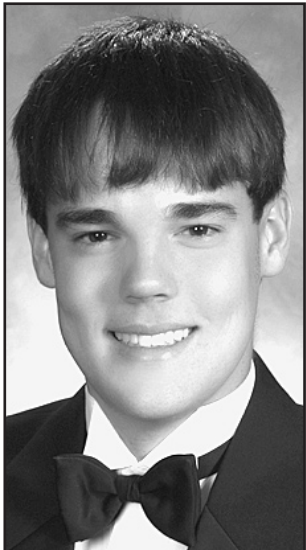
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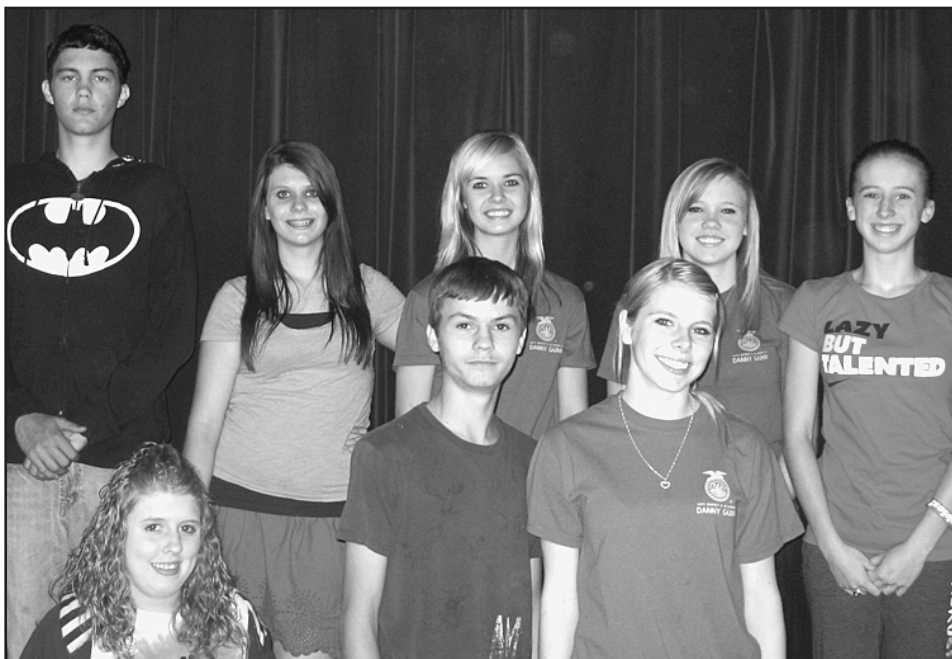
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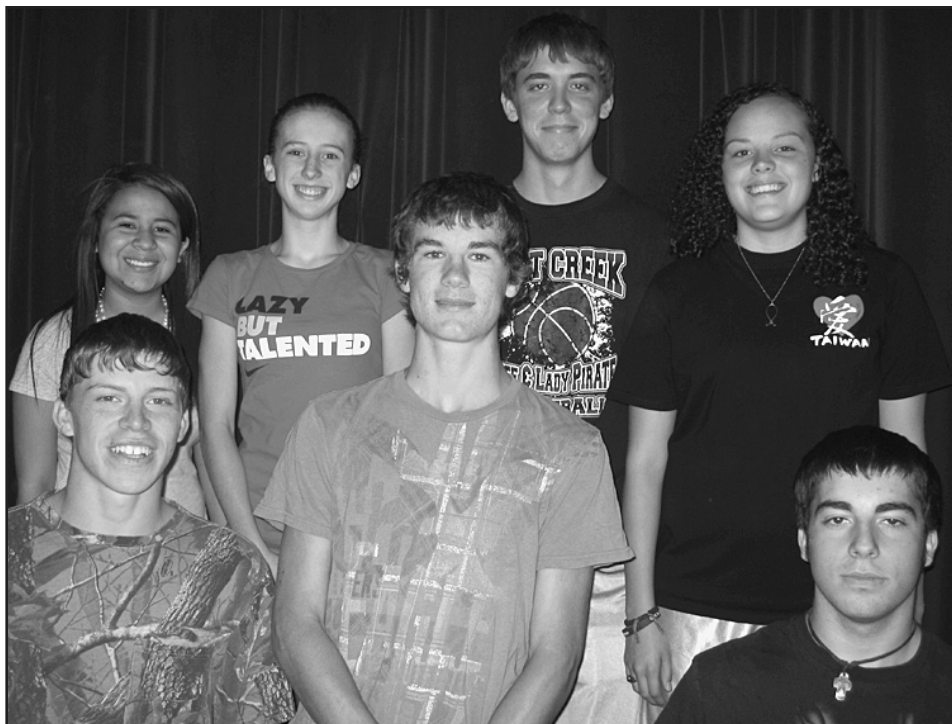
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SUBJECT AWARDS—Receiving the Subject Awards at the Paint Creek awards banquet were, front row, l-r, Haley Myers, Charitie Winterstein, Nathan Edwards and Hunter Hall; middle row, Shawn Myers, Georgina Ipina, Kadie McCord, Curtis Bishop, Shana Armstrong and Caleb McCord; back row, Matt Booe, Cody Mayfield, Katie Jones, Felysha Walker, Katrina Buerger and Josh White.



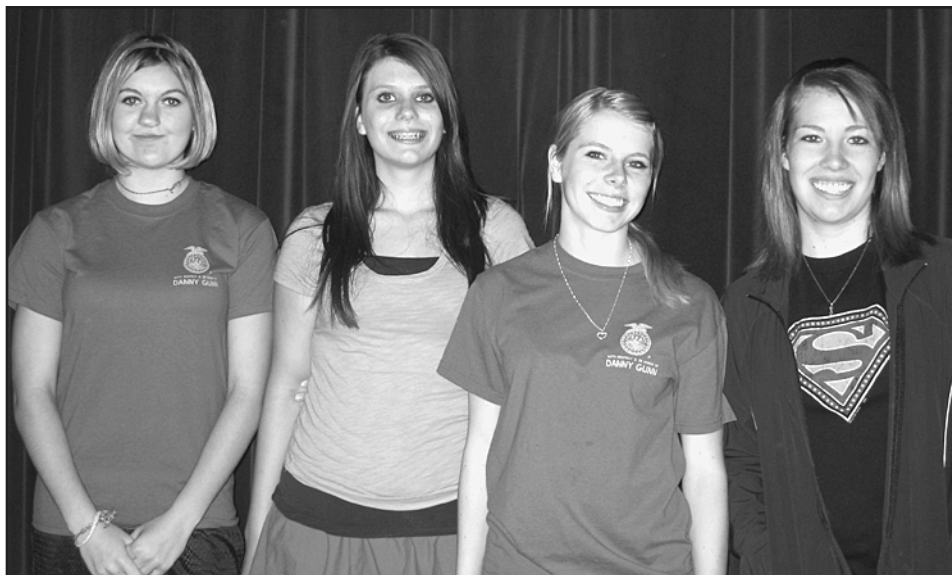
PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Students with perfect attendance recognized at the Paint Creek awards banquet were, front row, l-r, Danielle Oliver, Cheyenne Buerger and Haley Myers; back row, Caleb McCord, Katie Jones, Katrina Buerger, Caitlin Medford and Katie Bosnjak.



TOP ATHLETES—Students receiving athletic awards and recognized at the Paint Creek awards banquet were, front row, l-r, Hunter Hall, River McTasney and Jordan Adkins; back row Baleigh Lopez, Katie Bosnjak, Curtis Bishop and Felysha Walker.



HONOR ROLL—Students named at the Paint Creek awards banquet on the honor roll were, front row, l-r, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord, Katrina Buerger, Katie Bosnjak and Shana Armstrong; back row, Denton Reed, Caleb McCord, Katie Jones, Hunter Hall, Haley Myers and Curtis Bishop.



TOP STUDENTS—Recognized at the Paint Creek awards banquet as the highest ranking students were, l-r, Kadie McCord, Katie Jones, Haley Myers and Shana Armstrong.

Producers reminded to apply for livestock diaster assistance

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Jan. 30, 2012 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for losses incurred during the 2011 crop year.

Haskell County as well as Baylor, Foard, King, Knox and Stonewall met the LFP trigger requirements for small grains acreage grazed out and native and improved grasses on March 23, 2011. "We anticipate more counties may become eligible between now and the end of September, so livestock producers should stay tuned," said Brzozowski.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet this deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP," said Brzozowski. "To ensure a smooth application

process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits," he said.

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

For more information, county eligibility questions or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Student in the News



MATTHEW BOWERS

Matthew Bowers of Haskell was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems at the Howard Payne University Commencement held Sat., May 7 in the Brownwood Coliseum. Bowers graduated Cum Laude, which recognizes a cumulative grade point average between 3.55 and 3.69.

Bowers is employed as a server and network technician with Bertrand Technology Solutions in Brownwood.

Cox wins Teen Power Texas video contest

Travis Cox, son of Big Country Electric Co-op

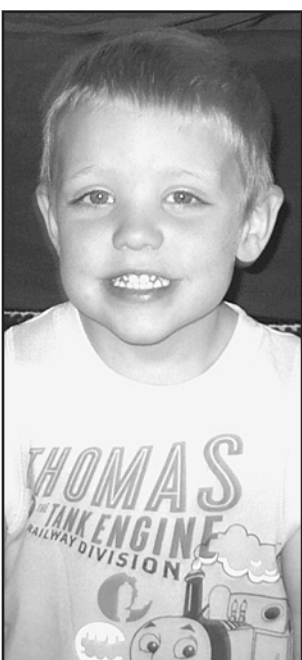
member Lori Carnahan of Sagerton, is a runner-up in the 2011 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest. His entry, "The Efficiency Job," won \$250 in the Youth Appeal category, and featured a man determined to save electricity in any way possible.

The contest, sponsored by Texas Co-op Power magazine, in conjunction with electric cooperatives across Texas, asked high school students to create 1- to 3- minute educational videos about electricity.

"After making the video, I realized that I would like to form a career in movies, or at least the process of editing, because making this small video filled me with excitement—knowing that people were watching something we all worked really hard for," Cox said.

Cox plans to split his prize winnings of \$250 with the students in his computer science class who helped with the video.

Birthday



CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY—Anthony John Scifres of Pampa, formerly of Haskell, celebrated his fourth birthday Tues., May 17 at his home. He is the son of Brian Scifres.

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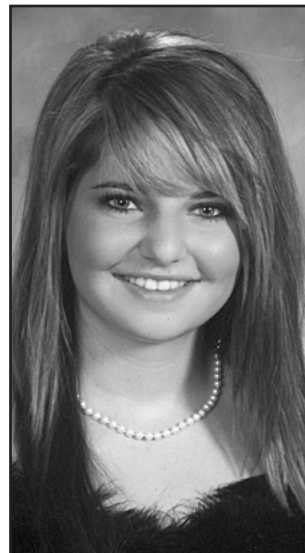
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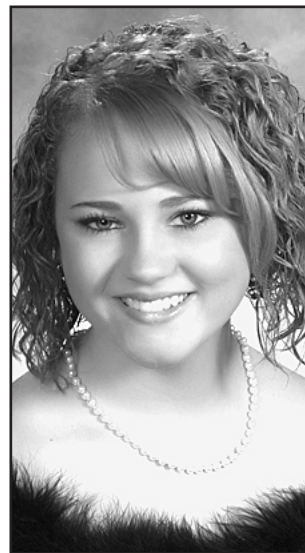
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Science Fair held at Elementary

Haskell Elementary held its second annual 'Science is Everywhere' science fair recently with 32 students competing this year.

The students were responsible for these projects on their own time and did a fabulous job. Science teacher, Kristi Gibson, was very proud

of all the students and will be taking the participants to the city pool to celebrate all their success and hard work.

Special thanks goes to the Haskell Education Foundation for a grant that helps fund the science fair.

Overall winners were first place, Hannah Long

with Survival of M&M's on predators vs prey; second place, Kourtney Gibson with Co\$t vs Clean Up, trying to find does higher priced dog food cause less "clean up"; third place, Tayleigh Johnson with Flush or Not to Flush, testing which toilet paper is best for septic tanks; and Honorable Mention, Eddie

McBroom with Baseball Guts, where he discovered what's really inside a baseball.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—Haskell Elementary School third grade science fair winners were, top to bottom, Kourtney Gibson, first place; Tayleigh Johnson, second place; and Autum Gibbs, third place.



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Students in the News

Aerial S. Thane of Haskell was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls for the spring 2011 semester. To be included on the honor roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 with no grade lower than a C.

Shannon L. Sanford of Weinert was named to the Provost's Honor Roll at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls for the spring 2011 semester. To be included on the honor roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 with no grade lower than a C.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—Haskell Elementary School overall science fair winners were, l-r, Hannah Long, first place; Kourtney Gibson, second place; Tayleigh Johnson, third place; and Eddie McBroom, honorable mention.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—Haskell Elementary School second grade science fair winners were, l-r, Hannah Long, first place; Eddie McBroom, second place; Jacey Hudson, third place; Abby Address, honorable mention; and Hadley Sloan, honorable mention.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—Haskell Elementary School fourth grade science fair winners were, l-r, Katelyn Hudson, first place; Peyton Smith, second place; Braden Payne, third place; Leann Manske, honorable mention; and Allie Address, honorable mention.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—Haskell Elementary School fifth grade science fair winners were, l-r, Tyler Johnson, first place; Sarah Fouts, second place; Tyler Hoover, third place; and Riley Sloan, honorable mention.

Congratulations to a child who has been more fun than a barrel of monkeys!



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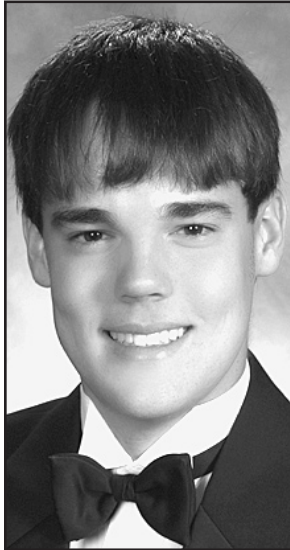
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Producers reminded of fast-approaching federal farm program deadlines

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, reminds producers that several federal farm program sign-up and reporting deadlines are approaching. The enrollment deadline for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program is June 1, 2011.

Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment. Direct payment rates are established by statute regardless of market prices. 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).

ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state

and farm level. Farms that are already enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) for a crop year can elect to switch to ACRE before the end of sign-up.

Both DCP and ACRE participants must sign annual contracts to receive program benefits. All signatures of producers who will receive a share of DCP and ACRE payments must be on file by the June 1, 2011 deadline.

"Due to multiple program deadline dates in the next few months, all FSA county offices are experiencing an increase in workload, so it is important for producers to be aware of these deadlines and make appointments with our office to sign up for program benefits as soon as possible," said Brzozowski.

Below is a schedule of important FSA program deadlines to remember:

•May 31, 2011: 2010 Crop Year Final Loan Availability Date for Corn, Soybeans, Grain Sorghum, Sunflowers, Rice, Cotton and Pulse

Crops
•June 1, 2011: Deadline for 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Enrollment and for 2011 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program Election

•July 29, 2011: 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program Signup Deadline

•Aug. 1, 2011: Deadline to Request a 2011 Farm Reconstitution

•Sept. 1, 2011: Deadline to file 2010 Production Reports for ACRE. This deadline was extended from the original deadline of July 15, 2011 for 2010 production

only.
The 2011 Crop Year Acreage Reporting deadline for most crops and the deadline to file 2010 Production Reports for most Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops varies by region, so Brzozowski suggests producers contact the local FSA county office to determine county-specific deadlines. Producers whose operations are located in the southern part of the state should note that acreage reporting and NAP deadlines may have already passed. Contact FSA to confirm.

about FSA program and reporting deadlines, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617, Ext. 2 or visit the web at: www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

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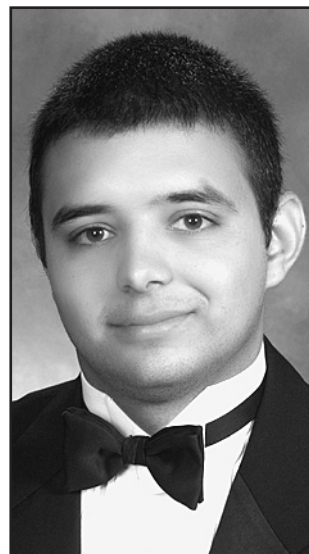
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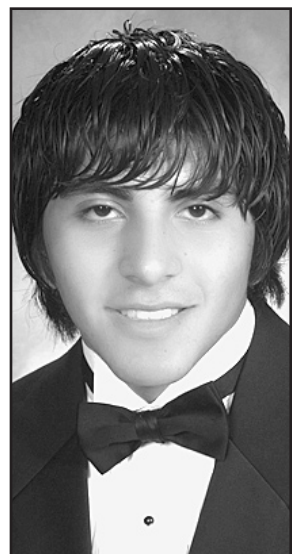
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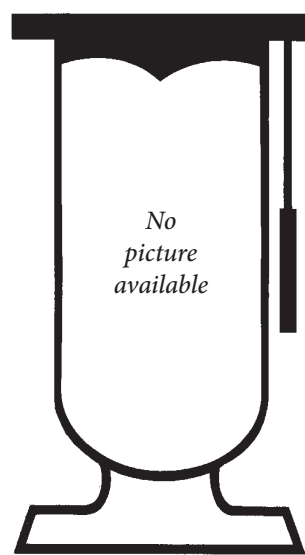
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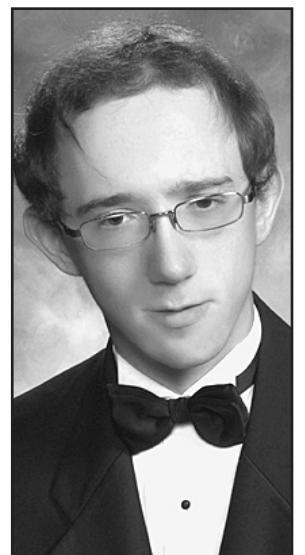
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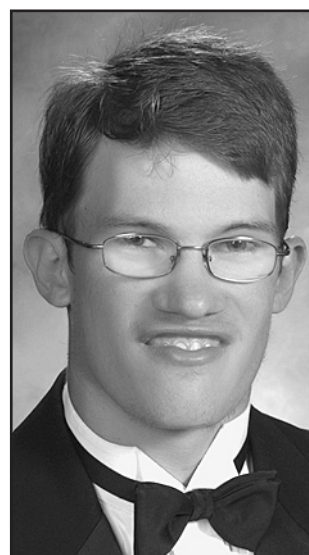
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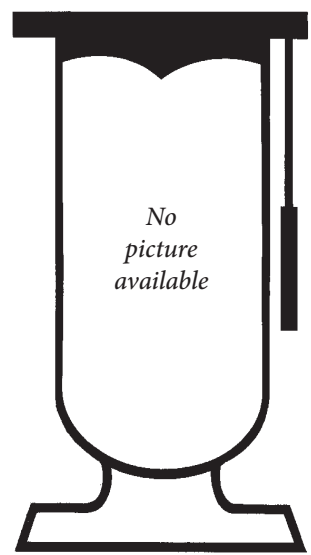
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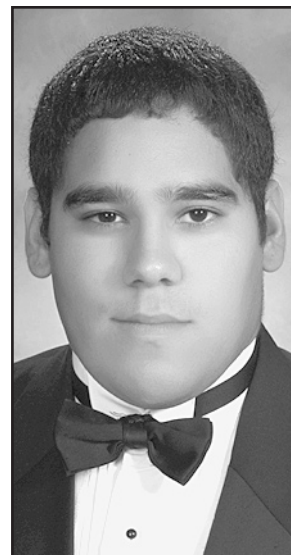
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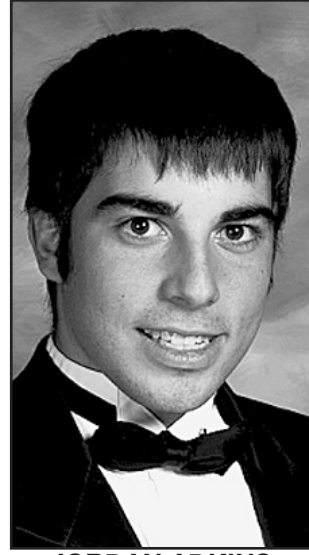
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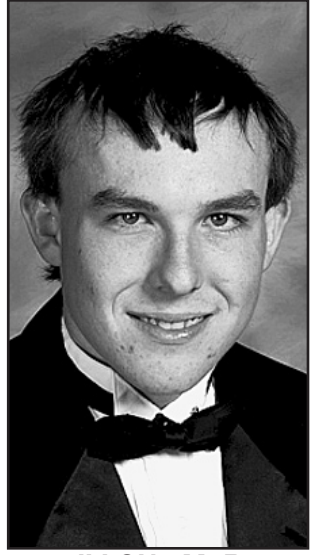
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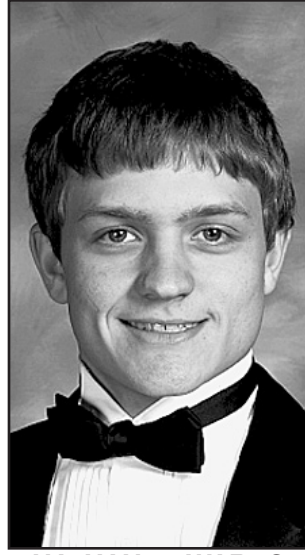
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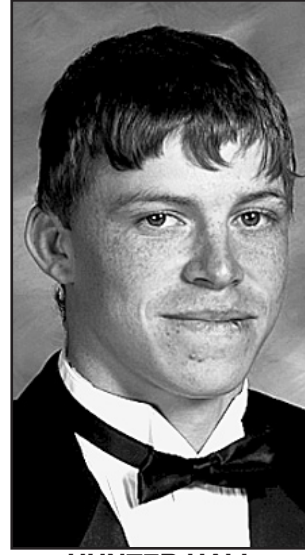
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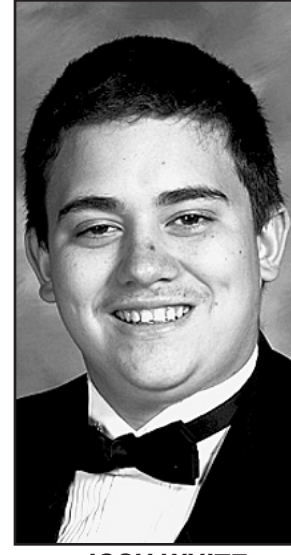
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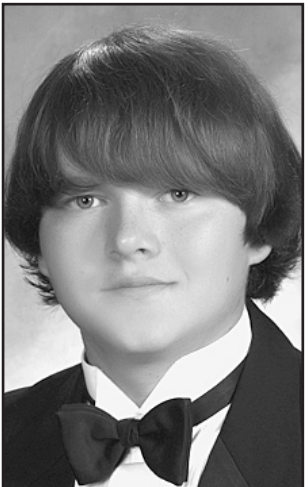
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PRESENTED AWARD—Cheslee Hearn, left, a 2011 graduate of Haskell High School FFA, receives an academic award from Eddie Connolly of West Texas Ford in Anson and Ford Motor Company.

Hearn awarded Ford scholarship

Cheslee Hearn, a 2011 graduate of Haskell High School FFA, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company.

Hearn's parents are Gregg Hearn and Ellen Hearn of Rochester. Hearn plans to study Range Science at Tarleton State University—Texas A&M University.

The Built Ford Tough—FFA Scholarship program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

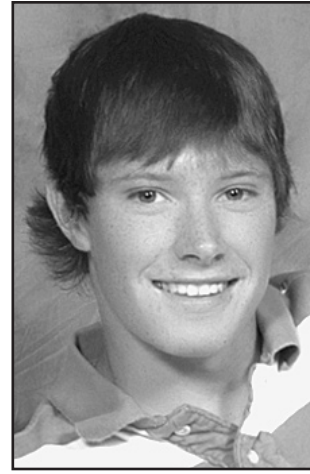
The scholarship is one of 526 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2011, or current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Third grade completes Learn & Serve project

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough college scholarship program since 1997. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

The Haskell Elementary third grade class recently completed their "Operation Iraq" Learn & Serve Project. Ten boxes of goodies were sent to Toby Tabor and George Gordan.

Students visit Rotary Club



AUSTIN NANNY

Austin Nanny is the son of Lisa Nanny of Haskell.

He attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, he is active in football, basketball, baseball, track and golf. He went to state two years in a row and placed third this year. He received the golf and track awards.

He enjoys hunting, fishing and sports.

He plans to attend Midwestern State University.

Local 4-H members enter photo contest

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

Four Haskell County 4-Hers that participated in the 2011 Haskell County 4-H Photography contest had their photos sent in to the District competition that was held this month in Vernon.

In the Junior division Blue Awards were given to:

Crow Parham of Haskell, Elements of Design; Riley Sloan of Rochester, Domestic Animals and Nature/Landscape; and Adaline Utley of Haskell, Wildlife Animals.

In the Intermediate division Blue Awards went to:

Zhenia McTasney of

Haskell, Wildlife Animals, Domestic Animals and Catch All.

Red Awards in the Junior division were awarded to:

Crow Parham, Catch All; and Adaline Utley, Marine.

Winners from the Haskell County competition, in the Senior division advanced to the State level for State 4-H Round-up at College Station in June.

Those participating were Jenny Dudensing, Emily Fouts, River McTasney and Allison Petty. Their results will not be given until June.

Photographs are currently on display at the Haskell County Library until the end of May.

Track team named Players of the Week

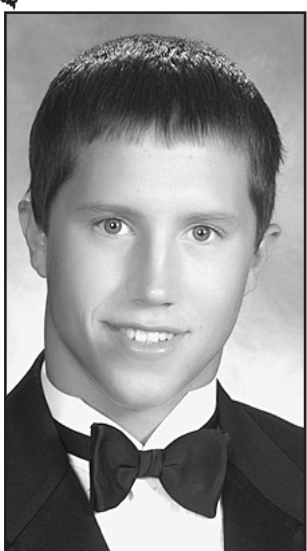
The Haskell Indian 1600 meters relay track team was named to the Big Country Top 10 player of the week list by the Abilene Reporter-News Tues., May 17.

The team of Marco Gonzalez, Austin Nanny, Kelson Aguero and Payne

Utley took the bronze medal at the state meet with a time of 3:25.72.

The 400 relay team of Nanny, Gonzalez, Utley and Isaiah Llewellyn also qualified for state in the sprint relay, finishing eighth.

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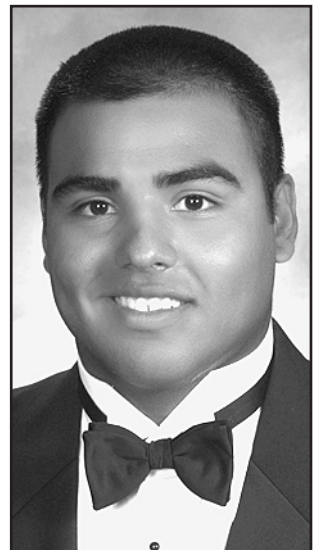


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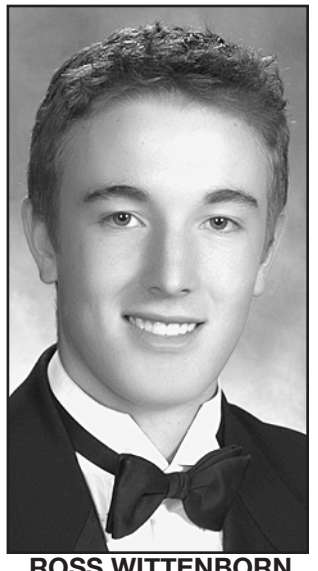


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4-H Clubs hold scavenger hunt

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held the May meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 15 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs met together.

Nineteen attended the meeting. A short business meeting, discussing the upcoming 4-H summer camps, State 4-H Round-

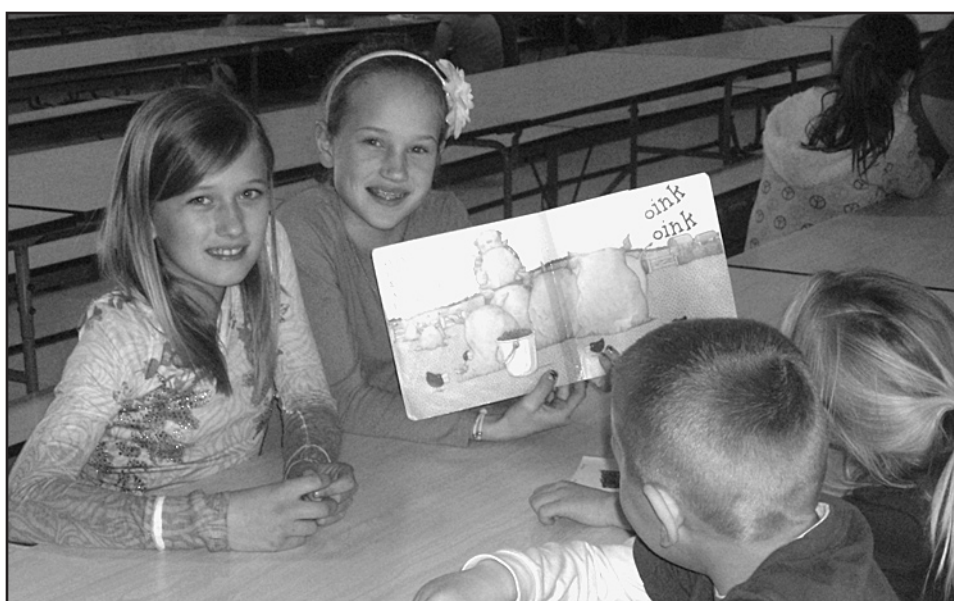
Up, District 4-H Horse Show and the State 4-H Horse Show contests was held. Then the 4-Hers participated in a Scavenger Hunt and returned to the County office for a "End of the Year Pizza Party." A door prize was won by Riley Sloan. The meeting was then adjourned.

No summer meetings will be held. 4-H will resume with the annual 4-H Awards Program/Hamburger Supper and 4-H Back-To-School Dance in August.

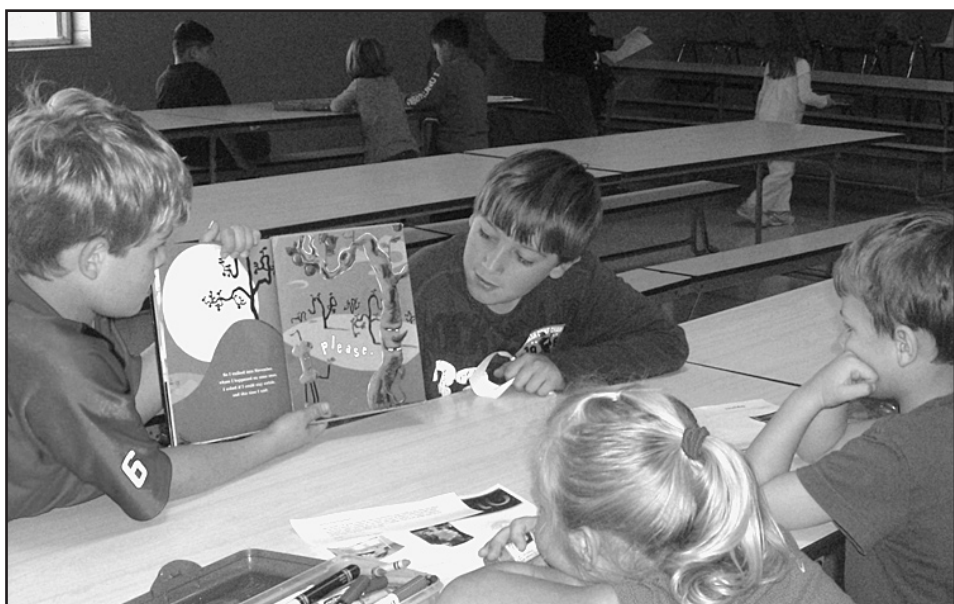
For more information, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.



LEARN & SERVE PROJECT—Haskell fourth grade students recently completed a Learn & Serve Project honoring MLK Day. Martin Luther King, Jr. promoted volunteerism and service to his community. These students volunteered their day by reading books to the Kindergarten classes and teaching that even a 5-year-old can do service at home and in his community. After reading books to the students, they signed a pledge to volunteer in their own home by doing chores for their parents. Steelyn Blair and Baylee Cloud look on as Leann Manske reads "The Cat in the Hat."

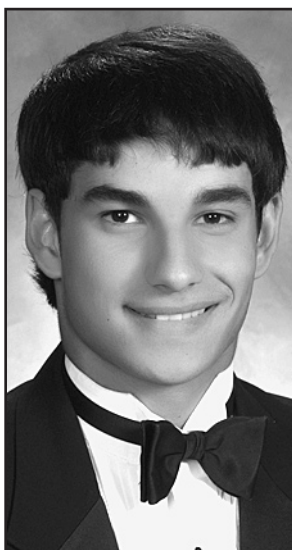


LEARN & SERVE PROJECT—Kami Key and Kaelyn Bevel read to Eli Peacock and Raelea Lowack during a Learn & Serve Project honoring MLK Day for Haskell Elementary fourth grade students. Students volunteered their day by reading books to the Kindergarten classes and teaching that even a 5-year-old can do service at home and in his community.



READING VOLUNTEERS—Haskell fourth grade students recently completed a Learn & Serve Project honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. who promoted volunteerism and service to his community. Students read books to the Kindergarten classes and signed a pledge to volunteer in their own home by doing chores for their parents. Reed Roewe and Aaron Skiles enjoy reading to Shalee Dunnam and Wyatt Pace.

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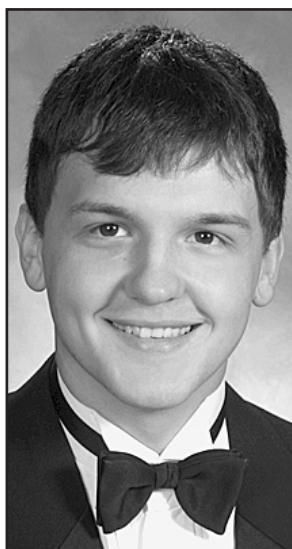
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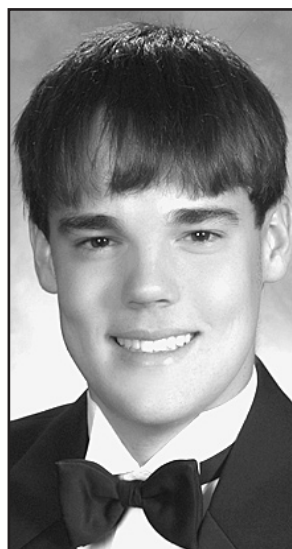
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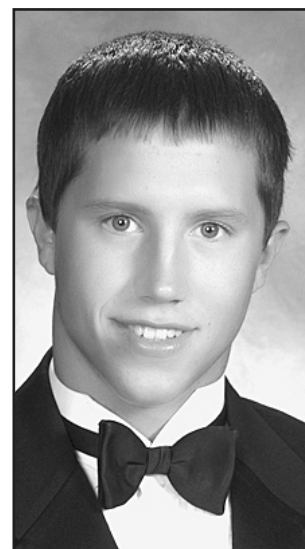
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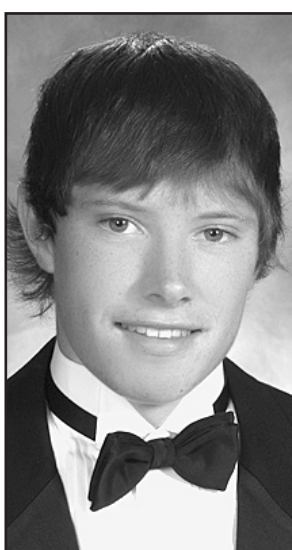
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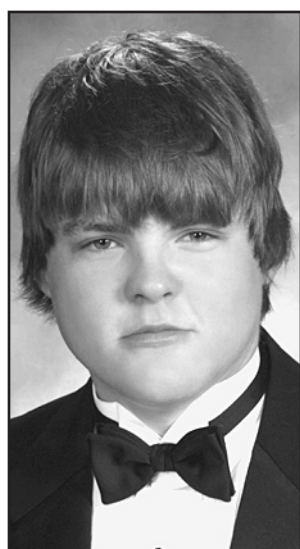


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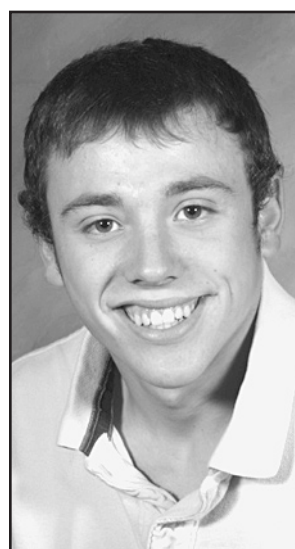
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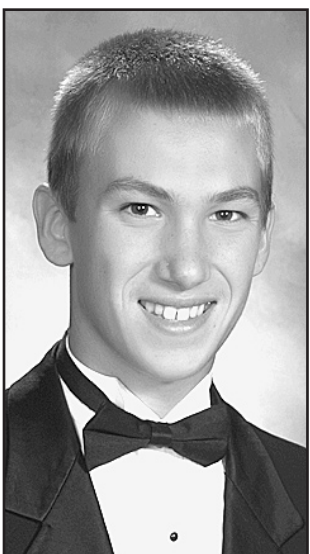
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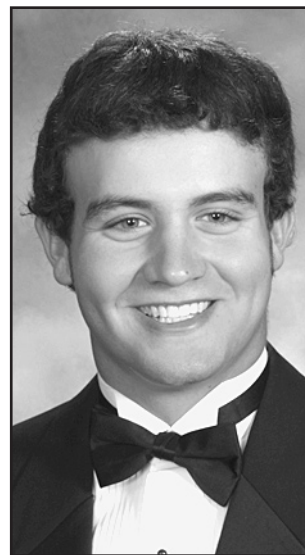


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