

## Calendar

### 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.

### Golf scramble

A one day, three person golf scramble will be held June 11-12 at the Haskell Municipal Golf Course. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.. Call Casey Larned at 864-2749 for entry information.

### Bible school

First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 5-9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for children who have completed 4 year Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church at 864-2581 by 5 p.m. on Fri., June 3. Come inside to register your child when you bring them.

### Family reunion

The 62nd annual Coody/Isbell family reunion will be held June 11-12 at the Portwood Pavilion, Seymour City Park. Festivities will begin at 5 p.m., Sat., June 11, with a pot luck dinner, bingo and other activities. A catered lunch will be served at noon Sun., June 12, followed by a business meeting and silent auction. Family and friends are invited to attend. Contact Ron Coody at 972 243-0720 for further information and Sunday lunch reservations.

### 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.

### Deadlines

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

### 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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# Welcome to Wild Horse Prairie Days

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Wild Horse Prairie Days comes to 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.

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 Spire 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.

## Pokey the Clown to host Jr. 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.

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



POKEY THE CLOWN

## No magic show in Rule, fund-raising continues for LED message board

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Rob Jenkins Magic and Comedy Show has canceled the upcoming show scheduled June 3-4 in Rule.

The fund-raising efforts

are continuing, however, as 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 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.

## Summer reading program begins at Haskell 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.



**SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS**—Students who participated in the second annual Haskell Elementary Science Fair were treated to an afternoon at the City Pool with swimming, drinks and pizza. Attending were, front row, l-r, Skyler Rhoads, Ashlyn Payne and Addisyn Bates; second row, Abby Adress, Jacey Hudson, Caleb Wright, Garret Waggoner, Blessing Jordan, Faith Jordan, Katelyn Hudson,

J.R. Brown, Bristol Wagner and Tayleigh Johnson; third row, Riley Sloan, Kaylor Hoover, Marina Wagner, Kourtney Gibson, Allie Adress, Jaylea Seeliger, Sarah Fouts, Peyton Smith, Kameryn Mathis and Tyler Johnson; back row, Hadley Sloan, John Anderson, Autum Gibbs, Kobie Walker, Leann Manske, Landry Hanson, Eddie McBroom, Braden Payne, Hannah Long and Brice Bridges.

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## Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting Tues., May 24 with all members present.

A safety meeting will be held June 8 for the road hands and the courthouse employees.

Sheriff David Halliburton reported that the roof at the Sheriff's office is in need of repair.

No action was taken on implementing a burn ban.

A motion to purchase a John Deere shredder from Quality Implement for \$12,400 with a five year warranty was approved.

Bids were accepted from East Side Baptist Church on property from the Appraisal District.

The contract between the County and Davis Kinard & Company was terminated in writing.

The business concerning renewing the Anchor contract with Stamford Lake Management was tabled.

The agreement between the American Red Cross and the County for shelter and mass care needs in any emergency was renewed.

The cost of the sound system planned for the outside of the Courthouse is \$11,000. Judge David Davis made the motion that if any entity, City of Haskell, Haskell Chamber of Commerce and EDC, would be willing to contribute 1/4 of the cost, the County would pay the balance, not to exceed \$3,500. The motion passed.

The business concerning the interlocal agreement with the City of Stamford was tabled.

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## Obituaries

### Lynn Pace Jr.



LYNN PACE JR.

Funeral services for Lynn Pace Jr., 90, life-long resident of Haskell, were held Mon., May 30 at the Christian Church in Haskell with John Greeson, assisted by Jim McCurley leading the service. Interment was in Willow Cemetery, under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Pace passed away May 27.

Born Aug. 23, 1920 in Haskell, he was the son of Lynn Pace Sr. and Willie Grace Stephens Pace.

In 1938 he graduated from Haskell High School and married Margie, his sweetheart, in 1939. They were married for 64 years. He was employed by the Haskell National Bank for a time before partnering with his father and brother in farming and ranching. Lynn and Bud later formed Pace Brothers. In their younger years Pace Brothers ran a large stocker operation marketing cattle by train to the Fort Worth Stockyards. Even though the Pace Brothers partnership dissolved "officially" in their latter years, the brothers continued to go to the farm and check on each other daily and joked that between them they had almost 180 years of experience.

A member of the "Greatest Generation," he answered his country's call and served the U.S. Army during WWII in the European Theater. He was in the 422nd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division and landed at LeHarve, France in December 1945 toward the end of the Battle of the Bulge. Pace was awarded the Rifleman Badge and a Good Conduct Medal before his discharge in 1946.

His community participation included nine years on the Haskell ISD Board with the last three as president. He was a proud member of the local American Legion Rogers-Cox Post #221.

For over 40 years he served in the capacities of deacon, elder and chairman of the board for the Christian Church, which he had faithfully attended since birth and where as teenagers he and Margie had been baptized on the same day.

He supported the Texas Cowboy Reunion and served one term as president of the Old Timers Association, a group dear to him. His mother's family came to Haskell in 1898 and lived in a covered wagon at Rice Springs during their first winter here. His father came as a boy with his father, J.J. Pave, from Bell County in 1909.

He was happiest in the saddle on Punkin, his favorite horse, working cattle. He also greatly enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially the annual fall deer hunting trips with a large group of Haskell friends including Skeeter and Melvin Miller, Clarence Burson, Ed Fouts, Frank and Sonny Reynolds, Bill Lees, Fred Brown, J.W.

Gholson and Walter Rogers. He never met a stranger and loved visiting. He teased and tried to establish kinship with everyone. He and Bud had nicknames for almost everyone they met.

He was preceded by his beloved wife Myra Marjorie (Ratliff) Pace in 2004, and their middle son Stephen James in 1965, as well as his parents, a younger sister Janice Pace O'Neal, a nephew Pace O'Neal and a great grandson Judah Salem Pace.

Survivors include two sons, William Lynn (Sam) Pace III and wife Twyla of Haskell; and Patrick Hugh Pace and wife Carmel of Rule. Grandsons are Will IV and wife Sylvia of Littlefield; Seth of Abilene; Joseph and wife Sabrina of Houston; Matt and wife Jessica of Pflugerville; Ben of Abilene; Stephen of Camp Pendleton, California and Ryan of Rule. Great grandchildren are Raine Lynn of Clovis; Jacob, Jonah, Glory and Jericho of Abilene; Maggie of Houston; Evan and Logan of Pflugerville; and Kenli Lynn of Abilene. He is also survived by his brother Riley 'Bud' Pace, wife Flora, and nephew Jim of Haskell along with many, many good friends of all ages.

Palbearers were grandsons.

The family sincerely appreciates the compassionate care given Lynn Jr. by the doctors, nurses and staff of Haskell Hospital. Additionally, we acknowledge our gratitude for the attention Lynn Jr. received while at Memory Lane in Haskell and Community Care in Stamford, and to the ladies who prepared the family meal prior to/following the service. PD. NOTICE

### Mary Annyce Neinast



MARY NEINAST

Funeral services for Mary Annyce Neinast, 86, of Sagerton were held Mon., May 30 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Parish Ministers Dean and Patsy Quade officiating assisted by Rev. Dustin McEwen, her grandson. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Neinast passed away Fri., May 27 in Stamford.

Born May 19, 1925 in Paint Creek, she was the daughter of John Wesley Brown and Mary Novak Grossman. While working at Stamford Airfield during WWII, she met Edward J. 'Sam' Neinast. They were married March 10, 1945. She worked at various jobs including Stamford Manufacturing Company and the cafeteria at Olton ISD. Her first job was at Bassing Jewelry Store in Haskell. She retired from working in the cafeteria at Aspermont ISD. She was a life long resident of the area and a member at Faith Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Hobby Club, Altar Guild, Faith Woman's Circle, Retired Teacher's Association, and Sons of Hermann Lodge.

She enjoyed playing dominos and loved to cook. She especially enjoyed baking her grandchildren their favorite types of cookies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Edward; two brothers, Kenneth and Kermit Brown; infant son, Douglas Joe Neinast; and step-brothers, Curtis and Clarence Chapman; and several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include a son Kenneth Edward Neinast and wife Betsy of Emory; daughter Judy McEwen and husband Roy of Anson; grandchildren Laura Kate Mueller and husband Jeremy of Hamlin, Daryl McEwen of Merkel, Doug McEwen and wife Allison of Abilene, Dustin McEwen and wife Ashlee of Shallowater; five great grandchildren, Abby Grace Mueller, Michael and Sarah McEwen, Samuel and Emmalee McEwen; and step-sister, Lena Mae Tidwell of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 2308 SH 283, Sagerton, Texas 79548. PD. NOTICE

### Ruby Pearl Mapes



RUBY MAPES

Graveside services for Ruby Pearl Mapes, 86, of Atascadero, California were held Wed., May 25 at Atascadero Cemetery.

Mrs. Mapes passed away in Visalia, California surrounded by her family Mon., May 23.

Born Sept. 10, 1924 in rural Haskell County, she was the daughter of Jesse and Myrtle Adams.

She grew up and attended school in Haskell County, married the love of her life James A. Mapes and moved to California in 1944 with their daughter Mary. Two more children were born in California, Melinda and Larry. She spent most of her adult life in Morro Bay and Atascadero. She loved the Lord and was a longtime Sunday school teacher; she had a great deal of influence on a lot of young lives. She loved to walk on the beach, read, drink coffee and work in her garden and play baseball with the grandkids—all six of them. She was just getting to know her eight great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim and daughter Melinda Kennedy. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Barrett and her husband Lewis, her son, Larry Mapes and his wife Ruth, all of Visalia California; her sister Jean of Littlefield, together with lots of nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

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## Cancer seminar to be held June 6

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.  
A Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, "Cancer Connections," will be conducted Monday, 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

Dr. Elpidia Balbastro with the Hendrick Cancer Center in Abilene will address the issues of cancer prevention,

detection and treatments. Dr. Balbastro specializes in Hematology/Oncology at Hendrick Medical Center. Addressing "End of Life Care and Decision Making" will be Andy Crocker, Texas AgriLife Extension Specialist in Gerontology Health.

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).

For more information about the program contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2546.

## Petty receives award



ALLISON PETTY

Allison Petty, senior at Rule High School, was announced as a recipient of one of the two Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative 2011 Educational Scholarships during the 60th Annual SRTC Membership meeting.

Petty is the daughter of SRTC members, Rod and Julie Petty. Petty is an active member of the First Baptist Church, helping with the children's activities and clothes closet/food drives. She is secretary of the Rule 4-H club, and placed third in state roundup in clothing & textiles division, and in food & nutrition winning the district beef award and Best of Show at the county

level in photography. Petty is also a member of the Haskell County Youth Board and Haskell 4-H and Youth Committee.

Petty keeps busy at Rule High school cheerleading, member of the yearbook staff, track, basketball (most improved and team captain), football sweetheart, One-Act Play, FCA, FCCLA and class officer.

Petty's hobbies are, running, reading, swimming, hiking, hunting, fishing and dancing.

Petty is planning to become a registered nurse attending Angelo State University.

Two contributing factors make up the SRTC Education Scholarship fund. The largest contributor is the Division of Unclaimed Property of Texas, which allows for a percentage of Santa Rosa Telephone yearly reported dollars of unclaimed or uncashed money to be placed in a scholarship fund. The other contributing factor is Santa Rosa Telephone Co-op members and their families who donate their capital credit refunds to the education scholarship fund.



TREY TAYLOR - EMILY RICHARDSON

## Richardson, Taylor to wed June 25

Emily Diane Richardson, daughter of Gil and Norma Richardson of Stephenville, and Sam Edward 'Trey' Taylor, III, son of Sam and Delaina Taylor of Stephenville, are announcing their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Richardson is the granddaughter of A.C. and Jean Richardson of Haskell and Bill and Becky Tubbs of Anson.

The bride-elect is a 2011

graduate of Stephenville High School and plans to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville and major in mathematics.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2008 graduate of Stephenville High School and plans to graduate in May of 2012 from Tarleton State University with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology.

The couple plans to marry June 25 in Stephenville.

## Local grads wear red cords honoring their donations

Four Haskell High School students and three Paint Creek High School students were awarded red honor cords to wear at their graduation ceremonies. The Red Cord Honor Program was introduced by Meek Blood Center this year to recognize high school seniors who make the choice to participate in the lifesaving act of blood donations. In order to qualify for the red cord, students must donate blood at least twice during their senior year.

"Students are typically recognized for scholastic achievements at graduation," said Frances Baker, donor

recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "We want these students to know that their blood donations have impacted the community in a significant and lasting way. Now that the minimum age for blood donation has been lowered to age sixteen, it is possible that many students will achieve the one-gallon milestone by graduation."

Haskell High School students who received a red cord are Kelsie Adams, Angelica Gonzalez, Oren Maggard and Jessica Rodriguez. Paint Creek High School students who received a red cord are Curtis Bishop, Nathan Edwards and Joshua White.

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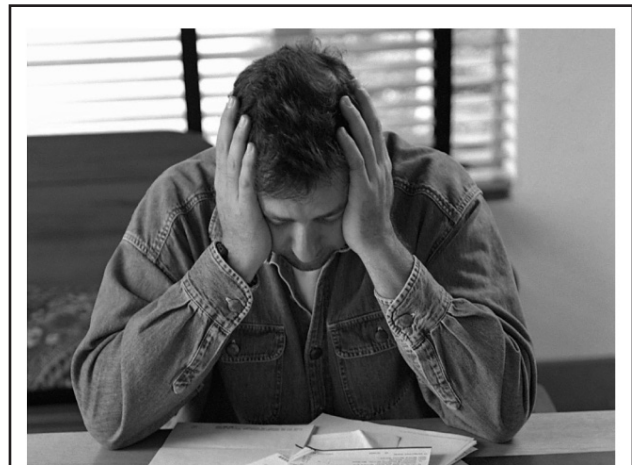
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# OPINION

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### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### State budget knocked down as session ends

AUSTIN—On Sunday night, May 29, a Senate filibuster inspired primarily by \$4 billion in proposed cuts in public school funding temporarily blocked passage of the 2012-2013 state budget.

The deadline to consider legislation hit at midnight. It would have taken unusual suspensions of House and Senate rules for the state budget to be debated on Monday, May 30, the final day of the 82nd regular session of the Texas Legislature.

So, at press deadline for this column, it appeared Gov. Rick Perry had no choice but to call a special session of the Texas Legislature for lawmakers to complete the budget and attend to other matters of his choosing. He could turn right around and issue the call.

Here's basically how the budget impasse played out.

On Saturday, May 28, after days, weeks and months of contentious meetings of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees, lawmakers passed the conference committee report for House Bill 1, the state budget for 2012-2013 on votes of 97 to 53 in the House and 20 to 11 in the Senate.

HB 1's conference committee report, however, was a train without wheels: it could not go anywhere without passage of a "state fiscal matters" bill that instructs how and where the funding comes from.

That bill, SB 1811, also in the form of a conference committee report, commanded the spotlight on Sunday, May 29. While it requires 6 percent across-the-board school funding cuts in 2012 and more complex formulas for cuts to be made in 2013, the conference committee report prompted a string of questions and speeches decrying its patchwork of budget cuts augmented by fee and fine increases, accounting delays, speed-ups, deferrals and revenue projections.

On Sunday, the 139th day of the 140-day session, a number of lawmakers protested the fact that the 205-page conference committee report was only made available late that same morning, and therefore did not receive the normally afforded due process, meaning scrutiny by citizens and the press followed by open public debate by lawmakers. The complaints were to no avail.

Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, in an impassioned turn at the microphone, blasted the unusual path the budget bill and its funding component

had taken, but be that as it may, he said, school districts across Texas, are in for deep suffering as a result of funding cuts of more than \$4 billion.

While enormous, that amount is perhaps not as graspable as amounts individual school districts would lose in the coming biennium. Those are expressed in both dollar amounts and as percentages that can be obtained from local school districts.

Hochberg also said that if the budget passes as currently written, school districts should brace for huge property tax increases necessitated because of the governor's and the Legislature's refusal to make use of the state's rainy day fund.

After hours of debate, the report was brought to a vote, and was approved on a vote of 84 to 63 in the House.

#### Now, about that filibuster

Passage by the House is half of the deal. To attain final passage, the Senate also had to adopt the conference committee report on SB 1811, and that is where the process came to a halt shortly after midnight.

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, in a 90-minute filibuster laid out arguments against the bill using complaints brought to her attention by constituents and read the "runs"-dollar amounts of funding district after district would lose if the Senate were to adopt the report.

When Davis had finished speaking, the Senate, by its own rules, could not bring up and consider any more legislation, because another calendar day—the final day of the session had arrived.

#### Former Gov. Clements dies

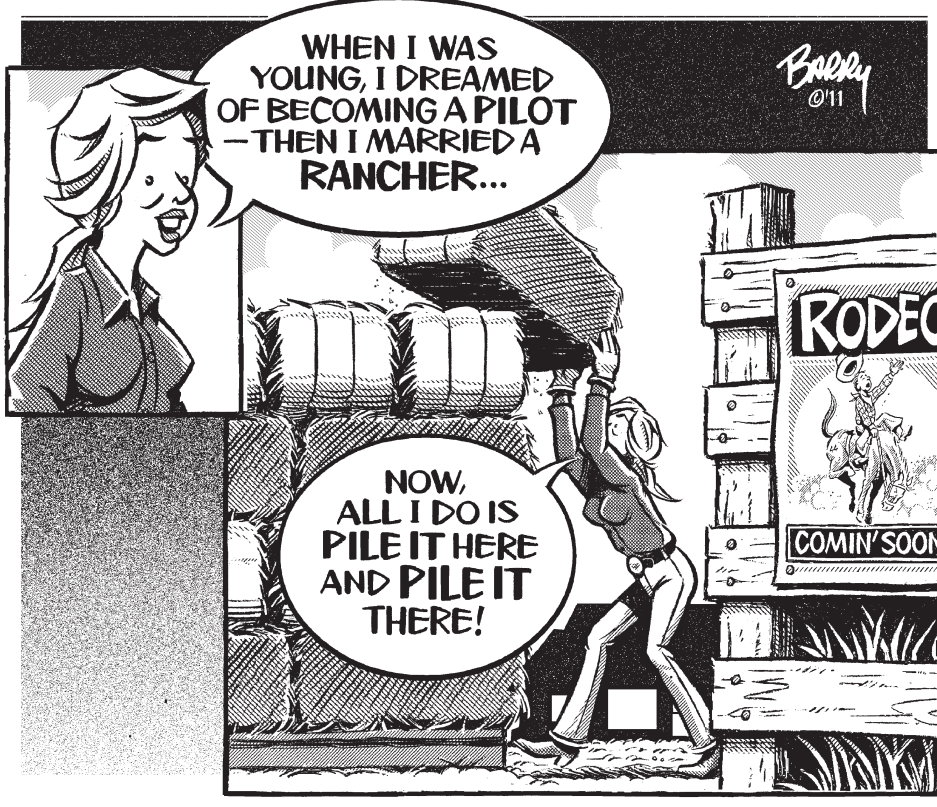
Dallas oilman William P. Clements Jr., governor of Texas from 1979 to 1983 and from 1987 to 1991, died at age 94 in a Dallas hospital on May 28.

Clements was the first Republican to be elected governor of Texas since post-Civil War Reconstruction.

In 1947, Clements co-founded SEDCO, which became the world's largest offshore drilling company. SEDCO was sold to Schlumberger in the 1980s.

Before running for governor, Clements served as deputy U.S. secretary of defense in the Nixon and Ford administrations.

His notable accomplishments as governor included the fostering of trade relations with Mexico and improvements in crime-fighting and public education.



## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway  
Mayor of the  
City of Haskell

*Editor's note: Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers takes the pen for the Ask the Mayor column this week in the absence of Haskell Mayor John Gannaway.*

This past week I was reappointed as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Haskell. It is a great honor and one I take seriously. The Mayor Pro Tem position is very much like the Vice President of the United States. The main job is to wake up each day and ask how the President is doing. In some sense that is the job of the Mayor Pro Tem. Officially I preside over City Council meetings if the Mayor is absent. I also fulfill his other duties in his absence, although I haven't really determined what those other duties are. Until now.

It seems that our beloved mayor, John Gannaway, has left town for a few days and decided that one of his duties that I needed to fulfill was to write his Ask the Mayor column. That loud noise you heard Sunday afternoon was me screaming after I was gently informed that I would write his column.

One of the things I really like about the Ask the Mayor column is how it personalizes the news in town. Therefore my first official act is to congratulate the Haskell Maidens' softball team and my neighbor Coach John Foster for reaching the Regional Semifinals! It has been fun following the Maidens this year and Haskell is very proud of the way the team played and conducted themselves on the field.

I know a lot of people are planning their summer vacations as the school year is winding down. Be sure to not leave town until after Wild Horse Prairie Days (June 3-4). As usual it will have a lot of exciting events and activities. I am sure that Sammy Larned and the committee are geared up for a rousing good time. Our family started going a few years ago and I never want to miss it.

Janet and I began walking in the morning a few weeks ago. The weather has been great when we go, but there has been one problem. There are still too many stray dogs out running around. I know that the problem is better than it used to be. I am thankful to Chris Cerda, the Animal Control Officer from Stamford, and our Police Department for the progress that has been made. However, people, let's keep our dogs penned up. There is no reason to let your dog run loose. And please do not turn it out in the morning without supervision. (That is when I am walking.) The fine for a loose dog runs from \$150 to \$500. If you don't want to pay that fine then keep your dogs up. Another problem is all of the stray cats that are running around our neighborhoods. Stray animals are unhealthy and dangerous, and I can't always dodge them with my truck. True animal lovers keep their animals in a safe environment; don't let them roam the streets.

Due to the early deadline at the newspaper this week, I have to submit this article before graduation. Congratulations to the seniors at Haskell High School.

As Mayor Pro Tem, I always try to have a short city council meeting when the mayor is gone. So I think I will have a short column also. Have a good week, Haskell, and welcome Mayor Gannaway back when you see him.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago May 31, 2001

Gavaun and Carol Hedden, are the new owners of the Haskell Dairy Queen. Carol has been with the Dairy Queen organization for twenty years.

The Haskell County Library, with a great amount of help from many people, has moved to its interim location in the Hassen building on N. 1st Street. The library will remain here until the new building is completed.

Kevin McSmith and Chris McSmith of Haskell, were listed on the Dean's List at Hannibal-LaGrange College for the spring semester.

#### 20 Years Ago May 30, 1991

Varsity twirlers at Haskell High School for the upcoming season will be Cindy Henry, Kelly Nanny, Andrea Bridwell, Sherry Mueller and Nichole Cothron. Drum major is Paul Gibson.

Seventy-two out-of-town pilots and their guests flew into Haskell Airport for the fourth annual Fly-In Breakfast, cosponsored by the City of Haskell and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. Bud Lane was chairman of the event.

Highest ranking students at Haskell High School for the school year are Tiffany Bradford and Sheila Unger, 12th grade; Kim Gilly and Deanna Scheets, 11th grade; Holly Hobgood and Brooke Baker, 10th grade; and Teresa Diaz and Joni Martindale,

9th grade.

#### 30 Years Ago May 28, 1981

City Councilman Earl Proctor, was honored with a reception, in appreciation of his five years of service to the city. He submitted his resignation, because he will be accepting a new job in Oklahoma City.

Michelle Sibal of Rochester, is making her second trip to State UIL competition. She will be competing in solo piano and twirling. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sibal.

Haskell Young Homemakers chose Janet Chapman as the Outstanding Young Homemaker of the Year. Mrs. Gene Jeter, club advisor, presented Chapman with a pin.

#### 40 Years Ago June 3, 1971

Pat Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, was crowned Miss Throckmorton of 1972. The Haskell High School senior will compete in the Miss Texas Pageant.

Under the sponsorship of the American Legion Rogers-Cox Post 221, Bob Mickler, Milton Schmidt, Gary Black and Bill Cox, have been selected to attend Boys State on the campus of the University of Texas.

Ben Anderson of Haskell and A.D. May of Rule, both received the degree of Doctor of Dental Science from Baylor University of Dentistry, in commencement exercises.

## Emergency CRP grazing to be allowed by USDA

In response to drought conditions as well as recent wildfires that destroyed forage acres, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 27 Texas counties effective May 12, 2011.

Emergency grazing of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Armstrong, Borden, Carson, Castro, Collingsworth, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hansford, Haskell, Kent, Knox, Lipscomb, Lynn, Nolan, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Scurry, Sherman, Stonewall, Swisher and Wilbarger Counties.

According to Glenn R. Brzozowski, the current CRP emergency use authorization permits grazing only. No

hay of CRP acres is allowed at this time. Additionally there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

"Producers who are struggling to find forage acres for their livestock may take advantage of this opportunity," said Brzozowski. "Livestock producers can temporarily move their animals to land enrolled in CRP for up to 90 days beginning immediately after authorization is approved," he said.

Emergency CRP grazing authority is not limited to livestock producers who lost pasture or fences due to wildfire. To take advantage of the authorized emergency provisions, authorized producers may use the

CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer the use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to the acreage within the approved counties.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements for up to 90 days beginning immediately, leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

For more information on and eligibility requirements for USDA disaster assistance, contact the Haskell County FSA at 940-864-2617.

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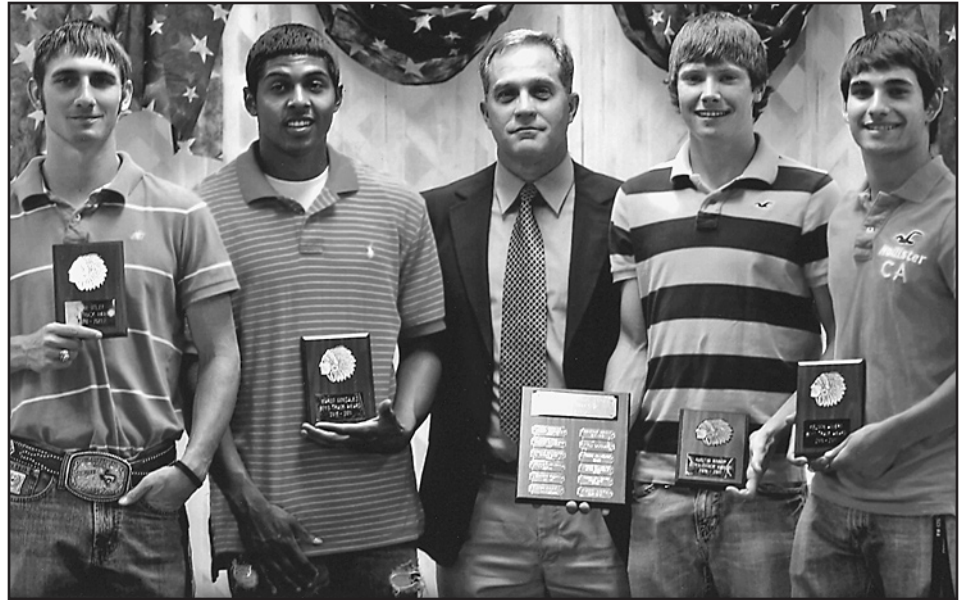
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# Maidens and Indians receive athletic honors



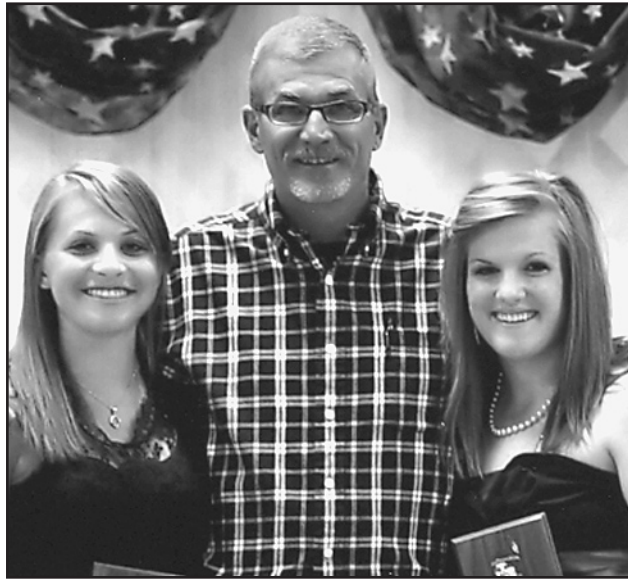
**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Maiden basketball awards at the Haskell athletic banquet were, l-r, Marissa McGhee, Ashlee Short and Cheslee Hearn. They are pictured with Haskell Maiden Coach David Middleton.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Indian track awards at the Haskell athletic banquet were, l-r, Payne Utley, Marco Gonzalez, Austin Nanny and Kelson Agüero. They are pictured with Coach Harvey Davis, center.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Macy Colley, center, received the All Around Female award at the Haskell athletic banquet. She is pictured with Coach David Middleton, left, and Coach Kent Colley, right.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Maiden softball award at the Haskell athletic banquet were Codi Foster, left, and Sara Weise, right. They are pictured with Coach John Foster.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Maiden track awards at the Haskell athletic banquet were Cheslee Hearn, left, and Claire Carmichael, right. They are pictured with Coach Tate Thompson.



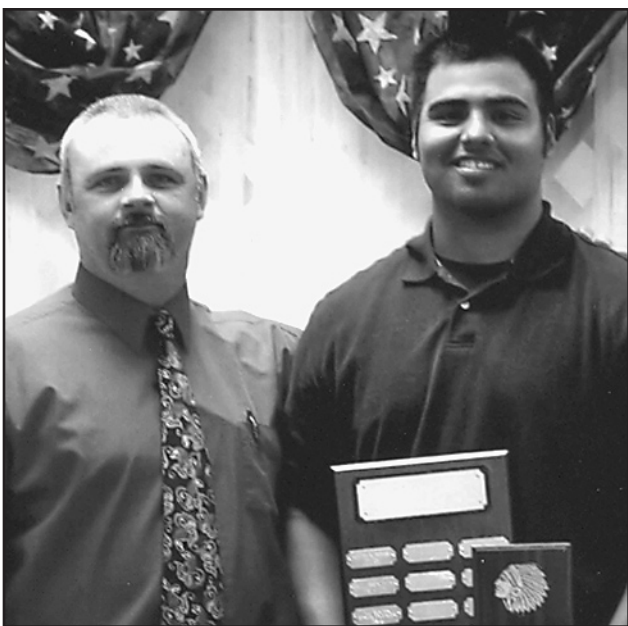
**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Booster Club girls award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Codi Foster, left. She is pictured with Coach David Middleton.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Maiden cross country award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Cheslee Hearn, left. She is pictured with Coach Tate Thompson.



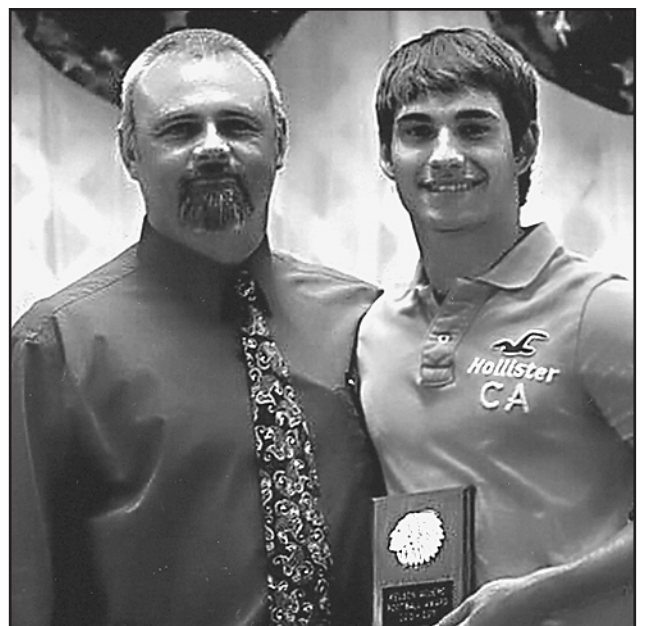
**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Maiden golf award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Layne Petty, left. She is pictured with Coach David Middleton.



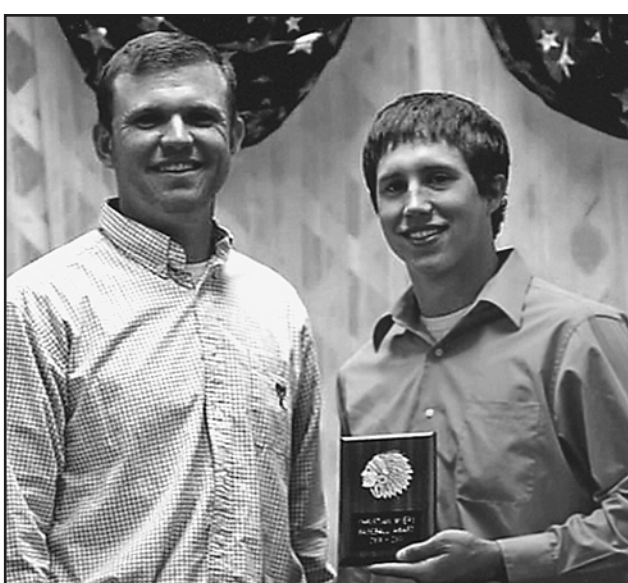
**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Dick Gaines award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Simon Rodriguez, right. He is pictured with Coach Kent Colley.



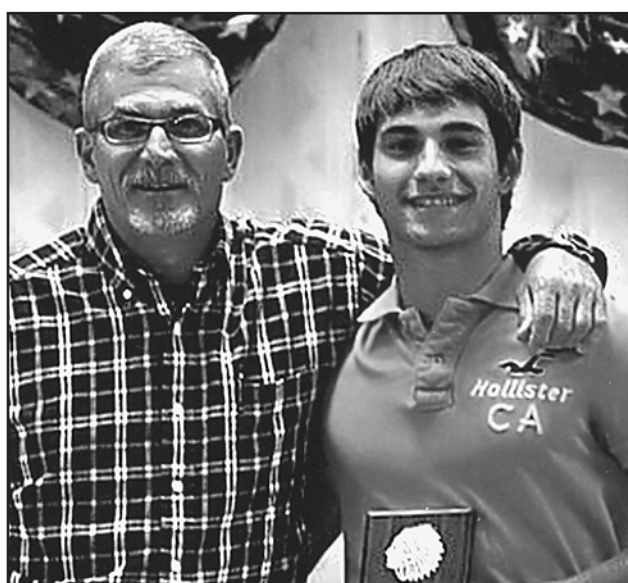
**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Indian basketball award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Christian Myers, right. He is pictured with Coach Tate Thompson.



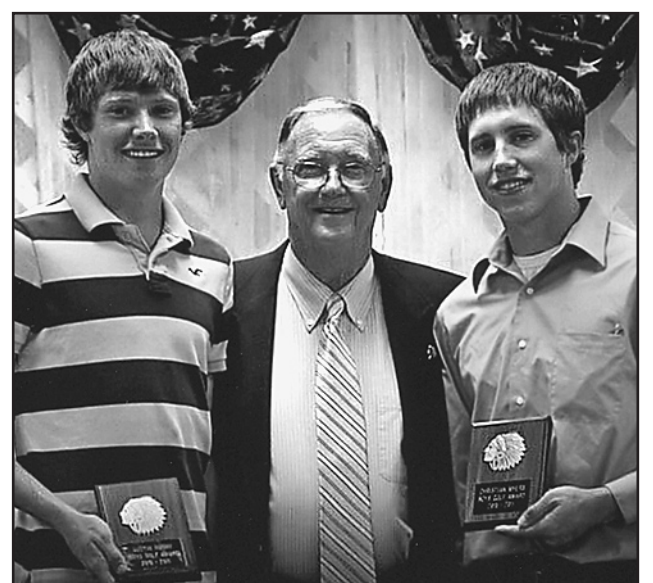
**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Indian football award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Kelson Agüero, right. He is pictured with Coach Kent Colley.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Indian baseball award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Christian Myers, right. He is pictured with Coach Josh Damron.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Indian cross country award at the Haskell athletic banquet was Kelson Agüero, right. He is pictured with Coach John Foster, left.



**HASKELL AWARDS BANQUET**—Receiving the Haskell Indian golf awards at the Haskell athletic banquet were Austin Nanny, left, and Christian Myers, right. They are pictured with Coach David Middleton.

*Congratulations Maidens and Indians on a great year!*





**THIRD GRADERS PERFORM**—Haskell Elementary third graders performed "Let's Pass It On," a musical presentation that encourages others to pass on good deeds thereby promoting positive feelings that will in turn make the world a happier place. Students performed for the school, at their awards program, and at the Legacy Banquet which was also a Learn and Serve project. Teachers are Patsy Blakley, Tonya Cypert, Donna Waggoner, Debbie Miller and Pam Gibson.



**MICHAEL BUERGER**  
**Student visits Rotary Club**

Michael Buerger is the son of Fritz and Jerri Buerger of Haskell.

He is a member of Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Church of Haskell and attends youth group at First Baptist Church in Rule.

He enjoys being with his friends and family, music, working on the farm and vehicles.

He plans to attend Lincoln College of Technology in Grand Prairie and pursue a career as an automotive and diesel mechanic.



**RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**—Nathan Meredith, left, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation. He received the Billie E. Davis family scholarship. Davis, right, is a 1949 Texas A&M graduate with a degree in Civil Engineering. Meredith is the son of Kim and Lonnie Meredith of Haskell. The Merediths attended the Grand Annual Banquet held at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth May 14. Edward Bass was the guest speaker and met and spoke with Meredith.

## 'Tis the season for agriculture, baseball and Mother Nature

by Juan M. Garcia  
State Executive Director—  
Texas Farm Service  
Agency

What do agriculture, baseball and Mother Nature have in common? Any farmer or rancher will tell you, without hesitation, that in the competitive industry that is agriculture, Mother Nature ALWAYS bats cleanup and nine times out of 10, she bats for the opposition—she'll make or break you every time.

To date, crop year 2011 has been exceptionally tough for our farmers and ranchers. That which isn't drying up from drought, burning up in wildfires or blowing away in tornadoes is being swept downstream by torrential flooding. It's an unfortunate reality that somewhere in the U.S., this very minute, a farmer or rancher is battling the elements—and as most agricultural producers know all too well...you win some and you lose some. So what happens when you lose?

Prior to the 2008 farm bill, a row crop or livestock producer was at the mercy of lawmakers to approve ad hoc funding for emergency disaster assistance. It literally took an act of Congress for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to get much-needed recovery assistance to producers impacted by natural disasters. The process was tedious, time-consuming and budget dependent.

Fast forward to 2008 when Congress passed legislation providing for five "permanent" disaster assistance programs—the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are all administered by FSA.

So, how "permanent" is permanent? The truth is; these disaster assistance programs are only "permanent" for

the life of the 2008 farm bill. As of Sept. 30, 2011, the legislative authority for these five programs expires and they will, in essence, cease to exist.

What does this mean to you, the producer?

It means that, although we hope a farmer or rancher never requires disaster assistance, no industry is more vulnerable to nature's wrath than agriculture and the odds are, if you're in the industry very long, you will indeed experience your fair share of setbacks—compliments of Mother Nature. Permanent disaster legislation offers producers some peace of mind that, in time of need, FSA can be immediately responsive.

To date, row crop and livestock producers nationwide have received more than \$2.9 billion in assistance from FSA for qualifying losses resulting from natural disaster. These dollars are, in turn, pumped back into the rural economy as producers purchase inputs; hire contractors or procure whatever is necessary to get back on their feet and back to the business of farming and ranching.

There's no doubt that, as Congress begins to craft the next farm bill, disaster programs will be a significant topic of discussion. The weather events of 2011 will be in the forefront of the minds of lawmakers as they gather 'round the table to hash out future farm legislation.

The faster a producer recovers from a natural disaster, the better for everyone—including the consumer who can continue to enjoy the abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber that we, as Americans, have come to expect.

So, when it's bottom of the ninth, Mother Nature steps up to the plate with bases loaded and she knocks one out of the park, make sure disaster assistance legislation is in place to level the playing field. And, never forget... USDA's Farm Service Agency is always on YOUR team.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### Let us hear it for all our good young people

Unfortunately, it's the boy who sets fire to the school library or the young person rushed to the hospital with a drug overdose who makes the headlines; overshadowing the vast majority of our good teenagers who just study hard, help around the house, find after-school jobs, excel at sports or win scholastic honors and stay out of trouble. This has caused many parents a great deal of needless

anxiety about the direction which their own children will take, for the evil temptations are indeed waiting out there. However, by providing a harmonious and positive home life with the right mixture of love, understanding and firm guidelines, reinforced by the teachings at our house of worship, we can be assured that our nation will be in good hands when our young generation inherits it.

### 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.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephania Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegs  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
Sunday 9 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
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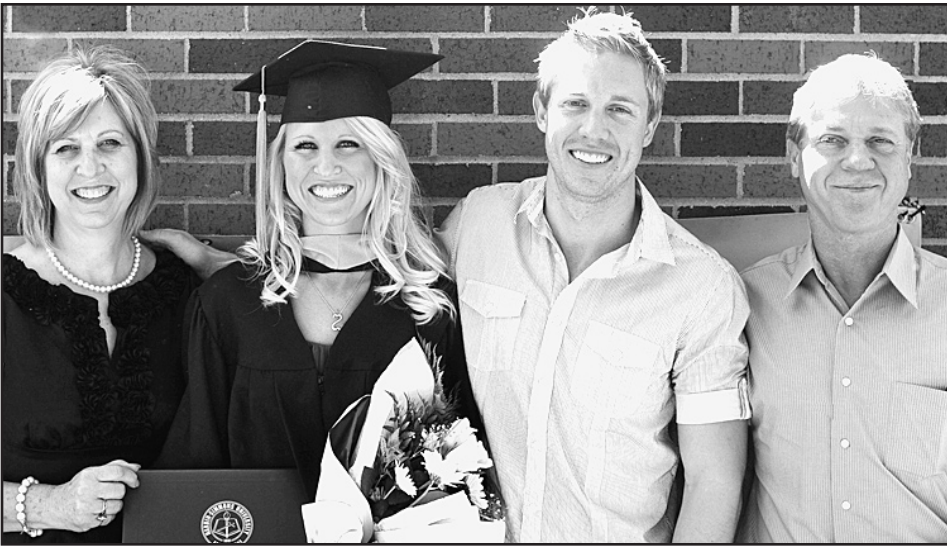
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**RECEIVES DEGREE**—Robbyn Dymond Tribbey of Dallas, daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey of Haskell and granddaughter of Luther Meier of Old Glory, graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Master's of Business Administration degree. Tribbey received her graduate hood and diploma at the commencement ceremony held Sat., May 14 at Behren's Chapel on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University. Tribbey finished her graduate degree as well as her undergraduate degree from HSU with a 4.0 grade point average. She is employed by Double Eagle Development in Fort Worth. Pictured are, l-r, Lynette, Robbyn, Derrick and Robert Tribbey.



**RIBBON CUTTING**—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for Lewis Construction Co. of Haskell Thurs., May 26 at the south Haskell entrance sign, constructed by the company. Attending were, front row, l-r, Sally Rueffer, Lisa Lewis, owner Jerry Lewis Sr., Jerry Lewis Jr., Debbie Lewis and Tammy Cunningham; back row, Tom Bassett, Megan Cox, Brandon Anderson, Luis Olivarez and John Gannaway. The company specializes in rock, brick, block, stucco, remodels, fences, flower beds, ponds, fountains and additions of all types.

## Doug King attends HOBY Leadership Seminar

by Caron Yates  
Haskell High School sophomore Doug King, recently attended the 2011 Far West Texas HOBY Leadership Seminar. The three day event was held in El Paso.

The leadership seminar began in 1958 in Los Angeles, California. When actor Hugh O'Brian received an invitation from Dr. Albert Schweitzer, inviting him to

French Equatorial Africa for a visit, he didn't hesitate to accept. He spent nine days working alongside the doctor and assisting the volunteers in the remote hospital. He spent the evenings discussing global peace and world politics with Dr. Schweitzer.

During one of those discussions, Dr. Schweitzer told O'Brian, "The most important thing in education

is to teach young people to think for themselves." Before saying goodbye, the doctor took O'Brian's hand and asked, "Hugh, what are you going to do with this?"

It was an experience that not only changed O'Brian's life, but has consequently changed the lives of young people all over the world. Two weeks after returning from that visit in 1958, O'Brian put together

a prototype seminar for young leaders.

Throughout the past five decades, the original idea has grown to include an annual World Leadership Congress, as well as seminars in every state. The purpose of every HOBY seminar is to teach youth "How" to think, not "What" to think. Also essential to the purpose is helping young leaders understand that you get

from life what you put into it.

King was nominated for the seminar by high school counselor, Jamie Davis. Students selected are not only in the top quarter of the class academically, but must be well-rounded and involved in many aspects of school life and leadership. They must also be comfortable meeting and working with peers they don't know. In addition to

his classes, King is involved in athletics, playing football, baseball and golf. He is also on the UIL accounting team. His summer plans include, working at the Abilene Food Bank. King reported the seminar was very beneficial and rewarding.

Seminar attendees are left with the challenge to be a leader that makes a difference in your school, community and world.



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

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

Bids will be opened and read aloud at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2011. 22c

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# Teachers retire from local schools

by Caron Yates

It is hard to believe, even for those who were there, but another school year has come and gone. While students make plans to swim, sleep in or just enjoy some leisure time, several Haskell County school employees are planning the next step in their lives, retirement.

Haskell Elementary School has two employees on the retirement list. Susan LeFevre, who has taught twenty years, has spent at least fourteen of those in first grade. While she spent two years teaching third grade and four in fourth, she found her niche in first grade. In fact, because of an unusually large group of first graders that year, she was originally hired to teach one year at Haskell Elementary. Before she knew it, one year had turned into twenty. LeFevre says, "I have had the opportunity to work with the greatest and most dedicated staff ever." She says that although finding time to get everything done, is difficult, there is nothing quite as rewarding as seeing the "light" come on, when a first grader realizes he or she can read.

LeFevre and husband Larry, have two children. Daughter Larressa and Eric Earthman live in Lubbock with their children Ryan, Corrie, Shawn, Morgan, Nate and Belle. Son Shane and his wife Julie live in Rule, along with grandson Hayden. Her mother Tomi May also lives in Rule. She plans to spend her time reading, sewing and playing with grandkids, although rumor has it she may be recruited to help her husband on the farm.

Janie Rodriguez has been dishing up breakfast and lunch, along with smiles

and encouragement, for the past thirty-one years at the elementary cafeteria. While she may not miss preparing for the state inspections that are required by law, she says she will truly miss seeing the children. She had the opportunity to see and encourage most every student every day. She knows she will miss her "elementary family." She feels fortunate to have worked for so many years with people who were always there for her, through good times and bad. Rodriguez just plans to take one day at a time, although she probably will sub from time to time. She also plans to enjoy her family, including daughter Deborah who lives in Breckenridge, as well as sons Patrick in Colorado City, Michael in Plano and Greg in Abilene. Also on the list to enjoy, of course, are five grandsons and two granddaughters.

The administration office will also miss one of their long time employees. Haskell CISD business manager, Karen Ratliff, will be retiring after 36 years. She began at Weinert High School, where she worked for 14 years. The remaining 22 years of her career was with the Haskell school system. Ramona Flores will retire from the Rochester Junior High after 15 years of service to the school.

Rule ISD had five employees retire at the end of this school year. Danny James who has taught the past three years at Rule, is completing a thirty-two year career. Karla Rimes, with twenty-nine years of experience, spent the bulk of her teaching in this area, including nine years at Aspermont ISD and ten years at Rule.

Cheryl Robinson has

spent twenty-nine of her thirty years in education teaching kindergarten at Rule. Robinson says it is always rewarding to see children so excited and proud of themselves, when they learn something new. After spending so many years "on a schedule," she plans to do whatever she wants. That will include enjoying her grandchildren Zoey, Bennett, Donovan and soon to arrive Nate. Robinson and her husband Bobby, have two sons, Cory and wife Keri live in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Eric and wife Crystal live in Abilene. Their daughter Gena and husband Ben live in Rule.

Rule will be welcoming a new superintendent, as they say goodbye to David Parr, who spent twelve of his thirty-nine years with the school system, one as principal and eleven as superintendent. His experience has been with all levels of students and he has taught physical education, history, high school athletics, and special education. Parr devoted twenty years of his career to the Abilene State School as principal and Director of Education and Training. While he vividly remembers the thrill of having a student athlete compete at the state track meet, he considers his years at Rule as the highlight of his career. He acknowledges that it will be difficult leaving Rule ISD. He is looking forward to having time to enjoy his family. Parr and his wife Sonja, who is also retiring this year, have one daughter Tonja, who with her husband Stephen and children Madeline, Jack and Emma, live in Abilene. Their son Casey and his wife Stephanie and children Rylie and Abbie live in Tucson, Arizona.

Sonja Parr's teaching career has spanned thirty-two years. She taught seventeen of those years at Wylie ISD, one at Rochester, one at Stamford and thirteen years at Rule. While she spent some time teaching special education, sixth grade and fifth grade, she says it is the second graders that captured her heart. Parr remarks, "It was a dream come true to be able to come home to Rule to

teach and be with family. It is such an awesome thing to end my school career where I started it so many years ago." While it will be hard leaving the "extended school family," she looks forward to enjoying her children and grandchildren.

Sonja Parr shared her recipe for making Parr's Stars. The year starts with boys and girls with shiny faces and distinctive personalities with sparkling smiles. Take and mold with gentle hands being careful not to bruise. Add just enough sternness and a pinch of discipline when needed, consistency helps. A kind heart and gentle touch are a must. After thirty-six weeks, stand back and look at this creation. It's my gift for only a year, but stars that will be in my heart forever. Just remember that a little of you belongs to me, and a little of me belongs to you. Any of us who have had the privilege of teaching children, understand these sentiments completely.

Almost without exception, anyone who has stayed in education for the long haul will tell you, "It is the children that keep you coming back day after day, and year after year. And while it is sad, or even a little scary, to be leaving the familiar routine of school, it is also exciting to look forward to the next great adventure."

## Weinert FBC VBS set June 6-8

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**HASKELL CISD RETIREES**—Susan LeFevre, left, and Janie Rodriguez are among the employees retiring from Haskell CISD at the end of this school year.



**RULE ISD RETIREES**— Rule ISD employees closed out their school year with a luncheon honoring the district's employees who will be retiring this year. Retirees are, l-r, David Parr, Superintendent, Cheryl Robinson, Danny James, Karla Rimes and Sonja Parr.

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