

Happy Father's Day

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Calendar

Squash cook-off

The sixth annual squash cook-off will be held Fri., June 17 at Village Primitives in Rule. Entries are due by 11:15 a.m. Judging begins at 11:30 a.m. Any kind of squash dish is eligible, no charge to enter.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., June 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., June 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., June 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Donors must be at least 17 years old (age 16 with signed parental consent.) Call 325-670-2798 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday ending July 29. The program will be closed July 4. Anyone ages 6 months through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults are invited to come and eat for the price of \$3.00 per plate.

Puppet theatre

The Dallas Puppet Theater will perform at the Haskell County Library Wed., June 29 at 10 a.m. in the meeting room for kids of all ages.

Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host Vacation Bible School Thurs., July 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Get Fit through Christ: Healthy Living Inside and Out." VBS is available to all children from Pre-K through fifth grade (those entering fifth grade). Everyone is invited to the Family Field Day from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, and see what your child learned during VBS. For more information, contact the church office at 864-3202.

Reception set

Haskell First United Methodist Church will honor their pastor, Rev. Tom Long, and family Thurs., June 16, at 6:30 p.m. with a hamburger/hot dog meal in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Long has received an appointment to the First United Methodist church in Vernon, following his four years spent in Haskell.

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Rowan to compete at College Nat'l Finals Rodeo

Kiel Rowan of O'Brien, a student at Tarleton State University, will compete in the 2011 College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) scheduled for June 11-18 in Casper, Wyoming. The CNFR is the season finale of the National Intercollegiate

Rodeo Association where student athletes earn the right to compete by finishing in the top three for the year in their respective events at ten regional rodeos. Rowan earned his trip to the finals by clinching top honors as the

2011 Southwest Region Steer Wrestling Champion.

This is the 63rd annual CNFR and the 13th anniversary of the event's home in Casper. Qualifiers to the CNFR will represent 11 regions across the nation and will compete

in nine rodeo events including bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping and steer wrestling for the men, barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping for the women. In addition, team roping is held which can feature

male and female competitors. Along with individual titles and scholarships, many of the competitors are hoping to be part of the men's or women's team that takes the team championship back to their college or university.

Each contestant has three preliminary rounds of competition prior to the final round on Saturday night, June 18. Scores and times from those three rounds will be added up and the 12 contestants with the fastest total times or highest total scores will advance to the finals. At the conclusion of the final round national event champions along with men's and women's all-around and team champions will be crowned. In addition to steer wrestling, Rowan also competes in calf roping and team roping at regional rodeos as a member of the men's team at TSU. Besides competing for individual honors at the CNFR, he will be joining with six other TSU men's qualifiers in various other events to try to bring a national team championship back to Stephenville.

Rowan is a senior at Tarleton State University and a 2008 graduate of Rule High School. He has been active in rodeo for many years earning various awards and titles in high school and college rodeos as well as in the amateur and professional ranks. He has one sister, Kate, and is the son of Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien.



TO COMPETE AT CNFR—Kiel Rowan of O'Brien will compete at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) June 11-18 in Casper, Wyoming. Shown is one of Rowan's Steer Wrestling runs during the final Southwest Region College Rodeo held at Stephenville April 28-30. Following the rodeo, he was recognized as the Southwest Region Steer Wrestling Champion which earned him a trip to the College National Finals Rodeo and a trophy saddle.

Addisyn Bates donates tresses to Locks of Love

by Caron Yates

Even as adults, we feel concern when we look in the mirror and begin to see a receding hairline, or thinning spots where hair used to be.

Imagine how devastating it would be as a child or teen to be totally bald. Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization, located in Florida, which works to provide hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children under the age of twenty-one.

According to its website, www.locksoflove.com, the organization began operation in 1998, and strives to help those who have suffered medical hair loss. While most of the applicants for the hairpieces suffer from an auto-immune condition

called alopecia areata, others have suffered severe burns, radiation treatment to the brain stem or a number of dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

The organization receives the bundles of donated hair, volunteers open and sort the donations and the manufacturer hand assembles each piece. The hairpiece is custom-made specifically for each recipient, is made to vacuum seal on the head so only the wearer can remove it, and is made of one hundred percent human hair.

Children comprise over 80% of those donating hair to the cause. This is a charity where children have an opportunity to help other children.

That's exactly what

Addisyn Bates, a Haskell Elementary second grader wanted to do when her mom said it was time to cut her hair. With the heat of summer arriving, Bates, the daughter of Sara and Marty Decker, agreed she needed a cooler style. Blessed with thick, fast growing, healthy, dark hair, she quickly embraced her grandmother's suggestion of donating her cut hair to Locks of Love.

They did some investigation and learned that at least ten inches of hair is required for the donation. She had that much and more, so without hesitation, she was soon holding a ten inch pony tail, that would be sent to help some other child. There are specific instructions for cutting, packaging and sending the hair donation.

Eight year old Bates, granddaughter of Sid and

Kathy Parker, is active in softball, soccer, and arts and crafts activities.

The children who receive these hairpieces have lost more than their hair, they suffer from a loss of self. While it is the goal of Locks

of Love to help provide a foundation on which they can begin to rebuild their self-esteem, they are also providing an opportunity for children as well as adults, to experience the joy that comes from helping others.

Maidens named to All-District teams

by Caron Yates

Honors for the Haskell Maidens softball team continue to roll in as nine members of the team were selected for all-district recognition.

Haskell's pitcher, senior Codi Foster earned Co-Most Valuable Player for the 2011 4A all-district team.

Named to the all-district first team were senior Sara Weise, catcher; junior Jasmine Klose, third base;

senior Samantha Fuentes, short stop; sophomore Cailey Foster, first base and pitcher; and junior Claire Carmichael, second base.

In addition, players named to the second team all-district are senior Harley James, outfield; sophomore Maci Colley, right field and second base; and junior Laycee Tullos, outfield.

The Maidens ended their exciting season as regional quarter-final champions.



DONATES LOCKS—Addisyn Bates of Haskell holds her donation of hair to the Locks of Love organization.



GIN OFFICE FIRE—The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire call at the Haskell County Gin office Sun., June 12 at approximately 11:40 p.m. The office suffered extensive damage. The incident is under investigation.

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WINS SECOND PLACE—The Haskell Bulls, a Coach Pitch team of boys ages 6, 7 and 8, earned the privilege of playing in the Quad County baseball play-off tournament in Stamford. They lost their first game to the Hamlin Green, then had wins against the Anson Scrappers, Roby, Rotan and Stamford Bulldogs. The Bulls were excited to play the undefeated Knox City Thunder in the championship game and lost by three runs. The Bulls received medals for winning second place in the tournament. Team members are, front row, l-r, Nate Roewe, A.J. Torres, Jessie Guzman, Jeremiah Silvas, J.J. Fuentes, Mark Williams and Wyatt Pace; back row, Tom Bassett, Cash Bassett, Wyatt Carmichael, Rowdy Raynes, Ryan Cooper and Darren Baxter.



PLAY IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME—The Haskell Rangers of the Senior Midget, Quad County Baseball League went undefeated in the regular baseball season. They played Sat., June 11, in the semi-finals against the Hamlin Green team, which they defeated with a score of 7-0. The Haskell Rangers later played the Stamford Rangers in the Championship Game Saturday and were defeated 2-1. Aaron Skiles and Reed Roewe were awarded a trophy for Co-MVP for the game. Team members include, front row, l-r, James Robledo, Hadley Sloan, Reed Roewe, Aaron Skiles, Cutter Medford and Kephus Beal; back row, Coach Donny Skiles, Casey Arendall, Darian Williams, Christian Cardenas, Peyton Smith, Dale Fritzer and Coach Casey Larned.

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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER—**Jessie Guzman, second baseman, was awarded the Most Valuable Defensive player in Stamford at the Play-Off Tournament held June 4. He played for the Haskell Bulls, who won second place.**

Crime of the Week

Sometime during the early morning of June 1 a pickup was set on fire on North 10th in Haskell. Upon investigation, it was determined that the pickup was stolen earlier from a residence in Haskell.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Haskell Police Department, is offering a reward for information about this crime. Anyone with information is urged to call the tipline at 800-222-TIPS or text CFCS at CRIMES. All callers remain anonymous.

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New pastor honored

A reception for Rev. Dustin and Myranda Wilhite and family was held Sun., June 12, hosted by the Haskell First United Methodist Church. Rev. Wilhite has accepted an appointment to be pastor for Haskell First United Church and will be in the pulpit Sun., June 26.

A graduate of Asbury Seminary of Kentucky, the couple has four daughters; Mykaylee, age 12; Addyson age 9; Emma, age 7; and Palynn, who will turn 2 this month.

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LWG meeting to be held Friday

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting to be held at the USDA Service Center in Haskell. This meeting will be June 17 at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource concerns and needs in Haskell County.

Input received will

allow the LWG to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices and ranking for county based funding. Recommendations provided by the LWG meeting will be reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to help implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. Funding for these programs may be

made available to eligible producers through the application process.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Haskell at 940-864-8516 ext. 4. NRCS office locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Carl W. Homeyer at 940-864-8516 ext 4 at least two weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

June garden checklist

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

•Take a critical look at your landscape at the height of summer development.

Make notes of any plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, better arrangements for your landscape, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members. These are good projects for next winter.

•Check for insects and diseases. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Insecticidal soaps can be helpful in their control. Remove and destroy severely infested annual plants.

•The best way to conserve garden moisture is mulching. A good mulch not only retains valuable moisture needed for plant growth, but also improves overall gardening success.

•Hand pull or hoe weeds before they mature and produce seed.

•Mulches are usually applied 2-6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2 inch layer of cotton seed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches

of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda grass hay.

•Removing faded flowers from the plant before it sets seed will keep them growing and producing more flowers. A light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks will also be helpful.

•Houseplants can be moved outside this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out too quickly. Water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feeding with a household fertilizer encourages continued growth.

•Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every three to four years. Replant immediately in prepared soils.

•June is the month to select daylily varieties as they reach their peak bloom.

•Fertilize rose beds every four to six weeks. Apply small amounts of fertilizer high in nitrogen immediately after a flush of bloom or every four

to six weeks.

•There is still time to plant some of the heat-tolerant summer annuals. You can direct seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase periwinkle, salvia, marigold and purslane plants for transplanting. Be sure to water transplants adequately until roots become established.

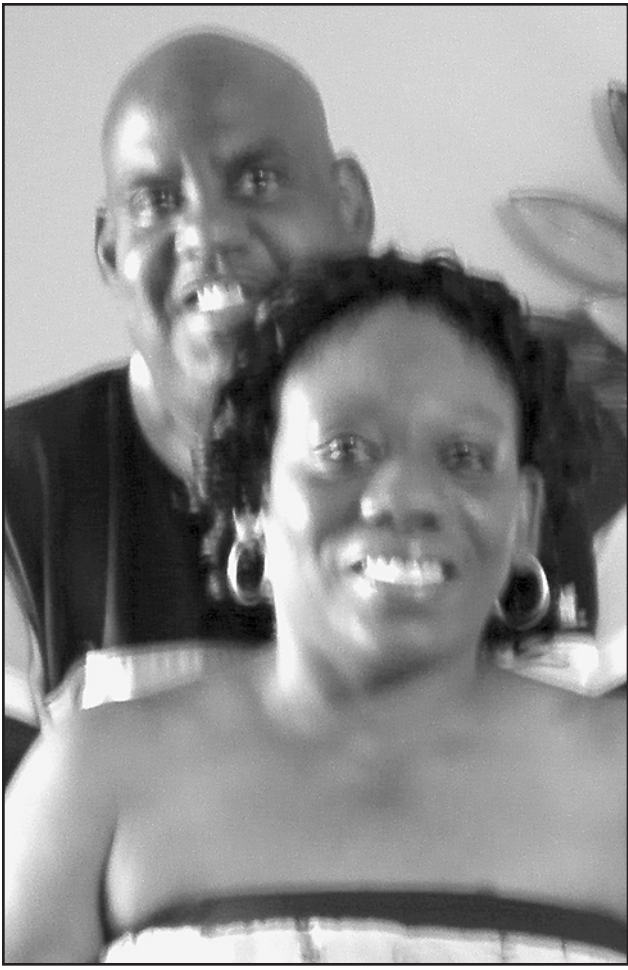
•Pinch back chrysanthemums, Mexican marigold mint, autumn asters and other late summer and fall blooming annuals to prevent the necessity for staking.

•Re-blooming salvias such as Salvia greggii and S. Farinacea (such as S. Henry Duelberg) should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier use hedging shears and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below. Fall blooming perennials such as Mexican marigold mint, chrysanthemums, physostegia and Mexican bush sage should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to Sept. 1, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

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DANNY EDMOND - DENISE JOHNSON

Johnson, Edmond to wed June 19

Denise Johnson and Danny Edmond will be united in marriage Sun., June 19 at Hopewell Baptist Church during the 11 a.m. morning worship service. The public is invited to celebrate with the couple as they join their lives together.

Sanders family holds reunion

By best count, seventy-two people attended the Sanders family reunion held at the Circle S Ranch recently. Rocky Sanders and family of Abilene were this year's hosts.

Attending were: Rocky and Marsha Sanders, Keith, April and son Austin Escobedo of Abilene; Butch and Sue Cox of Naples, their children, Scott, Brenda, Sallie and Austin Sartain of Naples; Drew, Macy and Birdie Cox of Omaha, along with their grandmother, Juanita Henegar of Naples. Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth

and Elaine Campbell of Haskell, Karen Mitchell and her children, Allison and son Keagan of Abilene; Oman and Wilma Sanders and grandsons, Darrell and Phoenix Sanders of Coleman.

Jacky and Sandra Sanders of Haskell, Ricky, Shanna Sanders and daughter Shambry Sanders of Boyd; Jacklyn of Paris and friend James Hamilton of Catula; Rex, Mandy, Abby and Robert Sanders of Aledo; B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth, Jacky D. and Barbara Kirkland of Weatherford, granddaughter, Laine Kirkland, Kristen and baby Kadie Huey of Benbrock; Tom and Tammy Tennison of Fort Worth; Andy and Marlene Sanders, Netha Carrouth, Renetha and Caden Carrouth of Cross Plains; Andra Jackson and son, Andrew Poole of Cross Plains.

Visitors, Linda and Herbert Camp of Lubbock, Johnny and Teresa Cole of Sequin, David Cole of Sequin, Scarlet Hennigas of Sequin, Hank and Susan Maupin, Bill and Denise Maupin, Shawn and Jodie Kay of Odessa, Louetta Maupin of Odessa.

Haskell TTEA

The TTEA of Haskell County met Thurs., June 9.

Pat Jenkins called the meeting to order. Dolores Medford gave the opening exercise.

Roll call was answered with "What is the most useless thing I save." Twelve members and one guest were present.

The May minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. \$700 was awarded for scholarships, \$150 for 4-H Round up expenses.

Thank you notes were read from 4-H'ers, Allison Petty and Jenny Dudensing.

The yearbook committee will meet this month to begin working on the yearbook.

The birthday calendar information will be sent on June 13. The picture of the highway sign was not good so it was decided to use the front of the high school.

Jane Rowan gave the following reports:

- The state 4-H Round Up will be June 13-17.

- The district Leadership Lab is scheduled for June 20-22.

- A workshop to assist 4-H'ers in completing record books will be held.

- A "Cooking Camp" with Knox County will be held July 19

FCS reports:

- Approximately 20 persons attended the Cancer Connections program. Another program is planned.

- The State TTEA meeting will be held in Temple Sept. 13-15. Medford, Jenkins, Lena Tidwell and Katherine Schonertstedt are planning to attend with others deciding later.

- Janet Fish, Flossie Bates and Mary Jennings were appointed as the Nominating Committee for 2011-12 officers.

After a brief discussion on the Experienced Citizens Center's financial needs, Joetta Burnett made the motion, seconded by Medford, for the club to donate \$100 to the center.

Medford then presented the program "Connecting Generations-Part Two." She stressed that listening and talking to children will not only carry on our family's history but will make elderly people more interested. She displayed several items that individuals can use to record stories.

Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

The Haskell Cancer Support Group met June 7 with Carolyn Moore and Bro. Bearing as guest speakers.

Moore took us on a "Vacation From Cancer" explaining that sometimes a vacation is as simple as closing your eyes and taking a moment for yourself. During treatments for cancer, the patients are busy and unsure of the next move. "Some are sick, tired and just want to sleep. While lying down, take a vacation," Moore says. It does a body good! She reminded us we can't dwell of the negatives of how the treatments make us feel, but the ending of your cancer. "Your cup is always half full," Moore says.

Bro. Bearing explained how God is always with us during these times of trials. "God will never leave you and He is always in control," He also reminded us to help each other as God does. We can't fight this battle alone and God will be in total control.

Kim Hutto went to the Extension meeting on Cancer Concerns June 6, held in Haskell and it was a great informational meeting. Topics explained how cancer grows and prevention of cancer.

Legal aspects of the end of life choices were also explained. Take for example a DNR, you may have one in the hospital but when you check out, your DNR is no longer legal. You also need an out of hospital DNR. Individuals should discuss their wishes with family and close friends. A spouse will know what you want but will they be able to follow through? If it in writing, this will help ease the burden.

The past month, the group has had six guest speakers and wonderful meals. We are always treated to Mae Lou Yeldell's cooking along with Melissa Mitchell's treats.

The next meeting will be June 28 at 5:30 p.m. at The Haskell Hospital Educational building with Suzanne Starr as guest speaker. She has been with us a few times and always brings great information along with a very uplifting message. Our group challenges each church, business or organization to send one

person to show support for your families, friends and neighbors fighting cancer.

The bake sale is set June 25 at the Stamford Walmart from 9 a.m. til sold out. Also the first annual BBQ In The Park will be July 23. Please come and support this group in helping patients with medications and other

medical needs. Baked good donations are needed and the BBQ will also need help with donations. Call Kim Hutto with any donation.

We offer a light meal and great information on the battle of cancer at each meeting. Call 325-864-4466 or 940-864-5964 for more information.



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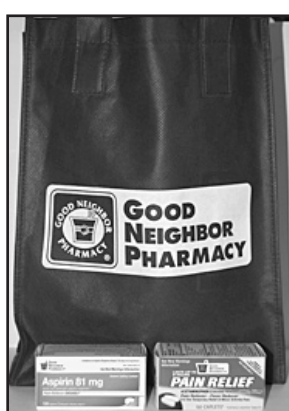
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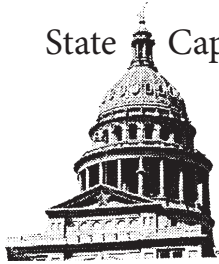
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Education, health care funding bills head toward passage

AUSTIN—Republican majorities in committees and in the full House and Senate pushed toward the governor's desk an assortment of high-stakes legislation in the first 10 days of the special session.

To smooth the way, House leaders used Senate bills as vehicles to carry the budget-related, Medicaid, congressional redistricting and public education finance issues Gov. Rick Perry ordered the 82nd Texas Legislature to address.

Senate Bill 1, the fiscal matters bill that controls the ebb and flow of funding in the 2012-2013 state budget, now moves back to the Senate with 96 House amendments.

One of those amendments, by Rep. Diane Patrick, R-Arlington, would put a two-year shelf life on the funding formula that resulted in \$4 billion in cuts to public schools across Texas under the new state budget.

Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, successfully attached an important "amendment" to SB 2, the supplementary appropriations bill for education in the 2012-13 state budget.

Howard's amendment would take any revenue above the \$6.5 billion projected for the state's Rainy Day Fund in 2012-2013 and use it to fund enrollment growth in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. SB 2 now moves back to the Senate with 18 House amendments.

Another education-related bill, SB 8 by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Dallas, offers teacher furloughs and salary cuts as means to help school districts cope with losses of funding losses.

Passed by the Senate last week and now headed to the House for consideration, the bill would allow districts to give teachers unpaid leave on non-instructional days.

Shapiro said her bill also removes the current salary floor for teachers and does away with the "last-in-first-out" policy when terminating teachers. The bill, if passed in its current form, also will void the contract of any teacher who does not keep up to date with state certification requirements.

Medicaid, the second-biggest piece of the state budget pie behind public education, was addressed and tentatively approved last week by the House in the form of the omnibus health care bill, SB 7 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Rep. John Zerwas, R-Simonton.

SB 7 would amend current laws regulating administration,

quality and efficiency of health care, health and human services and health benefits programs in Texas.

Among its objectives is the creation of health care compacts to function as a substitute for federally managed health care. The bill also removes a provision of law prohibiting the state Health and Human Services Commission from providing Medicaid using a health maintenance organization in Cameron County, Hidalgo County, or Maverick County.

Redistricting bill moves ahead

SB 4, legislation redrawing U.S. congressional districts, tentatively was passed by the Senate on June 6 and by the House on June 10.

The bill by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, plots lines for Texas' 36 congressional districts, including the four added because of the state's 20 percent population growth as recorded in the 2010 U.S. Census. A majority of the growth between 2000 and 2010 was in the Hispanic population.

House and Senate Democrats protested the proposed new boundaries for districts in far west Texas, the Rio Grande Valley, and the Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin areas.

Complaints were brought mainly over the division of communities of interest and the failure to create more minority opportunity districts in which Hispanics of voting age or Hispanic-surnamed residents, or African-Americans could elect candidates of their choice.

State Sen. Kirk Watson protested the cracking of Austin into oddly-shaped slivers instead of mapping it as a compact, contiguous community of interest.

But Seliger and Solomons defended their redistricting job, claiming that it is defensible under the Voting Rights Act. Lawmakers in opposition predicted that the matter will have to be decided by the federal government through the U.S. Department of Justice and courts.

Governor sets prayer day

Gov. Perry, through his official web site, proclaimed Aug. 6 as a "day of prayer and fasting for our nation to seek God's guidance and wisdom in addressing the challenges that face our communities, states and nation."

Perry plans to appear on that day at a public event titled "The Response," a Christian prayer meeting at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Texas families and the governors of other states are invited.



Guthrie Lady Jags win local tournament

The Guthrie Lady Jags were the tournament champions at the 1st Annual Rolling Plains Girls Basketball Team Camp held in Haskell at the high school gym June 10-11.

Other participants included the Haskell Maidens, Stamford Lady Bulldogs, Aspermont Lady Hornets and Anson Lady Tigers.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 14, 2001

An endowment named for Anita Perry, first lady of Texas, will support a new women's and children's health research center at the School of Nursing at The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Haskell first graders recognized for reading over 200 library books during the school year are Garrett Brueggeman, Lynna Billington, Kelli Ozuna, Jasmine Klose, Brady Leach, Austin Page, Sasha Walker and Haley Myers.

Haskell Indians named to the All-District 8-2A baseball team are Jeff Blanks, infield and Dustin Threet, outfield. Named to the second team are Bryce Hudgens, infield; Kyle Michaels, outfield; and Ernest Palacios, designated hitter.

20 Years Ago June 13, 1991

Rule's Tower Drive-In Theatre is going to be in the movies. A University of Texas graduate student has chosen the Rule Drive-In as the setting for the filming of a motion picture he is producing as a requirement for his master's degree.

Haskell Indian Band's majorette line, which won medals at the UIL All-State twirling contest, are Sherry Mueller, Nichole Cothron, Andrea Bridwell, Joni Martindale and Cindy Henry.

Lori Lane Kitten received a bachelor of science degree in home economics at the Texas Tech spring commencement ceremony. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lane of Haskell.

30 Years Ago June 11, 1981

Several shooters from Haskell won titles at the Texas Zone III Trapshooting tournament held in Vernon. W.E. Wooten took the Zone Singles Championship; Don Comedy took the Class C title; and Gary Womack of Haskell was the Zone Jr. Champion.

Debra Robertson Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Robertson of Weinert, received a BBA in marketing during a graduation ceremony at Angelo State University.

Winners in the Haskell County 4-H Dress Revue are Kim Jones and Debbie Quade, senior division; Jill

Jennings and Kelly Earp, intermediate division; and Michelle Scoggins and Tamra Burnett, junior division.

40 Years Ago June 17, 1971

Tommy Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller of Weinert, has signed a basketball scholarship with Hardin-Simmons University. The Weinert High School senior was named to the all-district team and averaged 36 points a game for the season.

Gene Hunter, prominent longtime Haskell businessman, who has owned and operated Hunter Men's Wear since 1944, announced that he sold the business to Bill Lane, Haskell businessman, farmer and rancher.

The Little League Stadium will be dedicated in memory of Volly Ivy, who had given fifteen years of his time and talent to Little League.

Paint Creek High School cheerleaders attending cheerleading camp are Quala Buerger, Connie Brazell, Dianne Jasso and Melanie Trautvetter.

50 Years Ago June 15, 1961

Haskell Postmaster Harold Spain was installed as first vice president of the Texas Chapter of National Association of Postmasters of the U.S.

Mrs. Virgil Wall and Leon Pearsey were installed Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Haskell Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in a ceremony at the Haskell Masonic Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson attended the 55th Annual Conference of Texas Chamber of Commerce Managers in Fort Worth. Mrs. Johnson is the manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

100 Years Ago June 17, 1911

Ruth Jones returned from the Ursalene Academy at Dallas. She made a splendid record while at the academy and won the gold medal for making the highest grades.

Just before we go to press, the alarm of fire was given and the fire boys rushed to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Oates.

J.F. Collier and Spence Beavers were passengers on the southbound train Sunday.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

By the time you read this, your new city councilman will have been sworn in. That duty took place at 7 a.m. Mon., June 13. As you recall, Jason Hall and his family moved to Stamford leaving one year on his term on the council. It is the mayor's prerogative to fill the position and Jill Druessedow has consented to serve the remainder of Hall's term. Druessedow brings experience, intelligence, civic pride and charm to the table. It took some coercion on my part, but I convinced her I needed all the help I could garner. Welcome aboard, Jill.

If you've traveled down U.S. 277 and looked east in the direction of the Church of Christ, you will notice a nice addition to the area and to the city's beautification efforts as well. It had long been a dream of my wife's to turn that vacant area between the sanctuary and the classrooms into a garden. She likes to call it a prayer garden. With permission from the elders, we planted Vitex, roses, artimesia and salvia this past week. We had a water line put under the concrete walk, bought a bench and two hanging baskets, a shepherd's hook, and some solar lights. On top of that, we dug out buckets of dirt and put them on the north side of the building, put down edging and mulch. When the project was still a dream we had no idea it

would be the hottest, driest, windiest time in history to begin. Now, it's finished and the challenge is to keep everything alive. Hopefully, if anyone is in want or need of solitude, you're welcome to come, sit, pray or just be alone in our prayer garden. We have a friend who has been through much wear and tear of late and threatens to be the first customer.

I noticed much trimming and cleaning around First Baptist this weekend as well. We probably don't get any "Brownie points" for keeping our houses of worship neat and nice (as someone told me: "it doesn't fill any stomachs or save any souls"), but I sort of think of it like our folks' burial plots. They're not there, but call it family pride or call it honor I like my earthly and church families taken care of.

The Betterment Committee met last week at the park with shovels and spades in hand. Mulch was placed around all the crape myrtles hopefully helping to keep the moisture in place as well as the grass away from the plants. More trimming was done. Keep your fingers crossed. I've noticed two about to burst into bloom... one is on the west side of the creek across from the park and the other is on U.S. 380 sort of in front of the Star Stop. We had such a good turn-out for work. It amazes me because most committees have about four

people who do all the work... not this committee.

I have a growing file of mottos for the city. The latest came all the way from Carlsbad, New Mexico. Ina Rea Robertson graduated from Paint Creek, her mother still lives in Haskell and she loves the column. Her entry was: "Haskell, Texas—A town of positive purpose and accomplishment."

Did you read the Abilene Reporter-News about Munday's accomplishments regarding cleaning up their town? They have done much to be emulated. "We've cleaned up probably close to 75 properties and tons of trash," said president Logan of the Keep Munday Beautiful group. Presently the group is remodeling an old rock church and turning it into a community theater. One project is mowing 51 vacant lots and lobbying for ordinances to handle abandoned buildings. Does any of this sound familiar? I agree with Karen Longan who said, "We've got to get them to come back home and see this is a great place to raise a family."

Dr. Bolyard, who was the vet helping out Dr. Gober, decided to return to her home and help out her family. So we have a new vet filling her position: Dr. Lana Chumney. Dr. Chumney is a new graduate of Texas A&M Veterinary College and we welcome her to our city. Some of us say, "You can't

get too many Aggie citizens." Mentioned earlier are the two new dentists who moved to town to help out Dr. Cliff Ray in his dentistry practice. Dr. Moon has already located here and is seeing patients (word has it that he is well-liked and a good dentist). The other dentist, Dr. Schmidt is scheduled to arrive shortly. When everyone is moved in and settled down, I'll try to work up an interview and formally introduce the new-comers through this column.

We had occasion to visit Occasions (the old Haskell National Bank Community Room recently purchased by Brian and Jennifer Burgess) and it is beautiful. They have renovated the building and have painted, torn down walls, put in a new kitchen and added wooden floors. For over 30 years HNB offered the facility to citizens for their clubs, meetings, parties and reunions. It is my understanding that the Burgess family will continue to do the same on a fee basis.

There have been several break-ins and acts of mischief resulting in quite an amount of money. Police have arrested some and hopefully, this will put an end to the lawlessness. Meanwhile, keep your home doors locked as well as your automobiles.

And stay under the air conditioner as much as possible.

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X-PLSION—Haskell Girls Softball Association 12 and Under Team “X-Plsion” played in the 2011 ASA District Tournament, held in Abilene recently and won second overall in the tournament. Team members are, l-r, Kaylee Hardin, Abby Homeyer, Aye Stewart, Laura Fuentes, Macey Coker, Krysta Winegeart, Kelsey Guzman, Kourtney Whitt, Ashlyn Bevel and Gabby Masias. Their coach is Jeremy Fuentes.



ALMOST PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Recognized for having almost perfect attendance for the second semester at Paint Creek Elementary and Junior High School were, l-r, Steven Crain, Cruz Lanfranco, Dalton Einhaus and Danica Elias. Crain and Einhaus received a DSi and Lanfranco and Elias received an iPod.



PLAY IN TOURNAMENT—Haskell’s 8u softball team, Diamond Darlins, tied for fifth place in the ASA District 11 State Tournament held in Abilene June 10-12. Sixteen teams participated and the Darlins went 3-2 by defeating teams from Stamford, Bridgeport and Abilene while suffering losses to teams from Colorado City and Wylie. Team members are, front row, l-r, Emma Roewe, Tess Homeyer, Civana Evans and Abby Anderson; middle row, Adaline Utley, Ashlyn Payne, Kiannah Luce, Delaney Hanson and Krislyn Tatum; back row, Makayla Arendall, Braelyn Bevel and Jazlyn Rodela. Coaches are Kendra Bevel, Rhonda Hanson and Jennifer Roewe.



SIXTH GRADE AWARDS—Pictured are Paint Creek School sixth graders that received various awards including, l-r, Sabrina Conn, Catherine Lemond, Zhenia McTasney, Corey Mengwasser, Sabrina Ortega and Melisa Rock.



SWEET HEAT—Haskell Girls Softball Association 10 and Under Team “Sweet Heat” played in the 2011 ASA District Tournament, held recently in Abilene. Team members are, front row, l-r, Kobie Walker, Kourtney Gibson, Areli Torres and Kaelyn Bevel; and back row, Lauren Alexander, Allie Andress, Abby Blair, Kami Key, Landry Hanson and Ryanna Rodriguez.

Haskell High School announces honor rolls

Haskell High School has released the names of students appearing on the sixth six weeks honor roll.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Zierra Alexander, Marlee Andrada, Kelby Bell, April Brown, Lucy Carmichael, Daniel Contreras, Jarett Earle, Emily Fouts, Meghan Glover, Maegan Hearn, Madison Homeyer, Kyle Kimbrough, Kaley Mathis, Dana Rodriguez, Johnathon Schmegner, Dakota Silvas, Camden Smith, Zachary Tatum, Micah Thomas, Aaron Waggoner and Max Weise; A-B honor roll, Kaleb Beal,

Emmett Benton, Kelly Crain, Jasmine Dever, Nathaniel Dever, Gus Estrada, Anna Flores, Joshua Frame, Morgan Garcia, Cheyanne Hill, Zachary Hollingsworth, Alicia Ortiz and Christina Villa.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Ashley Adams, Maci Colley, Shelby Dunnam, Cailey Foster, Morgan Frierson, Carson Hadaway, Hunter Ivy, Madison Mayfield, Tillie McGuire, Brett Shelton and Kalyn Wheatley; A-B honor roll, Adrian Alexander, Taylor Burson, Phillip Coleman, Shawn Duncan, Cannon Edwards, Drake Everett, Delecia Garcia, Cynthia Gillispie, James Hammond, Doug King, Ryan Markey, Preston Morrow, Trevor Reese, Cassidy Rios, Veronica Robledo, Steven Schmegner and Gabriel Torres.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Garrett Brueggeman, Lisa Hibbitts, Kymbre Kupatt, Krista McLemore and Layne Petty; A-B honor roll, Ryan Baumbach, Lynna Billington, Claire Carmichael, Sara Duncan, Paige Glover, Jasmine Klose, A.J. Rodriguez, Mackenzie Thomas and Sasha Walker.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Erica Atkins, Leslie Crosson, Irma Deleon, Codi Foster, David Gonzales, Angelica Gonzalez, Candice Hill, Harley James, Oren Maggard, Nathan Meredith,

Jessica Rodriguez, Ashlee Short, Dawn Skinner and Ross Wittenborn; A-B honor roll, Kelsie Adams, Amber Allen, Ashley Bullard, Bailey Fillmon, Arabella Garcia, Cheslee Hearn, Denise Hibbitts, Judith Isbell, Meagan Kimbrough, A.J. Knowles, Marissa McGhee, Christian Myers, Andrew Sammons, Tony Trevino, Clarissa Walker, Pamela Walker, Sara Weise and Crystal Wright.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in May was \$1.95 billion, up 9.9 percent compared to May 2010.

“Spending in sectors such as the oil and gas industry and manufacturing helped increase state sales tax revenue,” said Combs. “Retail spending also grew. Texas has now had 14 straight months of sales tax revenue increases.”

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$468.7 million in local sales tax allocations, up 7.2 percent compared to last June.

Combs delivered June sales tax allocations of \$311.8 million to Texas cities, up 6.6 percent compared to June 2010. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 6.3 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$30.3 million, up 13.6 percent compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 12.8 percent compared to 2010.

In addition, \$21 million went out to 179 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 13.1 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems received \$105.3 million in sales tax allocations, up 6.2

percent compared to a year ago.

June’s sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in April.

The Comptroller’s July sales tax allocation will be made Mon., July 11.

Haskell County had a 12.91 percent increase for June 2011 of \$33,504.20 in comparison to \$29,672.38 for June 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$244,984.77 reflect a 21.36 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$201,851.12.

The City of Haskell had a 13.40 percent increase for June 2011 of \$31,235.21 in comparison to \$27,542.87 for June 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$218,994.15 reflect an 18.37 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$185,003.59.

The City of O’Brien had a 45.56 percent increase for June 2011 of \$133.92 in comparison to \$92.00 for June 2010. 2011 payments

to date of \$1,818.20 reflect a 27.10 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$1,430.44.

The City of Rochester had an 11.82 percent decrease for June 2011 of \$340.72 in comparison to \$386.42 for June 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$3,097.50 reflect a 5.37 percent decrease over 2010 payments to date of \$3,273.50.

The City of Rule had a 6.16 percent increase for June 2011 of \$1,662.70 in comparison to \$1,566.19 for June 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$19,696.58 reflect an 81.13 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$10,873.74.

The City of Weinert had a 55.06 percent increase for June 2011 of \$131.65 in comparison to \$84.90 for June 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$1,378.34 reflect an 8.54 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$1,269.85.

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Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., June 16 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Appointments are available from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Please call 325-773-5681 for an appointment.

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.

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Teams win Pokey the Clown Junior Ranch Rodeo



SUPER PEEWEE DIVISION WINNERS—Winning first place in the Pokey Clown Junior Rodeo Super Peewee Division (ages 3-5) were, l-r, Derek Fisher, Evan Enriquez, Brayden Fisher and Ashlee Isbell. They are pictured with their team captain and Pokey the Clown.



PEEWEE DIVISION WINNERS—Winning first place in the Pokey Clown Junior Rodeo Peewee Division (ages 4-7) were, l-r, Cassidy Chambles, Kenzli Hager, Tagen Chambles and Tristen Meinzer. They are pictured with their team captain and Pokey the Clown.



JUNIOR DIVISION WINNERS—Winning first place in the Pokey Clown Junior Rodeo Junior Division (ages 8-11) were, l-r, Peyton Smith, Kephas Beal, Katelyn Beal and Abeigail McCormick. They are pictured with Pokey the Clown.



SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS—Winning first place in the Pokey Clown Junior Rodeo Senior Division (ages 12-16) were, l-r, Elizabeth Bowers, Kristen Beal, Seth McCormick and Kaleb Beal. They are pictured with Pokey the Clown.

This Week's Devotional Message:



When you visit God's wilderness, keep it clean

Whenever you pay a visit to the home of friends or relatives, you naturally remember your manners and do your best to keep the place as neat and clean as possible. By the same token, if your plans take you to a wilderness or camping area, this is also a good place to remember your manners. It's really a form of "love thy neighbor," because you do this out of consideration for

others who may share the place with you. Another reason is that you are God's guest there. In any wilderness area you can see all the beauty which He has provided for your enjoyment. Think of it as an outdoor extension of your house of worship, and respect it as you would any place where you are an invited guest. In this case, the 'guest room' is all God's creation.

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**
Phillip 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
- O'BRIEN—**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Twelve teams entered the Pokey the Clown Junior Ranch Rodeo held Sat., June 4 during the Wild Horse Prairie Days. First and second placing teams are invited to Amarillo to compete at the World Championships. Super Peewee Division, ages 3-5: 1. Super Heros, Derek Fisher, Brayden Fisher, Evan Enriquez and Ashlee Isbell; 2. Dora Explorers, Kagen Logan, Lilly Dale Terry, Lilee Grace McCormick and Calee Pheister. Peewee Division, ages 4-7: 1. Hager Ranch, Kenzli Hager, Cassidy Chambles, Tagen Chambles and Tristen Meinzer; 2. Rough Riden' Dinosaurs, Lance Terry, Garret Dutton and Lawton Terry. Junior Division, ages 8-11: 1. Spurs, Peyton

Smith, Katelyn Beal, Kephas Beal and Clara Abeigail McCormick; 2. Texkans, Cade Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Brenden Anderson and Rocky Haggard. Other teams competing were Rodeo Kings, Nate King, Taylor King, Kaylee King and Piper Smith; Dynamite, Cody Dutton, Kelsea Tidrow, Hagen Isbell and Autum Gibbs; Stampeden' Hooligans, Brody Stanfield, Shane Stanfield, Chambray Pheister and Cassidy Pheister; and the Dirt Devils, Hunter Anderson, Sara Anderson, Dylan Fisher and Amy Martinez. Senior Division, ages 12-16: 1. Mavericks, Elizabeth Bowers, Kristen Beal, Kaleb Beal and Seth McCormick; 2. Stunt Girls, Alexa Yang, Kaylee Hardin, Kasie Isbell and Riley Hardin.

Students in the News

Kade Kittley of Rule graduated Cum Laude from West Texas A&M University during its spring commencement exercises May 14 at the First United Bank Center with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Samantha Ann Steele of Haskell and Cindy Brown Guess of Weinert graduated from Midwestern State University May 14.

Steele graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree.

Guess graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Adam Conner of Haskell graduated from Hardin-Simmons University during commencement ceremonies held Sat., May 11, in HSU's Behrens Auditorium.

Conner graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in art from the HSU School of Music and Fine Art.

Christopher Hobbs, son of Tammy Mickler of Rule and Chris Hobbs of Trent, earned his Ph.D in chemistry Fri., June 3 from Texas A&M University.

A 2002 graduate of Paint Creek ISD and a 2006 graduate of Angelo State University, Hobbs has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Angelo State University.

Calendar

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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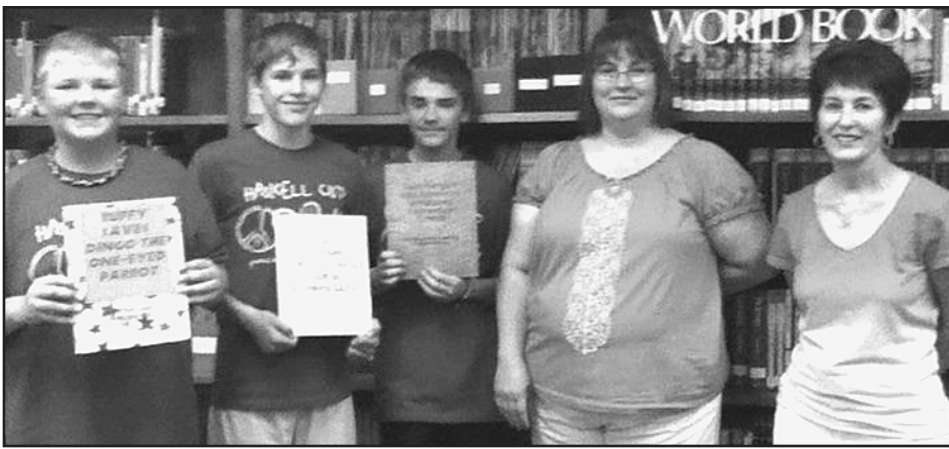
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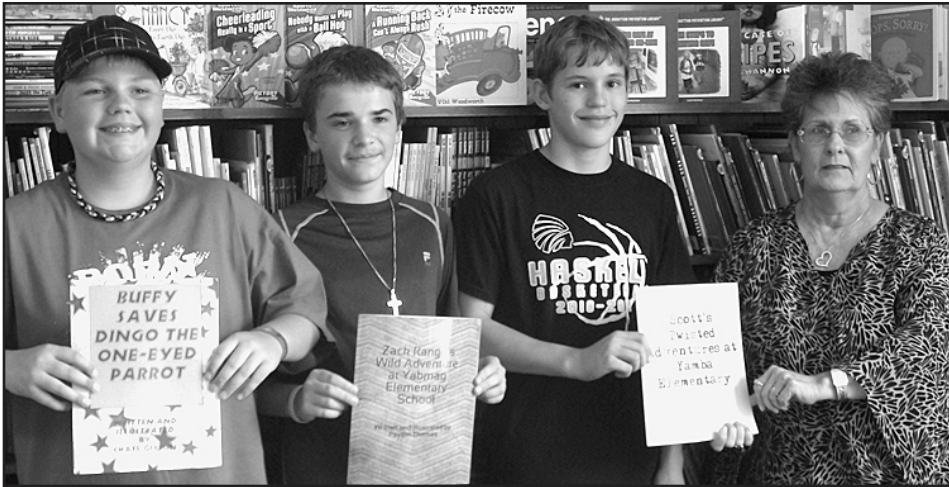
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PRESENT BOOKS TO LIBRARY—Rochester Junior High sixth grade Gifted and Talented students presented children's books they wrote and illustrated to the Haskell County and Haskell Elementary School libraries. Pictured at the top are students, l-r, Chase Gibson, Hayden Hudson and Payton Thomas, with Jaclyn Wheatley and Betsy McManamon, Haskell Elementary School librarian. Pictured below are authors, Gibson, Thomas and Hudson with Joan Frazier, Haskell County librarian.



Authors present books to libraries

"If you could have any superpower, what would it be?" That is what the sixth grade Gifted and Talented (GT) students asked the second grade students at Haskell Elementary School. The interview, which included questions about hobbies, favorite pets, fears, and the problems they face, was used to gather information for the GT students' spring project. The assignment was to write and illustrate a children's book in which the main character used a superpower to solve a problem, and with a lesson that was life applicable.

This year's GT group consisted of Chase Gibson, Hayden Hudson, and Payton Thomas. The purpose of the assignment, according to Gibson, was "to give kids a book to read that is fun and applicable." "I hope the book can help them build their self-esteem," Hudson said. When asked what he learned from the experience, Thomas said, "I learned what

an author really does while writing and editing a book." All three books can be found at the Haskell County Library and the library at Haskell Elementary.

Summer reading program continues 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.

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PAINT CREEK CHEERLEADERS—Cheering for the Paint Creek Pirates for the 2011-12 school year will be, front row, l-r, Haley Myers, Stormy Darnell and Kelsey Smith; back row, Danielle Oliver, Kadie McCord, Katrina Buerger and Jamie Todd, mascot.

Dallas puppet theater coming to Haskell library

“Dig It!,” a musical marionette variety show using large scale marionettes and accompanied by a lively musical score, will be presented at the Haskell County Library by the Dallas Puppet Theater.



ALMOST PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Recognized for having almost perfect attendance for the second semester at Paint Creek High School were Sean Myers, left, and Katie Jones. Myers received a Nintendo DSi and Jones received an iPod Touch.

the things the puppets do, but also with some of the interesting and unique ways the word “dig can be interpreted. There is also a backstage look at the puppets as well as how they work and how the show is put together. The program is approximately 45 minutes in length. Kids of all ages are welcome and if space permits so are those who are kids at heart.

The Dallas Puppet Theater has been enchanting audiences at libraries for over 25 years. They will entertain, Wed., June 29 at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Haskell County Library.

Stop by your library and join in the fun!!!

Funds for this program have been made available through the Friends of the Haskell County Library.

Squash Cook-off to be held June 17

by Caron Yates

It is time again for the annual Squash Cook-off in Rule. The big event is set for Fri., June 17 at the Village Primitives Store, located on Main St. in Rule.

Six years ago, well-known Rule gardener, Bill Bowles, had an abundance of squash. One day while visiting at Village Primitives, he wondered aloud, “What can we do with all this squash?” The best answer seemed to be, “Let’s have a squash cook-off.”

Bowles has supplied much of the squash entered in the contest for the past five years.

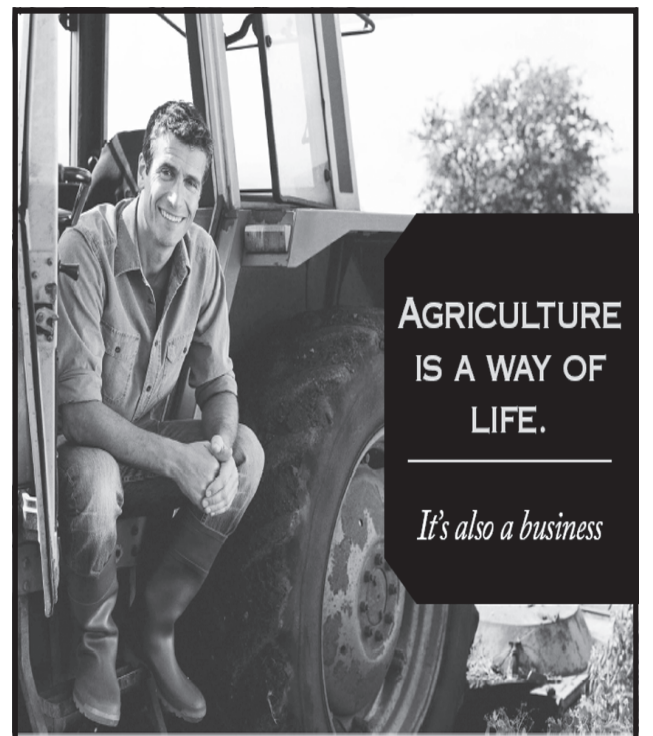
Everyone in the area is invited to prepare their favorite squash dish and come join the fun. Entries must be at the store by 11:15 on June 17. They will be judged by “squash experts” at 11:30. Entries may be submitted in the following categories: casseroles, bread, dressing, desserts, pickles, relish and miscellaneous.

Joyce Turner of Village Primitives says, “There are no entry fees, and the winners only receive bragging rights.” There were approximately forty squash dishes entered last year, and they are hoping for even more this year.

The best part is, after the judging, everyone can enjoy a taste of the delicious squash concoctions. You may even come away with a new respect or taste for squash, along with some recipes.

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