

## Softball

### HASKELL

Maidens vs Hamlin

Fri., April 6, 5 p.m.

at Hamlin

Maidens vs Stamford

Tues., April 10, 5 p.m.

at Stamford

## Baseball

### HASKELL

V-JV Indians vs Stamford

Fri., April 6, 5 & 7:30 p.m.

at Stamford

V Indians vs Rotan

Tues., April 10, 5 p.m.

at Haskell

## Track

### HASKELL

V District Meet

Thurs., April 5 at Munday

PAINT CREEK

V District Meet

Fri., April 6 at Knox City

## Calendar

### Bake sale

Haskell Memorial Hospital, Haskell EMS, The Drug Store will host a bake sale in the lobby of the Haskell Hospital Fri., April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are welcome. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

### Good Friday services

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell will hold Good Friday services April 6 at 7 p.m.

### Good Friday services

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will observe Good Friday with a Tenebrae Service at 6 p.m., April 6. The Good Friday service marks the beginning of the Easter vigil. The church sanctuary will be open on Saturday for prayer.

### Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt will be held Sat., April 7 at 9 a.m. at the Haskell City Park, sponsored by Tom Bassett State Farm Insurance and the City of Haskell. Ages 4 and under will be separate from children ages 5 and up. Bring your Easter basket.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Bill Middlebrook, Haskell knife maker, will bring the program. Middlebrook will tell about the art of making knives the old time way—with a hammer and a forge. This is a blacksmithing technique called Damascus. He will bring some examples of his and others' decorative work. Everyone is invited—men will be especially interested.

### Garden Club

Members of Haskell Garden Club will meet Tues., April 10, at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell and car pool to Aspermont and other areas for a nature trip to view the many spring flowers native to Texas. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and drink for a picnic.

### Donkey basketball

A donkey basketball game, sponsored by the Haskell Elementary PTO, will be held Tues., April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Haskell High School basketball gym. Tickets are available at the Elementary School Office or by calling 940-864-5984 or 940-864-2654.

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## Happy Easter

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Jerry Cannon is Rule's Citizen of the Year

Jerry Cannon was named the Citizen of the Year at the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Raised on a farm in Stonewall County, Cannon attended school in Old Glory and entered Rule High School in his tenth grade year, graduating in 1965. He completed his schooling at

Abilene Christian College, earning a BA Degree in Education. He taught school in Munday until an opening came at Rule High School where he taught math.

In his early years at Rule School, he coached tennis and took a girls doubles team and a boys single player to regional and state tournaments. Later,

he became a math coach for UIL teams in math, calculator and computer programming, winning several district, regional and state championships. His slogan was "Math is Fun."

Cannon had several interesting customs when he took students to contest. One was to set the time for leaving.

He would say departure time would be 5:58 or 5:56 instead of 6:00 because he believed they would remember the unusual times.

He would also furnish brain food (Dr. Pepper and donuts) for them to eat as they traveled to the contest.

He left Rule High School and became a math teacher at Garden City, also coaching UIL teams and winning district, regional and state championships. After a search of past records, it was discovered they had never in the history of the school, sent a math team to Austin. One year at Austin, Cannon was honored as Coach of the Year because of his multiple championships at Rule and Garden City.

Retiring in 2010, he came home to Rule and found many things to do around town. He served on Rule city council, was Mayor for one term, served two terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce and is presently serving again on the city council. He carries his hoe with him to chop

down weeds as he finds them, cleaning up yards and behind store buildings, cleaning vacant yards, taking people to the doctor and doing other kind things for them. He also repairs computers and helps individuals with computer operating problems.

He is a member of the Rule Church of Christ where he is song leader and technician for the sound system. He installed and keeps an overhead projector working properly as well as being a handy man. He has taken care of the church yard for many years.

He married a Rule girl, Molly, in 1978, and built a home here. They have four children, and ten grandchildren who believe that grandpa can do anything.

Congratulations to a well deserving citizen of Rule for the numerous things he has done to contribute to the city's welfare.

Banquet entertainment was provided by Ray and Nancy Clark of Sagerton.



**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Jerry Cannon, left, is presented the Citizen of the Year at the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet by Kenny Tanner. Cannon was named 'Man of the Year' in 1990.**

## Benton named new Haskell Athletic Director

by Caron Yates

Grady Benton, the new Haskell High School Athletic Director, began his duties at the school Mon., March 26.

He was hired by the Haskell school board on March 22. He comes to Haskell from Slaton, where he has been the athletic director and head football coach for the past five years. Before that, he coached football and

baseball, as well as taught at Randall High School for about eight years.

Born in California, he was raised and spent most of his life in Arizona. He graduated from Mesa High School in Mesa, Arizona, where he quarterbacked the successful high school football team. Also an outstanding baseball player, he was recruited by Arizona State. He led the

Arizona State football team as quarterback his second and third years there, until a shoulder injury sidelined him.

Realizing his limitations due to the injury, and being encouraged by a close friend, he transferred to West Texas A&M, where, after rehabbing, he was offered a spot on the team. Upon playing out his eligibility, he was invited to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis, Indiana, to train for a chance at an NFL offer.

While that offer didn't come, he was offered an opportunity to play Arena Football in Houston. He was with that team for two years, when he suffered a knee injury.

Benton says, "Although I wanted to play, I knew God was leading me in a different direction." He returned to West Texas A&M to finish his degree.

In 2002, he married his wife Kayla. They met in college, where she was an English major from Sunray.

She is now an assistant principal at Slaton Junior High. They have two children, an eight year old daughter and a four year old son.

Benton is excited to be in Haskell. The philosophy he brings to Haskell's athletic program is "to develop them as young men and women through leadership, strength and conditioning, and the fundamentals." His goal is to help athletes become successful by teaching them to get all they can out of themselves.

He says that one of the first things he noticed after arriving in Haskell, was how respectful and hard working the students are. Benton comments, "That is a direct reflection of the program that has been in place here, and it says a lot about those who have been working with these kids."

While he does plan some changes or different ways of doing things, he first wants to observe each of the athletic programs and see what is already in place. He feels it is very important to take time and be sure of the changes he wants to make.

Coach Benton is happy to be in Haskell and is looking forward to the whole family being a part of such a friendly community.



**GRADY BENTON**

## Traffic stop finds crack cocaine

Haskell County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Hearn made another traffic stop in Haskell. With the help of Haskell Police Officer Nick Saginaw, the stop ended with one suspect going to jail for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. The substance was crack cocaine.

The subject was arrested Saturday afternoon after the traffic stop on North 9th St. in Haskell. After receiving permission to search the vehicle, the known suspect was found to be in possession of crack cocaine. This person had been under surveillance for some time. He was one of many on a list.

This list contains the names of several other persons. Local law enforcement will catch them some time in the future—their luck will not last for long, said Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton.

Halliburton said last week that all of the Haskell County officers, including city, state, county, 39th District Court and Haskell County Attorney, are working together to stop the use, sale and transport of illegal drugs in and through Haskell County.

Suspects caught in Haskell County with illegal drugs,

whether the charge is a felony or a misdemeanor, should be prepared to face severe punishment and fine, said Halliburton.

Haskell Police Chief Richard Candelaira and other officers are working hard to make the city and Haskell County a safe place to live and raise our children and grandchildren. Officers still need the help of citizens. This help is appreciated.

Beginning in April, the names of persons arrested in Haskell County will be published in local newspapers, along with the suspects charges.

Arrests for the week of March 25-April 1 include:

Adam Manuel Mendez, DWI with child under 15;

Sara Elizabeth Hunt, city warrants;

Teddy Manuel Graciano, assault family violence;

Steven Ray Johnson, city warrant;

Steven Coon, driving while license invalid;

and Marcus Dewayne Johnson, possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram, less than 4.

A total of 43 calls were made to 911 during the week.

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# Obituaries

## Magda 'Karina' Ramirez Martinez



**KARINA MARTINEZ**

Funeral services for Magda 'Karina' Ramirez Martinez, 24, of Fort Worth were held Fri., March 30 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Fr. George Romey officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral

Homes of Haskell. Rosary was held Thursday evening, March 29 at the church.

Mrs. Martinez passed away Fri., March 23.

On Oct. 6, 1987 God brought a gift to Ernesto Ramirez and Paula Torres Morales. Magda 'Karina' Ramirez Martinez was born in Coera de V.R. Zacatecas, Mexico. She came in to the United States at the age of 12. She married Ruben Martinez, Jr., in 2007, bringing her son Anthony Murillo to his life. They proceeded to have two more sons, Ruben Martinez III and Ernesto Martinez.

On March 23, 2012 God called his angel home. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernesto Ramirez.

Survivors include her husband, Ruben Martinez, Jr.; her three sons, Anthony, Ruben and Ernesto; her mother, Paula Torres Morales; step-father, Adan Gonzales; three brothers, Emiliano Silva and wife Lizeth Carrasco, Cesar Melecio Silva and wife Cinthia Rojas and Omar Ramirez and wife Vanessa Macias; one sister, Yanet Ramirez and husband Jose Beltran; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ruben and Virginia Martinez, Sr. of Haskell; brother-in-law, Eddie Martinez and wife Gloria of Haskell; sister-in-law, Brittney Martinez and husband Gary Acosta of Ennis. PD. NOTICE

## Joan Berry Medford



**JOAN MEDFORD**

Funeral services for Joan Berry Medford, 82, of Haskell were held Tues., April 3 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Dustin Wilhite officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Medford peacefully passed away Sat., March 31 at Windcrest Care Center in Abilene.

Born Aug. 31, 1929 in Big

Spring, she was the daughter of Cliff and Billie Berry. She was raised in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1947 and Hardin-Simmons University in 1952 where she was a proud member of the Cowgirls. She married Johnny Medford Nov. 18, 1952. She owned and operated the Sears Catalogue store in Haskell and later taught Special Education in Aspermont for ten years. She and Johnny lived for a period of time in New Mexico. She enjoyed her time in "Mexico," as she referred to it. She loved the Indian culture and arts, and yellow roses. She also enjoyed reminiscing about growing up in Haskell, the early days with her brother, sister, parents, and grandparents, and the life she lived and loved. Medford never had children, but her niece and nephews always thought of

her as their second mother, and she loved them as her own and considered them her children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Allen Medford; her parents, Cliff and Billie Berry; her sister, Linda Berry Holley; her sister-in-law, Joy Allen Berry; and a great niece, Misty Jo Holley.

Her life is celebrated by her brother, Jim "Boosky" Berry of Clyde; niece, Lisa Berry Cade of Rotan; nephews, Bill Holley, Jr. of Haskell, Cliff Holley of Wesley Chapel, Florida, John Holley of Vernon, and Scott Berry of Clyde; brother-in-law, Bill Holley, Sr. of Clyde, and a host of great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Windcrest Care Center for their love, care and support.

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**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTANTS**—Participating in the 4-H annual photography show were, l-r, Avery Tanner, Crow Parham, Adaline Utley, Cody Dutton and Tristen Swinney.

## 4-H'ers hold photography show

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

On Sun., March 25, the Haskell County 4-H held its annual photography show and awards program at the Rochester School. Eight youth entered photos for this year's show and competition.

Juniors included Tristen Swinney, Avery Tanner and Adaline Utley. Intermediate participants were Kylie Adams, Cody Dutton, Zhenia McTasney and Crow Parham. The only Senior participant this year was River McTasney.

In the Junior category Tristen Swinney received first Animal Domestic, first Catch All, first Nature/Landscape,

first Night Photography, and second Plant/Flora;

Avery Tanner received second Animals Wildlife, second Catch All, and second Nature/Landscape;

Adaline Utley received first Animals Wildlife, third Catch All, first Marine/Aquatic, third Nature/Landscape, first People, and first Plant/Flora.

In the Intermediate category Kylie Adams received first People;

Cody Dutton received first Catch All, third Nature/Landscape, second People, and first Theme;

Zhenia McTasney received second Animals/Wildlife, first Details & Macro, first Dominate Color,

first Elements of Design, first Food, first Marine/Aquatic, first Nature/Landscape, third People, and first Plant/Flora;

Crow Parham received first Animals/Wildlife, second Catch All, second Nature/Landscape, and second Plant/Flora.

In the Senior category River McTasney received first Details & Macro.

Each age division had a Best of Show award. In the Junior division, the winner was Adaline Utley; in the Intermediate category, the winner was Kylie Adams; and in the Senior age category, River McTasney was the winner.

## James Lee Ford Sr.



**JAMES FORD SR.**

Graveside services for James Lee Ford, Sr., 85, of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, formerly of Haskell will be held Fri., April 6 at 2 p.m. in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Henry Flint, Rev. Clovis Dever and Dr. James Webb officiating. Visitation is planned for Fri., April 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Ford passed away Tues., March 27 in Mount

Clemons, Michigan.

Born July 5, 1926 in Houston, he was the son of Green and Viola Ford. He spent his younger years in Rule and later relocated to Haskell where he graduated McGee High School. Upon completion of high school, he entered the United States Air Force in 1945.

While stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, he met and married his wife Patricia Johns. From that union, they had four children; Lamont Ford, James Ford, Jr., Jacqueline Ford Withers and husband Alison, Adrian Ford Leonard and husband Kenneth; 15 grandchildren, Ryan Lamont, Ebony, Yolanda, Tamika, LaDarryl, Ruth, Beverly, Alison Jr., Monique, Joseph III, Jerrard, Jason, Jonathan, and Patrice; 35 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild.

He was a veteran of three wars which included World

War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. He served as a flight mechanic with the Strategic Air Command (S.A.C.) at various bases around the world. Upon being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he worked in the automotive industry.

Ford was a devoted member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Michigan where he served on the deacon board and as the Sunday School Superintendent. He was an active member of the Masonic Order and the New Haven Lions Club. He was an extended member of Hopewell Baptist Church and the Greater Independent Baptist Church, both of Haskell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Green and Viola Ford; a sister, Princesia; his son, Lamont; and a grandson, LaDarryl.

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## Claudio Garcia



**CLAUDIO GARCIA**

Funeral services for Claudio Garcia, 86, formerly of Rule, were held Thurs., March 29 at the First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev.

Russell Stanley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Rule.

Mr. Garcia passed away Tues., March 27 in San Antonio.

Born Claudio Garcia Lara May 17, 1926 in Piedra Tiradas, Tamaulipas, he was the son of Ismael and Maria Delrefugio Lara Garcia. He lived most of his life in Rule, but always traveled back to his home in Mexico. He was a jack of all trades and worked as a welder, farmer, gin worker and in construction.

He was a member of the Primera Iglesia Bautista Church in Rule.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ismael and Maria Garcia, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Dora Armintha Garcia of Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Yolanda Garcia Lemos of San Antonio; three sons, Jesus Garcia of Rule, Saul Garcia of Limon, Mexico, and Tino Garcia of Zapata, Mexico; three brothers; one sister; eight grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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## Donna Jane Bynum



**DONNA BYNUM**

Funeral services for Donna Jane Bynum, 64, of Haskell were held Wed., April 4 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell

with Rev. Dustin Wilhite officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Bynum passed away Sun., April 1 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Dec. 29, 1947 in Fort Worth, she was the daughter of Herman and Mary (Taylor) Josselet. She married Jimmy Bynum in Haskell June 1, 1996. She was a warrant secretary at Taylor County Sheriff's Department and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Mary Josselet.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy of Haskell; three daughters, Kimberly Hunter of Anchorage, Alaska, Ashley Bynum of Austin, and Michelle Bynum, also of Austin; her son, Chad Watson of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers, Johnny Josselet and Phillip Josselet, both of Haskell; one granddaughter; one grandson; two great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. PD. NOTICE

## Freddie Ray 'Ted' Sellers

Graveside services for Freddie Ray 'Ted' Sellers, 81, of Arlington were held Fri., March 30 in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Wade Family Funeral Home of Arlington.

Mr. Sellers passed away Mon., March 26 in Arlington.

Born July 28, 1930 in Rule, he was the son of Jack and Lura Brown Sellers. He was a longtime Arlington resident and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for nine years, including during the Korean War. He

was retired from American Can Company. He was a man of few words, who was a hard worker and good provider for his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Verna Bell Sellers, in 2009.

Survivors include his sons, Glen Sellers and wife, Dena, and Ray Sellers and wife, Rhonda; brother, Jack Sellers; grandchildren, Lori Garza and husband, Ricky, and Brandon Sellers; and four great grandchildren.

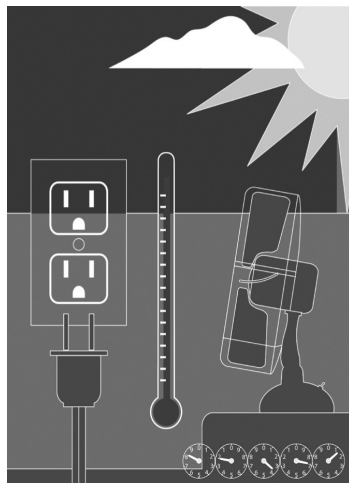
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# Spring Fling to be held Sat., April 21

The Noah Project-North's "Spring Fling" will be presented Sat., April 21, at the Haskell Civic Center. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Ham and all of the trimmings will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The entertainment will be a comedy written by Kathryn Medford. It presents an amazing story, from Terri Spaulding, about being in an abusive relationship and how Noah Project helped her.

The famous dinner and silent auction, emceed by Mike Fouts, will complete the evening.

Tickets are \$12.50 and \$5.00 for children under 10. Carry-outs will be available. Tickets may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member, from the Noah Project office, or at the door. Monetary and material donations are being accepted and all are greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made by calling 940-864-2551 or by mailing Noah Project-North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Come and join the fun and help support a worthy cause.

# Mom Prom set Sat., April 28

Ladies, get your vintage prom dresses ready for the second annual Mom Prom. The event will be held Sat., April 28 from 8 to midnight at the Haskell Civic Center, hosted by Relay for Life Teams Camo Chicks and Sal's Pals. Admission will be \$20 with all proceeds going toward the Knox-Haskell Relay for Life.

Dress in your vintage prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses or any kind of dress

from the past! Be ready to dance the night away to a live DJ. Prizes will be given for certain categories of dresses, a cancer survivor recognition, door prizes, snacks and water will be provided or BYOB.

All ladies 19 and over are welcome to attend, you do not have to be a mom.

Those wanting to make a donation to this event, money or door prizes, should contact Terri Fillmon at 940-256-0259.

# EEA Club news

The Haskell County Extension Education Association met March 8 at the Haskell County Extension Office meeting room. Sue McGee presented the opening exercise, "Comparison of 1960 and 2012." Twelve members and one guest were present.

John Gannaway, Haskell City Mayor, presented the program, "The Progress of Haskell." Mayor Gannaway discussed improvements that have been made to the appearance of our city, as well as plans to continue revitalizing and enhancing our community. He spoke of ideas to develop the community, and talked of problems with an aging infrastructure. New businesses planning to open soon were mentioned, as were upcoming events and activities to bring more people into Haskell.

Tammy Parham reported on selected changes to the 4-H scholarship criteria, and relayed that there are 17 4-H Juniors and Seniors eligible to apply for the scholarship this year. TEEA youth/adult scholarship applications are

due by April 1. Unfinished business included discussion and approval of the Tri-County Rally Day agenda.

Under new business, there was a discussion of the upcoming District Spring Conference and Cultural Arts Day.

Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, gave a report on the upcoming 4-H projects: Photography Project Show/Awards Program; County Fashion Show; and, Consumer Life Skills Project/Consumer Decision Making Contest. She stated that the "Organ Wise Guys" program, presented to Kindergarten students, was well received. Rowan announced that "A Matter of Balance"—a series of meetings on how to prevent falls—will be held at the Hospital Education Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 8- 31. Seven certified coaches will be leading the sessions.

Refreshments were provided by Janet Fish and Shirley Reed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12.

# Alzheimer's group to offer free workshop Apr. 12

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Basics of Alzheimer's Disease" Thurs., April 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105, in Abilene.

Perhaps you have noticed possible signs of Alzheimer's disease in yourself or someone you love. Or you may know someone who has been recently diagnosed. This workshop is intended for anyone who would like to learn more about the disease

and related dementias.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Seating is limited. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900, or via e-mail at mbannister@alz.org.

# Haskell Lodge #241

ODHS #241 met for dominoes last week followed by the regular session led by President, Jerry Don Klose.

Warmest sympathy was extended to the family of Doris Reeves who passed away in March. Reeves had been a member since July 8, 1962.

Many members are aging and unable to attend meetings but are still remembered for their participation in years gone by.

Doris Brueggeman celebrates her birthday April 13.

Thanks to the Grand Lodge for the set of the new Hermann Sons dominoes.

These dominoes are attractive and bright and available from Grand Lodge.

Young members are busy with University Interscholastic League one-act play competition, baseball, softball, 4-H, track and other activities such as proms and upcoming graduation.

Door prizes were awarded to Dorothea Monroe, Milbert Opitz and Phyllis Klose.

Have a good summer and join us for friendship, love and loyalty with or without dominoes Oct. 7, at 3 p.m. The new location will be announced prior to that date.

# Torres family to present concert

The Torres Family will appear in concert at the First Baptist Church in Rule Sat., April 14, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Torres Family from Haysville, Kansas has been ministering through their music, for about thirteen years. Starting out as a duet, brothers Jeremy and Anthony Torres sang, while father Ray backed them up on the guitar.

As their ministry grew, Ray Torres began singing as well as playing, while Jeremy's wife Rebecca added her alto voice to the harmony. More recently Ray's wife Carla has joined the group, adding a second female voice and a true heart

for worship.

Their unique Southern Gospel style and four-part harmony, join together two generations. They have written many of the songs they perform. Blessed with great musical talent, Jeremy incorporates a unique style of piano, which will capture your heart and complements Anthony's bass and acoustic guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

The family travels around the country sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through music and personal testimony.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come be a part of the musical blessing of The Torres Family.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Wait for Supreme Court ruling begins

AUSTIN—Texans and all other Americans have until late June to guess how the U.S. Supreme Court will rule in the multi-state case seeking to have the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act declared unconstitutional on account of federal overreach.

Last week, oral arguments were put before the high court. Lawyers, pundits and officials expressed an array of opinions about what happened in those question-and-answer sessions and attempted to divine how a ruling might affect the cost, quality and accessibility of health care, the impact on state budgets and potential effects on the November general election.

State Comptroller Susan Combs, who administers the state budget, said the Texas Legislature would “have a hard time finding future state budgets if the Obama administration’s federal health care rules are implemented.”

But some of the two-year-old, 2,400-page law, which is introduced in stages, already is in effect. The individual mandate—the part of the law that requires nearly all citizens to purchase health insurance—is not scheduled to take effect until 2014. One of the questions before the court is whether the individual mandate and other parts of the health care law could stand alone as constitutional issues.

For Combs, however, the concern she expressed on March 26 was with Medicaid spending. She pointed out that 20 percent of the state’s general revenue goes to Medicaid and that mandates in the federal health care law would cause the state to spend 37 percent of its general revenue on Medicaid alone by 2023.

While it is unclear what condition state finances will be a decade in the future, the health care law as it is today expands coverage, covers pre-existing conditions, offers discounts on prescription medications and gives tax credits to small businesses that offer health insurance to employees.

### Capitol gets new monument

March 29 marked the unveiling of The Tejano Monument, a set of 11 life-sized bronze sculptures mounted on a massive chunk of pink granite on the south lawn of the Capitol.

Sculpted by Armando Hinojosa of Laredo, the monument pays tribute to the Tejanos—Spaniards and their descendants—who dwelled on the land between the Rio Grande and the Red River, and the Sabine River on the east to

the Rocky Mountains, for three centuries before statehood and forward to the present day.

Necessary steps culminating in the installation of the monument were achieved through legislation passed in 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009.

### AG chief: about that beef

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 29 joined Gov. Rick Perry and a group of other governors at a Nebraska meat packing plant to address recent public concern about a beef product nicknamed “pink slime.”

While Native American cultures of the Great Plains have long been praised for using every bit of the bison they hunted, the presence of pink slime in ground beef sold and consumed in the United States prompted news reports that the product comes from less esthetic cuts disinfected in an ammonia solution before grinding.

Staples, referred to the product as “lean, finely textured beef” and said beef production has been slowed because of canceled orders resulting from negative media. “If these myths are allowed to persist, hard-working Americans will lose their jobs permanently, forcing us to be more dependent on foreign food sources to meet growing consumer demand for lean ground beef,” Staples said.

Perry said “retailers are effectively discarding 10 to 12 pounds of high-quality protein per head at the same time an historic drought in the Southwest has significantly reduced herd size. That’s a formula for a fairly significant price hike in beef, again, for no valid reason.”

### Unemployment drops again

The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.1 percent in February, down from 7.3 percent in January, the Texas Workforce Commission announced on March 30. A year ago, in February 2011, the unemployment rate was calculated at 8.0 percent.

### Higher speed for some stretches

The Texas Transportation Commission last week announced its approval of 80 mph designations for 54 miles of roadway in the Austin area: State Highway 130 from Georgetown to Mustang Ridge and State Highway 45SE from Mustang Ridge to Interstate 35 in south Travis County.

This was made possible by House Bill 1201, legislation that allows the Texas Department of Transportation to set speeds of up to 85 mph on certain highways designed to accommodate such speeds.



## BCEC to hold meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its 13th annual meeting of the membership Tues., April 17 at The Coliseum in Snyder.

At 6 p.m., member registration will begin and the meal serving line will open. Members and guests are invited to enjoy a tasty Texas barbecue meal while listening to Cindy Wright and the Bluff Creek Edition. The business meeting will convene at 7 p.m.

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

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago April 4, 2002

Paint Creek High School student Courtney Buerger, will advance to the UIL Regional competition in Persuasive Speaking.

Members of the Progressive Study Club were in Austin as a part of their Texas Heritage Tour, which also included having tea at the Governor’s Mansion as guests of Texas’ First Lady Anita Perry.

Bob and Elizabeth Mapes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and spouses. Formerly of Haskell, Texas, where they were married, they have lived and worked in Haskell, Oklahoma.

### 20 Years Ago April 2, 1992

Randy McLelland, First Baptist Church Youth Minister, was named Citizen of the Year, at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. The Chamber cited McLelland’s positive influence on all of Haskell’s young people.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry

was honored with the “Distinguished Eagle Scout Award,” during ceremonies in Abilene. Fewer than 1,000 of these honors have been given nationwide.

Haskell High School student Casey Larned, has been named a United States national award winner in Student Council, by the United States Achievement Academy. He was nominated by teacher Christie Stapleton.

### 30 Years Ago April 8, 1982

Members of the Board of Trustees of Haskell Schools hired W.L. “Blue” Holt as Athletic Director for the 1982-83 school year.

Haskell High School athletes recognized at the All-Sports Banquet were Randall Frierson, Aaron Weaver, Monty Moeller, Domingo Villa, Emily Cox, Jay Druessedow, D’Anne Burris, Jeff Medford, Sara Starr, James Davis, April Turner and Curtis Forehand.

Two Rule graduates were recognized for academic achievement at Texas A&M University. Senior Colleen Townsend, a health education

major was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll, while sophomore James Cloud, an agricultural education major, was on the Distinguished Student List.

### 40 Years Ago April 6, 1972

Dr. Troy Culpepper was named Overall Chairman of Haskell County Red Cross by a nominating committee that is reorganizing and reactivating the county’s chapter. Other officers are Charles Thornhill, Mrs. Dan Wadzeck, Troy Swartz, Clydene Comedy, Bud Herren, Mrs. R.C. Couch, Jr. and Mrs. Keel Acree.

Haskell County 4-Hers exhibiting at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show were Calvin Wilfong, first place heavy weight Angus and Reserve Champion; Kyle Wilfong, fourth place light weight Hereford; and Joe Wilfong, fourth place lightweight crossbred.

Incumbents re-elected to the Haskell City Council were Jimmy Browning, Carl Anderson and Buster Gholson. Mayor Belton Duncan was also re-elected.

### 50 Years Ago

### April 5, 1962

Stewart Motor Service of Haskell, owned and operated by E.J. Stewart, has been named the dealer for Case Farm Machinery in this area.

Morris A. Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris M. Haynes of Paint Creek, has been selected as one of four delegates to attend the Lions International Convention in Nice, France.

Haskell Indians winning the 6-AA District track meet and qualifying for the regional meet are Jerry Hadaway, Joe Thigpen, Leslie Wooten, James Brown, James Davis and John Kimbrough.

### 100 Years Ago April 6, 1912

Elected in the city election were T.C. Cahill, mayor; M.A. Clifton, J.S. Keister and N. McNeill, councilmen; Clyde Elkins, city attorney; J.F. Collier, assessor/collector; Leon Gilliam, secretary/treasurer; J.W. French, city marshal.

Rev. T.J. Waggoner and family have arrived here to assume pastoral duties at the First Baptist Church.

## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

If you missed the Easter Cantata/drama last night (Palm Sunday), you missed a blessing. Martha Jarred directed the voices, which like the Christmas Cantata, came from all churches in the city. East Side Baptist sponsored the event and the First Baptist Church gave their building. When Jesus (portrayed by Chris Turner) burst victoriously from the tomb, the audience responded with clapping, “Amen,” and an occasional tear...that’s what it’s all about, folks! I’d been telling everyone, “Haskell needs a community chorus,” and I think that’s what we have. It takes commitment and a lot of time, but anyone who loves to sing would be welcome to participate. Friends in Clyde have such an organization and they’re branching out to do Broadway musicals. At any rate this Easter musical set the tone for your Easter celebration. With the economic future not as bright as we would like, that oftentimes dims folks’ outlook on life. One way to brighten that outlook is to sing. We could start having music in the park on some Saturday and Sunday afternoons. One could

sing, dance or just listen—whichever would brighten your day. I mentioned this to a Councilman last night and he just shook his head and said, “Do you ever stop thinking?”

Jacky Sanders’ building is almost complete with new red siding and windows, a limestone retaining wall—just beautiful. The HNB parking lot is beginning to show progress. The China Wok building (next to the Free Press) is undergoing a complete renovation, and the crape myrtles are leafed out and survived the winter. Town Square Development LLC owners, Blake and Robbyn Reid, have set up shop and are ready to do big things for Haskell, and the Bassing store is being readied for new owners. Have you noticed Sue’s Flower Shop’s Easter/Spring decoration? Thanks, Pam for sprucing up the square. Also, as you make your way around the residential areas, you will notice that several families have Easter decorations in their yards. Keep it up everyone, you make me very proud.

Speaking of pride, I am so pleased with the pride exhibited by most of our citizens. Maybe it’s because I want to see a difference, but it seems to me more people are cleaning their property, cutting their grass and showing a spirit of “We’re not giving up; this is Haskell,” if that’s even a

sentence. There are a few trouble spots but they’re mainly confined to houses that have been re-possessed or houses for sale and some of these belong to the families of our elderly friends who have been relocated because of their age. Still need to watch the water; keep it in your yards and out of the streets.

I have been visiting with businesses in Haskell soliciting funds for our upcoming Wild Horse Prairie Cook-off and Antique Car Show April 27-28. The Chamber of Commerce gave the committee \$2,000 to get us started. This is our “maiden” year and we want it to be so good that people will want to come again next year and the next. In other words, we want this to be an annual event coupled with the Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo the first weekend in June that hopefully will put us on the map. Almost 100% of the businesses contacted have donated \$100—this makes me so hopeful that the citizenry is behind this project. We plan to have neat awards and T-shirts with donors’ names listed. I don’t care if we have to buy extra-large, long sleeved ones to get every name on them. Thank you Haskell merchants for your willingness to help the community. If you haven’t been contacted and desire to participate, you can call me or go by City Hall and make your donation.

Relay for Life is in full swing as I awakened to a purple, polka-dotted potty in my yard on Saturday a.m. I paid the price and got it forwarded to another I’ll not name. Then I was contacted to participate in a donkey basketball game. I declined that “honor” in deference to a bad back but in doing so got talked into being in a beauty pageant, which I swore would not happen after last year! Maybe I need to read the Mayor’s job description again!

Following one of my daily mayoral runs, the wife and I stopped by and visited with Gerald and Mary Nell McCoy. During the course of the conversation, I was telling Gerald that I had moved all my plants that I had wintered in the garage out into the yard since it looked as if winter was over. I surmise this because the old mesquite trees are beginning to leaf out. Gerald said that his dad told them of another sign that he relied upon to determine the end of winter: the appearance of scissor-tail birds. Makes me wonder—the mesquites are out, the plants have been moved out of the garage, but I haven’t seen a scissor-tail. Sure hope we don’t have another freeze.

The temperatures are predicted to soar—Pray we don’t have another summer like last year’s. I’m afraid our vegetation might not make two in a row and I’m not real sure I can.

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## HASKELL INDIANS

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Stamford  
Fri., April 6  
5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
at Stamford**

**Indians vs Rotan  
Tues. April 10  
5 p.m.  
at Haskell**



**HASKELL INDIANS**—Team members of the 2012 Haskell Indians baseball team are, front row, Kade Colley, Dakota Silvas, Mathew Martinez, Jared Escobedo and Aaron Waggoner; back row, Coach Josh Damron, Cole Hutchinson, Cannon Edwards, Sterling Bird, Gabriel Torres, Drake Everett, Daniel Contreas and Asst. Coach Chad Copeland. Not pictured is Max Weise.

## HASKELL MAIDENS



**HASKELL MAIDENS**—Team members of the 2012 Haskell Maidens softball team are, front row, Maci Colley, Meghan Glover, Madison Homeyer, Jacie Klose, Breezy Gibbs, Morgan Frierson and Cailey Foster; back row, Coach John Foster, Reagan Hadaway, Jasmine Klose, Claire Carmichael, Laycee Tullos, Maegan Gonzales, Caitlin Johnson, Delecia Garcia, Veronica Robledo and Asst. Coach Kassie Meacham.

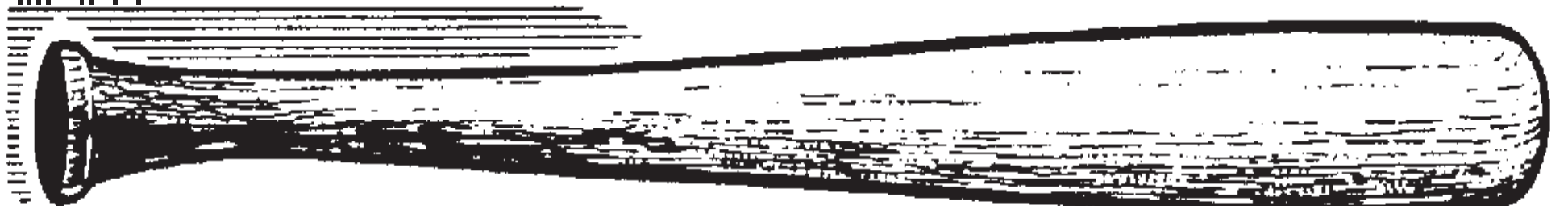
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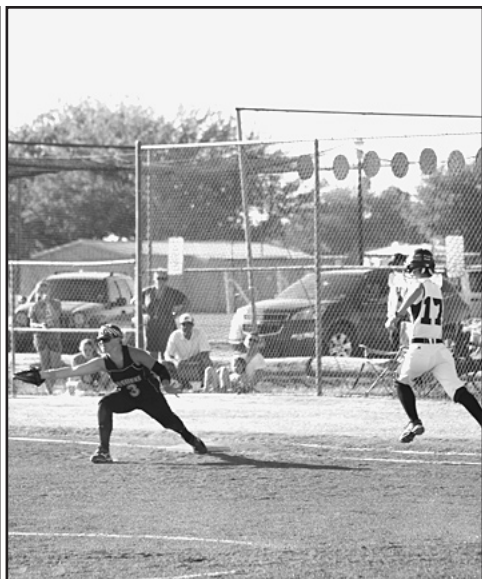
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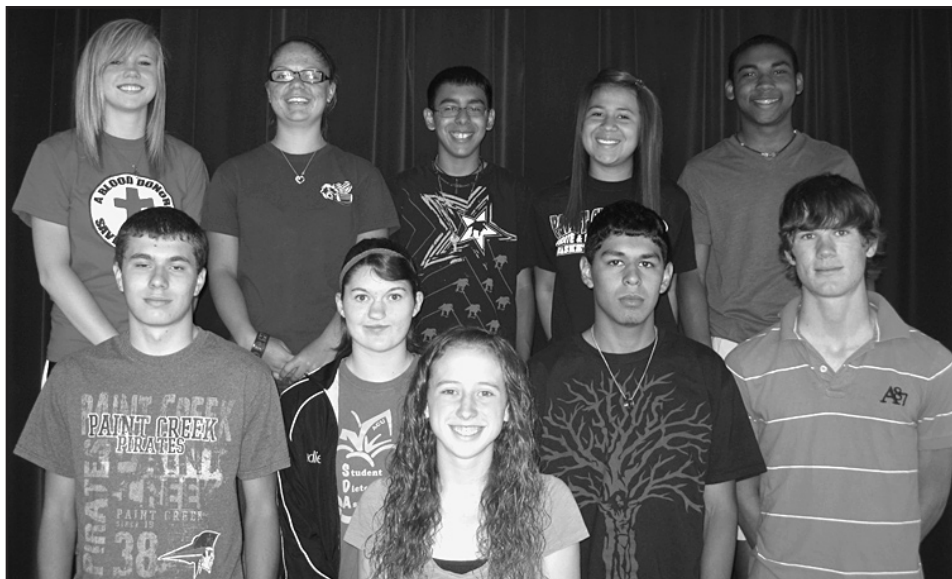




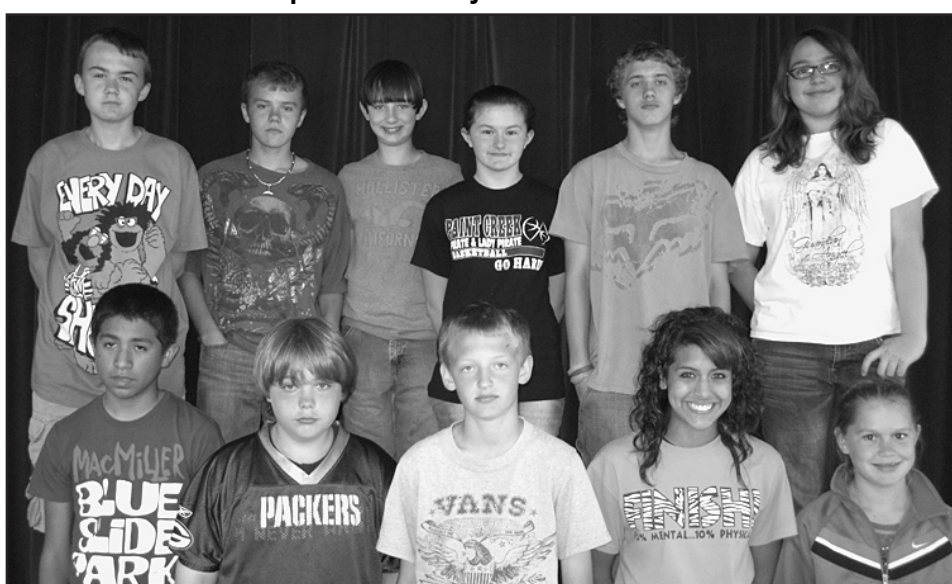
**MAIDENS AGAINST EULA**—The Haskell Maidens played the Eula Lady Pirates last Friday. Haskell Maiden Madison Homeyer, left, is on the mound. Haskell varsity Maiden Cailey Foster makes the out on first during the game.



**INDIAN VICTORY**—The Haskell Indians defeated the Hamlin Pied Pipers last week. Haskell Indian Mathew Martinez, left, is in pursuit of a fly ball. Haskell Indian Kade Colley, right, attempts a bunt during the game.



**PIRATE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK**—Paint Creek High School track students who placed in track meets this season include, front row, l-r, Hunter Hollingsworth, Kadie McCord, Katie Bosnjak, Jared Masias and River McTasney; back row, Caitlin Medford, Stormy Darnell, Brandon Luevano, Baleigh Lopez and Dametric Masias. Not pictured is Felysha Walker.



**PIRATE JUNIOR HIGH TRACK**—Paint Creek Junior High track students who placed in track meets this season include, front row, l-r, Jarrett Lopez, Ben Steele, Dakota Dawson, Gabby Mendoza and Zhenia McTasney; back row, Corey Mengwasser, Dakota Mayor, Buddy Trotter, Paige Ramirez, Dylan Webb and Melisa Rock.

## Haskell Track results

The Haskell Indians and Maidens competed at the Munday Mogul Relays Sat., March 31 Results include: Girls' team total, 5. Haskell 76. Boys' team total, 3. Haskell 103. Girls 3200: 2. Shawnee Hill, 13:10.77; 5. Kayln Wheatley, 14:11.16; 6. Veronica Robledo, 14:54.92. Boys 3200: 1. Angelo Pena, 11:08.78. Girls 440 Relay: 4. (tie) Haskell, 54.74. Boys 400 Relay: 4. Haskell 46.33. Girls 800: 3. Kaley Mathis, 2:40.04. Boys 800: 1. Kelby Bell, 2:08.27; 2. Henry Smith, 2:12.74. Girls 100 hurdles: 3. Reagan Hadaway, 18.91. Boys 110 hurdles: 2. Warren Fly, 17.96; 6. Jacob Kreger, 19.38. Boys 100: 2. Joe Martinez, 12.22; 4. Tamiya Lowry, 12.40. Girls 800 Relay: 4. Haskell, 1:58.29. Boys 800 Relay: 4. Haskell, 1:37.09. Girls 400: 1. Jacie Klose, 1:07.92; 6. Tanya Steele, 1:13.08. Boys 400: 2. Garret Markey, 51.58; 5. Shelby Stallings, 1:00.57. Girls 300 hurdles: 3. Reagan Hadaway, 53.90. Boys 300 hurdles: 4. Jacob Kreger, 46.35. Boys 200: 5. Tamiya Lowry, 25.24. Girls 1600: 4. Shawnee Hill, 6:14.32; 6. Kayln Wheatley, 6:20.12. Boys 1600: 1. Angelo Pena, 5:10.12. Girls 1600 Relay: 4. Haskell 4:46.19. Boys 1600 Relay: 3. Haskell 3:42.67. Girls high jump: 4. Shawnee Hill, 4-4. Girls long jump: 5. Jacie Klose, 14-10.

## Paint Creek Track results

The Paint Creek high school track teams participated in the Rolling Plains Relays in Jayton. Results include: 400 m relay: 1. Katie Bosnjak, Stormy Darnell, Kadie McCord and Caitlin Medford. 100: 3. Katie Bosnjak. Shot put: 3. Stormy Darnell. 300 hurdles: 1. Jared Masias. 100: 2. Jared Masias. Long jump: 1. Jared Masias. 400: 3. River McTasney. The Paint Creek high school track teams participated in the Gorilla Relays in Trent. Results include: 400 m relay. 2. Katie Bosnjak, Stormy Darnell, Baleigh Lopez, Kadie McCord. 200: 1. Katie Bosnjak. 100: 4. Katie Bosnjak. Shot put: 3. Stormy Darnell. 110 hurdles: 2. Hunter Hollingsworth. 2 mile: 3. Baleigh Lopez. 2 mile. 3. Brandon Luevano. 200: 4. Dametric Masias. 100: 6. Dametric Masias. Lopez, Dakota Mayor, Buddy Trotter, Dylan Webb. 300 hurdles: 1. Jared Masias. 800 m relay: 3. Dakota Dawson, Corey Mengwasser, Ben Steele, Buddy Trotter. 2 mile: 4. Kadie McCord. 400: 3. River McTasney. 1600 m relay. 3. Lopez, Mayor, Trotter, Webb. Shot put: 4. Felysha Walker. Long jump. 4. Dakota Mayor. The Paint Creek Junior High track teams participated in the Jaybird Relays at Jayton. Results include: 800: 5. Zhenia McTasney. 400: 5. Dakota Mayor. 100: 2. Gabby Mendoza, 4. Paige Ramirez. 200: 2. Gabby Mendoza, 3. Paige Ramirez. 100: 2. Dakota Mayor. 400: 1. Gabby Mendoza. 400: 3. Gabby Mendoza. Long jump: 2. Paige Ramirez. Results of the Junior High District Meet held at Throckmorton include: Discus: 3. Paige Ramirez. 400 m relay: 3. Jarrett Shot put: 5. Melisa Rock.

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**SAFE ON SECOND**—Haskell Maiden Laycee Tullos is safe on second base during a game with Eula.



**PLAY AT SECOND**—Haskell Indian Dakota Silvas on second base waits for the toss from Indian Mathew Martinez during a game against Hamlin.

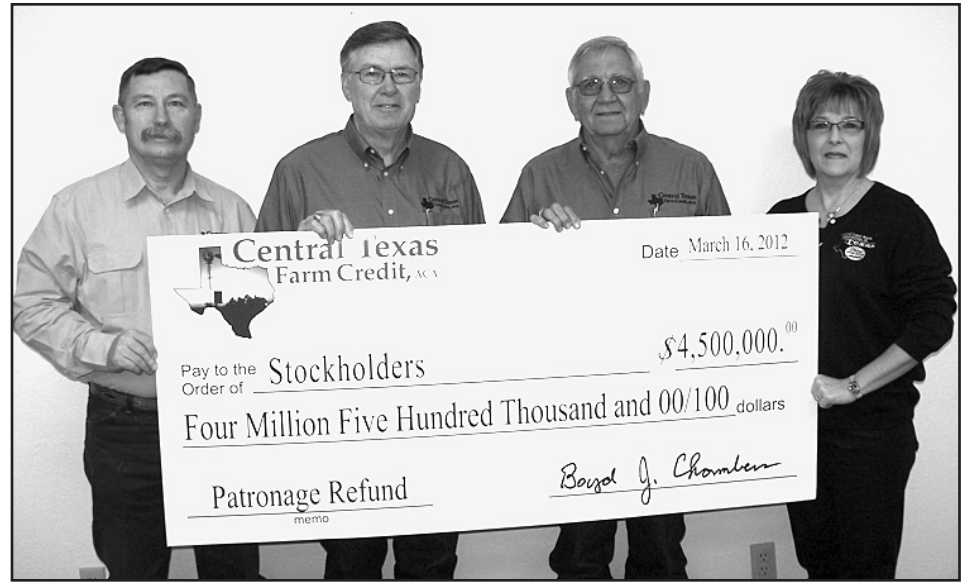
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**VISITS VET CLINIC**—Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 were recent guests of Dr. James Gober at the Haskell Veterinary Clinic. Those attending were, l-r, Ryan Pace, Zachary Tatum, Aaron Waggoner, Max Weise, Garrett Waggoner, Wilton Weise and Reed Lee.



**AIRCRAFT LESSON**—Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 enjoyed an outing learning about private aircraft. Those attending were, l-r, Josh Starr, Braeden Alves, James Bowers, Garrett Waggoner, Garrett Tatum, Max Weise, Zachary Tatum and Aaron Waggoner.



**STOCKHOLDER'S DISTRIBUTION CHECK**—Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA representatives from the Haskell branch display a check that represents a cash patronage distribution to eligible association borrowers for fiscal year 2011. Local representatives are, l-r, Dale Bullinger, Haskell Branch Office President; Wayland Shurley of Stamford, Board Member; Jerry Don Klose of Haskell, Board Member; and Vicki Adams, Administrative Assistant, Haskell Branch Office.

## Central Texas Farm Credit makes patronage distribution

The board of directors of Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, which serves a 20 county area in Central and West Texas, has announced that it has approved another cash patronage distribution to eligible association borrowers for fiscal year 2011. This marks the 19th consecutive year the association has made some form of capital distribution.

This year's record \$4.5 million patronage refund was distributed to borrowers on March 16 and will reduce each borrower's effective interest rate by an average of almost 1.5%. The actual amount borrowers receive will depend on how much

their loans contributed to the association's profitability.

In making the announcement, board chairman Brent Heinze stated that the board of directors and management were delighted to once again reduce the cost of borrowing to the association's stockholders and emphasized that this is only one of the many benefits of obtaining agricultural and rural area credit from the Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA. He noted that the association's financial strength allows the board and management to maintain an efficient and profitable operation and to continue the policy of returning excess earnings back to its shareholders.

Association CEO Boyd J. (Jimmy) Chambers also noted that despite the adversity some financial institutions continued to experience in 2011, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA had its best year ever in earnings, remains financially strong, and is able to once again make a patronage distribution for the benefit of our stockholders.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, with over \$380 million in loan assets, provides financing for agricultural, rural housing and certain agri-business purposes in Central and

West Texas. The association headquarters is located in Coleman, with branch offices in Brownwood, Brady, Comanche, Haskell and San Angelo. Board members include Brent Heinze, Robby Halfmann, Kenneth Harvick, Jerry Don Klose, Philip Hinds, Mike Finlay, Mickey Dillard, Wayland Shurley, and Glenn Miller. The board and management remain committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the association while offering competitive loan products that meet the financial needs of all eligible borrowers.

### Calendar

#### Donations

Noah Project—North is now accepting donations for the dinner/silent auction to be held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., April 21. All monetary and item donations are appreciated. Call 940-864-2551 if you have questions or need someone to pick up an auction item. You may mail your monetary donations to the Noah Project—North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. All donations are greatly appreciated.

#### Scholarships

The Haskell County 4-H program is announcing a scholarship is available for junior and senior high school student 4-H members, sponsored by (TEEA) Texas Extension Education Association. Applications are due April 27. To receive an application, contact Tammy at the Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

#### Horse validation

A new procedure for validating horse projects will be implemented in 2012 via 4-H Connect. All 4-H horse projects, including futurity, must be owned and validated on or before May 1 each year. Those planning to participate in a 4-H horse competition of any kind, must have your horse validated. For further information contact Wes Utley, CEA-Ag at 940-864-2658.

#### Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library with a program theme of Conservation-Education and Community

Improvement. Bruce Kreitter of Broken Willow Landscape Design will be the guest speaker. Federation news will be presented by Dorothy Hartsfield with a notation of observance of Federation Day April 24. Hostesses will be Kay Croft-Chairman, Jill Druessedow, Kris Fouts and Linda Lane-Bloise.

#### Torres concert

The Torres Family of Haysville, Kansas will be in concert Sat., April 14 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Rule. Everyone is invited to attend for a great time of Christian fellowship, praise and worship.

#### Bible study

A new women's Bible study will begin at 2:30 p.m. Thurs., April 12 in the fellowship hall of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church. "Things Revealed: a Chronological Survey of Scripture" is a seven-week study based on Deuteronomy 29:29, "The secret things belong to God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever..." All ladies are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jo McGuire at 940-864-3775 or jomcguire@rocketmail.com.

#### Relay for Life

To sign up for a team for the Knox-Haskell Relay for Life visit [www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx](http://www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx) or call Becky or Carla at 940-864-3050.

#### Al-Anon

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

## Texas Lions Camp seeks applications

Summer camp—a place for children to be outdoors, swim, ride horses, canoe, camp under the stars and try new things. Summer camp has long been a place for children to make friends, gain self confidence, get along with others and have fun. Thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, children with physical disabilities and diabetes can share in the joys of these life experiences.

This summer Texas children with physical disabilities (between the ages of seven and sixteen) will be able to choose from six one-week sessions of camp or a three-day day camp. Interested children should have some self-help skills in the areas of dressing, eating, toileting and bathing. Daily camp activities include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, field sports, fishing and camping under the stars. The week's activities conclude with a special awards ceremony—everyone is a winner.

The Texas Lions Camp also provides summer sessions specifically designed for children with type 1 diabetes (ages eight to fifteen). In addition to exciting and challenging recreational activities, a medical team joins the camp staff to teach campers about their diabetes.

Individualized attention in health care encourages control of diabetes while children learn to eat properly, monitor their blood sugar, and give their own insulin injections. "Diabetic children face a challenge to take proper care of themselves and take an active role in controlling their disease. Our goal is to assist them in the learning skills to meet their own needs," says Stephen Mabry, Executive Director. Parents also participate in instruction so that they can support their child's new skills after camp is over.

For over 50 years the Texas Lions Camp has provided more than 50,000 children with physical disabilities and diabetes opportunities for recreational and learning experiences. The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by Lions Clubs and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

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**MAKE QUILTS**—Rule students in Fashion Design class each made their own blue jean quilt. Recycled, worn-out jeans were brought from home and cut into 56 squares. Edges were cut and frayed to finish their “rag quilts.” Students pictured, l-r, are Celeste Caddell, Michael Perez, Tamran Castillo, Chris Lewis, Marissa Holder, Gloria Gonzales and Jeremy Hardamon.



**TOP IN COUNTING**—The Rule ISD Kindergarten “100” Club has managed to learn to count to 100 this year. Their proud teacher is Shannon Deen. This is the first Kindergarten class taught by Deen to reach this goal. Proficient counters include, l-r, Serina Baiza, Shelby Saffel, Michael Ervin, Timothy Moore, Astrid Guzman and Lani Richards.

## Rule School Menu

**April 9-13**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Sausage biscuit, Berry Puffs cereal, red applesauce  
**Tuesday:** Cinnamon toast, sausage, Lucky Charms cereal, pears  
**Wednesday:** Scrambled eggs with sausage, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon toast slices  
**Thursday:** Pancakes with syrup, Cocoa Puff cereal, mixed fruit  
**Friday:** Cinnamon roll, Trix cereal, pears  
**Lunch**  
 Milk and slushy served daily.  
**Monday:** Lasagna with roll, sweet corn, green peas, fresh fruit, frozen strawberries  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak with roll, gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, crackers, apricots  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fajita tacos, corn, charro beans, fresh fruit, lettuce and cheese  
**Thursday:** Pizza, salad, corn, fruit  
**Friday:** BBQ sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, fruit

## Haskell School Menu

**April 9-13**  
**Breakfast**  
 Milk is offered daily.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Cinnamon toast or Lucky Charms cereal, majestic pears, orange juice  
**Wednesday:** Scrambled eggs with sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, mixed fruit, fruit punch juice  
**Thursday:** Pancakes with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, sour green applesauce, apple juice  
**Friday:** Cinnamon roll with sausage or Trix cereal, pears, orange juice  
**Lunch**  
 Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich and a cookie.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Choice of one: Chicken nuggets with gravy and roll or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; Choice of up to three: mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat crackers, majestic pears, white slushy  
**Wednesday:** Choice of one: Chicken fajita enchiladas or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, charro beans, fresh orange, mixed fruit, white slushy  
**Thursday:** Choice of one: Baseball Park hot dog or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; Choice of up to three: Scalloped potatoes, whole wheat crackers, sour green applesauce, peaches, white slushy  
**Friday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, assorted chips, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie, white slushy

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### HE IS RISEN

‘Christ is Risen!’ And once again on Easter morning, the miracle of His resurrection brings joy and inspiration, as we gather together in the house of the Lord, with our families and friends, to worship, to rejoice, to give thanks for His gift of life everlasting. May this Eastertide bless each of us with infinite trust in the goodness of life, hope for the future and faith in the spiritual truths that sustain us.

## 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. Dustin Wilhite, 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.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
 Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sunday 11 a.m  
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 —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.  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
 Hwy 6, Rochester  
 —SAGERTON—  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
 Sagerton  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
 Sagerton  
 —RULE—  
**First Baptist Church**  
 Russell Stanley, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1001 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule  
**Church of Christ**  
 John Greeson, minister  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 811 Union, Rule  
**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
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 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

## Paint Creek School Menu

**April 9-13**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Pancake sticks  
**Tuesday:** Toast or cereal  
**Wednesday:** French toast  
**Thursday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Friday:** Donuts  
**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, apple crisp  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, pineapples  
**Wednesday:** Corndogs, broccoli, cauliflower fries, pears  
**Thursday:** Tacos, refried beans, salad, strawberries and bananas  
**Friday:** Chicken patty sandwiches, pickles, salad, chips, Rice Krispies

## ECC Menu

**Mon., April 9**  
 Meatballs with tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, rolls, peach cobbler, tea or coffee  
**Wed., April 11**  
 Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salsa, chips, strawberry cake, tea or coffee  
**Fri., April 13**  
 Creamy mushroom steak, cream potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, jello, brownie, tea or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Steer validation tags to be ordered by Thurs., April 19

by Wes Utley  
**CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.**  
 All county steer projects, whether 4-H or FFA, must have their steer(s) validated for the 2012-2013 stock show season. The Haskell County Extension Office will be collecting the tag orders.  
 If you plan on having a steer project and are not currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA, contact your local Ag Science Teacher or Wes Utley, County Extension Agent—Ag at 940-864-2658 or come by the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell.  
 The deadline to order the steer validation tags is Thurs., April 19 by 5:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office.  
 For more information, call the Haskell County Extension office.

## Calendar

**Box Tops drive**  
 The Haskell Elementary PTO and students are collecting Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are found on many grocery and other items. Each box top turned in equals 10 cents for our school. Over \$500 in box tops for the fall semester were turned in. Box tops from anyone will be accepted to help us beat the amount collected in the fall semester. If any businesses would like a collection jar for Box Tops, one can be provided. For more information, email [haskellelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:haskellelementarypto@gmail.com) or leave a message with the elementary school secretary.  
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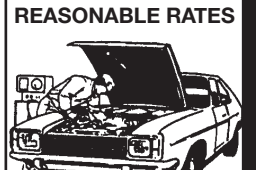
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El City of Haskell por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el mayo 12, 2012 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:  
Candidate (Candidato), Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura):  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of Petra L. Isbell, Deceased, were issued on March 13th, 2012, under Docket Number 4,476, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to

### Public Notices

Rene Gavino Martinez, Jr. Claims may be presented in care of the Attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows: Representative, Estate of Petra L. Isbell, Deceased, c/o John Fouts, John Fouts Law Office, P.O. Box 995, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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By: John Fouts  
Attorney for Applicant

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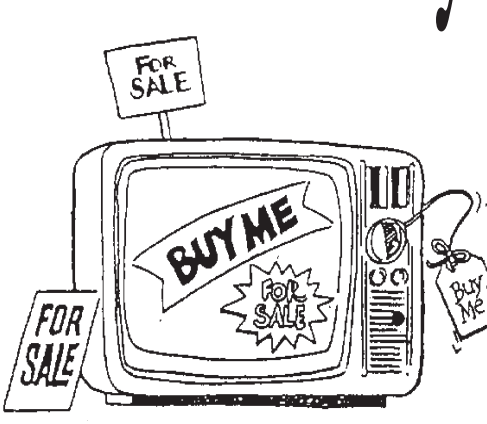
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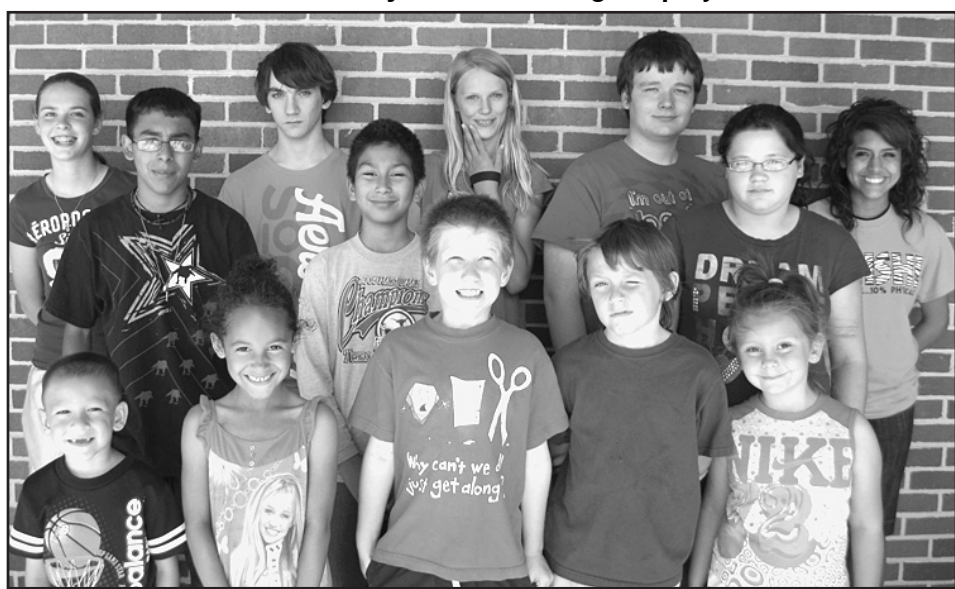
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**4-H PROJECT**—On February 26, 4-H members were seen working in the rock garden at the Haskell County Library. 4-H workers were, l-r, Adaline Utley, Payne Utley, Zhenia McTasney, Sam Fouts, River McTasney, Sarah Fouts, Jacie Klose and Brody Stanfield. 4-H Leaders pictured to the right were Terri Klose and Kris Fouts. The 4-H'ers and leaders went to the rock garden to learn a little about gardening and to plant a few Yucca plants, purchased by Leiza Morales. River McTasney was overseeing the project.



**CITIZENS OF THE MONTH**—The character theme for March at Paint Creek School was Accepting Differences in One Another. Students selected by their teachers from each grade who most demonstrate the theme are, front row, l-r, Harry Boyd, PreK; Deavine Hoadley, Kindergarten; Dylan Souther, third grade; Aaron Lynskey, second grade; and Alysha Mitchell, first grade; middle row, Brandon Luevano, ninth grade; Augi Moreno, fourth grade; and Amber Conn, sixth grade; back row, Tarah Trotter, tenth grade; Dalton Einhaus, eighth grade; Zoe Webb, fifth grade; Jamie Todd, eleventh grade; and Gabby Mendoza, seventh grade. Not pictured is Felysha Walker, twelfth grade.

## City-Wide Clean Up Week set May 7-12 in Haskell

Haskell City-Wide Clean Up Week will be held May 7-12. The landfill will be open Mon., May 7 through Thurs., May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fri., May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sat., May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The City of Haskell no longer has trailers to borrow.

Citizens will be able to

weigh their trailers and loads at the landfill on the scales. There will be no charge, but the landfill must keep up with the weight as per TCEQ.

Items that will not be accepted during clean-up week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint.

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

This service is provided for citizens in the city limits of Haskell only. Citizens may be asked for proof of residence, such as your water bill.

## Donkey basketball game to be played Tues., April 10

The Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show will be held Tues., April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School gym. It's basketball played on real, live donkeys and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus.

All local players will be riding, so come out and see someone you know try to ride a donkey and

play basketball at the same time.

The first game will be between Haskell Elementary staff and community members. The second game will feature the Black & Gold and the Red teams.

The fun-filled show is sponsored by the Haskell Elementary PTO. All of the proceeds will benefit

the students of Haskell Elementary.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Haskell Elementary School Office or by calling 940-864-5984 or 940-864-2654. PTO officers, Laramie Letz, Bette Enriquez, Michelle Moore and Amy Martin, will also have tickets.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., March 26 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow in attendance. Absent was Councilman Sue Medford.

The month of April was proclaimed Autism Awareness month.

The city election was canceled.

A contract with Lois Rockefeller was approved. Rockefeller will provide legal services to the city.

The purchase of a new fire truck, not to exceed \$150,000, was approved.

With much regret, the resignation of Andy Gannaway from the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority Board was approved. Floyd Baker was appointed to fill the position.

Richard Amaro and several other residents expressed concerns on the condition of the road at South Avenue N.

A bid from Claude Payne was accepted for the property #6682, Brown & Roberts (Outlots) Haskell, N/2 OL 12, TR 4.

A report was heard from Director of Public Works/Safety, Matthew Duran.

The police report for the month of March was given by Police Chief Richard Candelaria.


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

- The annual spring clean-up week will be May 7-12.
- Wild Horse Prairie Cook-Off and Car Show is April 27-28.
- The City is still trying to resolve the unauthorized re-route of the City of Haskell sewer main by the project at the school. Haskell School Superintendent Bill Alcorn assures the city that the line will be replaced.
- TxDOT reviewed the intersection of Avenue D and Highway 380 and, in the essence of safety closed, the first two parking spots on the south side consistent with what was done on the north side.
- The city understands the disrepair of city streets. Citizens should know that work is being done as quickly as possible to get these projects scheduled.



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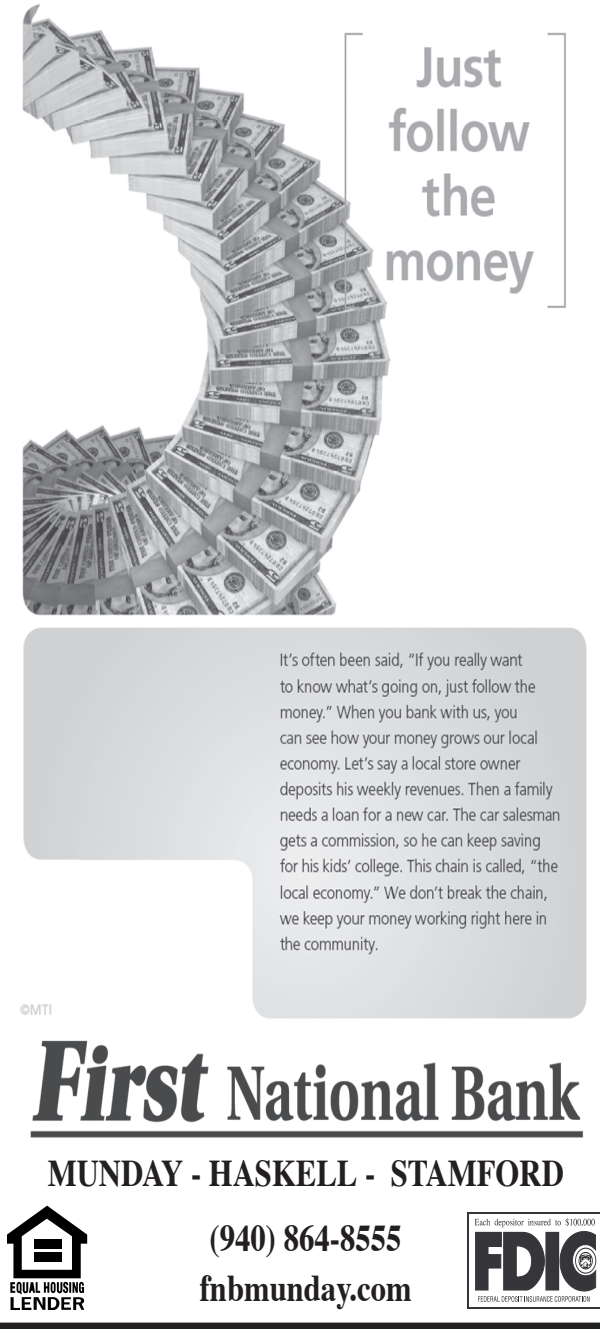
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