

Softball

HASKELL
Maidens vs Eula
Fri., April 20, 5 p.m.
at Eula

Baseball

HASKELL
V-JV Indians vs Seymour
Fri., April 20, V-5 p.m.
JV-6:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Track

HASKELL
V Regional Qualifiers Meet
Fri.-Sat., April 20-21, TBA
PAINT CREEK
V Regional Qualifiers Meet
Sat., April 21, TBA

Calendar

Head Start

Haskell Elementary Head Start registration is Fri., April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Elementary Library. Head Start is for children 3 years to 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2012. Come by the Elementary office or Head Start classroom to pick up information for qualifications.

Car wash/bake sale

The Rule Junior High cheerleaders will have a car wash and bake sale Sat., April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire department in Rule.

Garage sale

A garage sale will be held Sat., April 21 at the Rule school cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Follow the signs from the red light. All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life.

Democratic Convention

The Haskell County Democratic Convention will be held April 21 at 2 p.m. in the District Courtroom.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

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

Bass tournament set Saturday

The Haskell Bass Club's 5th annual open tournament will be held at Lake Stamford April 21. For more information, visit www.haskellbassclub.com or call 940-200-0481.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 5. Application forms are available until May 1 at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477.

Relay for Life

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

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Noah Project's Spring Fling Saturday night

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New Haskell Jr. High wing progressing

by Caron Yates
Construction of the new junior high wing is progressing toward the projected completion date of July 1. Superintendent Bill

Alcorn says, "W.B. Kibler, the construction company, is even a little ahead of schedule at this point."

The new addition, being built on the north end of

the high school, will include four classrooms an office, teachers' workroom and restrooms. It is being paid for through consolidation funds as well as some local

funds. When school districts consolidate, a consolidation fee is received for ten years, to help with the transition. Alcorn stated no bonds were needed.

The wing will house the sixth through eighth grades, which will be departmentalized. The administration feels this will be a plus for students and teachers alike. Each classroom will come complete with an interactive Smart Board to aide instruction.

Moving the junior high back to Haskell, is expected to save as much as \$130,000 a year. The utilities and upkeep of the building, operating a separate cafeteria, and fueling the many bus trips back and forth to Rochester have claimed a significant part of the budget.

Alcorn says that after the past legislative session, all schools were hit hard with cuts in funding. It was necessary to look at all aspects of the budget, and decide how the losses could be absorbed, while being sure all students receive the education they deserve.



NEW CONSTRUCTION-The new Junior High wing School is expected to be completed by July 1. It will house sixth through eighth grades.

Spring Fling to be held Saturday

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.

Haskell Co. Democratic Convention set April 21

The Haskell County Democratic Convention will be held April 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom. The convention will be open to any qualified voter who registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the convention and who signs an oath of affiliation with the Democratic Party. Because of the changes to the election schedule, the Texas Convention and Delegate Selection process this year will skip precinct conventions and begin at County/Senatorial District conventions.

Precinct Chairmen for the ten Democratic voting precincts of the county will also be elected.

"We encourage all Democrats of Haskell County to attend the Democratic Convention and make their voice heard," said County Chairman Sharon Mullino.

The two delegates and alternates elected at the County Convention then go to the State Convention. The State Convention will

be held June 7, 8 and 9 in Houston. Delegates and alternates elected at the State Convention will go to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina which will be held Sept. 3-6.

Car show set April 28

The Wild Horse Prairie Car Show, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and the Betterment Association, will be held Sat., April 28 at the Haskell City Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the gazebo. Prizes will be awarded at 5 p.m. For more information, call 940-864-4555.

Cookoff

The Wild Horse Prairie Cars, Cycles and Cookoff will be held Friday and Saturday, April 27-28 at the Haskell City Park. The cookoff will be held at the RV park. Call Volly Ivy at 214-686-5711 for entry information.

Aggies to muster April 21

Former students of Texas A&M University in Haskell, Jones, Stonewall, Knox and Kent counties will assemble Sat., April 21 for the 2012 Annual Aggie Muster in Rule Texas at the Old Railroad Depot (Bobcat Den) located on Highway 380 at the Slim Sorrell's Park.

The Muster activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the park and will consist of a brief ceremony recognizing "Absent" Aggies including those that have fallen in battle.

The service will be followed by a meal and fellowship in the Depot. Muster is open to all former students and their family,

parents of students, and, of course, friends of Texas A&M.

The Muster tradition is over 120 years old and more than 300 Musters are held around the world yearly. Wherever two or more Aggies are...at work, on the road or behind a sand dune, they will muster.

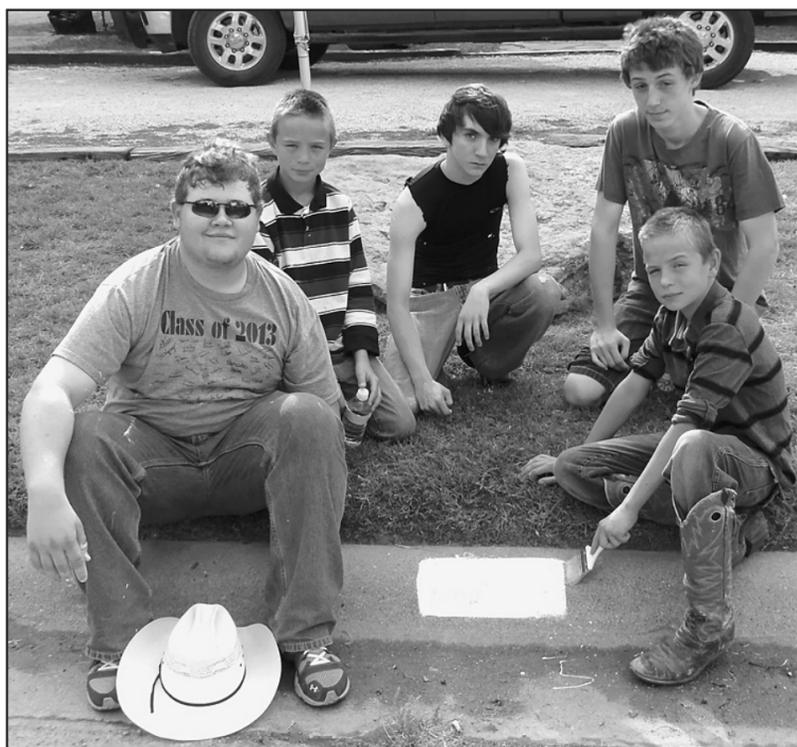
Every Muster ceremony is the same as Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the 'Honored Dead' are called from the Muster roll call, a friend of the deceased answers "HERE" for them.

If you are planning to

attend, call Steffi Overton 940-864-2958 or Glenn R. Brzozowski 69 940-864-3158 (answering machine is always on) for meal reservations.

Kindergarten, Head Start, Pre-K registration

Haskell Elementary School will register Head Start Fri., April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the elementary library; Prekindergarten Mon., April 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the elementary library; and Kindergarten Tues., May 1 from 9 to 10 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. in the elementary office. Call Peggy Adams for more information.



EAGLE PROJECT-Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148, under the leadership of Preston Morrow, who is working on his Eagle Project, are painting house numbers on the curb for residences in Haskell. Scouts working last Friday afternoon, were, l-r, Morrow, Johnny Jones, Dalton Einhaus, Seth Rock and Billy Jones. Morrow hopes the project will assist emergency personnel in locating addresses when residents are in need of assistance. Numbers are being painted on curbs at no charge to anyone. Contributors to the project include the City of Haskell and M&M Auto Plus. Others who have helped the Scouts out are, Leiza Morales, Brenda Walker, Micah Waggoner, L.J. Hammond, Taylor Tate and Michael Gordy. Troop 148 is under the leadership of Jim McTasney-Scoutmaster and Michael Waggoner-Assistant Scoutmaster.

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LIME TWISTS—The Haskell Elementary staff team of 'Lime Twists' tried their talents at Donkey Basketball Tues., April 10 at the Haskell Indian Gym. Team members shown are, l-r, Jimmy Lisle, Kristi Gibson, Jennifer Roewe and Rhonda Hanson.

PTO wins from basketball game

by Caron Yates

Just when we thought basketball was over for the season, the Haskell High School gym became the scene for quite an unusual basketball game last week.

The stands were packed, and the floor was crowded with not only basketball players, but also their donkeys. The event was a fund-raiser for the Haskell Elementary PTO. So, of course, it was only fitting that one of the teams be comprised of the elementary principal and several of his fearless staff. Outfitted in "eye catching" uniforms the players, some seeming to have a little problem following the rules, gave it their all.

The first game was a contest between the elementary staff and members of the high school staff, along with some recruits from the junior high campus. Students loved seeing a different side of their teachers. In fact they saw many sides of their teachers

as they tried to get on the donkeys, fell off the donkeys, drug the donkeys to retrieve the ball, tugged with all their might to stop the donkeys and even attempted to make a basket while sitting on the donkey.

Although not a high scoring game, only 6 to 4, the high school staff was victorious.

The second game was played between the black and gold team and the red team. These teams were made up of a wide variety of area citizens from all walks of life, ranging from young adults to a few who were old enough to feel the pain the next day. After an exciting game, including a valiant effort by several to ride the bucking donkeys, the red team came out on top.

The championship game between the high school staff and the red team was a close, hard fought, or perhaps hard falling, one. The 2012 Donkey Basketball champions were

the "never quit climbing back on" red team.

A special treat for the children at the game was the opportunity to ride one of the donkeys. Team members led the donkeys across the gym floor while the riders grinned with delight and parents snapped pictures.

The "crowning" event of the night was the naming of the Donkey Basketball Queen. Four brave "women," who seemed to have a lot of facial hair, were introduced to the crowd. After sweeping the crowd in an effort to buy votes, the winner was selected. She, or is it he, bore a strong resemblance to one of our city dignitaries.

A big thank you to the PTO, parents, teachers and community members who helped make the night such a huge success.

It was a fun night for children and adults alike and helped raise money for a most important group, our elementary children.

Haskell area track meet results

The Haskell Indians and Maidens participated in the District 13/14-1A Area Track meet held at Bryson Thurs., April 12.

Indian results include:
Team: 2. 84 points.
3200: 3. Angelo Pena 11:26.37. 4. Eddie Martinez 11:26.77.
400 relay: 2. Haskell 44.85.
800: 2. Kelby Bell 2:07.51.
3. Henry Smith 3:10.50.
110 hurdles: 3. Warren Flye

16.43.
800 relay: 2. Haskell 1:35.69.
1600: 3. Angelo Pena 5:06.00.
1600 relay: 2. Haskell 3:35.49.
Maiden results include:
Team: 5. 49 points.
3200: 3. Shawnee Hill 13.46.46.
400 relay: 5. Haskell 54.79.
800: 4. Kaley Mathis 2:40.06.

100 hurdles: 4. Reagan Hadaway 18.16.
800 relay: 4. Haskell 1:58.39.
400: 1. Jacie Klose 1:04.76.
300 hurdles: 6. Reagan Hadaway 53.81.
1600: 4. Shawnee Hill 6:19.90.
1600 relay: 4. Haskell 4:39.90.

AR-N Player of the week

Michael Perez, sophomore distance runner for the Rule Bobcats, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 list on Tues., April 10.

Perez has not lost a race this season including two district titles he took in the 3,200 and 1,600 meters.

He completed the 3,200 in 11:00 and the 1,600 at 5:08.

Obituaries

Robert Nelson 'Bobby' Watson Jr.



BOBBY WATSON JR.

Funeral services for Robert Nelson 'Bobby' Watson Jr., 64, of Haskell were held Mon., April 16 at Tankersley Funeral Home Chapel in

Stamford with Rev. Jessie Morton officiating. Burial was at Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Born Jan. 8, 1948 in Haskell, he was the son of Bob and Wanda Watson. He was raised in the Haskell area and graduated Haskell High School in 1966. He then went to Texas Technological College in Lubbock and graduated in 1970. Watson then returned to the Haskell area where he began his career in farming and ranching. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Slay and husband Buc of Fort Worth, Crystal Hale and husband Robert of Austin, and Lindsey Hester and husband Forrest of Kremmling, Colorado; two sisters, Joan Fuston and husband Johnny of Fort Worth and Becky Pardue and husband Bert of Austin; and two grandchildren, Jack Slay and Tucker Slay, both of Fort Worth.

Online condolences may be viewed at www.tankersleyfuneralhome.com. PD NOTICE



HASKELL HIGH SCHOOL UIL PARTICIPANTS—Front row, l-r, Lynna Billington, Emily Fouts, Madison Homeyer, Morgan Frierson, Ashley Adams, Madison Mayfield and Lisa Hibbitts; second row, April Brown, Zierra Alexander, Maci Colley, Cailey Foster, Kaly Wheatley, Shelby Dunnam, Trey Gardner and Zachary Tatum; third row, J.T. Schmegner, Caitland Johnson, Carson Hadaway, A.J. Rodriguez, Krista McLemore, Camden Smith and Philip Coleman; back row, Doug King, Aaron Waggoner, Jasmine Klose, Brady Leach, Garrett Brueggeman, Ryan Baumbach and Max Weise. Not pictured due to state-mandate testing: Breezy Gibbs, Crissy Bassett, Jacie Klose, Kade Colley, Reagan Hadaway, Galin Petty, Mackenzie Gass, Tyeler Holley, Henry Smith, Dakota Baumbach, Reed Lee, Ryan Pace and Kyle Fraga.

Haskell wins UIL meet

Haskell High School won first place overall at the 2012 District 1A-13 UIL Academic Meet. A total of ten area high schools were represented at the meet: Archer City, Electra, Haskell, Munday, Olney, Perrin-Whitt, Petrolia, Poolville, Seymour and Windthorst.

Haskell earned a total of 313 points, with Archer City earning 259.5 points for second place. Several teams and individuals qualified for the Regional Meet which will be held at Abilene Christian University Sat., April 21.

Social Studies: first place team (advances to Regional): Zachary Tatum, second place; Tyeler Holley, fifth place; Other team members: Reagan Hadaway and Henry Smith.

Calculator Applications: first place team (advances to Regional): Garrett Brueggeman, first place; Maci Colley, second place; Cailey Foster, third place; Other team member, Madison Homeyer.

Mathematics: first place team (advances to Regional): Garrett Brueggeman, first place; Maddie Mayfield, second place; Kaly Wheatley, fifth place; Maci

Colley, sixth place.

Spelling: first place team (advances to Regional): Carson Hadaway, first place; Krista McLemore, second place; Other team members, Zachary Tatum and April Brown.

Accounting: second place team (advances to Regional as wild-card team): Doug King, second place; Maddie Mayfield, third place; Jasmine Klose, fourth place; Other team member, A.J. Rodriguez.

Journalism: second place team.

News Writing: Ashley Adams, second place (advances to Regional); Morgan Frierson, third place (advances to Regional); Lisa Hibbitts, sixth place;

Feature Writing: Ashley Adams, second place (advances to Regional); Lisa Hibbitts, fifth place; Morgan Frierson, sixth place.

Headline Writing: Ashley Adams, second place (advances to Regional); Morgan Frierson, fifth place; Doug King, sixth place.

Editorial Writing: Henry Smith, fourth place; Ashley Adams, fifth place; Morgan Frierson, sixth place.

Computer Applications: Carson Hadaway, first place (advances to Regional); Cailey Foster, second place (advances to Regional).

Number Sense: Garrett Brueggeman, first place (advances to Regional).

Poetry Interpretation: Lisa Hibbitts, sixth place.

EEA Club meets

The Haskell County Extension Education Association met April 12 at the Haskell County Extension Office meeting room. Tammy Parham presented the opening exercise, "Pecans In The Cemetery." Nine members were present.

The 4-H Scholarship Committee reported that 18 applications were mailed to Jr. and Sr. 4-H members. The completed applications are due April 27.

Jane Rowan shared that the 4-H Fashion Show/Photography Show was a success. The District Fashion Show is in Bridgeport April 14. Eight members plan to attend.

Rowan also gave information on the Nike REUse-A-Shoe Project. Old tennis shoes are being collected for recycling and use on basketball courts, track surfaces and playgrounds.

A reminder, by Rowan, about the "Matter of Balance"

meetings, (on how to prevent falls), Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 8- 31; and, the ongoing Alzheimer's Support Group Meetings the fourth Monday of each month, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Call the county extension office for more information regarding these meetings.

Unfinished business included final arrangements for the upcoming District Spring Conference and Cultural Arts Day to be held in Archer City, April 18. Sue McGee, Rowan, Kathryn Schonerstedt and Janet Fish plan to attend. McGee and Fish will be entering photographs in the district competition; Mary Jennings will be entering quilts.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m., and Rowan gave a program on "Cooking for One or Two." The next meeting is scheduled for May 10. As always, guests are welcome.

Fish fry, auction set

The Paint Creek Senior Class of 2012 will have a fish fry and silent auction Sun., April 29 at the Haskell Civic Center.

The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the auction will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under.

Plates will include fried catfish, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, dessert and a drink.

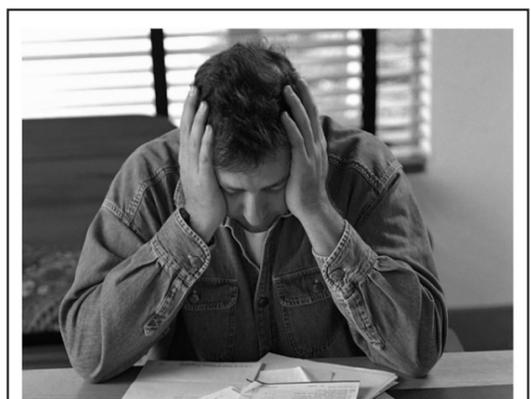
Take-outs will be available.

Some items that will be auctioned are a 2-room tent, hand-made BBQ grill, fire pit, stainless fish fryer, Bass Pro Shop items (fishing poles, fish culling system, tackle box, Wii Bass Game, fillet knife, etc.), rocking horse, gift certificates from local businesses and many miscellaneous items.

Proceeds from the event will be used to help fund their senior trip to Hawaii.

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Aspermont, Texas starting at 10 a.m.
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It is going to be a whole day of games, booths, music and fun, fun and more fun!!

I know it is just the first of April, but I am planning ahead because I want this to be the beginning of something great for Aspermont.

If you would like to have a booth of any kind, please fill out the form below and get it back to me. We will have spaces available in the community center or around the square. It is \$10 a booth site.

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Stephenia Mullen, Director

A matter of balance

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Falls can be catastrophic for seniors. A broken bone may not be a big deal for a ten year-old, but for a senior it can be an immense setback. Fortunately, with the right precautions, most falls can be avoided.

"A Matter of Balance" is an 8-part series designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; set realistic goals for increasing activity; change their environment to reduce fall risk factors; and promote exercise to increase strength and balance. This award winning program will be offered in Haskell

during the month of May. Participants must be at least 60 years old to participate and must pre-register for the series of classes.

The "Matter of Balance" series classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for four weeks (8 total classes). The course will begin May 8 and continue through May 31. Classes will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building in Haskell.

The program series is free of charge but enrollment is limited. To register for the course or for more information contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS Haskell County, 940-864-2546, j-rowan@tam.u.edu, 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell.



AREA WINNER—Bailey Hawkins of Paint Creek Elementary School was an area winner at the Area V Soil and Water Conservation District contest. She will be recognized at the banquet to be held May 10 in Stephenville.

Alzheimer's group to meet

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Mon., April 23 at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m.

A short program on "Activities and the Person With Dementia" will be presented. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or

the surrounding area. The support group meets the fourth Monday of every month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Hawkins wins SWCD area poster competition

Bailey Hawkins of Paint Creek Elementary School will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation program at a Conservation Awards Banquet for Area V on May 10. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in Stephenville.

Categories in which awards will be presented include Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Rancher; Resident Conservation Farmer; Absentee Conservation Rancher; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; Wildlife Conservationist and Conservation District

Employee. Awards will also be presented to area youth winners of the poster and essay contests.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the 216 SWCDs in Texas.

Middlebrook presents knife making art to Art Club

Bill Middlebrook of Haskell was the guest artist when the Brazos West Art association met April 9 in the Church of Christ annex.

Middlebrook explained various steps and showed numerous examples of making Damascus knives. Damascus knives are made by forge welding two or more high carbon metals together. This process takes many hours and there is no guaranteed product when forgers are moving molecules in steel.

Several styles of shiny blades were also displayed. His shiny knives are made of powdered steel. Middlebrook obtains this from the only speciality steel company (Crucible in New York) in the U.S. All others are in Japan.

Middlebrook uses many knife handle materials—Mammoth ivory, giraffe, and cow bone, Sambar stag from India and several special woods and burls. Several other unique examples of other forged work, including a Damascus knife with ten separate pieces of Damascus centered with an American flag showing 13 stars, depicting the 13 colonies were also displayed. Also, a beautiful totally forged rose

on a wooden stand, and a forged cross made from one inch square steel with no welding involved, were shown.

Those present were Betty Berry, Jessie Hill, Betty Hook, Jerry Bowers, Nelwyn Beakley, Gayle White, Joyce Ivy, Pansy Harris, Peggy Middlebrook, and guests Carl Rueffer, Jim Bob Bowers, James Ivy, Randy and Janet Bowers, David Davis, and knife-maker, Bill Middlebrook.

Births

Shane and Julie LeFevre of Sagerton are announcing the arrival of their son, Easton Luke LeFevre born Mon., April 9 at 6:05 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. He was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big brother, Hayden Shane LeFevre.

Grandparents are Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule and Tommie and Laney Sappington of Nocona.

Great grandparents are Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Tomi May and the late A.D. May, the late David and Marie Sappington and the late Eual and Minnie Talley.

4-H Club news

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

Twenty-two 4-H'ers, leaders and guests attended the meeting. The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. A short business meeting was conducted by Barbara Utley. The 4-H'ers and leaders went outside and

made "Tye-Dyed" T-Shirts.

The meeting was concluded with refreshments served by Barbara Utley and Terri Klose. A door prize was won by Riley Sloan.

The next meeting is scheduled May 20 with a "Scavenger Hunt" around the square and a "Pizza Party," to close out the 4-H year.

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

Study Club meets

Eighteen members of the Progressive Study Club met Thurs., April 12 in the Haskell County Library. Two guests, Mary Drury and Wendy Newberry were present.

Susan Cockerell, first vice-president, called the meeting to order. Kay Croft led the prayer, Linda Lane-Blaise led the pledges to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag, and Franciene Johnson led the Federation Song.

Bruce Kreitler of Broken Willow Landscape Design was introduced by Cockerell.

Kreitler, owner of Broken Willow Tree Service in Abilene, is an ISA Certified Arborist, Certified Municipal Specialist, Certified Utility Specialist, Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Texas Master Naturalist, Member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, frequent columnist for several different newspapers, and a published author.

He gave a very interesting program on trees. He showed slides of various trees and told the good and bad points of each. He said the best tree is going to be a combination of function, cost, availability, care level and many other factors. He was given a gift certificate as a token of appreciation.

Cockerell reported that seven attended the 52nd annual Mesquite District Spring Convention in Moran on March 17. The Haskell club won second place awards

in International Outreach Partners, GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence, and the Outstanding Federation Program, and first place awards in Yearbook, UTMD Anderson, Conservation Collaboration, TFWC President's Special Project, and Fund Raising.

Dorothy Hartsfield was congratulated on her two-year term as Mesquite District President. Bennie Parker will serve as the new president along with Kathryn Schonerstedt as treasurer, Cockerell as secretary, and Julia Harrell as 2nd vice-president. The next convention will be held March 16, 2013, in Haskell.

Hartsfield gave a report on the Wall of Honor, saying that things are progressing nicely and the main focus now is the money for the concrete.

Arbor Day is April 27. The crape myrtles planted near the Labriere House all survived and have been pruned by Community Service workers.

Pam Norton changed her membership from Active to Associate as requested. Susan Turner volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Jill Druessedow said that Lynna Billington was runner-up for the Mesquite District scholarship. It was decided that she receive the Progressive Study Club scholarship.

Hostesses for the evening were Kay Croft, Druessedow, Kris Fouts and Lane-Blaise.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

States' federal lawsuit targets e-book dealers

AUSTIN—Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and 15 state attorneys general on April 11 filed an antitrust lawsuit against a trio of book publishing firms and a computer giant, alleging the companies colluded to fix the sales prices of electronic books.

Named as defendants are Penguin Group (USA) Inc., Simon & Schuster Inc., Macmillan Holdings LLC and Apple Inc.

Filed in federal court in Austin, the case claims the defendants violated the states' antitrust laws and the federal Sherman Antitrust Act.

Abbott issued this statement: "Colluding to fix prices violates antitrust laws and raises costs for customers. In this case, three of the nation's largest publishing companies worked together to gain control of retail prices and raise the price of e-books. The defendants colluded to use the agency distribution model to effectively eliminate free market competition and allow publishers—rather than the marketplace—to set the price of e-books."

Joining Texas as plaintiffs are Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont and West Virginia.

Abbott's statement says a two-year investigation led by his office and coordinated with the offices of the Connecticut attorney general and the U.S. Department of Justice reveals that Penguin, Simon & Schuster and Macmillan conspired with other publishers and Apple to raise prices artificially by imposing a distribution model in which the publishers set the prices for bestsellers, resulting in some \$100 million in overcharges to customers.

The states, Abbott said, seek injunctive relief "to reverse the effects of the defendants' anti-competitive conduct as well as damages for customers who paid artificially inflated prices for e-books."

Also, according to a news release from the Texas Attorney General's office, the states "have reached an agreement in principle with e-book publishers Harper Collins and Hachette to provide significant consumer restitution as well as injunctive relief."

Deferral of policy allowed

State Education Commissioner Robert Scott has decided to allow public school districts and charter schools to defer implementation of a provision in current law that makes a

student's performance on an end-of-course assessment to count as 15 percent of their final course grade.

The opportunity to defer applies only to the current school year, but ultimately, the decision whether to include state-required end-of-course examination scores as part of course grades will be determined locally by school districts and charter schools, the Texas Education Agency announced April 12.

The law still requires students who are first entering the ninth grade in the 2011-2012 school year to achieve a cumulative score on the end-of-course assessments to complete their graduation requirements. Districts and charter schools are expected to notify the Texas Education Agency of their decisions to defer or not to defer.

State Sen. Truan dies

Retired state Sen. Carlos F. Truan, 76, died April 10 at his home in Corpus Christi.

Truan was the dean of the Senate when he chose not to seek reelection in 2002. He served for eight years as a state representative and 20 years as a state senator.

An April 17 private burial in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin was scheduled.

Garcia named to RRC

Elizabeth Ames Jones's resignation as a member of the Texas Railroad Commission in February created an opening on the agency's three-member board. Gov. Rick Perry appointed H.S. "Buddy" Garcia to the post by last week.

Garcia, a resident of Austin and a native of Brownsville, was a member of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from 2007 to 2009 and earlier served as a deputy secretary of state and border commerce coordinator. Garcia also previously served as a senior advisor to Gov. Perry and state Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville.

Andrade: Ignore bogus email

Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State Hope Andrade, on April 11 said false information was circulating via a bogus email message suggesting there would be a statewide constitutional amendment election that includes a homestead property tax exemption measure.

Andrade reminded voters the May 12 Uniform Election is for local elections only and there is no statewide proposition on the ballot. "If you receive an email claiming such a proposition is on the ballot, please disregard it and do not forward it to help stop the spread of this false information," she said.

10 Years Ago April 18, 2002

Haskell fireman Eddie Klose, president of Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association, presented fire prevention poster awards to second grader Felysha Walker and fifth grader Ashton Rutkowski.

Haskell Indians qualifying for Regional track are Adam Diaz, Eddie Loyd, Eric Sanchez, Emanuel Gonzales, James Jeanes, Tyrone Billington and Bucky Howeth.

Winners in the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show in the Junior Fashion Buying were Allison Petty, Dressy category; Andrea Anderson, Casual category; and Candace Brister, Speciality category.

20 Years Ago April 16, 1992

John Fouts was re-elected for a third term as district attorney for the 39th Judicial District.

Celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries were Guadalupe and Rosa Alvarez of Haskell and Roy and Margie Medford of Paint Creek.

Haskell hosted the Rolling

Plains Relays, the first high school track meet held in Haskell in many years. The meet was at the new track facilities. Jennifer Comedy took first in the 1600 and Shelly Stewart was first in the 100 meter hurdles.

Placing second in district competition were several Haskell FFA teams. Teams advancing to Area are Dairy Foods- Emily SoRelle, Trisha Trevino, Andy Anguiano and Cassie Jones; Meats-Cindy Henry, Jason Torres, Shawn Jordan and Matt Perry; Ag Mechanics-Heath McMeans, Kevin Grand and Gregg Williams.

30 Years Ago April 22, 1982

Haskell Maidens qualifying for regional track competition are Holly McBroom, Rinette Vincent, Emily Cox, and April Turner in 400 and 800 relays; Lorry Geilhausen, Gina Kuykendall, Mary Isbell, and Holli High in 1600 relay; Cox in 100 hurdles; Isbell in 400 run; Kuykendall in 800 run; Shannon Lane and Kathy Kemp in 1600 run; Turner in long jump; and Karen Isbell in 3200 run.

The Weinert High School debate team of Danny

McGuire and Mark Stewart will represent Region II-Conference A at the State Literary Meet. They are coached by English teacher Darlene Bellinghausen.

Haskell Volunteer firemen took top honors in all three hose race events at the District Fire Convention held in Colorado City.

40 Years Ago April 20, 1972

Haskell Elementary PTA will host the District XVIII PTA Conference. Local chairmen are Mrs. Loraine Johnson and Mrs. J.W. Wallace. Others assisting are Mrs. Wallace Cox, Jr., registration; Mrs. Ned Phillips, platform; and Rev. R.D. Williams, publicity.

Airman Robert Philpot, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Philpot of Haskell, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force medical supply specialist course, conducted by the Air Training Command at Sheppard AFB.

Employees of Haskell National Bank who will enjoy a trip planned through the Abilene Division of the American Institute of Banking are Faye Bledsoe, Pauline Couch, Carolyn Everett, Bettie Wainscott,

Geraldine Hise, Inez Mobley, Sheila McMeans and Donna Saffel.

50 Years Ago April 19, 1962

Haskell High School winners in the district UIL contests were Tommy Hester, first in Prose; Beth Vaughter, first in Persuasive Speaking; Jennabeth Weaver, second in Prose; Charlotte Redwine, second in Poetry Interpretation; and James Gay, second in Persuasive Speaking.

John Kimbrough qualified for the state track and field meet by winning second at the regional meet in the discus, with a throw of 145-11.

100 Years Ago April 20, 1912

W.A. Bergfeld of Weinert was in town this week. He made the trip on his motorcycle.

The Haskell Produce Company shipped nearly a thousand dozen eggs, 507 chickens and 300 pigeons from this point last week.

Crime of the Week

Sometime during the night Thurs., April 5 several burglaries occurred in Roby. Among the items taken were a lapel mic and money. Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Fisher county sheriff's office, is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest or arrests of whoever is responsible for these crimes. Anyone with information is urged to call the tipline 800-222-TIPS or text CFCSS @ CRIMES.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to arrest for crimes committed in Fisher, Jones, Haskell, Kent, Stonewall and Shackelford counties. All callers remain anonymous.

Remember - See something, say something.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

What a nice surprise to open Sunday's paper and see in the "Sunday Life" section of the Abilene Reporter-News a wonderful spread about Haskell. Wayne Hodgin, son of Sara and Lonnie Hodgin did the reporting and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, Robbyn Tribbey, Ruby Turner, Jo Iva Long were positive spokespersons for Haskell. I even may have spotted yet another logo: "Why not here? Why not Haskell?" Enjoyed going down the memory trail of so many businesses, families and friends who have graced our past. My wife quickly spotted her grandparents' store, Colliers Meat/Market on the east side. I don't think I even remember Bill Wilson Motor Company on the east side of the square. I'm reminded of the advice Representative Neugebauer gave us when asked, "Is there any advice you can give a little, struggling west Texas town?" His answer, "Don't stop trying. You can look all around you and see towns who just gave up." And that's a nice segue into the next paragraph...

The Betterment Committee has been working very hard on the Wild Horse Prairie Cook-Off and Antique Car Show trying to format the event in an effort to bring people into town, see what we have here. It is an unabashed advertising scheme...we're bringing the people in and now it's your job as a citizen of the city to sell the city. We need you

all out in support if nothing more than walking in the park, buying a sample plate of the food...selling Haskell. Since it is the first year of the event that we hope will be so successful it will be an annual function, we are unsure about the fiscal end of the project. The Chamber of Commerce gave us \$2,000 to help with the cost, but most of that will be consumed by advertising, T-shirts, caps, supplies. These car owners and cooks aren't doing this for the "experience" or for a ribbon; they're after the money and we have to be ready for the response. We aren't a sanctioned cook-off yet, but that's our goal. Wes Steele and Don Welch are responsible for the award which is so beautiful it will blow your mind. The rest of us are asking businesses for \$100 donations to help with the expenses. The sponsors' names will be on the T-shirts and I'm happy to report I've only had three negative responses to the idea. So thank you, Haskell. Maybe after this first year we'll have a better idea what's in store. We need volunteers to help—so jump in and help. Verizon will have a tent set up in the park; concession spots are available to organizations for \$75.

Boy Scouts are preparing residential areas on Avenues F, G, H for house numbers to be painted on the curbs. This is an Eagle Scout project and so needed by the community for firefighters, medical and legal

entities. Thank you, Scouts! We still need the tennis and basketball courts at the park repaired if another Eagle Scout project is needed.

Regarding the Weight Watcher project: Nine persons have called and asked to be added to the list of 20 that we need before we can request a lecturer. Please re-think and join us. I see lots of people in this town who need Weight Watchers but you can't exactly go up to them, tap them on the shoulder and suggest they attend a weight program...could lead to a quick bloody nose.

Driving through the town this week I spotted a lady on a ladder washing the Pink Ladies store windows...bless your heart. Your windows are sparkling—let's hope the activity is catching!

The last of the rocks donated by the Cortez family have been moved to the park. Thanks again to the Cortez family for their generous donation as well as Mathew Cunningham for the use of his truck and our city employees who provided some of the 'brains and brawn' to accomplish this task. These rocks plus those donated by Ervin Unger along with the crape myrtles give a nice, inviting landscape.

A few weeks ago I received a question about why the junior high addition which is presently being built wasn't done when the rest of the school was being renovated. I received a nice, lengthy explanation

from Superintendent Alcorn. I'll try to summarize, but doubt I can give it justice. The renovations and the new science labs were completed in 2009 and 2010. Junior High enrollment was stable and the financial situation appeared fairly stable so there was no apparent reason to make any other changes. Then the 2011 Legislative session "turned state school finance upside down. It was bad news from the start." Haskell CISD receives about \$596,000 from TEA as a consolidation fee that started when Rochester consolidated with Haskell in the 2005-2006 year. The consolidation fees were responsible for about 65% of the new Jr. High complex the rest came from local funds. Haskell CISD receives the consolidation fee from TEA for ten years which will end in 2015. Since closing the Rochester campus will save about \$130,000 per year it was deemed that this was the correct solution.

I think it might be a good idea if the School Board would write a column, if not weekly then quarterly, cluing the populace into what's going on at their level. We see a good bit of the bands, sports awards, etc., but our taxes reflect a large percentage of monies going to the schools. Just a thought that would keep us all on a positive path. Explanations and understandings keep the "gritchin" down.

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HASKELL INDIANS

**JU-V Indians
vs Seymour
Fri., April 20
U-5 p.m.,
JU-6:30 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.

**Maidens
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Fri., April 20
5 p.m.
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MAIDEN VICTORY—The Haskell Maidens defeated Albany last Friday night. Maidens pictured are, l-r, Maegan Gonzales at bat, Meg Glover fielding a fly ball and Cailey Foster in the circle.



INDIAN VICTORY—The Haskell Indians defeated Rotan last Monday night. Indians pictured are, l-r, Daniel Contreras, Mathew Martinez at bat, and Aaron Waggoner on the mound.



ADVANCE TO REGIONAL—Paint Creek golfers Caleb McCord, left, and Layne Petty, right, competed in the District Golf Tournament Mon., April 9, at Baird. McCord placed fourth individual on the boys' side and Petty was the first place medalist on the girls' side. The Regional tournament was held Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17 in Baird.

Lady Pirates compete at area track meet

The Paint Creek Pirates and Lady Pirates competed in the area track meet held at Trent Thurs., April 12. Results include:
Team totals: Lady Pirates, 4. 200: 6. Katie Bosnjak, Paint Creek, 28.40. 3200: 5. Kadie McCord, Paint Creek, 16:11.30; 6. Baleigh Lopez, Paint Creek, 16:14.18.

Haskell School Menu

April 23-27 Breakfast

Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Berry Puffs cereal, strawberry applesauce, apple juice
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast with sausage or Lucky Charms cereal, majestic pears, orange juice
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, majestic pears, apple juice
Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or Trix cereal, peaches, 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: Choice of one: Classic Italian lasagna with roll or Italian antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese; choice of up to three: green

peas, sweet corn, apple, strawberry applesauce, green slushy
Tuesday: Choice of one: Chicken fried steak with gravy and roll or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; choice of up to three: scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat crackers, mixed fruit, green slushy
Wednesday: Choice of one: Soft chicken fajita tacos or energy meal with ham and cheese; choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, charro beans, fresh orange, lettuce and cheese, green slushy
Thursday: Choice of one: Cheeseburger or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; choice of up to three: glazed carrots, whole wheat crackers, mixed fruit, lettuce and cheese, green slushy
Friday: Choice of one: Tony's pizza or chef salad or energy meal with po-boy; Choice of up to three: tater tots, pork and beans, fresh grapes, chocolate chip cookie, green slushy.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith reveals our greatest blessings

Our blessings that have come to pass,
We tend to disregard;
Because we see the greenest grass
In someone else's yard.
The magic thing we call success
Eludes us, come what may;
And thus it seems that happiness
Will never come our way.

However, through the church we find
That there's no need to roam,
For happiness and peace of mind
Are always close to home.
So, don't go searching all around,
And some day you'll agree:
The greenest grass of all is found
Wherever you may be!

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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovie 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**
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**
Alfa y Omegas
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. Clovie 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

Rule School Menu

April 23-27 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Sausage biscuit, Berry Puffs cereal, fruit
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast, Lucky Charms cereal, pears
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with sausage, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, mixed fruit
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup, Cocoa Puffs cereal, green applesauce
Friday: Cinnamon roll, Trix cereal, pears

Lunch

Milk and slushy served daily.
Monday: Chalupa, lettuce and cheese, corn, fruit
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, BBQ sauce and roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, Lucky Charms, pears
Wednesday: Enchiladas, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, fresh fruit, mixed fruit
Thursday: Hot dog, scalloped potatoes, crackers, green applesauce, peaches
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce and cheese cups, tater tots, fresh fruit, cookie

Paint Creek School Menu

April 23-27 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Biscuits, eggs, sausage, gravy
Wednesday: Breakfast bagels
Thursday: Pancake sticks
Friday: Hot pockets

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Nachos, refried beans, salad, pears
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, rolls, pineapples
Thursday: Baked potatoes, ham, cheese, salad, apples
Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, salad, pickles, chips, cookies

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Wed., April 25
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apple crisp, tea or coffee
Fri., April 27
Sloppy Joe's country potato salad, carrots, zucchini, jello, cookie, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



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THE CITY OF Haskell will be accepting applications for summer help. We will hire two (2) individuals who will work mainly in the Parks department with mowing and weed eating as well as other maintenance and beautification projects. Interested applicants can pick up an application at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any weekday. Applications will be screened and interviews will be set for early May. Applications are due by May 4, 2012. 16-17c

THE CITY OF Haskell is seeking proposals from interested individuals to take over management of the City Pool. This will be a contract management agreement pursuant to a written operating agreement. Please respond with a written proposal to Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, City of Haskell, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521 on or before May 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept or reject any part of or the entire proposal submitted. 16-17c

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Due to the unopposed status of the May 12, 2012 general election for the placement of mayor and two city council members, this election has been cancelled by the city council of the City of Rule. 16c

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Rule Independent School District:

(A los votantes registrados Rule Independent School District)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2012, for voting in a general election to elect two (2) at-large board of trustee positions.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de May de 2012 para votar en la Elección General para elegir two (2) at-large board of trustee positions.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Place (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) Rule City Hall, 701 Union Avenue,

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(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places (Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada): Rule ISD, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547.

Days and Hours of Operation (Días y Horas Hábiles): April 30, 2012 - May 8, 2012, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: May 4, 2012

(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el

fin de las horas de negocio el: May 4, 2012)

Issued this the 26th day of January, 2012.

(Emitida este día 26th de January, 2012.)

Jason Tanner

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside) 16c

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Our beloved Mildred "Millie" Sanders went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 2, 2012. A dear friend, Linda Smith, said it best when she said, "Mildred was a mother to ALL children. Her smile reflected encouragement, and her laugh was contagious. She touched the hearts of so many and will live in our memories forever." There is now a void in our lives because she is no longer with us, but she will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.
Although we hoped for more time with her, God chose to take her home to be fully healed. It was through thoughtful prayers that He chose to end her suffering. For that, we are grateful. Millie's faith certainly saw her through her illness. She never shed a tear or asked, "Why Me?"
Millie's family: Alton, Terry and Beth, Jerry and Joyce, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, would like to say thank you for doing your part. We thank each of you for flowers and cards that were sent, food that was brought, and phone calls that were made. To Richie and Kevin Smith, we thank both of you for doing an excellent job arranging her services. However, the most important thing that you have done for us is pray. It is by those prayers that we have been able to get through this difficult time. Thank you all so very much, and may God truly bless each one of you!

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Primary scheduled Tues., May 29 in Texas

by **Caron Yates**

Although it didn't happen in March, as first scheduled, nor did it happen in April, as rescheduled, the Texas primary is set to take place on Tues., May 29.

If you are not yet registered to vote, you have until April 30 to do so. Voting by mail began Mar. 30 and an application for ballot by mail must be received by May 22. Early voting by personal appearance begins May 14 and runs through May 25.

Both Democratic and Republican primaries will be held in Haskell County. You can, of course, only vote in one or the other, not both.

Regardless of which primary you choose to vote in on May 29, all registered voters are eligible to vote in the general election in November.

In addition to choosing a candidate to run for president of the United States, Texans will elect a U.S. Senator and all 36 United States Representatives. Texas gained four more seats in the House of Representatives after the 2010 census. There are nine candidates on the Republican ballot and four on the Democratic ballot, all vying for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's seat.

Haskell County, after redistricting, has moved

from U.S. Congressional District 13, presently served by Mac Thornberry, to U.S. Congressional District 19. Current district 19 representative is Randy Neugebauer, and he is being challenged by Chris Winn on the republican ticket.

Appearing on the ballot for each party will be candidates for Railroad Commissioner, both a full term and an unexpired term; Justice for the Supreme Court, place 6; Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; and State Board of Education, District 15.

For district 28, State Senator Robert Duncan is being

challenged by E.M. Garza in the Republican primary. The state representative for district 68 seat is being sought by four republicans, Paul Braswell, David Isbell, Trent McKnight and Drew Springer and one democrat, Lanhom Odom. Rick Hardcastle chose not to run for reelection.

On a more local level, unopposed county positions up for election, and those filing include County Clerk, Belia Abila; Constable, Kim Bassett; County Tax Assessor/Collector, Connie Benton; Haskell County Attorney, Kristen Fouts; Haskell County Sheriff, Winston Stephens; Precinct 3 Commissioner, Kenny Thompson; Haskell County Democratic Chair, Sharon Mullino; and Republican Chair, Brian Burgess.

The only contested race in Haskell County is for Precinct 1 Commissioner. Filing on the Democratic ballot is incumbent Johnny Scoggins and challenger Don Adkins. Also seeking the position is Republican Billy Wayne Hester.

All early voting will be at the Haskell County Courthouse for both parties.

The Republican voting location for all boxes will take place on the third floor of the Haskell County Courthouse on May 29. Democratic voting locations are: Box 1, St. George's Catholic Church; Box 2, Assembly of God Church; Box 3, Extension building; Box 4, Experienced Citizens Center; Box 5, Rule High School Library; Box 6, Rochester Fire Department; Box 7, O'Brien City Hall; Box 8, Weinert School; Box 9, Paint Creek School Library; and Box 10, Sagerton Community Center.

Being an informed voter, and then going to the polls and voting, is one of the most important freedoms

we as Americans have, and it should not be taken lightly. In addition all candidates appreciate the interest and effort you make, when you cast your vote.

School Board elections set

by **Caron Yates**

The May 12 school board election for both Haskell and Rule school districts is fast approaching.

Early voting by mail began March 13 and will continue through May 2. That will be the last day to receive an application for a ballot to vote by mail.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 30 and runs through May 8. Both school districts will hold early voting at their respective school administration offices, from 8 to 4.

Haskell CISD has three single member district positions to be determined. Voters in single member district #4, will have opportunity to vote for either

Susan Turner or Thomas Parks. Bert Alvarez and Roger Roewe are vying for single member district #5, while Mark Stewart is unopposed in single member district #7. All three positions are for three year terms.

Only voters living in these member districts are eligible to vote. Information as to the member district in which you are eligible to vote, can be found on your individual voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member districts is available at the school administration office.

Rule ISD will hold an election for two three year terms. Three candidates have thrown their hats into the

ring. Robert F. Saffel, Brian Manske and Jeremy Hertel are seeking to fill a spot on the board.

Election day, May 12, voting for Haskell school board will take place at Haskell City Hall and Rochester Fire Hall. Voting for the Rule ISD school board will be held at the Rule City Hall on election day.

There will be no city elections held in Haskell, Rule, Rochester or Weinert, because all positions up for election were unopposed.

Voters are reminded to bring an acceptable form of identification. This can include your voter registration card, drivers license or other personal photo identification.

Get ready for City-Wide Clean Up

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.

Mom Prom set 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.

Bra for the Cause bids due May 3

The Relay for Life event is quickly approaching, and the Camo Chicks team from Haskell, is looking for a little extra "support" for breast cancer awareness.

"Bras for the Cause," contest is a fun, light-hearted way to raise awareness about a very serious issue affecting so many in our communities.

Teams have designed themed bras, all with a story to share, in honor or memory of a special breast cancer survivor or victim.

The public is invited and encouraged to stop by the Haskell County Courthouse not only to view, but also to place a bid on the bra of your choice. A silent auction for the themed bras will be held beginning Wed., April 18 and will run through Thurs., May 3. All proceeds go to the Relay for Life, however in the spirit of team competition the Camo Chicks will claim proceeds for the fund-raiser. The team entering the bra receiving the top bid, as well

as the People's Choice, will receive the funds collected.

Bras will be displayed on the first floor of the courthouse during regular business hours, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The themed bras will be taken to the Relay for Life event in Munday on May 5 for "Fill the Cup" donations.

For more information on this unique fund-raiser contact Vicki Adams at 940-864-4953.

Steer validation tags due Apr. 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.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of April 9-15:

Derek Joel Masias, no operators license.

Henry Quintallia Lerma, possession of dangerous drugs.

Zachary Trussell, TDCJ
Shannon Dale Crowley,

DWI 2nd open container.

Adam Pena, defective headlights, failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

Sean Paul Kirk, public intoxication.

Christopher Lee Villarreal, no operators license.

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