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V State Meet

Fri.-Sat., May 11-12, TBA
Send-off Fri., 9:30 a.m.
at the courthouse

Softball

HASKELL

Maidens vs Stamford
Fri., May 11, 5:30 p.m.
ACU, Abilene

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 24 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office, email to hfpnews@lycos.com or call 864-2686 for details.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., May 30 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 24 at 4:30 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 28 in honor of Memorial Day.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library for a program on Leadership-Federation, with Benny Parker of Moran, President-Elect of Mesquite District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Parker will talk of Women in Federation and install officers for the 2012-2014 year. A salad supper will precede the meeting with members bringing their favorite salad. The Social Committee will serve as hostesses.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Ginger Test of Novice will give a demonstration in watercolors. Hostesses will be officers and volunteers. Everyone is welcome.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., May 16 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Wheat field day

The Haskell County Texas AgriLIFE Extension will host a wheat field day Tues., May 15 at the plot site on Kenneth Baker's farm north of Brushy Creek Cemetery. The field day will begin at 1:30 p.m. and two CEU's will be offered. For more information and to register for the field day, call the Extension office at 940-864-2658.

Church in the park

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will hold their annual Church in the Park Sunday service Sun., May 20, gathering at 10:30 a.m. A worship service will be held followed by an old fashioned pot luck meal after the service. Persons are asked to bring their favorite dish and lawn chairs and join in the fun. Graduating Senior scholarship recipients will be recognized and honored.

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Maidens are Area champions

Maidens jump on Santa Anna early and coast to 11-1 win

The Haskell Maidens jumped out to an early lead on Santa Anna and captured an 11-1 victory on Friday at Jim Ned.

The game was decided quickly as the Maidens

exerted their will early with six runs in the first three innings.

A steal of home by Claire Carmichael, an RBI single by Laycee Tullos, an RBI double by Jasmine Klose, and a groundout by Madison Homeyer in the first inning and an error during the second inning supplied the

early offense for Haskell.

Maegan Gonzales got on base three times in the game for the Maidens. She scored two runs and had one RBI. She doubled in the third inning and singled in the fifth inning.

Cailey Foster had an impressive outing against Santa Anna's lineup. Foster

gave up just two hits, allowed one earned run, walked one and struck out six during her six innings of work.

Early lead gives Maidens easy victory over Santa Anna, 15-1

The Haskell Maidens jumped out to an early lead on Santa Anna and captured

a 15-1 victory on Saturday at Jim Ned.

With 11 runs in the first three innings, the Maidens left no doubt about the eventual outcome.

A ground out by Jasmine Klose, an RBI single by Madison Homeyer, and an RBI single by Maegan Gonzales in the first inning and an RBI double by Laycee Tullos during the second inning fueled Haskell Maidens' offense early.

Tullos racked up four RBIs on four hits for Haskell Maidens 2012.

Homeyer had an impressive outing against Santa Anna's lineup. Santa Anna managed just two hits off of Homeyer, who allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out five during her five innings of work.

The Maidens added six more runs in the top of the third. Meg Glover kicked things off with a single, plating Gonzales and Morgan Frierson. That was followed up by Tullos' single, scoring Glover and Claire Carmichael.

The Maidens increased their lead with three runs in the fourth. A single by Tullos ignited the offense, plating Carmichael. That was followed up by a passed ball that scored Tullos.



AREA CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens are area champions after defeating Santa Anna last weekend. They will play Stamford Fri., May 11 at 5:30 p.m. at ACU in Abilene for the Regional Quarterfinal title. Team members include, front row, l-r, Maci Colley, Morgan Frierson, Madison Homeyer, Meghan Glover, Delecia Garcia, Jacie Klose and Cailey Foster; back row, Asst. Coach Kassie Meacham, Caitlan Johnson, Laycee Tullos, Claire Carmichael, Jasmine Klose, Maegan Gonzales, Breezy Gibbs, Dana Rodriguez and Coach John Foster.

Haskell, Rule to hold school board elections Saturday

Registered voters are reminded that Sat., May 12 is election day, in which school board members for both Haskell CISD and Rule ISD, will be determined.

Haskell CISD has three single member district positions on the ballot. Voters in single member district #4, will have opportunity to vote for either Thomas Parks or Susan Turner. Roger

Roewe and Bert Alvarez are both 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.

The Rule ISD will also hold an election for two three year terms. Three candidates have thrown their hats into the ring. Robert Saffel, Brian Manske and Jeremy Hertel

are seeking to fill a spot on the board.

Voting on election day 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.

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

Food drive set Saturday

Sat, May 12, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes. They will also collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers participating in the 20th annual National Food Drive

to "Stamp Out Hunger"—the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

The efforts of letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO), with the help of rural letter carriers, other postal employees and numerous other volunteers has resulted in delivery of

over one billion pounds of donations to community food banks and pantries over the past 19 years, including 70.2 million in 2011.

Letter carriers will collect non-perishable food donations left at mail boxes and in post offices for delivery to local community food banks, pantries, and shelters. Nearly 1,500 local NALC continued on page 2

City-Wide Clean up ends Sat.

Haskell City-Wide Clean Up Week will continue through May 12. The landfill will be open 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.



QUALIFY FOR STATE—The Haskell Indians mile relay team qualified as the second place team to state. Team members are, front row, l-r, Kelby Bell and Payne Utley; back row, Ryan Markey and Henry Smith.



STATE QUALIFIERS—Haskell Indians qualifying in the 800 relay and mile relay at state include, l-r, Gabriel Torres, 800 relay; Ryan Markey, 800 and mile relay; Payne Utley, 800 and mile relay; Kelby Bell, 800 and mile relay; Mathew Martinez, alternate; and Henry Smith, mile relay.

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JUDGING CONTEST— Members of the Haskell County 4-H Livestock judging team participated in the District 3 livestock judging contest April 21 in Vernon. 23 counties from across the district competed in the contest. Members of the Haskell 4-H team are, l-r, Riley Sloan, Cade Anderson, Hadley Sloan, Ernie Homeyer and Abby Homeyer. Abby Homeyer was third high point in the reasons contest.

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Food drive

continued from page 1 branches in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam are involved in the drive.

Campbell Soup Company a major corporate sponsor supplies postcards, magazine and newspaper advertisements, and will earmark an additional 1 million pounds of canned food to the drive. AARP supports the drive by providing nearly 15 million paper bags in the 10 hungriest states. Additional media support comes from Valpak Direct Marketing which promotes the drive on over 44 million envelopes delivered to postal customers, and International Paper who donates paper and prints the AARP bags.

The drive also relies on the support of the U.S. Postal Service, National Rural Letter Carriers Association, the United Way Worldwide, AFL-CIO's Community Services Network, Feeding America, and Uncle Bob's Trucking. Generous support is also provided by Family Circus cartoonist Jeff Keane, who created a special cartoon in memory of his father Bill to promote the drive.

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 19 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., May 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Bible school

Haskell First United Methodist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School Tues., June 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Following the evening activities there will be a hamburger meal followed by ice cream for dessert. Volunteers are needed to help with the day's activities. Those wishing to help may contact Amy Sloan.

Obituaries

Thomas 'Rudy' Casey



RUDY CASEY

Funeral services for Thomas 'Rudy' Casey, 59, of Rule were held Thurs., May 3 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Russell Stanley and John Greeson

officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Rule. Mr. Casey passed away Tuesday morning, May 1 at his home in Rule.

Born May 9, 1952 in Haskell, he was the son of Marjorilene Camper and Eugene Lamar Casey. He graduated from Rule ISD and attended McMurry University in Abilene. He married Julie Carruth in Munday June 3, 1972 and lived in Rule all his life. He worked as an oil field pumper and also operated a cafe in Haskell. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lamar Casey; and father-in-law, Ira Lee Carruth.

Survivors include his wife Julie; two sons, Tommy Casey and Mike Casey and wife Crystal; grandchildren, Katelyn and Jacob Casey; his mother, Margie Casey; brother, Gary Casey; sister, Sonja Parr and husband David; mother-in-law, Betty Sue Carruth; sisters-in-law, Beth Arnold and husband Paul, Diana Graham and husband Elden, and Teri Lee Carruth; and numerous aunts, cousins and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. PD. NOTICE

Vivian Louise Curtis Roberson



VIVIAN ROBERSON

Funeral services for Vivian Curtis Roberson, 103, of Haskell were held Sat., May 5 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Roberson passed away Monday evening, April 30 in Wichita Falls.

Born Jan. 10, 1909 in Jones County, she was the daughter of Sarah Frances Curry and William Preston Curtis. The young family moved to Haskell County

when Vivian was one year old and where she lived the remainder of her life. She had one brother, Hugh Curtis, who preceded her in death. Roberson graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a B.S. in education.

She married Thomas B. Roberson in Avoca Dec. 26, 1930. She and her husband taught in several rural schools in O'Brien and Haskell during the decades to follow. She taught elementary education for more than 40 years in Haskell County and enjoyed a life long continuing relationship with a vast number of her former students and their families. Her love of children and ability to communicate with all age groups was remarkable. Her zest for life was obvious and shared with many including neighbors, Haskell school faculty and parents of students, members of First Baptist Church in Haskell, the Retired Teachers Association and many others. She was a tenacious

and successful gardener of flowers, vegetables and fruits and leader of the local Garden Club and a member of Eastern Star for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Ballard Roberson; her twin daughters, Robbie Lou Roberson Drinnon and Sara Sue Roberson Jones; and her brother, Hugh Curtis.

Survivors include her three grandchildren, Stephen W. Drinnon of Dallas, David T. Drinnon of Denton, and Lisa Jones Whiteley of Norman, Oklahoma; great grandchildren, Damon Drinnon, Mitchell Drinnon, Chase Drinnon, David Cleatus Drinnon and Lauren Whiteley; great great grandchildren, Hayven Drinnon, Maddox Drinnon, Dillon Drinnon and Mason Drinnon.

If desired, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Haskell Public Library.

PD. NOTICE

Freddie Sue Melton Story

Funeral services for Freddie Sue Melton Story, 75, of Newcastle were held Thurs., May 3 at First Baptist Church in Newcastle with Rev. Jessie Edwards officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery in Olney under the direction of McMillan-Satterwhite Funeral Home of Graham.

Mrs. Story went to be with the Lord Mon., April 30 in Olney.

Born July 17, 1936 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Bob and Ruby Melton of Haskell. She married Donald R. Story of Old Glory June 20, 1954.

She graduated from Haskell High School and Hardin-Simmons University. She taught a total of thirty seven years in public schools with the last thirty years at Newcastle School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Newcastle and over the years she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, WMU leader, choir and many other activities.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Mickey and Jack Melton; one

sister, Mary Melton; and one son, Bobby James Story.

Survivors include her husband, Donald R. Story of Newcastle; one son, Billy Story and wife, Patricia of Olney; daughters, Donna Watson of Newcastle and Debbie Wilkinson and husband, Brad of Newcastle; four grandchildren, Chelle and husband Bob Rodgers of China Springs, Bill Story Jr. and wife Julia of Bellmead, Mindy Brannon and husband, Jack of Weatherford, and Jimmy Smith of Olney; ten great grandchildren, Heather and Morgan Rodgers, Todd, Jamie and Jaycee Brannon, Courtney and Freddie Story, Meagan Neal, Patrick and Phillip Abel; one brother, Garry Melton and wife, Cherry of Olney; sister-in-law, Dorothy Melton of Milton-Freewater, Oregon and several nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Media System, P.O. Box 100, Newcastle, Texas 76372.

PD. NOTICE

New proof requirements now needed for Texas driver licenses

The Texas Department of Public Safety today announced the implementation of new proof of residency requirements to obtain Texas driver licenses or identification cards effective May 7, 2012. The requirements, which only apply to first-time driver license and identification card applicants, are the result

of legislation approved by the Texas Legislature.

In addition to the standard requirements necessary to obtain a license or identification card (<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/identificationrequirements.htm>), all new applicants will also be required to present two acceptable documents

containing the applicant's name and address to establish proof of residency in the state of Texas.

To meet the residency requirement for an original identification card or driver license, an applicant must:

- Reside in Texas for at least 30 days prior to application
- Present two acceptable documents establishing proof of residency, one of which must demonstrate the applicant has lived in Texas at least 30 days

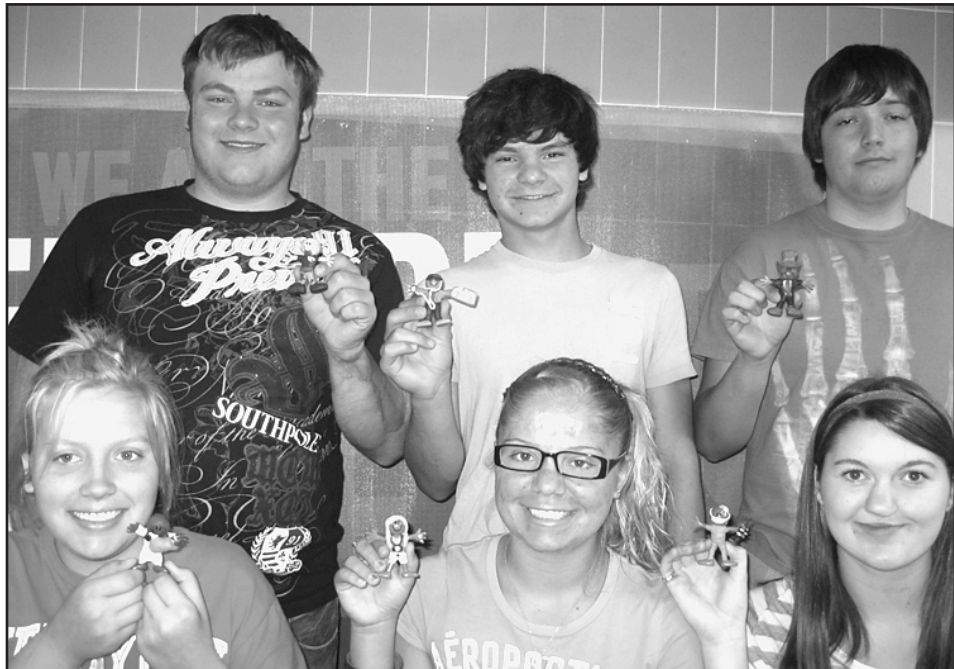
The 30-day requirement is waived for applicants who surrender a valid, unexpired out-of-state driver license, but two documents establishing proof of residency are still required.

For a complete list of acceptable residency documents and additional details, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/residencyReqNonCDL.htm>.

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GENERATION TX PROGRAM—Paint Creek high school students participated in an activity, "Shaping Your Future" in which they made clay figures of how they see themselves in the future career wise. They were also presented with information from Rebecca Hughes with Generation TX on the steps they need to take to achieve that future career. Pictured, l-r, are some of the students with the figure designs of their chosen careers, Matt Booe, orthodontist; Charitie Winterstein, psychologist or Pre-K teacher; Hunter Jordan, rancher; and Dalton Barnett, baseball player.



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GENTX DAY—Paint Creek School students and staff celebrated GenTX Day, a day to promote college awareness, by wearing college shirts. Pictured are some of those who participated.

May garden checklist

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

•Prune spring-flowering shrubs soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune, and avoid excessive cutting except where necessary to control size.

•Roses have high fertilizer requirements. For most soils, use a complete fertilizer for the first application just as new growth starts, then use ammonium sulfate, or other high nitrogen source, every 4 to 6 weeks, usually just as the new growth cycle starts following a flowering cycle. For organic sources use cottonseed, rotted manures or alfalfa meal.

•Continue to spray rose varieties susceptible to black spot, using a spray recommended for fungus control every 7 to 10 days. Many of the Old Garden Roses and some of the newer ones have considerable resistance to black spot.

•Climbing hybrid tea roses may be pruned as soon as they complete flowering.

•Removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive growth, and applying fertilizer to an established annual bed can do wonders towards rejuvenating and extending the life of the planting.

•As soon as azaleas have finished flowering, apply an acid type fertilizer at the rate recommended. Don't over fertilize, as azalea roots are near the surface and damage can occur. Water thoroughly after fertilizing.

•Seeds of amaranthus, celosia, cosmos, marigold, portulaca, zinnia and other warm-season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded areas moist until seeds germinate. Thin out as soon as they are large enough to transplant. Surplus plants can be transplanted to other areas.

•It will soon be time for bagworms to attack junipers and other narrow-leaved evergreens. Control

measures, such as Sevin dust or spray, should be applied while the insects and the bags are about one-half inch in length.

•When caterpillars attack live oak trees en masse, it is very alarming, but usually nothing can be done. A healthy live oak will usually regrow its leaves and resume normal activities.

•For instant color, purchase started annual plants. Select short, compact plants. Any flowers or flower buds should be pinched to give plants an opportunity to become established.

•Check new tender growth for aphids. A few can be tolerated, but large numbers should be controlled. Always follow label instructions on approved pesticides for control. Washing them off with a strong spray of water may be all that is necessary for adequate control.

•Many flower or vegetable seeds left over after planting

the garden can be saved for the next season by closing the packets with tape or paper clips and storing in a sealed glass jar in your refrigerator.

•Start weeding early in the flower garden. Early competition with small plants can delay flowering. A mulch will discourage weeds and make those that do come through easier to pull.

•Soil purchased for use in beds, low areas, and containers should be examined closely. Often, nut grass and other weeds, nematodes, and soil-borne disease are brought into the yard through contaminated soil sources.

•Watch newspaper and other publicity for information regarding wildflower trails, and open garden days. Plan to take a trip to enjoy beautiful gardens and trails that are abundant in many areas of Texas.

Births

Casey and Erin Thompson of Arlington announce the birth of a son, Barrett Charles, born Feb. 1 weighing 9 lbs., 10 ½ oz. He was 20 ¾ inches tall.

He was welcomed home by big sister, Kendall. Grandparents are

Kenny Charles and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek, and Charlotte and Ron Stuard of Iraan.

Great grandparents are Mary Ann and the late Charles Thompson of Garland, Charles and Stella Webb of Ballinger, and Marge Stuard of Iraan.

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Record book workshop set

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
A workshop to address "4-H Record Keeping" will be conducted Mon., May 14 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

The workshop is designed for 4-H parents, leaders and senior age 4-H members. The New Texas 4-H Record Keeping System will be introduced and sections of the system will be discussed in detail.

Haskell County 4-H members planning to apply for county 4-H awards are required to complete a 4-H Record Book and the workshop will be beneficial in beginning this process. Information presented will also benefit 4-H members planning to apply for 4-H scholarships in the future.

For more information, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office, 940-864-2658.

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OPINION

Haskell Co. Farm Bureau leaders address issues on Capitol Hill

With the pending farm bill and other agricultural issues looming, Texas farmers and ranchers traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with their U.S. senators and representatives and discuss the issues on Capitol Hill in April.

More than 150 state and county Farm Bureau leaders, led by Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Kenneth Dierschke, reconnected with their nationally-elected officials during the TFB National Affairs Awards Trip, April 17-20.

Steve & Phoi McGuire and Dr. James and Renee Gober attended from Haskell County Farm Bureau.

"It is very important that we have an ongoing conversation with our political leaders to explain what we need to survive and thrive," said Haskell County Farm Bureau leader Steve McGuire. "The 2012 Farm Bill was top of mind for all of us as we met with our members of Congress. We reminded them that the farm bill is an important safety net that ensures we can continue to grow food and fiber for all Americans."

In addition to the farm bill, TFB members discussed the effects of the estate tax, capital gains tax and child labor rules that could have a significant impact on agricultural operations in Texas and across the country. Following the trip, the U.S. Department of Justice withdrew the proposed child labor rules that would prevent many young people from working on a farm or ranch.

"This is a perfect example of the power of the grassroots process. We, along with other agricultural leaders, explained to our congressmen that these regulations would eliminate a rite of passage for many rural kids—farm jobs have taught young people a strong work ethic and values for generations," Dr. James Gober said. "We were glad to see that they heard and responded to our concerns."

Farm Bureau county leaders who qualified for the organization's annual awards trip to Washington did so by working with their elected officials on a regular basis and participating in national affairs events in their districts.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

May 9, 2002

Bethany Elmore, daughter of W.O. and Mendi Elmore of Haskell, placed in the top eight finalists at the Texas State Bible Drill Final Competition in Fort Worth.

Brittany Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski of Haskell, was crowned Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen, during the annual queen pageant.

The Haskell Maidens softball team had four named to district honors. Freshman Calina Kendall received Newcomer of the Year, first team pitcher/first base; senior Tiffany Lindsey was named MVP Defensive Player, first team second base; senior Mindy Price was chosen first team third base; and senior Amanda Guadaluca received the Fighting Heart Award.

20 Years Ago

May 7, 1992

City Administrator Scott

Wall reported for work this week. He will work with Bob Baker until June 1, when he will succeed Baker as administrator.

Elected to lead cheers for the Rule Bobcats were Laurie Boger, head cheerleader, along with Christi Mathis, Kenna Tanner, Julie Saffel, Angela Hisey and Lisa Macias.

Daniela Guadaluca, a senior at Haskell High School, won first place in the regional discus competition to earn a place at the State Track and Field Meet in Austin.

30 Years Ago

May 13, 1982

Haskell businesswoman Sandy Horton, was chosen Outstanding Club Woman of the Year during a meeting of the Progressive Study Club.

Jill LeFevre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre of Sagerton, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry College in

Abilene. A physical education major, her teaching field is mathematics.

Ricky Patterson and DeeAnn Pendergraft were chosen Mr. and Miss Pirate, during the Paint Creek Awards Banquet.

40 Years Ago

May 11, 1972

Weinert High School has announced its highest ranking senior students. Joan Caddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Caddell, is valedictorian. Brenda Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boone, is salutatorian.

Midwestern University senior Kathy Burson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Burson Jr., is featured as a golfer on the cover of the Journal of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Becky Richardson of Haskell, has been named one of twelve finalists in the Texas Grain-Fed Beef

Cookoff State Contest. She entered her gourmet recipe "Beef Tarragon."

Mrs. McCollum, Haskell High School FHA advisor, presented junior degrees to Charlotte Hannsz, Beth Lowrey and Betty Steele at the annual Future Homemakers of America banquet.

50 Years Ago

May 10, 1962

Mattson High School has scheduled its 25th commencement exercises. Graduating seniors are Carolyn Klose, Pollie Greene, Kathryn Kretschmer, Verlene Rueffer, Dick Tracy, Sammy Sorenson, Ronnie Walker, Ronnie Chapman and Hugh Peiser.

Army Pfc. Dale Denton, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Denton of Rule, participated with the 47th Ordnance Group in Ordex I, a two-week command post exercise in Germany.

Richard P. Riley of Haskell, has been presented with an award for 30 years of continuous service as an employee of Service Pipe Line Company.

100 Years Ago

May 11, 1912

Governor O.B. Collquitt has accepted an invitation to speak in Haskell on May 17th. Haskell supporters have been advised.

Guy Street has a letter from his father stating that the Mills County courthouse burned. He said many records were lost because some officials had left their vaults unlocked.

Dr. G.J. Simmons has been confined to his bed for some time. His friends hope he will soon recover and be out again. He is now in his 85th year.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Betterment Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Haskell who made our Wild Horse Prairie Cook-Off a success. The participation of the City Of Haskell personnel, Chamber of Commerce and its board members, local and surrounding business owners, and the volunteers who judged the cook-off, made it fun for young and old.

The Betterment Team wants to recognize Ray Don

Campbell for being our head judge for the cook-off, Wes Steele for his finishing touches on the metal trophies, and Don Welch of Weinert for making our cook-off and car show trophies.

Thanks for all the cooks, who gave up their weekend to share their cooking expertise.

We really want to thank all the families, friends, and our local business owners who came out to support us.

Sincerely,

The Betterment

Committee

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of April 30-May 6:

Wayne Anthony Henderson, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony.

Charles Anthony Sanders, Judgment NISI, third degree felony.

Agustin Sandoval Ramos,

driving while intoxicated, Class B.

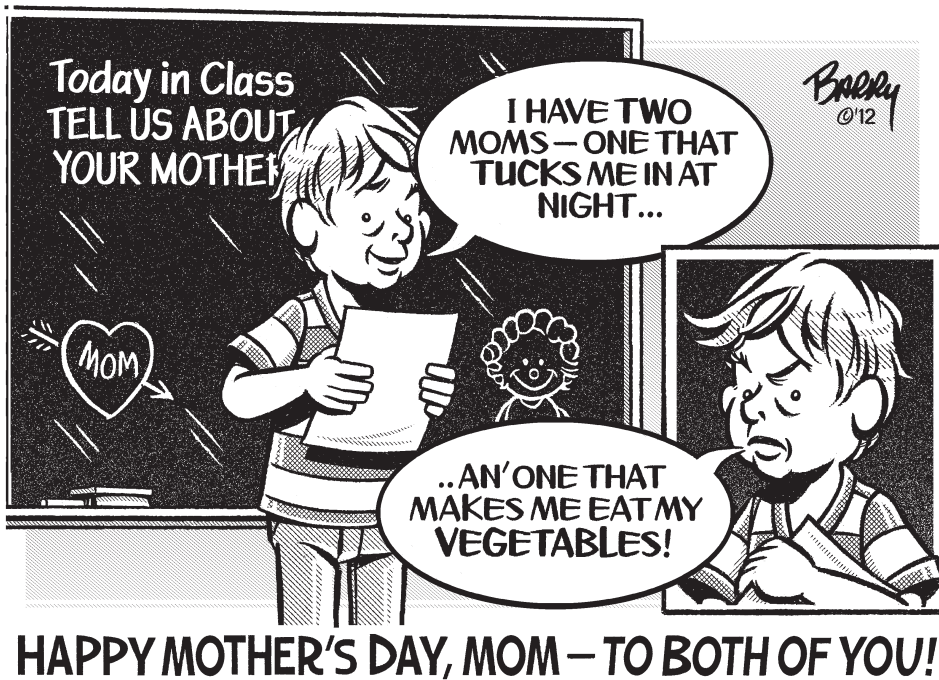
Joe Brad Williams, public intoxication, Class C.

Billy Jack Reynolds, assault family violence (wife), assault family violence (step son).

Christobel Villa, public intoxication, Class C.

Daniel Spinks, motion to revoke.

Sixty calls were made to 911.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM - TO BOTH OF YOU!

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Congratulations, Haskell Maiden softball team and Coach John Foster. How nice to see the sports page heralding, "Haskell rolls into area round" and with a daunting score of 15-1. Now, bring on Stamford!

One of my favorite "girls" celebrated her 89th birthday on Monday...Happy Birthday, Barbara Kimbrough!

Another favorite of Haskell's is Coach Ray Overton who was inducted into the Big Country Hall of Fame Monday night in Abilene, that was obvious from the huge turn-out helping Coach O celebrate this honor. Former team members and friends from literally all over Texas, Colorado and New Mexico traveled hundreds of miles to honor not only their "Coach" but a true educator whom they knew cared about them as individuals and who touched their lives.

The Cemetery Ladies (we really need to get a better title for those gals who won Volunteers of the Year about a year ago) have been cleaning up the cemetery even in this hot weather. They trim the trees and bushes and try to keep the vegetation in good health. Something is working because the cemetery is looking better every year. The Cemetery committee meets

once a year and this year it is May 10. I'm not certain if it is an open meeting or not. The committee consists of Charles Chapman, president; Delight Jones, Carolyn Everett, Wallace Cox, Jr., Andrew Gannaway, Sammy Larned, Betty Berry and Sheila Griffin. I've heard comments ever since we moved here about what citizens would like done there. Now you have a list of people to contact and explain your concerns as well as find out if there are ways in which you can assist in improving the appearance of our cemetery. Some people keep their plots watered, mowed and looking very nice. What if the entire cemetery looked that way! I think it says a lot about a society/culture when you look at how they maintain their cemeteries. In Germany, not a stone is out of place; manicured is not even meticulous adjective enough. Next week, May 13 is Mother's Day and I think it would be a wonderful tribute to all of our loved ones who have gone on before us to take some time and do some work at the cemetery.

China Wok is nearing completion. We ate at the one in Stamford last week and it was delicious; just hoping ours will be as good. Not only was the food good but everything was brand new, spotless and looking into the kitchen area you've never seen such shiny, new stainless steel equipment.

We are also going to have another restaurant located in the building just east of Rike Real Estate. This is wonderful—more good food from which to choose. That also means that our wives who do most of the meal preparations will have another reason to let us husbands 'do the cooking.' That's what I tell the wife when we go out to eat—I'm cooking today.

I received a note from John Rike concerning an act by some of our own that makes me very proud. Sheila Homeyer's class of fifth grade students at Haskell Elementary School were rewarded for an act of patriotism and support they gave our combat troops stationed in the Middle East. Sometime last fall, each student in her class wrote a special letter of thanks and support to Lieutenant Commander Scott Bell who was serving with the Headquarters Unit of the United States Forces in Afghanistan in support of operations ENDURING FREEDOM. LCDR Bell, his fellow comrades in the military and his family which is back in the United States were very appreciative of the support shown by these students. Not having the time to write a letter of thanks to each of the students, LCDR Bell sent the class an American flag that was flown over the headquarters of our military personnel serving in Kabul, Afghanistan on Sept. 11, 2011. Included with the flag was a proclamation that identifies the flag and the fact that it was flown in Kabul on the tenth anniversary of the terrorists' attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Homeyer and her students are to be

commended for their efforts. Wouldn't it be nice if each of us took the time to send a letter of appreciation to someone in the military expressing our gratitude for their sacrifice.

In 1962, then President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. During that week, law enforcement officers from around the world participate in planned events in cities, both large and small, that honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Our event will occur on the lawn of the Courthouse near the gazebo Thurs., May 17 at 11 a.m. One of the most touching portions of this program will be a 'role-call' honoring those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2011. Keep your eyes and ears tuned to the news media as more information will follow.

Quick note about Weight Watchers: I haven't given up on securing a lecturer. Oh for a simpler time when one could just pick up the phone and hear a real live person on the other end... without the 1-800 number and without being kicked to an internet. I have heard back, but am thinking we're in the Fort Worth district instead of the Abilene one—they keep talking about having a computer there plus a portal pass...all Greek to me. Folks, we just want an old-fashioned lecturer—you supply the computers and "portal passes."

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HASKELL MAIDENS Area Champions



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

Maidens vs Stamford Fri, May 11, 5:30p.m. ACU, Abilene

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AREA GAME—Haskell Maidens Meagan Gonzales, left, and Claire Carmichael, right, during the Santa Anna Area Championship matchup held last weekend.



INDIANS FINAL GAME—Haskell Indian Gabriel Torres, left, bats at the Indians' last game of the season against Stamford. Indian Jarred Escobedo, right, attempts to put the Stamford runner out at home plate.



DEFEATS SANTA ANNA—The Haskell Maidens defeated Santa Anna to claim the area title last weekend. Maiden Laycee Tullos is at bat during the game. Haskell won the series winning games one and two.



MAIDEN CATCHER—Jasmine Klose works behind the plate during the first game in the best of two in a three game series. Haskell plays Stamford Fri., May 11 at 5:30 p.m. at ACU in Abilene for the regional title.



SAFE!—Haskell Indian Dakota Silvas slides safely back to first base during the final game of the season against the Stamford Bulldogs.



STEAL—Haskell Maiden Jacie Klose makes a successful steal at second base during the Santa Anna game this past weekend. The Maidens clinched the best two out of three series to claim the area title.

USDA program sign-up deadlines are approaching

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson is reminding producers that the 2012 deadline to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) program is June 1.

"I encourage all producers interested in DCP to visit the service center where their farm is administered and sign up before the busy planting season gets underway," said Nelson. "Enrollments cannot be accepted after the deadline, so enrolling early may help producers avoid missing the deadline during one of the most demanding times of the year."

DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for any of the 2008 through 2012 crop years. There are two types of DCP payments: direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are calculated using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. DCP is authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

In addition to DCP, other FSA programs also have enrollment deadlines approaching:

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program: Check with the FSA service center for dates;

Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)—June 1;

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE)—June 1, 2012 for crop year 2010;

2011 ACRE Production Evidence—July 15;

Certification of Planted

Acres—Various deadlines, but no later than July 15;

Farm Reconstitutions (changes)—Aug. 1, 2012 for the 2012 crop year;

MILC—Sept. 30, 2012;

Crop Insurance—Contact a crop insurance agent or the regional RMA office. The Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers. A strong farm safety net is important to sustain the success of American agriculture. For example, USDA's crop insurance program insures 264 million acres, 1.14 million policies, and \$110 billion worth of liability on about 500,000 farms. And in response to tighter financial markets, USDA has expanded the availability of farm credit, helping struggling farmers refinance loans. In the past 3 years, USDA provided 103,000 loans to family farmers totaling \$14.6 billion. Over 50 percent of the loans went to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

For more information on these and other FSA programs, contact the Haskell FSA Office for an appointment at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>.



TRIES TO AVOID TAG—Haskell Indian Dakota Silvas tries to avoid being tagged out at second base during the Stamford game.



MAKES THE OUT—Haskell Indian Mathew Martinez secures the out at first base during the Haskell-Stamford game Fri., April 27.



FINAL GAME—Senior Haskell Indian Sterling Bird is on the mound during the final game of district play against Stamford.

Texas to test newborns for SCID

The Texas Department of State Health Services is adding severe combined immunodeficiency, SCID, to the list of diseases that all newborns in Texas are screened for at birth. The DSHS laboratory plans to begin screening for SCID in September using the same newborn screening specimens already collected to test for 28 other rare disorders.

SCID is a group of genetic disorders that causes profound defects of the immune system, the body's line of defense against all types of infections. SCID is one of the most critical immune system problems and occurs in an estimated one in 40,000 to one in 100,000 newborns. If it is not treated, most affected infants die within the first year of life.

"I'm very happy that Texas will begin screening for SCID," said DSHS Commissioner Dr. David Lakey. "While SCID is an extremely serious condition, it can be treated successfully if it is detected early. Adding this screening will help give Texas babies with SCID the opportunity to live normal, healthy lives."

Texas operates the largest newborn screening program in the nation, testing about 800,000 specimens per year. The blood to be tested is drawn by a simple heel stick within 48 hours of birth and again at one to two weeks of age. The screening provides an opportunity to detect medical conditions that, if not addressed early, would cause serious problems like developmental delays, major illness or death.

Tullos named to player of the week list by AR-N

Laycee Tullos, Senior outfielder for the Maidens, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News player of the week list for Tues., May 8.

Tullos had a combined 5-for-8 with five RBIs and four runs scored in the area round series against Santa Anna.

Box Tops being collected

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 or leave a message with the elementary school secretary.

June 1 is deadline for Family Land Heritage program applications

In continuing a proud tradition of honoring hardworking generations of Texas farmers and ranchers, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples extended the deadline for families to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage (FLH) Program. The program recognizes family farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years. Applications are now due June 1, 2012.

"Through generations of hard work, perseverance and love of the land, these families have operated their farms and ranches for 100 years or more, making Texas a powerhouse of agricultural productivity,"

Commissioner Staples said. "This commitment to the land is the foundation on which Texas agriculture is built, and thanks to these families and their ancestors, the Lone Star State today stands as a recognized producer of the finest food and fiber in the world."

This year's Family Land Heritage ceremony will be held in the fall at the Texas Capitol in Austin and will recognize farms and ranches established in 1912 or earlier.

Eligible farms and ranches must still be owned and operated by the descendants of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. At least 10 acres of the land must be in continuous

agricultural production for the past 100 years or more. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

To date, TDA has recognized more than 4,500 properties in 237 counties across Texas. Fayette County, with 151 family operations honored, has been recognized more than any other county since the FLH program began.

Applications for the 2012 Family Land Heritage recognition are available for download at www.TexasAgriculture.gov by clicking Family Land Heritage under the I Need To... section. For more information, you also can e-mail Lance.Williams@TexasAgriculture.gov.

May is Elder Abuse Prevention month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month. It's a good reminder that we all have a responsibility to look out for those in our community who are elderly or have disabilities and protect them from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

"Abuse and exploitation are big problems but the most common situations we investigate involve people who are neglecting themselves. Often, people with disabilities or who are elderly become ill or depressed and either can no longer care for themselves or stop trying. That's when we all need to step in to help," said Beth Engelking, DFPS assistant commissioner for Adult Protective Services (APS). "Protecting vulnerable adults

is everyone's business."

Throughout May, APS and many community, civic, and professional groups are holding conferences, giving presentations, and participating in many other events to raise awareness and understanding of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Learn more about events in your area at EveryonesBusiness.org and share them with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Last year, APS completed 87,741 investigations and confirmed that 58,068 people living at home were victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Self-neglect was at least one factor for 91 percent of those victims. Half of the victims were elderly and half were people with disabilities.

State law requires anyone

who suspects abuse, neglect, or exploitation to report it to the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.TxAbuseHotline.org.

Adult Protective Services (APS) is a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). APS' mission is to protect adults who are elderly or have disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. APS does this by investigating allegations and by providing or arranging for services to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

APS serves Texas residents 65 years or older, and those 18 to 64 with a disabling condition.

There are almost 2.6 million Texas residents who are 65 or older and more than two million people with a disability (ages 18-64).

Growing sweet potatoes

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

The sweet potato *Ipomoea batatas* is one of the classic Southern vegetables that can be grown in the home garden with ease. Even George Washington grew them! They do prefer good sandy soil but are able to adapt to many different soil types in the garden. There are many varieties to choose from. Slips may be ordered from mail-order supply sources the first year, then fresh slips may be grown from your own sweet potatoes after that.

Some favorite varieties include 'Centennial,' an old favorite, and 'Georgia Jets,' planted because of its very fast growth and high yields.

Dr. Larry Ralston, entomologist with the LSU Ag Center, bred up a much more insect-resistant sweet potato in 1987 which was called the 'Beauregard.' This has become the most popular Louisiana sweet potato because of its beautiful eating appearance, with copper colored flesh.

Various white sweet potatoes, with names such as 'Triumph,' 'Southern Queen,' 'Poplar Root,' 'Choker' and 'White Bunch' are usually sweet, but dry. The Mexican or Central American 'Boniato' is an excellent grower for Central Texas, with a normal colored skin but white, slightly sweet flesh that cooks up looking much like Irish potatoes. 'Nancy Hall' is an old fashioned yellowish fleshed potato that is not much on looks but is still being grown. 'O'Henry' has basically a white skin and

cream colored insides.

The gardener can also choose sweet potatoes by time to maturity. Water regularly in the absence of rain and fertilize with a balanced fertilizer once a month.

As the season progresses, sweet potato vines can appear to be smothering entire garden plots. If space is at a premium, one solution would be to plant "bush" types, such as 'Porto Rico' or 'Vardaman.' The vines can often be redirected into relatively empty areas of the garden. In order to keep an eye on the spots where the underground tubers are forming, or in order to water successfully, it is sometimes necessary to plant a few sticks or rods in the ground next to the roots of the plants. In the fall at harvest time, digging near the markers will bring up the largest and most developed potatoes. The vines often root here and there along the way and numerous smaller plantlets with tubers may appear. If these are too small to harvest, they may be left in place in the ground. In a mild winter they may survive to repopulate the garden the next spring.

Be sure that garden soil is heaped over their tops, because any direct contact of the young tubers with frosty air will cause them to

blacken. Otherwise, harvest smaller tubers and bury them in pots of soil to be put away in the garage, shed or other freeze-proof area to produce "slips" for the next year. The containers may be moistened lightly several times through the winter.

When it is time to harvest, do so before the soil temperature drops to less than 50°F to prevent frost blackening. The vines may be frosted partially with the first few cold snaps. At this time, cut these back and dig the sweet potatoes, preferably while soil is dry. Take care not to bruise or cut the tubers.

Sweet potatoes are then cured to allow the skin to heal over, which prevents the entry of disease organisms and ensuing decay. Gardeners can put the sweet potatoes into sheds or garages where there is good air circulation and where the building will be warm enough to facilitate skin healing. Commercial growers plan to keep the sweet potatoes at the temperature of 80 to 90°F, with a relative humidity of 85 to 90 percent. After about two weeks the sweet potatoes will be cured.

Storing them through the winter is most successful in a building where the temperature is well above freezing and the air is dry.

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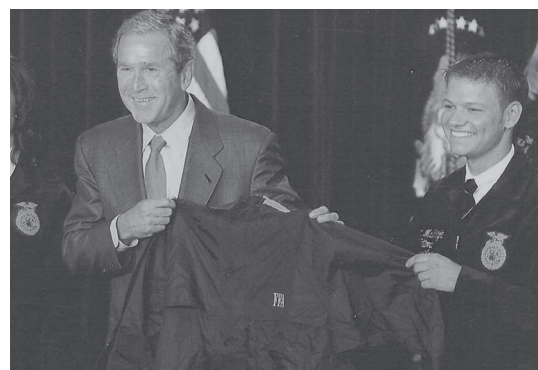
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Paint Creek School Menu

May 14-18 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Breakfast bagels
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, fruit
Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, jello
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Nachos, refried beans, salad, pears
Friday: Hamburgers, salad, cheese, pickles, chips, brownies

Haskell School Menu

May 14-18 Breakfast
Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Pork sausage biscuit or Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit, apple juice
Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal, peaches, orange juice
Wednesday: Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, sour green applesauce, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, majestic pears, apple juice
Friday: Breakfast biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, original applesauce, 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: Chef Boyardee ravioli with roll or Italian antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese; Choice of up to three: sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, peaches, red slushy
Tuesday: Choice of one:

Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; Choice of up to three: glazed carrots, whole wheat crackers, fresh honeydew, lettuce and cheese, red slushy.
Wednesday: Choice of one: Beef and bean burrito or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce, majestic pears, red slushy.
Thursday: Choice of one: Steak fingers with roll or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; Choice of up to three: scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe, whole wheat crackers, red slushy.
Friday: Choice of one: Tony's pizza or chef salad or energy meal with po-boy; Choice of up to three: tater tots, baked beans, original applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, red slushy.

ECC Menu

Mon., May 14
Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, Parmesan toast, peach cobbler, tea or coffee
Wed., May 16
Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, Coke cake, tea or coffee

coffee
Fri., May 18
Ham and beans, club spinach, seasoned corn, lemon cake, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Vendor applications

To receive a vendor application for Wild Horse Prairie Days to be held June 1-2, contact Jennabeth Kimbrough at 940-256-2163 cell or 940-864-3875 office. Booths are first come, first served and are \$50 each.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Deadlines

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

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Merits trial ordered in case pitting state, health care providers

AUSTIN - Three movements occurred last week in a legal battle over whether the state of Texas will allow health services to be rendered by Planned Parenthood affiliate clinics under the federal and state funded Women's Health Program.

On April 30, Austin U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel granted an injunction requested by the clinics to prevent the state from stopping them from serving enrollees—low-income women who do not have health insurance.

Later on April 30, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jerry Smith granted the state's request for a stay of the district court's injunction.

And on May 4, a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based Fifth Circuit lifted Judge Smith's stay of the injunction until a trial on merits can be heard.

So, now, the stay of the injunction is in effect, meaning the state Department of Health and Human Services may not enforce its rule banning affiliates of abortion providers from the Women's Health Program.

The Fifth Circuit panel's order requires a lower court trial to be on the next available regular oral argument docket.

Plaintiffs assert that the state, in preventing them from rendering services to enrollees, violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment (freedom of speech and association) and Fourteenth Amendment (equal protection under the laws).

What triggered this recent series of legal maneuvers was a March 14 state Department of Health and Human Services administrative rule that set an April 30 deadline for clinics offering Women's Health Program services to "certify compliance"—meaning, have no connection with any facility that performs legal abortions.

New licensing requirements

New proof of residency requirements to obtain Texas driver licenses or identification cards took effect on May 7.

In an announcement last week, the Texas Department of Public Safety said first-time applicants, in addition to standard application requirements, will be required to present two acceptable documents containing the applicant's name and address to establish proof of residency in the state of Texas.

To meet the residency requirement for an original identification card or driver license, an applicant must:

- Reside in Texas for at least 30 days prior to application;

and
•Present two acceptable documents establishing proof of residency, one of which must demonstrate the applicant has lived in Texas at least 30 days.

Test to screen for SCID

The Texas Department of State Health Services on May 3 announced it is adding severe combined immunodeficiency, SCID, to the list of diseases that all newborns in Texas are screened for at birth.

The DSHS laboratory plans to begin screening for SCID in September using the same newborn screening specimens already collected to test for 28 other rare disorders.

Blood to be tested is drawn by a heel stick within 48 hours of birth and again at one to two weeks of age, the agency said.

Combs to lead task force

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs will lead a new "Child Identity Protection Task Force" managed by The Center for Identity at The University of Texas at Austin.

"Child identity theft and fraud result in a wide range of crimes against children," the center's director, Suzanne Barber, said April 30.

"The social harm of online impostors bullying or preying on our children is devastating, and the UT Child Identity Protection Task Force will work tirelessly to help children and parents guard against these crimes," Combs said.

Among task force members are individuals with the FBI, Secret Service, TransUnion, LexisNexis and Internet safety group WiredSafety.org.

Permian proposes \$10K degree

A "Texas Science Scholar" undergraduate degree to be offered by the Odessa-based University of Texas of the Permian Basin beginning in the fall is the first answer to a call by Gov. Rick Perry for institutions of higher learning to adopt a \$10,000 four-year undergraduate degree.

Announced at a May 2 UT System board of regents meeting by UT-Permian Basin President David Watts, the bachelor of science degree program will offer majors in chemistry, computer science, geology, information systems and mathematics on the UTPB campus.

Education chief resigns

Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott on May 3 announced his intent to resign from office effective July 2, five years after his appointment to the state's highest public education post.

Scott, 43, a former education aide to Gov. Perry, served as interim commissioner and deputy commissioner before being named to the highest post in the agency.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith helps you appreciate your mother's love

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She would stop you from feeling forlorn.
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About making her wait till you wandered in late;
For you often ignored her advice.

Then at last you were grown and went out on your own,
Even though she would miss you so much;
But although it was rough, if you loved her enough
Then you showed it by keeping in touch.
So by word and by deed, as you learned by our creed
From the day that your training began,
If your mother's around, let your feelings abound
With your love and your help, while you can.

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—HASKELL—

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Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
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- 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
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—WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
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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
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Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
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- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—**
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
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But what's the best way to dry them? Is it better to pluck a paper towel from the dispenser or plunge your dripping wet hands under the hot air dryer?

Dr. Jeffrey Kahn, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says there's little scientific data to support whether one method of drying is better than

another.

"The most important issue is to focus on the hand washing," he said. "Few people consider all of the things that we touch every day that are also touched by other people including door knobs, railings and elevator buttons. This is particularly important during the flu season, when these surfaces can easily become contaminated and the virus can spread readily through the population."

Dr. Kahn said the key is to use warm, soapy water and rub your hands together vigorously for at least 30 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, use a hand sanitizer gel with at least 60 percent alcohol.



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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Rule ISD will be providing information to private nonprofit schools within Rule ISD's boundaries that would like to learn about participating in Title I, Part A services. Title I, Part A is a federal program intended to assist schools in meeting the academic needs of struggling students.

The meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. at the Rule ISD library at 1100 Union Avenue in Rule, Texas on May 15, 2012.

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RECEIVE HONORS—Haskell Maidens, l-r, Reagan Hadaway, Kenzie Shelton, Carson Hadaway and Caitlan Johnson were named to the Abilene Reporter-News All Big Country Class A Basketball list.



HASKELL MAIDENS—The Haskell Maidens basketball team was honored recently. Team members include, front row, l-r, #21 Myra Rodriguez, #25 Ashley Adams, #23 Sidney Cassidy, #5 Jacie Klose, #35 Delecia Garcia, and #33 Dana Rodriguez; back row, Missy Burson, assistant coach, #31 Maci Colley, #43 Caitlin Johnson, #15 Reagan Hadaway, #41 Carson Hadaway, #53 McKenzie Shelton, #11 Taylor Burson and Coach David Middleton.

Maidens earn more individual honors

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Maidens' basketball team ended their 2012 season with a number of individual honors to their credit.

In spite of some injuries that sidelined key players, the team advanced to the first round of the playoffs. Coming up a little short, they took away essential playoff experience that should prove helpful in the coming years.

A relatively young team, with no seniors, the Maidens'

team was represented by three freshmen, one sophomore and eight juniors. In fact, it was only the second year for most of the juniors to play varsity level.

While all twelve girls lettered, eight were named to the Academic All District for 9A. Included on the list is Ashley Adams, Taylor Burson, Maci Colley, Carson Hadaway, Dana Rodriguez, Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose and Kenzie Shelton.

In addition junior Carson

Hadaway was selected for the 1st Team All-District, Honorable Mention Abilene Reporter-News All Big Country Class A and Academic All State. Junior Caitlan Johnson was named to the 2nd Team All District 9A and Honorable Mention All Big Country Class A.

Kenzie Shelton, a freshman, was listed on the 2nd Team All District 9A, Honorable Mention All Big Country Class A and Academic All State. Freshman Reagan Hadaway was named District 9A Newcomer of the Year, 1st Team All District 9A, Abilene Reporter-News All Big Country Class A Honorable Mention and Academic All State.

The Maidens are coached by David Middleton, who has completed forty-five years of coaching, and assisted by Melissa Burson.

With the complete roster due back next season, the Maidens can look forward to another award winning year.

Rule Co-Op Gin celebrates 100th anniversary

Centennial anniversary membership of Rule Coop Gin & Elevator Company recently celebrated their 100th year of operation at their annual gin supper. Following the meal held in the cafeteria of the Rule High School, a business meeting was held in the auditorium. D. Williams & Co. P.C., certified Public Accountants, gave their independent auditor's report.

Two directors were up for election and they were re-elected. Officers are Kraig Kupatt, president; Russell Beakley, vice president; Robert Turner, secretary; Brad Bevel and Jimmy Teichelman, directors; and Colby Christie, gin manager.

Christie reported on the gin's work for the year and

reported the wheat crop was beginning to be harvested.

Numerous door prizes were awarded to those members attending by Colby Christie, assisted by Russell Beakley.

Share the road with motorcycles

The Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding drivers to take extra precautions around motorcyclists on Texas streets and highways, as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month begins May 1.

"Motorcyclists face unique safety challenges on Texas roads because they are smaller, more difficult to see and less protected than cars and trucks," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Motorcyclists can protect themselves on the road by obeying traffic laws and wearing their helmets. Motorists can help by looking twice for motorcycles and giving them additional space."

DPS recommends all drivers "Share the Road" and "Look Twice" for motorcycles, which are public awareness campaigns that highlight motorcycle safety. Motorists should take caution, especially at intersections and when changing lanes—the two places where serious motorcycle collisions occur. Half of all fatal motorcycle crashes in Texas occur because the car or truck driver never saw the motorcyclist.

The number of motorcyclists killed annually since 2000 has more than doubled, from 196 in 2000 to 472 in 2011. The 472 motorcycle drivers and passengers who lost their lives in Texas accounted for 16 percent of traffic deaths in the state. Eighty-seven percent of motorcycle crashes result in death or injury of the motorcyclist. The number of motorcycles on Texas roadways has more than doubled in the last decade.

Motorcyclist must be properly licensed to operate a motorcycle in the State of Texas. The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit coordinates training courses at more than 200 locations around the state for both basic and experienced riders.

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