

## Softball

### Maidens

Regional Semifinal  
Playoff Series  
Maidens vs Petrolia  
Fri., May 17, 8 p.m.  
Games 2 & 3 Sat., May 18  
beginning at 5 p.m.  
All games in Graham

## Calendar

### Water conservation goes to Stage 3

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell water customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 23 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office or call 864-2686 for details.

### Food distribution

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

### Food distribution

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

### Piano recital

Piano students of Pam Gibson will present their spring recital Sun., May 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the Haskell First Baptist Church Chapel. Students performing are Zoe Shiplett, Michael and Eddie McBroom, Emma Roewe, Kourtney Gibson, Garrett Waggoner, Grace Colley, Dalton Meinzer, Sarah and Sam Fouts, Alye Stewart, Kylie Adams, Katie Newberry, and Jacee Guess. The public is invited to attend.

### Awards program

The Rule High School awards program will be held Tues., May 21, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the chicken spaghetti supper are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. The awards for all sports and UIL activities during the year will follow at 7 p.m.

### Pee wee track

Rule School will host a Pee Wee Track Meet Thurs., May 23, beginning at 9 a.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. Schools entered are Guthrie, Paint Creek and Rule. A concession stand with hamburgers and other items will be available.

### Awards program

Rule High School will hold an elementary awards program Tues., May 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Go Maidens

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Maidens shut out Westbook 6-0, 3-0 in Regional Quarterfinal Championship

The Haskell Maidens secured the Regional Quarterfinal Championship for the third year in a row in a defensive battle with the Westbrook Lady Wildcats last weekend at ACU. Only 16 teams in the state remain in the playoffs out of the original 196 1A teams that

started the season.

After a rain delay in game #1, Thursday afternoon, and a scheduling delay in game #2, Saturday afternoon, Westbrook's pitcher Koe Alvarez, combined for 17 strikeouts against the Maidens in the two games. But the Maiden's lefty

pitchers, Cailey Foster and Madison Homeyer were equal to the challenge paralleling their efforts. Foster had 9Ks, 0BBs, and 5 hits in game #1 and Homeyer had 10Ks, 2BBs, and 4 hits in game #2. The Maiden defense was solid with only one error in each game. The Lady Cats

were in scoring position in each game, but centerfielder, Morgan Frierson connected with catcher, Breezy Gibbs to tag the runner going home in game #1. In game #2, with bases loaded and one out, Homeyer struck out the next batter and ended the inning with a put out to preserve the

shut out.

Haskell's offensive highlights in the series involved four Maidens with hot bats. Foster was 4/7, Maegan Gonzales was 3/7, Gibbs was 3/6 and after a frustrating first game, Frierson came back in game #2 to hit 3/3 with 2 doubles and a triple. Gonzales had a single, double and triple in the series, Foster had 2 doubles, and Madison Homeyer had a 2 RBI triple.

The Maidens have been to the regional semis four times previously: in 2005 and 2006, when there was one less round of playoffs, and again in 2011 and 2012.

In 2006 the Maidens lost to the state 1A Champion Eula Lady Pirates. Last year in the semis, the Maidens lost to Petrolia in two nail biters, 7-5, 10-9. Petrolia eventually advanced to the state tournament.

This weekend, the Maidens will face Petrolia for the third year in a row, in this Regional Semifinal rematch of the last two years. Petrolia will be solid, as they lost only two seniors off their state qualifier team. The Maidens may be the underdogs in this series, but that status has never bothered the Indian Nation before. These girls have had their sights on this rematch all season, hoping for an opportunity to face the Lady Pirates yet again. And they will get their chance in Graham, Friday at 8 p.m., and Saturday starting at 5 p.m.

The games will be broadcast on KVRP 97.1.



**REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS**—The Haskell Maidens softball team took the Regional Quarterfinal Champion title by defeating the Westbrook Lady Wildcats last week at ACU. The team faces Petrolia for the first game of the Regional Semifinal playoffs in Graham, Friday at 8 p.m. Games two and three will be Sat., May 18 starting at 5 p.m. Team members include, front row, l-r, #3 Cailey Foster, #13 Morgan Frierson, #11 Madison Homeyer, #1 Hannah Foster and #14 Destiny Pierce; back row, #33 Maegan Gonzales, #0 Delecia Garcia, #2 Maci Colley, #5 Jacie Klose, #6 Reagan Hadaway; #12 Morgan Garcia, #21 Camden Smith, #20 Breezy Gibbs and #10 Caitlan Johnson.

## Vocational Tech Center to open next year

by Caron Yates

While our area schools are busy winding down this school year, several schools are already making plans for next year.

Haskell Superintendent Bill Alcorn said, "The decision was made to close the Rochester campus and move the junior high back to Haskell. This decision saved the school district a significant amount and the transition has been near perfect. However, back during the Fall, I began thinking of a way to utilize the Rochester campus and help students at the same time."

In October, a group of area superintendents began discussing a possible Vocational Tech Center. As they continued discussions and investigated the need for such a program, they soon realized what an important impact it could have on the education of some students.

Alcorn explained that in the mid 1980's, the legislature passed HB72, which among other things, completely reorganized the vocational programs. Up to that point schools, including those in Haskell

and Knox counties could offer a vocational curriculum through a vocational center. After HB72, that was no longer an option. In later years the state mandated that students be required to take four years of math, English, science and social studies, which resulted in greatly decreasing the opportunity to take vocational electives.

It became apparent that the educational system was leaving a group of students, who did not plan to attend college for whatever reason, with no practical training for future jobs.

Realizing that the Rochester campus would provide the perfect place for such a center, plans began taking shape.

Beginning in August 2013, the Vocational Tech Center will be up and running. Haskell, Paint Creek, Rule, Knox City and possibly Munday school districts have all signed on to be a part of the cooperative effort.

The first year they will offer classes in carpentry, plumbing, concrete work, tractor safety, electrical, welding and OSHA certification. Students selected for the program

will attend classes either in the morning or afternoon, allowing for basic classes at their schools the rest of the day. Alcorn emphasized that these vocational classes will not interfere or compete with the local Agricultural Science classes already being offered.

They are planning for 27-30 students in the initial class. Students completing the program have the opportunity to gain AWS (welding) certification, certification as an electrical apprentice, as well as OSHA (environmental) certification. Down the road, it is hoped classes in

oil and gas production can be offered.

Because of changes in mandates from the legislature, Alcorn feels this is the perfect time to launch the program.

Haskell native Monty Moeller, who has been an agricultural science instructor at Bowie High School for the past twenty-seven years, has accepted the position as director of the Vocational Tech Center. The son of Roger and Mollie Moeller, he brings great skill, experience and enthusiasm to the program.

Alcorn expressed his

appreciation to the Haskell school board for their support in this endeavour. There will also be the opportunity for schools who have not yet joined in this cooperative effort to do so at a later date.

He is convinced this addition to the school curriculum will make us a better educational system. "It takes skills and talents from all areas, not just from college graduates, to keep this society running. We must prepare those students wanting to step into the skilled labor force for their future," says Alcorn. "This is a step in that direction."

## Fry, Morrow, Whitt picked as new City Councilmen

Results of the recent Haskell city election and Rule ISD school board election are in.

Although voter turnout was low, there will be three new faces on the Haskell City Council. Six candidates were vying for the at-large positions. Shane Whitt received

the most votes with 226, followed by Allen Morrow with 185 votes and Ernest Frye with 181. Randy Sowers garnered 147 votes, Sue Medford had 139 and Wes Strickland finished with 97 votes.

In the Rule ISD school board election, incumbents Elaina Mathis and Teresa

Baiza both won reelection with 50 and 49 votes respectively. Filling the vacant seat, which was the result of a resignation, will be Wade Gomillion, who received 43 votes. Also on the ballot were Jeffrey Murray, 38 votes; Terry Threet with 27 votes and Robert Saffel had 14 votes.

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# Haskell County Insurance and Haskell County Realty welcome new agents

Haskell County Insurance and Haskell County Realty, owned by Chan and Bridget Guess, are pleased to welcome realty agent Roger Roewe and insurance agent Cynthia Jones.

Haskell County Insurance and Haskell County Realty invite you to help them welcome their newest agents with an Open House at their office located at 103 N. Ave. E, on Fri., May 17, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The son of Conrad and Betty Roewe, Roger is a graduate of Haskell High School and he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University. For several years, he has owned and operated Roewe Outfitter, a hunting guide and wildlife consulting service. Roewe also owns Webfoot Connection and the Lodge Steak House.

He has served in the Haskell community as a former school board member and in the Athletic Booster Club.

Roewe is married to Haskell Elementary fifth grade teacher, Jennifer Roewe. They have four children Alec, Reed, Emma and Nate. They attend the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Having been in the agricultural and wildlife industry for many years, he is excited to bring his knowledge and skills to Haskell County Realty as the new farm and ranch specialist.

Cynthia Jones, daughter of Delight and the late Leon Jones, graduated from Haskell High School in 1977. She graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon with a Bachelor of Science in All Level Physical Education and Health. She also holds a driver education certification.

Throughout high school and college, Jones worked for Elbert Johnson at Johnson Pharmacy in Haskell.

She began her teaching career at Canyon Rex Reeves



ROGER ROEWE



CYNTHIA JONES

Elementary. She spent the next eighteen years at Morton ISD, serving as elementary physical education teacher, driver's education teacher, elementary technology director and elementary computer teacher. She was nominated and was one of five teachers in the United States recognized as "Teacher of the Millennium."

Her next move was to Spur ISD, where she spent ten years as District Technology Director. Choosing to move

back to her hometown, she was employed by Paint Creek ISD as secondary computer teacher and elementary physical education teacher.

She is currently a consultant for Ambit Energy and is an active member of First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Stepping out in a totally new direction, Jones looks forward to a new challenge as an insurance agent for Haskell County Insurance Agency.

## Farm payments scheduled to resume

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced that farm payments, which had been temporarily suspended due to sequestration, were

scheduled to resume May 8. This included payments for the 2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) and the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC).

"I'm pleased to announce that farmers and ranchers can expect to begin receiving their payments beginning May 8," said Garcia. "We appreciate the producers' patience during the delay. We're working diligently to get these payments out as quickly as possible."

On March 4, 2013, FSA began a temporary suspension of FSA program payments in order to assess

the impact of sequestration and determine the least-disruptive process possible for carrying out required cuts. The Department will use the Secretary's limited authority to transfer funds to avoid reducing these program payments.

Producers should be advised that program sign-up periods currently underway have the following enrollment deadlines: 2013 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program-June 3; 2011 SURE-June 7; and the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program-August 2. Producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible for appointments

to enroll in these programs before the deadlines.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration-the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

## Calendar

### Water conservation

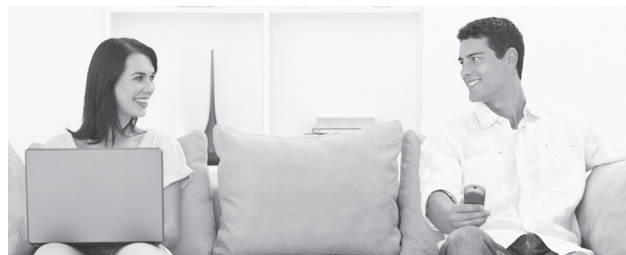
The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

### Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester homecoming will be held Sept. 27-28.

### Al-Anon

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



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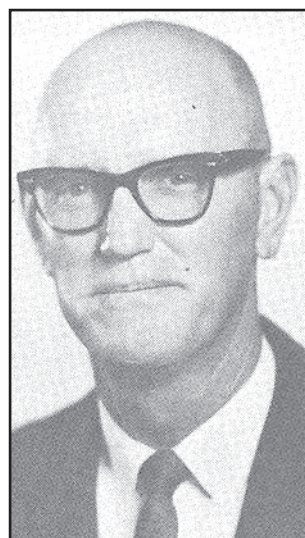
Bring your \$ and sign up with Mrs. Hadaway or your school secretary by May 30.



You will have to sign in and out when you leave. Chaperones will be patrolling the buildings and the grounds at all times. This is an alcohol-free, drug-free celebration. You will be asked to leave if necessary.

## Obituaries

### Sollie Benny Johnson



SOLLIE JOHNSON

Graveside services for Sollie Benny Johnson, 98, of Haskell were held Wed., May 15 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Johnson passed away Sunday evening, May 12 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

One of nine children, Sollie was born in East Texas on Aug. 5, 1914 to Tommy and Etta (Scott) Johnson. He married Whitney Marie Turnbow July 29, 1932 in Haskell and soon moved to Dallas where his first job was delivering milk to homes by horse drawn buggy. Sollie served in the United States Navy from 1942 through 1945. After his discharge, he did other odd jobs prior to his career with Dallas Power & Light Company where he was a trouble shooter driving emergency vehicles. Whitney worked 30 years for the Dallas County Tax Office. After 39 years of service, Sollie retired in 1976. The couple moved to Haskell in

1998 where Sollie served faithfully as a Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church as well as other positions in the church where his devotion was needed. After 67 years of marriage, Whitney passed away in February of 2000.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Etta Johnson; five brothers, Johnny Johnson, Justin Johnson, Oswald Johnson, Warren Johnson and T.A. Johnson; three sisters, Myrnie Sanders, Faye Bryan, and Letha Holloway who passed three days after her 100th birthday.

Survivors include his sister-in-law Vickie Dean of Haskell, and niece, Lois Norman of Dallas.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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# All Night Party set May 31 for students

The Haskell County All Night Party 2013, is scheduled for Friday, May 31. Students who attended high school or college during the 2012-13 school year are invited to come join the fun.

The chaperoned event will take place at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 10 p.m. and concluding at 4 a.m. No one will be admitted after midnight.

\$10 will cover your admission and you will get this year's t-shirt, if you stay until 4 a.m. Those wanting a t-shirt must sign up and pay your money to Mrs. Hadaway or your local school secretary by May 30. Admission at the door will be \$7, with no t-shirt.

Seniors will be admitted free, and will receive a t-shirt

at no cost, if they stay until 4 a.m. Guests are allowed, if they were in high school or college this school year.

Activities will include food, indoor games, outdoor games, a dance with a live DJ, as well as many door prizes. A breakfast will be served at 3:30 a.m.

New this year, will be a special treat for graduating seniors. At 2 a.m. and again at 3:50 a.m., there will be a roll call. Seniors still in attendance will receive \$50 each time.

This alcohol-free, drug-free celebration is an opportunity for Haskell County students to enjoy their friends in a safe environment, as they mark the end of another school year.

# Haskell to register Kindergarten May 17

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year Fri., May 17 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the elementary office.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on Sept. 1, 2013. Only students registering for Kindergarten who are

not currently enrolled at Haskell Elementary need to attend registration with their parents.

Parents should bring their driver license and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration.

Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

# Garden checklist given for May

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, 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, especially the "Knock Out" series 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 weed growth 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.



**BEVEL AT CONFERENCE—Braelyn Bevel, right, with the editor of Postcards From Camp, Nancy Paulsen at the Texas Library Association Conference in Fort Worth.**

# Braelyn Bevel attends Texas Bluebonnet award ceremony

Haskell CISD was represented by fifth grader Braelyn Bevel at the Texas Bluebonnet Award Ceremony during the Texas Library Association Conference in Fort Worth. The award ceremony and luncheon took place at the Fort Worth Convention Center Fri., April 26.

The Bluebonnet Award Program is a state children's choice reading program for third through sixth grade Texas students. Each year students are given an opportunity to read from a list of twenty books and vote on their favorite book from that list. The author of the winning book is presented the prestigious Texas Bluebonnet Award at that year's library conference.

Ten students from the ten districts across the state help present the award to the winning author at the annual award luncheon. This year Haskell School District was selected in a random drawing to have a student represent District One at the award ceremony.

Braelyn Bevel, daughter of Brad and Kendra Bevel of Haskell, was chosen for this honor. Bevel read all twenty of the books on the 2012-13 Bluebonnet list and wrote a very persuasive essay on why she would like to attend the Bluebonnet program and meet the winning author.

The winner of the 2013 Texas Bluebonnet Award is Postcards From Camp by Simms Taback. Sadly, Taback passed away Christmas Day in 2011, shortly after receiving the

news that his latest book was on the 2012-2013 TBA Master list. Nancy Paulsen, Simms Taback's editor and publisher, accepted the Texas Bluebonnet Award in his place.

As youth representatives, Bevel and the other nine students attended a morning reception where they became acquainted with each other and met the members of the Texas Bluebonnet Committee. This was followed by a round table discussion with the editor during which each student asked two questions, prepared in advance, about the book or the author.

Students each received an autographed copy of Postcards From Camp, a gift from the publisher. During the award ceremony, the ten students took to the stage to introduce themselves before a crowd of over 1500 people.

Bevel returned to the podium and made the actual presentation of the 2012-13 Bluebonnet Book Award to Paulsen. Student representatives from Districts 4 and 5 made speeches about the book and the author/illustrator, after which the editor made a moving acceptance speech in honor of Simms Taback.

Bevel's special guests at the award program were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Bevel, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bevel and Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Williams. The Haskell CISD library staff, Jacklyn Wheatley, Janie Saucedo and Betsy McManamon, were also in attendance.

# Alzheimer's support group meetings canceled indefinitely

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

The Haskell Area Alzheimer's Support Group which meets the fourth Monday of each month will be cancelling their meetings indefinitely. The monthly meetings and educational programs will be resumed if a facilitator for the group can be recruited.

The 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.

Anyone interested in facilitating the meetings may contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at 325-672-2907.

## 4-H Club news

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will hold their May meeting this Sunday afternoon, May 19, at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

The group will discuss upcoming events and district contests that will be coming up such as State Round-Up, Summer Camps, District and State Horse Shows, Record Books and County Awards.

The 4-Hers will go to the City Park (weather permitting) for a "Pizza Party and Games."

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

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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

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### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### Franchise tax bill moves toward passage

AUSTIN—Procedural deadlines for legislation began to hit last week, ending the forward progress and the hopes of more than half of the 6,000-or-so House bills and Senate bills filed by Texas lawmakers since November 2012.

And while the main state budget bill for fiscal years 2014-2015 stayed apparently motionless in a conference committee of five Senate members and five House members, a number of bills survived votes and passed through their respective originating chambers.

For example, the House on May 8 approved House Bill 500, legislation that permanently exempts businesses with gross revenues of \$1 million or less from paying the margin or “franchise” tax. The current exemption is set to expire next year.

The Legislature enacted the tax in 2009 to offset a reduction in residential property taxes. Other bills filed this session attempt to do away with the tax entirely.

Primary author of HB 500 is Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, chair of the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means. Hilderbran, who said the legislation would spell \$667 million in tax relief to Texas businesses, pointed out that HB 500 also:

- Extends the exemption to businesses grossing more than \$1 million annually by creating a guaranteed \$1 million deduction.
- Ensures that the cost of goods sold deduction “is offered to most businesses equally” by including those engaged in rental, auto repair, transportation, real estate and medicine.

HB 500 is awaiting deliberation by the Senate Finance Committee’s subcommittee on Fiscal Matters.

#### Retirement buy-in may change

State employees and current teachers would contribute more of their paycheck for their retirement under SB 1458 passed by the Senate on May 8.

Authored by Senate State Affairs Chair Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, the legislation, he said, is to reform the state Teachers Retirement System and make it actuarially sound. The bill, which gained unanimous support in the Senate, was approved by the House Pensions Committee on May 10 and soon will be scheduled for debate on the House floor.

“We were upside down earlier because we were relying too much on investment

returns. This puts us in a situation where we are actually having long term fixed contribution rates that should support this system for a long time,” Duncan explained in a Senate News Service report.

Active teachers now pay a state-matched 6.4 percent of their gross pay into the Teachers Retirement System. Under SB 1458, the rate would go up in increments over the next four years to 7.7 percent in 2017 and the state contribution would increase to 6.8 percent. And, Duncan said, all school districts, for the first time, would help foot the bill by contributing 1.5 percent of their annual salary scale into the teacher retirement fund. The bill, many sessions in the making, also addresses retirement age calculations, health care for retirees and cost of living benefit increases.

#### Bill reduces number of tests

HB 5 by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, chair of the House Education Committee and sponsored by Senate Education Committee Chair Dan Patrick, R-Houston, is now in a 10-member conference committee tasked with reaching agreement on amendments attached to the bill as the Senate passed it on May 6.

Currently, a high school student must pass 15 end-of-course exams to graduate. HB 5 seeks to cut that number to five while also creating a degree program to give students more flexibility when choosing classes. The five end-of-course exams, if the bill passes, would be U.S. history, English I, English II, algebra I, and biology. Two more exams, algebra II and English III, would be optional and wouldn’t be required to graduate nor would they affect school accountability ratings, Patrick said.

#### Car sticker bill advances

Legislation by Senate Jurisprudence Committee Chair Royce West, D-Dallas, would combine automobile registration and inspection stickers into one sticker.

Interim research that provided groundwork for West’s SB 1350 suggests that a one-sticker system would reduce fraudulent inspections and save the state money. If the House passes SB 1350, Texas will join 27 other states that have enacted similar laws.

#### Sales tax receipts increase

State Comptroller Susan Combs on May 8 announced that state sales tax revenue in April was \$2.15 billion, up 3.9 percent compared to April 2012.

“As expected,” Combs said, “the rate of growth in state sales tax revenue is moderating compared to double-digit growth rates we recently experienced.”

#### 10 Years Ago May 15, 2003

Nick Jimenez Jr., son of Nick and Eva Jimenez of Haskell, has graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety’s 124th Training Academy. His first assignment will be with the Highway Patrol in Colorado City.

Jerry Stocks of Haskell, was honored with a retirement celebration from the U.S. Postal Service, held at the Spur Community Center. He began his postal career in Haskell in 1967.

Paint Creek High School held its National Honor Society induction ceremony. New inductees are Bonnie Emert, Courtney Buerger, Kasey Duniven, Brian Scifres, Jody Smith, A.J. Shaw, Lisa Acosta and Amy Huggins.

#### 20 Years Ago May 20, 1993

More than 80 friends and relatives attended the dedication ceremony of the

Bonehead Fountain at the Haskell City Park. Relatives of the Boneheads were special guests and included Patsy (Pate) Cobb, Millie (Holden) Ehsani, Mary (Holden) Ehsani, Mary (Holden) Ehsani and Spencer, Betty (Oates) Oman, Nancy (Ratliff) Plunkett, Allie Belle Smith, Nancy (Burton) Toliver and Mayre (Tubbs) Wiseman.

Receiving safe driving awards from the Texas Department of Transportation were Virgie Thompson, 9 yrs.; Mike Poteet, 14 yrs.; Ernest Moeller, 15 yrs.; Clarence Meier, 20 yrs.; Bobby Medford, 22 yrs.; Benijto Barrera, 21 yrs.; Richard Darden, 18 yrs.; Willie McKinney, 6 yrs.; Bennie Harvey, 15 yrs.; and James McFadden, 14 yrs.

#### 30 Years Ago May 19, 1983

Haskell County schools have announced their highest ranking students. They include David Wheatley and Gena Whitaker, Haskell HS;

Julie Coleman and Becky Medford, Paint Creek HS; Darin Beakley and Clifford Stegemoeller, Rule HS; Martha Garcia and Rob Ballard, Rochester HS; and Greg Turnbow and Danny McGuire, Weinert HS.

Haskell Young Homemakers named Susan Pope as Outstanding Young Homemaker of 1983. They also presented Mrs. Jeter with a gift of appreciation. She retired after ten years as an advisor to the group.

#### 40 Years Ago May 17, 1973

Haskell’s Frontier Days Celebration was highlighted with the crowning of Mrs. Joe (Sister) Thigpen as Frontier Queen. First runner-up was Loretta Gray and second runner-up was Jeanie Cobb.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathis of Sagerton, honored their parents with an open house in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Rule Rotary Club

hosted the Rule Class B State Track Champions at their noon meeting. Introduced were coaches Dennis Briles and Jasper Wilson, along with track stars Hal Hunt, Bob Kittley, Art Briles, Andrew Bagley, Lynn Dale Dudensing and Jesse Macias.

#### 50 Years Ago May 16, 1963

Inducted into the Haskell High School Chapter of the National Honor Society were Jo Helen Elliott, Betty Bruton, Nancy Brite, Judy Sego, Barry O’Neal, Eddie Smart, Beth Vaughter, Johnny Kimbrough, Phil Bowers, Nancy Lawson, Joanie Frazier and Sammy Larned.

Honor graduates in the 1963 graduating class at Weinert High School, are Wanda Miller, valedictorian; Sherry Hix, salutatorian; and Scotty Moody, highest ranking boy.

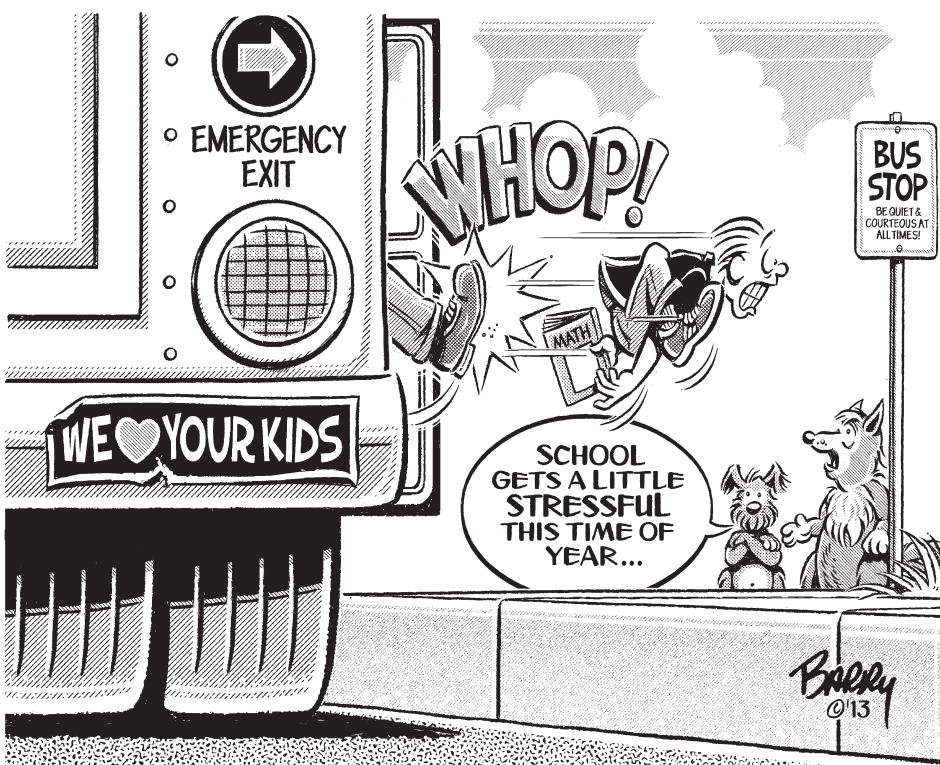
Glen Rueffer, of the Mattson 4-H Club, won first place, among the 15 contestants entered in the annual electrical awards program.

#### 100 Years Ago May 17, 1913

The 1913 graduating class of Haskell High School includes Willie Kirkpatrick, Brevard Long, Wyatt Williamson, William Polston, Paul Loven, Alden Lamm, Gladys Huckabee, Jimmie Kinnard, Mary Hughes, Laura Huckabee, Pearl Lancaster and Elma Kinnard.

It cost only 25 cents to get a good bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

The Commissioners’ Court has rescinded the order to pay a bounty on jack rabbit scalps. So take notice and don’t bring any more to the court as you will not be paid for them.



## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

The election to fill three places on the City Council is over; the voters have spoken and congratulations to Shane Whitt, Allen Morrow and Ernie Frye who now have the opportunity to serve. I always learn something from an election and this one was no different. I was disappointed, upset and saddened by the few number of registered voters who found the time and made the effort to vote. The city of Haskell, population of 3322, has 1782 registered voters and only 352 voted—this is a disappointing 19.8%. As I have had the opportunity to visit with elected officials from other cities, one of the things I have always been very complimentary of our citizens is their concern and interest in city government. However, this turnout suggests that maybe I have misspoken. I just felt certain that more than one out of every five registered voters would make a concerted effort to vote. Moving forward, we will have the opportunity to get input from three new members of our City Council, and I feel certain that we can become a cohesive team that will continue to move this city forward as we face some very serious challenges in the days ahead with number one being water. It is absolutely mandatory that we find a solution to our water woes because if we don’t—I don’t even like to think about it.

Speaking of water, as we were returning from the Maiden’s ballgame in Abilene Saturday night, we

made a pit stop in Hawley and I had the opportunity to visit with a gentleman from Stamford. I asked him how their water supply was holding out and he said that he understood that Stamford would implement voluntary water rationing sometime in May and then it would become mandatory in June. I told him we were starting a mandatory 25% reduction on Monday and he said he felt certain Stamford would be doing the same because their lake was getting awfully low. Everyone in this area needs rain and a lot of it—I just wish I knew the Lord’s timetable for sending it.

The Haskell Maiden softball team is on a roll. They beat Westbrook by scores of 6-0 Thursday and 3-0 Saturday to move on to play Petrolia. These girls are a fun group to watch. They are very aggressive, determined and positive thinking as they play their game. In fact, I enjoyed just watching their warmup activities as much as the game. They are well-disciplined and well-coached. Congratulations to the Maidens and their Coach John Foster, who has taken his teams the last five years to this level.

Have received lots of comments about my Mother’s Day story. To those of you who enjoyed it and told me so “thanks,” to those who have commented (never to my face) that they wish I wouldn’t write about family things, “sorry.” Our history with our families makes us who we are today.

The Seventh Graders’

Leadership program makes a trip to Dyess Air Force Base on Tuesday. As I’ve said in this column before, I’ve really enjoyed the association with these guys. All of us adults had to furnish our date of births and social security numbers in order to gain access. I’ve never been on the base and I’m looking forward to it. This will about wrap up the program this year as we approach the end of the school year and look forward to the summer break.

Belated congratulations to Mynea Short on her selection as Chamber of Commerce Director when Sally Rueffer resigned. The square is beginning to take shape as new stores open up and plans for facelifting others are being planned. There is a need for new parking places so we’re considering turning the area next to Haskell County Insurance and Realty into parking spaces. Encore Vision needs places, the new gym area and the aforementioned Haskell County Insurance. I’m personally going to fight to save the old tree in the middle—maybe put a seat around it. It obviously isn’t getting any water from rain, but it has survived many a drought by its old weathered looks, and I think it would be a shame to bulldoze it down. I’ve been holding my breath and checking the crape myrtles and so far most are leafed out. We might have lost a few but we “babied” those plants until hopefully now they’ve established a strong root system. My friend Sam Pace, no lover of crape myrtles, says, “You can’t kill

those things.” My response was, “Unless you don’t want them to die.” Hopefully by July we’ll see the brilliant reds.

Paula Everett is painting my flat rock that states: Well Water in a bright color that I will put in a prominent position in the front yard. I’ve seen similar signs in several yards so it is not an original thought on my part, but I do think it a good one. Jan was talking with the ladies at Kaleidoscope this week and got several good ideas for saving water. Put a bucket under the shower for water to flow into while it is warming up for your body. Then use that water for your garden. I think I told you earlier that we got an “instant hot water” system put in earlier this year. Place a bowl in the sink to rinse things before you load your dishwasher, then use that water in some way. Incidentally dishwashers don’t use that much water, but do just run them once/day. Gerald McCoy says to turn on the water to get you wet, turn water off, soap up, then turn water back on to rinse...cut your showers to 2 minutes.

We’ve tried to ease you into conservation but now it is going to get tough. I’ve noticed that N. Ave. G and N. Ave. H always have water running down them as does my street, 8th St. Please watch your water run-off and inspect your sprinkler systems because you’re not going to like the fines for non-compliance. I re-iterate we go to Stage 3 Mon., May 13, 2013.

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# 2013



## HASKELL MAIDENS REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPIONS



REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS—Team members of the 2013 Regional Quarterfinal Champion Haskell Maidens include, front row, l-r, #3 Cailey Maci Colley, #5 Jacie Klose, #6 Reagan Hadaway; #12 Morgan Garcia, #21 Foster, #13 Morgan Frierson, #11 Madison Homeyer, #1 Hannah Foster and #14 Destiny Pierce; back row, #33 Maegan Gonzales, #0 Delecia Garcia, #2 Maci Colley, #5 Jacie Klose, #6 Reagan Hadaway; #12 Morgan Garcia, #21 Camden Smith, #20 Breezy Gibbs and #10 Caitlan Johnson.

### Maidens vs Petrolia

Regional Semifinal Playoff Series in a best 2 of 3 series.

Game 1 will be played Fri., May 17, at 8 p.m.

Games 2 & 3 will be played Sat., May 18 starting at 5 p.m.

All games will be played in Graham.

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# Paint Creek ISD holds annual awards banquet



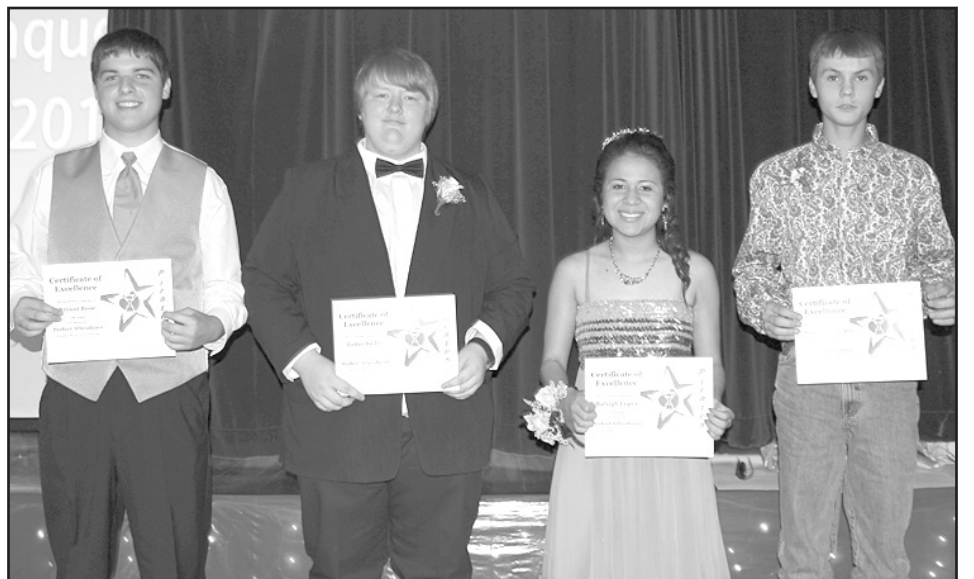
**HIGHEST RANKING STUDENTS**—Paint Creek ISD highest ranking students are, l-r, Ben Steele, ninth grade; Caitlyn Mengwasser, tenth grade; Kadie McCord, eleventh grade; and Katie Jones, twelfth grade.



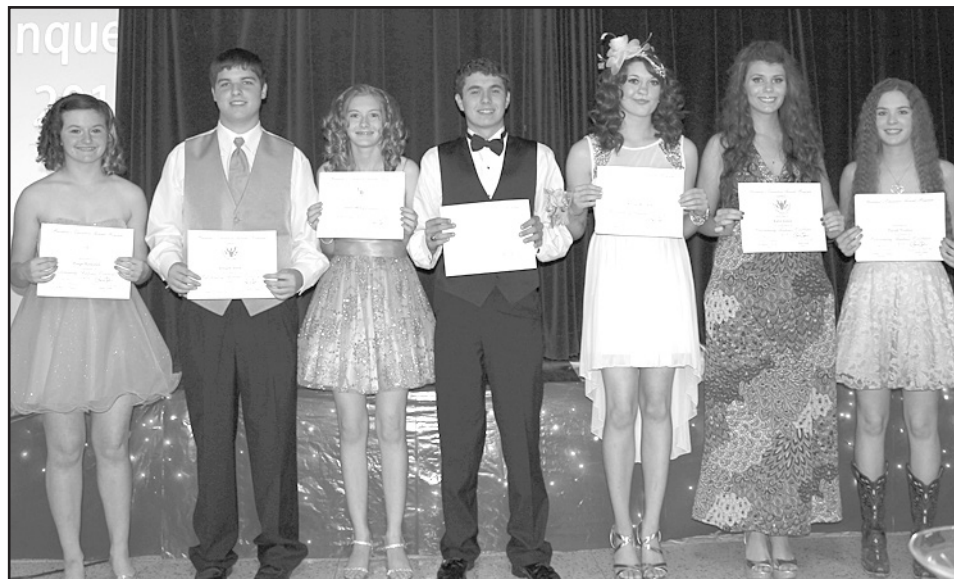
**AWARDS BANQUET**—Paint Creek ISD held their annual Awards Banquet Fri., May 10, in the school cafeteria. Top student awards were presented in each subject area: English—Paige Ramirez, Caitlyn Mengwasser, Hunter Hollingsworth and Katie Jones; Math—Ben Steele, Bryant Booe, Kadie McCord and Matt Booe; Science—Paige Ramirez, Bryant Booe, Kadie McCord and Katie Jones; Social Studies—Ryan Reid, Joey Bosnjak, Justin Bailey, Charitie Winterstein and Katie Jones; Spanish—Caitlyn Mengwasser and Hunter Hollingsworth; Computer Technology—Sebastian Acosta, Shawn Myers, Katie Jones, Marco Martinez, Cody Mayfield, Dalinne Reed and Matt Booe; Family & Consumer Science—Paige Ramirez, Caitlyn Mengwasser, Marco Martinez and Matt Booe; Agriculture—Paige Ramirez, Katie Jones and Justin Bailey. Pictured are front row, (l-r), Hunter Hollingsworth, Caitlyn Mengwasser, Charitie Winterstein, Justin Bailey, Shawn Myers, Kadie McCord, Danielle Oliver, Ben Steele, Sebastian Acosta, Cody Mayfield and Baleigh Lopez; back row, Cheyenne Buerger, Katie Jones, Dalinne Reed, Haley Jackson, Matt Booe, Stormy Darnell, Paige Ramirez, River McTasney and Tarah Trotter.



**A-B HONOR ROLL**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving A-B Honor Roll awards were, l-r, Hunter Hollingsworth, Cody Mayfield and Tarah Trotter.



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**—Paint Creek ISD students having perfect attendance include, l-r, Bryant Booe, Justin Bailey, Baleigh Lopez and Cheyenne Buerger. Not pictured is Anselmo Ipinia.



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving the President's Award for Academic Excellence were, l-r, Paige Ramirez, Bryant Booe, Caitlyn Mengwasser, Hunter Hollingsworth, Kadie McCord, Katie Jones and Tarah Trotter.



**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving the President's Award for Academic Achievement were, l-r, Stormy Darnell, Justin Bailey, Haley Jackson, Cody Mayfield, Matt Booe, River McTasney and Charitie Winterstein. Not pictured is Hanna Colley.



**A HONOR ROLL**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving A Honor Roll awards were, l-r, Kadie McCord and Katie Jones.



**MR./MISS PIRATE**—Paint Creek ISD students named Mr. and Miss Pirate were, l-r, River McTasney and Katie Jones.

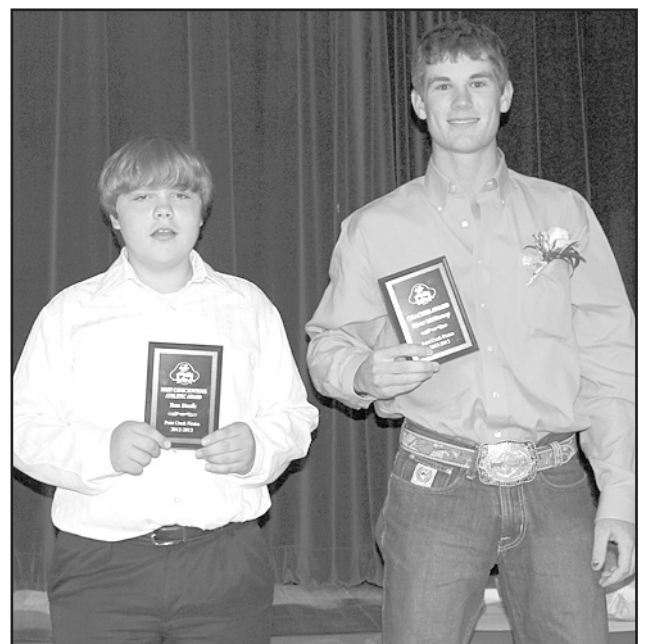


**CITIZENSHIP AWARD**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving Citizenship awards were, l-r, Kadie McCord and Matt Booe.

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**ATHLETIC AWARDS**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving Lady Pirate Athletic awards were, l-r, Danielle Oliver—Kay Overton Memorial Fighting Heart Award and Kadie McCord—Coach's Award.



**ATHLETIC AWARDS**—Paint Creek ISD students receiving Pirate Athletic awards were, l-r, Ben Steele—Most Conscientious Athlete and Coaches' Award—River McTasney.

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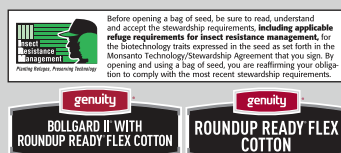
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## Paint Creek School Menu

**May 20-24 Breakfast**  
 Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.  
**Monday:** Cook's choice  
**Tuesday:** Cook's choice  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** Cook's choice  
**Friday:** Cook's choice

**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Cook's choice  
**Tuesday:** Cook's choice  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** Cook's choice  
**Friday:** Cook's choice



**ATTENDANCE WINNERS**—Sixty-six Sonic gift cards were presented to the Paint Creek students with perfect attendance for the fifth six weeks grading period. The big winners of the iPods were, front row, l-r, Brianna Yanez and Eric Perkins; back row, Clayton Cumby, Catherine Lemond, Baleigh Lopez and Tarah Trotter.

## ECC Menu

**Mon., May 20**  
 Crispy chicken, blackeyed peas, au gratin potatoes, hot rolls, white cake, tea or coffee

**Wed., May 22**  
 Lasagna, green beans, coleslaw, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

**Fri., May 24**  
 Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, hominy, strawberry cake, tea or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



**SERVICE AWARDS**—Herbert Bickely, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Abilene District Engineer, recently presented a service award to Mike Poteet, TxDOT Haskell County Maintenance Sign Technician for 35 years of service.

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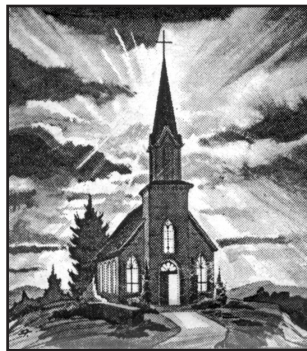
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## This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new,

wherever we are, and we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our house of worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

## 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**  
 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**  
 Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor  
 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**  
 Mitchell Greer, minister  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
 Bishop Helsley, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Clovis Dever  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
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- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
 Scott Hensley, 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  
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 Manuel Marin, pastor  
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
 Sunday 9 a.m.  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Clovis Dever  
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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- 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

## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., April 23 with all members present. County Treasurer Janis McDaniel received a report from the retirement system showing the assessment plan for 2014. The required rate is 10.68 percent. The county is paying 11 percent. Clarification of the holiday starting date of the holiday pay for the Sheriff's office was needed by the Treasurer. Part time employees are

also included in the holiday pay. No burn ban is in effect. A motion allowing the Friends of the Library to charge for the use of the meeting room in the County Library passed. A motion to issue five time warrants for payments on a John Deere excavator for Precinct 1 passed. A motion to reaffirm the County Treasurer's Investment policy without any changes passed.

## Athletes compete at State Track meet

Haskell County was well represented at the State Track Meet held in Austin last weekend. Haskell High School athletes competing in the state meet were, Warren Flye who placed fifth in the 110 hurdles; Ryan Markey placed sixth in the 400; and Henry Smith came in seventh in the 800. From Rule ISD, were

Darryl Williams, winning fourth in the 100, and Michael Perez who came in sixth in the 3200. It takes considerable time and effort to earn a trip to the state competition. Since only a very small percentage of those who compete, actually achieve this ultimate goal, those who make it are already winners.

## Haskell School Menu

**May 20-24 Breakfast**  
 1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.  
**Monday:** Country fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, seasoned English peas, hot roll, fruit cup  
**Tuesday:** Beef and cheese chalupas, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles  
**Thursday:** Mexican Alfredo spaghetti, garden salad, breadstick, baby carrots, apple slices  
**Friday:** Baja fish portions, hush puppies, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, canned fruit

**Lunch**  
 1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.  
**Monday:** Blueberry muffin, apple juice  
**Tuesday:** Sausage, biscuit, orange juice  
**Wednesday:** Pigs in a blanket, fruit punch juice  
**Thursday:** Breakfast pizza, apple juice  
**Friday:** Pancakes, syrup, orange juice

## Rule School Menu

**May 20-24 Breakfast**  
 Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.  
**Monday:** Pancakes, syrup  
**Tuesday:** Cereal bowl, sausage  
**Wednesday:** Biscuits and sausage  
**Thursday:** Blueberry muffins  
**Friday:** No school

**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Corn dogs, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple pineapple d'lite  
**Tuesday:** Grill cheese sandwich, refried beans, salad, orange  
**Wednesday:** Pizza, crunchy broccolini, salad, corn, fresh fruit  
**Thursday:** Chicken nuggets, salad, baby carrots, grapes, bread sticks  
**Friday:** No school

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### Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Haskell CISD will be providing information to private nonprofit schools within Haskell CISD'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 2:00 p.m. at the

### Public Notices

Administration Office at 605 N. Ave. E on May 16, 2013. Please contact Michelle Dunnam, Program Director, at 940-864-2602 for additional information. 20c

PUBLIC NOTICE An end of year Title I and Migrant/PAC Parent Meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, 2013

### Public Notices

at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium. There will be information on Texas Medicaid/CHIP Dental Services Program. All parents of Haskell CISD students are encouraged to attend. 20c

### Public Notices

SHERIFF'S AUCTION An auction for a 1994 Cadillac DeVille sedan, white in color, will be held Wed., June 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Haskell County Sheriff's Office. 20-21c

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**SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE**—Haskell letter carriers brought in over 3,000 pounds of non-perishable food donated by postal customers on Sat., May 11. The food will be donated to the local food bank. Participating in the drive were, I-r, Dina Hays, Reba Cheyne, Teresa Briles, Cynthia Tibbets, Norva Smith and D.W. Gordy. Not pictured is Kay Smith.



**SHARE THE FUN**—Students participating at the 4-H Share The Fun event in Vernon Wed., May 1 include, front row, l-r, Garrett Waggoner, Hadley Sloan, Kourtney Gibson, Sarah Fouts, Grace Colley and Garret Dutton; back row, Riley Sloan, Sam Fouts, Kylie Adams, Katie Newberry, Jacee Guess, Adaline Utley and Cody Dutton.



**READY FOR THE STEAL**—Haskell Maiden Cailey Foster looks to steal second base during last week's game against Westbrook.



**GETS THE OUT**—Haskell Maiden Breezy Gibbs tags the runner at home for a Westbrook out. Maidens were victorious throughout the playoff series.

## Maidens advance to Regional Semifinals to play Petrolia Fri., May 17 at 8 p.m. in Graham



**MAIDENS IN ACTION**—Haskell Maiden Hannah Foster, left, is ready to run during game 1 of the best 2 out of 3 series against Westbrook. Maiden Caitlan Johnson, center, puts the ball in play. Delecia Garcia, right, picks up an out for the Maidens.

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of May 6 through May 12:

Lawrence Alfred Seeliger, assault family violence.

Zachary Dalvon Southwood, violation of probation theft of property, Taylor Co. warrant.

Pablo Garcia III, driving while intoxicated.

Kathy Pennington, public intoxication.

Brian Ross Bevel, driving while intoxicated 1st.

Thomas Barr, possession of a controlled substance Tarrant Co. warrant.

Derrick Antonio Coleman, possession of alcohol minor Knox County warrant.

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.

## Basketball camp set June 3-5

The 2013 Rising Stars-Maiden Basketball Camp will be Mon., June 3 through Wed., June 5 at the Haskell High School gymnasium. Incoming third through fifth graders will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and incoming sixth through eighth graders will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Blake Eddleman at 940-249-3111.

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