

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., May 30 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 23 at 4:30 p.m. The offices of the Haskell Free Press will be closed Mon., May 27.

Memorial Day service in Rule

A Memorial Day service will be held at the Rule Cemetery Mon., May 27 at 7 p.m. Let us remember the sacrifices given by these brave men and women so that we can have the freedoms we enjoy. Bring your chair and join in this time of remembrance.

All Sports banquet

The All Sports banquet for the Haskell Maidens and Indians will be held Mon., May 27 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Medical fund

An account has been established at Haskell National Bank for the benefit of Danny Langford. If you would like to make a love offering to help with medical expenses it would be greatly appreciated.

Golf tournament

A One Man Mulligan event will be held at the Haskell Municipal Golf Course Sat., June 1. Contact Brad Bevel at 940-203-0117 for more information.

Basketball camp

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.

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.

Water conservation

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.

Water conservation

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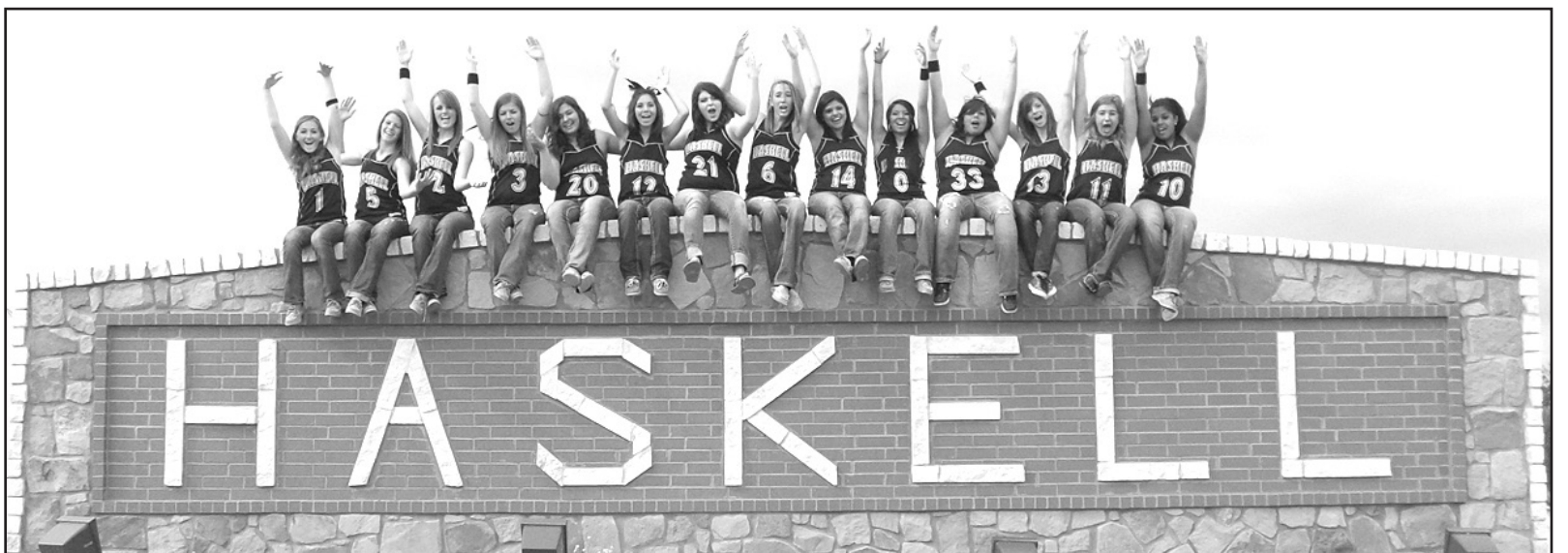
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REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens are all smiles about their Regional Quarterfinal Champion softball title and great season. They take time to celebrate at the entrance marker to the City. Team members include, front row, l-r, #1 Hannah Foster, #5 Jacie Klose, #2 Maci Colley,

#3 Cailey Foster, #20 Breezy Gibbs, #12 Morgan Garcia, #21 Camden Smith, #6 Reagan Hadaway, #14 Destiny Pierce, #0 Delecia Garcia, #33 Maegan Gonzales, #13 Morgan Frierson, #11 Madison Homeyer and #10 Caitlan Johnson. Their coach is John Foster. Rick Gammon is the Asst. Coach.

Maidens celebrate successful softball season

In a Spring when Haskell has been focused on dreary drought conditions, crop failures, and water restrictions, the Maiden softball team has been a welcome distraction. Reaching the Regional Semifinals for the third year in a row was a surprise to many. Having to face Petrolia in this series was no surprise.

It was quite an adventure Friday night as the team tried to outrun a hailstorm in Graham and wound up playing in Seymour. Some of our dedicated fans got quite a lot of hail damage in Graham and some sought cover in Newcastle on their way to Seymour. Thankfully, Seymour's hospitality paid off.

With Cailey Foster in the circle, the Maidens won their first game in the Regional Semi's ever. Foster pitched the entire game for the first win against Petrolia in Maiden softball history. Foster kept Petrolia off balance with 5Ks, 1BB and only 7 hits while the Maiden offense mirrored 5Ks and 1BB against Petrolia's pitcher, Katie Cummings, but the Maidens earned 9 hits to win, 9-6. Early in the game, the Maidens nervously committed a number of errors enabling Petrolia to score 3 runs in two innings. But the Maiden offense exploded with 8 runs in the second inning and held the lead to the finish.

Petrolia posed a threat in the top of the sixth with four consecutive hits and three runs, but Morgan

Frierson made an incredible centerfield catch in windy conditions to knock the wind out of the Lady Pirate's sail. Maci Colley and Maegan Gonzales each had two hits, along with Madison Homeyer who had a double and triple with three RBIs. Sophomores Breezy Gibbs and Jacie Klose each had two RBIs.

Saturday, the series continued in Graham with games #2 and #3 back to back. In game #2, with Homeyer in the circle for the Maidens, Petrolia combined their "short" game and 10 hits, along with 3BB and 1K to defeat the Maidens 10-0 in 6 1/2 innings. Cummings frustrated the Maiden offense with 7Ks and only 7 hits, 2 of which were Homeyer's.

One might think this would deflate the Haskell Maidens, but not so. The Seniors could be heard shouting, "Will you ever quit?!" and the team answered, "No! We want some more! We want some more!"

With C. Foster back in the circle, the Maidens matched Petrolia hit for hit with 12 for each team. In the second, with Homeyer on third base, Delecia Garcia ran to first base on a dropped third strike to distract the Lady Pirates and Homeyer dove home safe under a close tag to put the Maidens in the lead 1-0. C. Foster singled, and scored on hits by Gonzales, and Homeyer extending the Maiden lead to 2-0.

Petrolia answered with 1 run in the third, 2 in the

fourth, and 2 in the fifth to take the lead, 5-2. In the bottom of the sixth, the Maidens rallied. Hannah Foster and Garcia, each singled and scored on Colley's 2RBI double to LF, closing the lead to 5-4, Petrolia.

Maidens again battled in the bottom of the seventh with singles by Homeyer and H. Foster, (who were both 3/4) but they were left stranded, ending the game in a one run loss reminiscent of the previous year against

Petrolia in game 2 of the same series.

When asked to comment on Maiden softball, Coach Foster said, "Playing great softball and going deep in playoffs has been a Haskell softball tradition for many years and has put this team in an elite group of past Maidens, but their good Character is what truly sets them apart. The Maidens have always been known for their hard work and humble attitude, but I have never had so many umpires,

opposing coaches and fans compliment a team.

That's something special these young ladies will carry with them the rest of their lives that will help them endeavor in whatever they choose to do in the future. This "tradition" of Good Character is what Haskell should be most proud of and I hope continues in generations of Maidens to come."

Albany will face Petrolia in the Regional Finals this weekend.

Five to represent Haskell at State UIL Academic Meet

Haskell High School will be represented this week by five young ladies at the State UIL Academic Meet held at the University of Texas in Austin.

Qualifying for the state competition on May 21-22, is Ashley Adams, competing in Feature Writing. She is coached by journalism

teacher Jill Druesedow. Math teacher Kendra Bevel, will have a mathematics team competing at the state level. Making up the team are Madison Mayfield, Kalyn Wheatley, Maci Colley and Madison Homeyer.

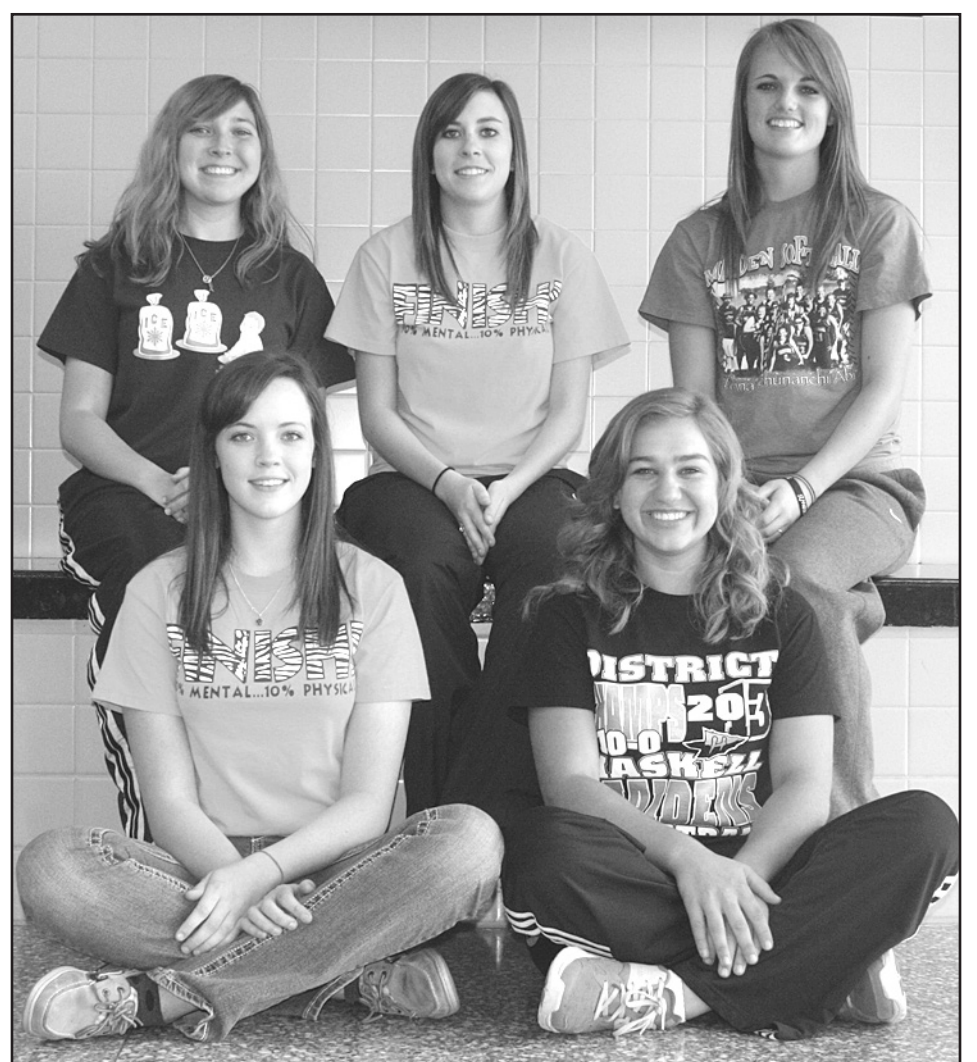
To qualify for state, a competitor must win first, second or third individually

in the regional competition, be a member of a regional first place team or be the best second place team in the state, earning the wild card spot.

Congratulations to these Haskell High School students on reaching the highest level of UIL academic competition.



STATE RUNNERS—Michael Perez, left, and Darryl Williams represented Rule ISD at the State Track Meet Fri., May 10. Perez placed sixth in the 3200 and Williams placed fourth in the 100.



STATE ACADEMIC MEET QUALIFIERS—Five young ladies from Haskell High School qualified for the State UIL Academic Meet which will be held at UT Austin May 21-22, along with two others as alternates. Qualifiers are, front row, l-r, Kalyn Wheatley and Madison Homeyer; back row, Madison Mayfield, Ashley Adams and Maci Colley.

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Water outlook not good for coming months, drought predicted to continue

Mike McGuire with the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District says that the district has access to weather stations in Baylor, Haskell and Knox Counties (www.mesonet.ttu.edu), which have recorded local rainfall totals.

The state climatologist reports that the period from October 2010 to September 2011 was the driest twelve month period recorded. During the same time period, area totals were Baylor County, 3.78; Knox

County, 2.42; and Haskell County 2.19.

McGuire says, "These stations have also recorded totals from Oct. 2012 to date. The rainfall totals for the Oct. to March period tell a gruesome tale." Totals for the last six months in Baylor County (5.28) are less than

the Drought of Record. The totals for Haskell (4.94) and Knox (5.86) Counties are only marginally better.

According to McGuire, the only major difference between the Drought of Record and the present period is the scattered rainfall that was received in April.

"The dry trend that we are in does not bode well for the coming months. The ongoing drought continues to take its toll on the people and environment of the District," continues McGuire. "Until we have significant rain to break the pattern, we are stuck in this rut."



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All Night Party set May 31

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.

Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Carter



MARY CARTER

Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth Carter, 89, of Mabank were held Fri., May 17 at the Eubank Cedar Creek Memorial Chapel in Mabank with Dan Carter and Bob Patterson officiating.

Interment was in Chinquapin Cemetery.

Mrs. Carter entered into eternal rest Tues., May 14.

Born April 12, 1924 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Robert and Lida (Nash) Highnote. She attended Haskell High School. At the age of 16, she was double-promoted, and graduated in 1940. She also attended Abilene Christian College. She was a member of Mabank Church of Christ Church and participated in the Women's Bible Study.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her daughters, Frances McAnnally and husband

Garry of Edom, Linda Teague and husband Larry of Mabank, Elaine Davis and husband Kenneth of Canton, Carolyn Easley and husband Danny of Canton; sons, Charles Carter and wife Carol of Mabank, Carl Carter and wife Linda of Mabank, Bobby Carter and wife Cassie of Mabank, Barry Carter and wife Sheila of Mabank; five granddaughters; 11 grandsons; 23 great grandchildren; sisters, Jo Hutchins of Coleman, Robbie Marks of Coleman; other loving family members and many friends.

A personal tribute may be made online at www.eubankcedarcreek.com.

PD. NOTICE

Juanita Grimes

Graveside services for Juanita Grimes, 91, lifelong resident of the Haskell and Weinert area, were held Wed., May 15 in Gillespie Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Mrs. Grimes passed away Sun., May 12 in Munday Nursing Center.

Born April 8, 1922 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Rube and Pearl Lackey. She attended the Weinert Baptist

Church.

Survivors include one son, Rick and wife, Susie Hambleton of Weinert; one daughter, Kathy and husband, Tommy Patterson of Mineral Wells; one grandson, Scottie and wife, Mindy Hambleton of Dallas; one granddaughter, Katrina and husband, Dale Patterson of Mineral Wells; one sister, Frieda Fry of Baird, and several nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Myrle Wanda Alexander

Funeral services for Myrle Wanda Alexander, 87, of Weinert were held Sun., May 19 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Dan Bullock officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Alexander passed away Thursday evening, May 16 in Wichita Falls.

Born May 15, 1926 in Anson, Myrle Wanda Griffis was the daughter of Harvey Dean and Lenora Hazel (Garrett) Griffis. She married Herschel Alexander Dec. 6, 1945 in Knox City and the couple made Weinert their home. She owned and operated H&M Café and also cooked for many years in the Munday School cafeteria. She was a member of Weinert Four Square Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herschel Alexander; her parents, Harvey

Dean and Lenora Hazel Griffis; and one sister, Bennie Horan.

Survivors include her daughter, Pat Owens and husband Danny of Wichita Falls; son, Terry Alexander of Weinert; sister, Ruthie Langford of Rule; brother, Don Griffis of Weinert; five grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were David Owens, Will Greensight, Craig Hostas, Elmer Adams, Jerry Walker and Jeremy Lowe.

If desired, memorials may be given in Myrle's name to the Weinert Cemetery, Weinert First Baptist Church, or Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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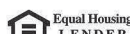
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Bring your \$ and sign up with Mrs. Hadaway or your school secretary by May 30.



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.

Candelight ceremony unites Adams, Akins



MR. AND MRS. JACOB WARREN AKINS

Paige LeAnn Adams and Jacob Warren Akins were united in marriage during a candelight ceremony Sat., Jan. 5 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. The ceremony was officiated by Bro. Dan Bullock. A special reading was performed by Paul Wright, youth minister of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Micheal and Peggy Adams of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Pansy Harris and the late Henry Harris of Haskell and Elmer and Linda Adams of Weinert.

The groom is the son of Vernon and Stephenie Akins of Stamford. He is the grandson of Gerry and Jeanne Foisy of San Jose, California, Ted and Carri Marfia of Shingle Springs, California and Fran Wilson and the late Ernie Wilson of Anson and the late John Akins of Andrews. He is the great grandson of Ted and Rose Nosal of Shingle Springs, California, Virginia Grewohl and the late Robert Grewohl of San Jose, California, and Vicky Zarones and the late Richard Zarones of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. For her something new, the bride wore an ivory Alencon lace over ivory satin bridal gown with a three tiered lace hem that was designed especially for her by Alvina Valenta. The gown had a strapless sweetheart neckline and was accented with a beaded belt, a chapel length train and covered buttons. She wore a matching fingertip Alencon lace wedding veil. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and eggplant calla lilies, accented with wheat and cotton that was grown by her Paw Paw Harris, Papaw Adams, Uncle Brian and her father. A cameo necklace of the bride's family was tied onto her bouquet for something old. For something borrowed, the bride wore a sixpence that belonged to her family in her shoe. The bride wore a sapphire ring given to her by her parents and an ivory

silk garter accented with blue that was created by her Gransy for her something blue.

Kelsie Adams served as her sister's Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Chancy Campbell, Bailey Nutt, Jordan Jenkins, college friends of the bride, Krystynn Myers, high school friend of the bride, Skylar Sowder, college friend of the bride and Megan Akins, sister of the groom. Kourtney Gibson, cousin of the bride, was her junior bridesmaid.

The bridesmaids wore floor-length eggplant chiffon dresses with a sweetheart neckline and carried bouquets of ivory roses and eggplant calla lilies.

Addie Lewis, cousin of the bride, served as her flower girl. She wore an ivory lace and tulle dress. Her ivory silk and lace basket, created by Gransy, was filled with ivory rose petals to be dropped during the ceremony.

Taylor Oakley, childhood friend of the groom, served as the Best Man. Groomsmen were Justin Akins, brother of the groom, Ricardo Baez, Michael Barrientez, Will Brigham, Wesley Wyatt and Donte Norman, all childhood friends of the groom. J.T. Akins served as his brother's junior Best Man.

The groomsmen wore blue jeans and ivory shirts with black jackets. Jaxon White, friend of the bride, was the ring bearer. He carried the wedding rings on an ivory silk ring pillow accented with lace that was created by Gransy.

Registering guests for the ceremony were childhood friends of the bride, Lauren Newton and Hanna Wallace. Guests were ushered by Travis Adams, Brady Leach, Hayden Leach, Chase Gibson, cousins of the bride, Jason Rodriguez, Scott Bearden, Levi Clayton, childhood friends of the groom and Esteban Garcia, college friend of the groom.

The guests were greeted by Will Gibson, Dylan Mickler and Ethan Mickler, cousins of the bride.

Serving at the bride's table

were Allie Ferguson, Kaley Mathis and Kamryn Mathis, friends of the bride. Cousins of the groom, Kristen Akins, Jessica Akins and Adrienne Cheek served at the groom's table.

Special music during the ceremony was performed by Paul Gibson and Kristi Gibson, cousins of the bride. Makin' Plans by Miranda Lambert was performed by Kristi and God Gave Me You by Dave Barnes was performed by Paul and Kristi. Aunt of the bride, Pam Gibson, was the pianist and former piano teacher of the bride, Sara Hodgins, was the organist.

For a sentimental touch, the bride and groom presented their parents with wooden crosses made from mesquite wood and then they assembled a unity cross engraved with their names and wedding date that was handcrafted by the groom's uncle, Curtis McClure.

A reception, dinner and dance hosted by the bride's parents were held at the Haskell Civic Center. The tables were covered with ivory, turquoise and eggplant linens. Mesquite wood, lanterns, mason jars with pictures of the bride and groom, and jelly jars filled with flowers, cotton and wheat were placed on each

table. The bride and groom danced their first dance as husband and wife to Wanna Be Your Everything, followed by the father and daughter dance to I Loved Her First and then a mother and son dance to When You Have A Child.

The bride's bouquet was caught by Chancy Campbell. J.T. Akins caught the garter. The couple left in an antique 1950 turquoise Chevrolet owned by the bride's Pa-Paw Adams.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Fri., Jan. 4 at The Bunkhouse in Stamford. Wedding pictures of the bride and groom's parents, grandparents and great grandparents were on display for all to enjoy. The tables were draped with turquoise and eggplant linens. They were decorated with old barn wood boxes, made by the groom's father, berries and mason jars filled with candles.

A bridal shower was held Dec. 2 at Occasions in Haskell. Paige's aunts, Pam Gibson, Pat Mickler, Vicki Adams and Stacia Leach hosted a bridal luncheon Jan. 5 at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center. Guests were served delicious soups and sandwiches.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Haskell High

School and a 2012 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed with Farm Credit Administration in Irving.

The groom is a 2009 graduate of Stamford High

School and a 2012 graduate of West Texas A&M University. He is employed with J.B. Hunt Transport in Dallas.

Following a honeymoon to Negril, Jamaica, the couple lives Coppell.

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What are the risk factors for skin cancer?

Risk factors for non-melanoma and melanoma skin cancers include: Unprotected and/or excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation (sunlight or tanning booths); Pale skin (easily sunburned, doesn't tan much or at all, natural red or blond hair); Occupational exposures to coal tar, pitch, creosote, arsenic compounds, or radium; You or other members of your family have had skin cancers; Multiple or unusual moles; Severe sunburns in the past.

What are the signs and symptoms of skin cancer?

Skin cancer can be found early, and both doctors and patients play important roles in finding skin cancer. Contact your doctor if you have any of the following signs/symptoms: Any change on your skin, especially in the size or color of a mole, growth, or spot, or a new growth (even if it has no color); Scaliness, oozing, bleeding, or a change in the way a bump or nodule looks; The spread of pigmentation (color) beyond its border, such as dark coloring that spreads past the edge of a mole or mark; A change in sensation, such as itchiness, tenderness, or pain.

Can skin cancer be prevented?

The best ways to lower the risk of skin cancer are to avoid long exposure to intense sunlight and practice sun safety. You can still exercise and enjoy the outdoors while using sun safety at the same time. Here are some ways to be sun safe:

- Avoid direct exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Teach children the shadow rule: if your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest.

- Seek shade, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest.

- Follow the Slip! Slop! Slap! and Wrap! rules:

- * Slip on a shirt: Cover up with protective clothing to guard as much skin as possible when you are out in the sun. Choose comfortable clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you cannot see through when held up to a light.

- * Slop on sunscreen: Use sunscreen and lip balm with broad spectrum protection and a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply a generous amount of sunscreen (about a palmful) to unprotected skin at least 30 minutes before outdoor activities. Reapply every 2 hours and after swimming, toweling dry, or sweating. Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

- * Slap on a hat: Cover your head with a wide-brimmed hat, shading your face, ears, and neck. If you choose a baseball cap, remember to protect your ears and neck with sunscreen.

- * Wrap on sunglasses: Wear sunglasses with 100% UVA and UVB absorption to provide optimal protection for the eyes and the surrounding skin.

- Sunscreen doesn't protect from all UV rays, so don't use sunscreen as a way to stay out in the sun longer.

- Follow these practices to protect your skin even on cloudy or overcast days. UV rays travel through clouds.

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Energy Star sales tax holiday set

May 25-27

Comptroller Susan Combs is reminding Texans the state's annual ENERGY STAR® sales tax holiday is this weekend, from Sat., May 25, through Mon., May 27.

The sales tax break applies to ENERGY STAR® qualified air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators

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OPINION

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the editor and all concerned and interested citizens:

The following views and comments are mine and mine alone.

I am not a Haskell native but was transplanted here in 1990, so I have lived here and been a taxpayer for twenty-three years. Like a lot of you, I was raised "back in the day." When I got out of hand or just needed to be yanked down a peg or two, my parents made me aware of it. I was raised in a Christian home and taught values. I was taught manners; to say yes ma'am and yes sir, to offer my seat to my elders, to show them utmost respect, and to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. I was raised properly, as I'm sure those of us my age, were.

I am sad to see the things that go on in our world today. Nearly daily, I say, "The world has gone crazy." It all makes me wonder where we have gone wrong.

My issue at this time is theft. Since living in Haskell, I have had many things stolen from my property. Because "nothing could be done" about any of it, I just lost those items.

I have proudly worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital for twenty years. We have many plants in our lobby,

which I and others tend to. Some were here for many years before I came so they are very old. Some have been donated, some were gifts, and some came from community families after funerals. About a year ago a beautiful, full ivy was stolen from the lobby. We found the culprit through watching video footage on our security cameras. The nameless woman was contacted by the Sheriff and the plant was returned. To my sadness, not in its original condition. Though now, about a year later, with a lot of love and care, it has returned nearly to its original state.

This past week another plant was taken from the lobby of the hospital. It is beyond me why someone would come into any place and think it was okay to take something that did not belong to them. I was taught that was stealing and it is wrong. I just hope the person that took it really needed it. Maybe they needed it for a Mother's Day gift. Maybe it brought a smile to someone in need.

People, please stop and think before you do something wrong. How will the person I am wronging feel when I do this?

Thank you,
Kim Breckel-Hill

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 22, 2003

Haskell mail carrier, Kenny Ivey, was recognized for his work, with a Special Achievement Award by the United States Postal Service. He has nine years of service.

Winners representing the Haskell County 4-H in the District Fashion Show, were first place, Robbyn Tribbey; and second place, Candace Brister, Brooke Bullinger, Abby Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, Whitney Hise and Leah Tibbets.

Daisy Cothron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cothron, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in commencement exercises held at Hardin University in Searcy, Arkansas.

20 Years Ago May 27, 1993

Top Haskell County graduating seniors are Brooke Baker and Holly Hobgood, Haskell HS; Kurt Sloan and Jacob Marin, Rochester HS; Craig New

and Laurie Boger, Rule HS; and Meranda Payne and Wesley Cockerell, Paint Creek HS.

Haskell High School varsity cheerleaders for the coming school year, will be Natonia Anderson, Rebecca Unger, Micca Jordan, Heather Hobgood, Treci Burson, Jamie Englert and Shelly Stewart.

Receiving recognition at the all-sports banquet were Deanne Wallace, Football Sweetheart; Robert Huff, Basketball Hero; and Heather Hobgood, Basketball Sweetheart.

30 Years Ago May 26, 1983

Mrs. Corbet Lytle was honored on her 80th birthday with a reception hosted by her five children and fourteen grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lackey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren. They married May 20, 1933

in Haskell.

Cynthia Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felton Everett of Haskell, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Tech University Dads Association for the 1983-84 school year.

40 Years Ago May 24, 1973

Elected as twirlers at Haskell High School for 1973-74 are Lisa Stocks, Melissa Roberson, Becky Gholson, Christie McAdams, Lisa McBroom, Shirley Abbott and Connie Turnbow.

May Bell Taylor has returned to Haskell after serving for thirty-five years in Brazil as a missionary. In honor of her dedication, she was made an honorary citizen of Brazil by the State Legislature in Arcaju.

Several Rule High School graduates received their degrees from Texas Tech University during commencement exercises. They are Keith Whittaker, B.S. in Wildlife Management;

Linda Jones, B.S. in Home Economics; Bill Baird, B.S. in Wildlife Management; and Caron Cloud, B.S. in Home Economics.

50 Years Ago May 23, 1963

Debbie Wiseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiseman, and freshman student at Haskell High School was named queen at last weekend's annual Rice Springs Roundup.

Installed as officers for Haskell High School's Future Homemakers Association were Suzy Redwine, president; Shirley Larned, vice-president; Jean Becker, secretary; Terri Stewart, treasurer; Nancy Davis, reporter; Betty Bruton, parliamentarian; Carolyn Fisher, song leader; and Jerre Sue Couch, pianist.

Herbert Hines, a bus driver at Rule ISD, who has driven 299,000 miles in 23 years without an accident, received one of six regional awards as Public School Bus Driver of the Year in Texas at a special assembly.

100 Years Ago May 24, 1913

Mr. J.S. Sloan reported to us that the crops in the Pinkerton community were just simply fine.

Lost, between the residences of Mrs. Terrell and Mrs. Hudson, six yards of new dress goods. Finder please return to Mrs. S.G. McConnell and receive reward.

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Marvin and little daughter left for Dallas, where they will get a new Overland and will drive the car through the country on their return.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of May 13-19:

Derick Anthony Lucero, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, felon in possession of firearm, evading in motor vehicle.

Danielle Cline, credit card or debit card abuse, enhanced elderly victim.

Angel Iglesias Capias, possession of controlled substance less than 29 grams.

Christopher Hagle, public intoxication and sex offender

duty to register warrant out of Fort Worth.

Antonia Barrera, public intoxication.

Michael Zacchery Haley, parole violation.

Leonardo Edward Villarreal, Jr., possession dangerous drug-meth, less than 1 oz., also drug paraphernalia.

Ronald Jermanie Coleman, driving while intoxicated.

Rowdy Wayne Hebel, revoke community supervision, theft of cattle under 10 head.

City Wide Clean Up set June 1-8

Haskell's City Wide Clean Up Week will be held beginning Sat., June 1, and continuing through Sat., June 8.

The landfill will be open during the following times: Sat., June 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Mon., June 3 through Thurs., June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., June 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sat., June 8 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

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

The city of Haskell no longer has trailers to borrow.

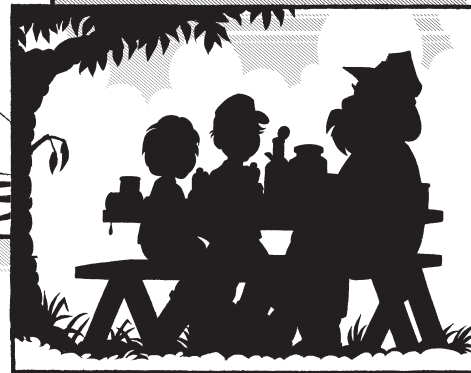
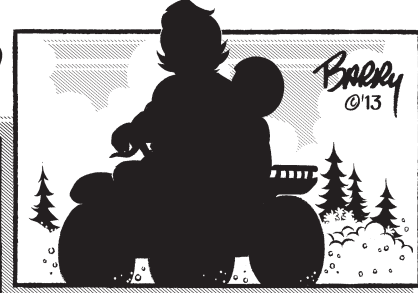
Things that will not be accepted during clean-up week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint.

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

ENJOY MEMORIAL DAY!



LEST YOU FORGET: IT'S BEEN PAID FOR BY OUR FALLEN WARRIORS...



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I'm writing this column on Saturday afternoon and finishing up on Sunday as I often do so when I mention things in future tense you'll know that when you read the papers that some of these things have already come to pass.

The election is over and three new aldermen will take their oaths of office Mon., May 20 at noon. Even though no one had a landslide vote and the entire vote was only 19.8% of eligible voters, I believe these aldermen understand that they will be representing 100% of the population of Haskell. A mayor pro-tem will be elected and we will proceed with council business.

I received a question which I think is well-timed, asking: "Outside of the Stage 3 mandatory drought tolerance situation, what is the council doing proactively to try to get us water?" The council has been seeking options to our dilemma. We had hoped, only to have those hopes dashed this past week, to tie onto the pipeline from Throckmorton with water from Lake Graham. When Brandon talked with the officials this past week, they said they could not agree to that as every town in Texas is grappling for water and where do you draw the line. Their position is understandable but disappointing to say the least. We do have other options and they are all rather

complicated and expensive. We will see if we can release the wells we have used in the past. If so, then we have to pipe the water to the current distribution point which is near the airport and then treat the water before we can inject it into our existing system. I don't know the expense of a water treatment system, but I can assure you they will not be giving them away. There is also the possibility we could lease some wells that we have not used before. However, you still have the cost of piping and treating. If all of the leasing options fail, we will then have to drill some new ones. If you choose to drill a well on your property, the cost is about \$10 per foot of depth. When you drill a well where the water will be used for municipal use, the cost goes to about \$25-30 per foot. Now you're involved with TCEQ which is Texas' equivalent to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)—you do not have to be associated with government very long when you realize this means yards and yards of red tape and added expense. Every option we have explored to date is very expensive. However, if we don't have water, we don't have anything. I'm glad the City Administrator has to talk with them and has some experience and expertise in this matter. This mayor would be hard-pressed to understand or be patient

with all the regulations. I talked with Eddie Leonard from Rule who has been drilling water wells for his entire life and he is about 2 months behind because everyone is wanting to drill a water well.

I think this drought and water shortage has had a very deleterious effect on the population; we're all a bit antsy and fearful. I heard that two families had decided to move from Haskell because of the water shortage. Most of us can't do that or don't really want to, besides where do you go especially in Texas where water is not an issue? I see people pointing fingers at agriculture and frowning as they irrigate their fields when most are not able to even plant at least not with the hope of realizing a crop, but have to plant to satisfy their crop insurance policy. And especially land owners who are drilling wells and selling water to the oil fields—that really has many up in arms because although it is their water on their land it is affecting the level of the aquifer that supplies all of us. Even owners whose yards are watered with well water receive sneers from those whose yards are dying from lack of water. We're all anxious and feeling unsettled.

Now is one of those times when each of us needs to come up with all the ways we can that will not only conserve water but come up with ideas and plans for additional sources of water. Let's get on track and be proactive concerning our water problems. I am fully aware that each of us has

an issue or issues that we feel needs to be addressed immediately but they pale in comparison to our water problems. We're all in this together. Water has to be our number 1 priority. Establishing priorities in your local government is the hardest yet most important effort we accomplish. In this case, pot-holes don't matter if we don't have water.

Interesting fact: David Kuehler who heads up the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, which is where we get our water, told Brandon Anderson that the loss from the reservoir due to evaporation during the last week in June and the first two weeks in July in 2012 was greater than the entire amount of water provided to all of the cities using the water for the year. That is astounding to me. Really glad Miller Creek is deep and not so much surface area subject to evaporation. Kuehler says the best case scenario will allow us to have water for about a year—worst case scenario is we will be out of water by Valentine's Day.

Well, shucks, Petrolia kept our Maiden softball from advancing again. However, those young ladies from our town have made us very proud. They can all hold their heads high knowing they gave it their very best. They represented themselves, their families, their coaches, our school and our town in a manner in which we can all take a great deal of pride. Some will graduate and go on to bigger and better things while the others will return to fight again another day.

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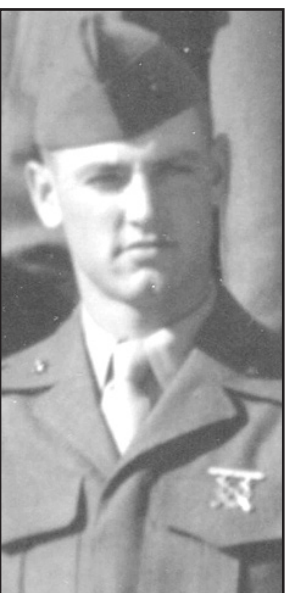
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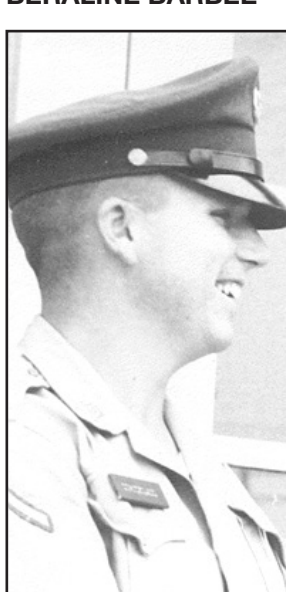
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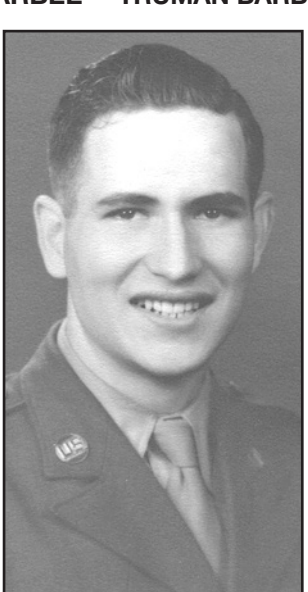
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Memorial Day, let's pause a moment from our daily lives, our comfort, our peace and our freedom, to remember the men and women who fought and died so that we may enjoy the privilege of being Americans. Proudly, we honor all the people of our armed forces, from all wars. Their courage was our greatest triumph, their sacrifice our greatest loss.

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MEMORIAL DAY



CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECK-UP—A Child Safety Seat Check-Up was held Tues., May 14 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell. Lorrie Coop, Knox County Extension Agent/FCS, center, and Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent/FCS, right, ensure this child is riding safely.

Child safety seat event a success

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Passenger Safety, Haskell County Extension Service and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) conducted a Child Safety Seat Check-Up Tues., May 14. Held at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, this was the first event of this type held in Haskell. During the three hour span, 21 safety seat inspections were conducted and 14 new safety seats were issued.

Conducting the inspections were certified technicians Lorrie Coop, Monica Walker, Sandy Howard, Bev Kellner, and Myrna Hill. Local volunteers assisting with the event included Judge David Davis—Haskell County, Judge Travis Floyd—Knox County, Nancy Sanders, Susan Cockerell, Jerry Coplen and Jane Rowan. Technicians and volunteers made sure the event ran smoothly and that every child left the event riding safely.

The proper use of child

safety seats reduces the risk of injury and death, leading to reduced medical costs, avoidance of lost future earnings, and improved quality of life. These economic benefits are an estimated \$1,988 per child age 0 to 4 and \$2,347 per child age 4 to 7 for new seats distributed, and \$558 per child for seat misuse corrected with an assumed 75% continued use. Based on this formula, the total economic impact for the 21 inspections at the event on May 14 is \$24,223.



AWARDS BANQUET—The Rule Junior High students were recognized for their many accomplishments Tues., May 14 at the awards banquet. The students and their parents enjoyed ice cream sundaes and celebrated their school successes. Students are, l-r, McKenzie Gray, Christina Moore, Lauryn Crane, Alysia Hollabaugh, Kourtney Hertel, Taylor Kimbro, Leann Manske and their sponsor Fonda Newton.



DIAMOND DARLIN'S—The Diamond Darlin's, Haskell's 8U softball team finished their season 14-1. Players included front row, l-r, Corinna Benavides, Cassidy Phemister, Emily Turner and Emma Wilhite; middle row, Madison McGhee, Olivia Comacho, Zoe Shiplett, Jay'Lynn Hatley, Mia Williams and Jissel Rodriguez; back row, Jacy Rodriguez, Piper Smith, Shalee Dunnam, Amaris Rodela, Alyssa Stocks, Melody Martinez and Kenley Cox. Not pictured are Bethany Casillas and Sara Williams.

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



SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM—Nine Haskell County 4-Her's competed at the District 3 Shooting Sports Competition at Iowa Park Sat., May 18. Team members include, front row, l-r, Brison Tullos, Cody Dutton, Hunter Ivy, Griffin Buchanan and Hayden Leach; back row, Faith Jordan, Lori Beth Rodgers, Felicity Hannsz and Austin Alsabrook.

4-H'ers compete at district shooting sport competition

Nine Haskell County 4-Her's competed at the District 3 Shooting Sports Competition at Iowa Park Sat., May 18.

The shooters competed in three different age levels—Juniors, Immediate and Senior level.

The teams were Faith Jordan, Individual Junior; Brison Tullos, Cody Dutton

and Lori Beth Rodgers, 3-Man Intermediate Team; Austin Alsabrook and Griffin Buchanan, 2-Man Intermediate Team; Felicity Hannsz and Hayden Leach, 2-Man Intermediate Team; and Hunter Ivy, Individual Senior.

The 2-Man team of Alsabrook and Buchanan

placed third overall and the 2-Man team of Hannsz and Leach placed fourth overall. Hannsz was first place Overall Intermediate Female.

The group would like to say a special thank you to Steve Alsabrook and Alsabrook Farms for their continued support of this program.

Annual Bluebonnet Breakfast honors Elementary readers

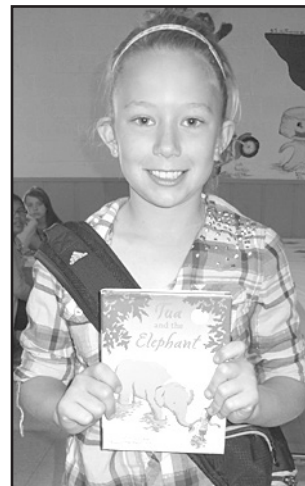
The annual Texas Bluebonnet breakfast was held Tues., May 7, in the Haskell Elementary cafeteria. The Bluebonnet breakfast is a special event each year in May to recognize those students who have read the current year's Bluebonnet Award books and passed the required number of Accelerated Reading tests on those books.

The Texas Bluebonnet program is a state-wide children's choice reading program started by the Texas Library Association in 1979. Students in the third through sixth grades are encouraged to read at least five of the twenty nominated books each year to be able to vote for their favorite book in January. This year 15,189 Texas students voted for Postcards From Camp by Simms Taback. This humorous story about a boy's first time at sleep away camp relates his experiences through hilarious postcards and letters home.

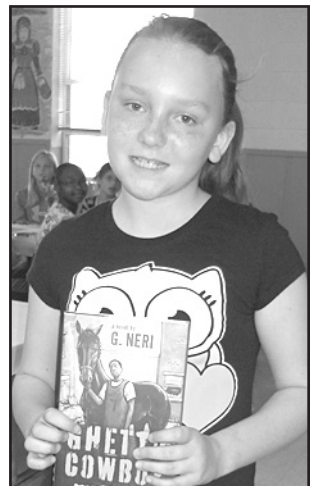
This year eighty-six students from third through sixth grade were eligible to attend the breakfast. Also in attendance were Jimmy Lisle, Haskell Elementary Principal, Kent Colley, Haskell CISD Assistant Administrator, teacher representatives from the four grades, and elementary and junior high library staff. The delicious breakfast provided by the Haskell Elementary food service included pancake sausage-on-a-stick, blueberry muffins, assorted fresh fruits and fruit dip, and milk and orange juice.

A special addition to this year's breakfast was a slide show of fifth grader Braelyn Bevel at the state library conference and Texas Bluebonnet award luncheon in Fort Worth on April 26. Haskell was randomly selected to have a student representative at this luncheon. Bevel joined nine other Texas students in presenting the 2012-2013 Bluebonnet award to the winning author.

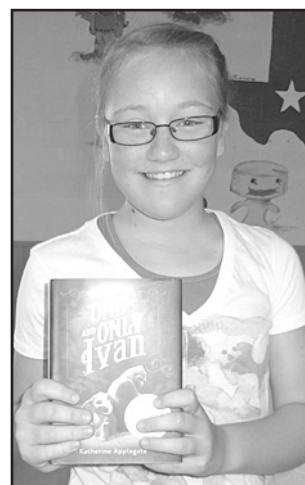
Eight Bluebonnet books were given away, and the top readers from each grade were recognized and presented with a book from the 2013/14 Bluebonnet list.



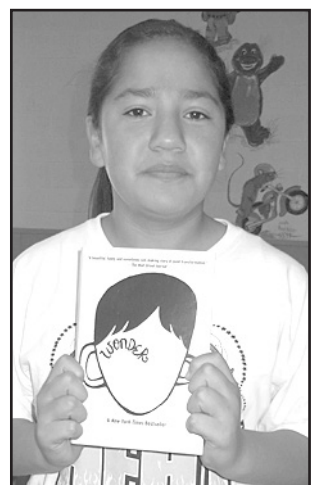
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The top Bluebonnet AR readers for each grade were Tessa Homeyer, third grade; Ashlyn Payne, fourth grade; Braelyn Bevel, fifth grade and top overall reader, and Ryanna Rodriguez, sixth grade. All students were congratulated for their good reading and received an official Texas Bluebonnet Award certificate and pencil.

We want to thank everyone who helped with this breakfast, including

Wanda Thompson and the Haskell elementary food service for the great food; Debbie Miller for her help with the slide show; the teachers who helped serve, and the sixth grade students who assisted during the breakfast. Special thanks goes to all the third through sixth grade teachers who encouraged their students to read these fine books and support the Texas Bluebonnet program.

Student in the News

James C. Bowers of Haskell was named to the President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2013 semester at Texas State Technical College in Waco. The TSTC President's Honor Roll recognizes the accomplishments of full-

time students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for all classes in a semester. Bowers is a first-year student pursuing a degree in Game and Interactive Media Design/Programming.

Calendar

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to

noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Al-Anon

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

A Memorial Day tribute

by Caron Yates

As Memorial Day approaches, and our thoughts turn to picnics, family gatherings, or perhaps a day off from work, we as Americans should also take some time to reflect on the significance of the day.

America's soldiers, both past and present, carry a heavy burden to ensure that the citizens of the United States remain free to choose the path their lives will take. Those who have personally lost family members or friends, are even more aware of the price of freedom. We should however, all feel gratitude and respect for those who have died fighting for the rights and freedoms we enjoy.

In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day to be Waterloo, New York. The observance was first enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, but was later expanded after World War I, to honor Americans who died fighting in any war. It became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has in many ways diminished over the years. However, since the late 50's, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol twenty-four hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. Likewise, in many communities across the nation, flags are placed on military grave sites in cemeteries by individuals or organizations.

May we never take for granted our freedom, nor forget the sacrifice that has been and continues to be made for that freedom.

In 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII, the advanced English IV class at Haskell High School interviewed World War II veterans. As a living history and English project, the students in Mrs. Darlene Bellinghausen's class wrote about the wartime experiences of these veterans. The stories were originally printed in the Haskell County News in 1995.

As we pause to remember, The Haskell Free Press is taking the opportunity to share the story of longtime Haskell businessman Andy Anderson.

written by Ryan Olson
in 1995 for an
English IV project

Andy Anderson enlisted in the service on May 8, 1941. He enlisted at Abilene in the Air Force which was

the Army Air Corps at that time. He was sent to Dallas where he took his physical examination. From there he was sent to Goodfellow Field in San Angelo. He did not go through any basic training as many of the regular army soldiers would do. He was an airplane mechanic and worked out on the line on BT-13-A.

He received the salary of a single man, which was \$21 a month. He started out as a day room orderly. He was a pretty good softball player, and his squadron commander was a pretty big sportsman. Mr. Anderson made the baseball team, and he got the job as a day room orderly soon after that. After his first months in the service, he got promoted from a private to private first class. That raised his pay from \$21 to \$61 a month. Then they put him out in the line where the airplanes were located.

He took the cadet test and passed it. They shipped him down to San Antonio to the cadet center. He went through training there, and he said he was in the best shape of his life when he got out. They got up at six o'clock every morning and ran to their breakfast. As soon as they were through with breakfast, they would make up their bunks. It was then time for calisthenics. They did this for about an hour, and then they would run cross country for about two or three hours. After supper at night, they would have to go to school and study the process of being a cadet, pilot, navigator or bombardier. He was in San Antonio for six weeks before being transferred to Uvalde for pilot training. During that time he did something they didn't approve of, and he was washed out. They told him he could go to navigator school or bombardier school, but he didn't want to do either one of those. He said if he couldn't be a pilot, he didn't want to be anything. They told him he would have to be something, so they sent him to gunner school in Laredo, Texas.

He spent eight weeks training. They flew and practiced shooting skeet and other kinds of targets. After graduating, he went to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they formed all their bomber squadrons. He was put in a B-24 group which consisted of 10 crewmen. The ten-man crew consisted of a pilot, copilot, bombardier, navigator and six gunners. They were sent to Massachusetts to train with B-24's. They trained there for about four and a half months. By that time, he had been in the service for two and a half years. After training in Massachusetts, his next stop

was overseas.

He flew from New York City to England where he was stationed. This was in April of 1944. He and the rest of his crew were in the 44th Bomb Group and 67th Bomb Squadron. They took two or three training flights before going on their first mission. They were on their fifth mission when they got shot down on May 25.

Our plane was shot down on my fifth mission over France. We had been to Germany. Our plane was a B-24 Liberator, a four-engine bomber with a crew of ten men. I was the tail-gunner. There were twin 50-caliber machine guns in the tail-turret. It was my duty to shoot at any German planes that were in shooting range. I'm sure I hit some of them but don't know if they went down or not. The Germans had two kinds of planes--ME 109 Metersmidt and Folk 190.

We flew at about 325 miles per hour and were about 1800-2220 feet high.

We got hit by flak (a shell explosion) as we were approaching our target. We lost an engine and started losing altitude. The fighters attacked us. We had to drop our bombs and get out of there. We had lost another engine.

We took off back to our base in England and were hit again by flak. This time was a direct hit, and the plane started going down. That is when two other men and I bailed out of the plane. I had a cut below and above my right eye and a cut in my head about three inches long.

I landed in a field in France. As I hit the ground, I broke my ankle. I drug myself about 1/2 mile before the Germans caught me. There were three German soldiers that captured me. This was May 25, 1944.

They stood over me with machine guns. They put me on their truck and took me to their camp. We had 24 men in a small room. They gave us some soup (it wasn't good), some German black bread, about 1/3 of a loaf for one week, Callorabbi (something they fed their cows) and some water.

When we got Red Cross parcels, it was powdered milk, cocoa, instant coffee, spam, prunes or raisins, sugar cubes, cheese, peanut butter, corn beef, four bars of soap and two packages of cigarettes. We got one of the parcels once a month. If it had not been for the Red Cross parcels, we would have starved to death.

I spent 21 days in solitary confinement because I cut about eight inches off a rope. They said I was destroying their equipment. We used the rope to make us a volleyball net. All I had to eat during

this time was German bread and water. It was in January and very cold. I had an overcoat, two blankets, a sweater and jacket to keep me from freezing to death. There was no heat in solitary confinement, which was a very small room. The Red Cross furnished the overcoat and blankets. I was only allowed to go outside the room once a day. I had no bath, no nothing for 21 days.

About 10 days after I got out of solitary confinement, we began the Death March. We walked from Feb. 6, 1945 until May 5. During this time, we slept on the ground that was covered with snow. Other times we slept in barns with cows or other animals. We had boiled potatoes to eat and water to drink and our Red Cross parcels.

Many men died from starvation, flu, dysentery and pneumonia. The German soldiers picked up the bodies, put them on wagons and hauled them off. The next-of-kin were supposed to be notified. The "dog tags" were sent to them with their name, address, serial number, POW number, etc. Many are still listed as missing in action.

I had the flu and dysentery and high fever but kept going. I carried a New Testament (the Red Cross gave them to us) with me, and I did lots of reading and praying. I became very weak, but I survived.

Before we started the walk, when we were still in camp, I learned to play bridge to keep from going crazy and for something to do. The days got pretty long.

I received some mail from my mother and sisters. It was just a card. I was allowed to write to them twice a month. We were not allowed to say anything about the war or what was going on. I could just let them know I was still alive.

It was a terrible, terrible experience, and I sure wouldn't want to go through that again!

I was captured May 25, 1944, and liberated May 12, 1945. On May 12, when we saw the British paratroopers coming in, we suspected the war was over. It was quite a spectacle! There was shouting, screaming, crying and lots of hugging going on. They told us to start walking towards the British field kitchen and hospital. When we got there, we got baths, clean clothes, some good food and medical attention.

The next day they put us on a plane and flew us to Brussels, Belgium. From there we went to Camp Lucky Strike in France and from there to New York City in a boat. It took us 14 days and nights. I missed the Queen Elizabeth and rode the U.S. Burnside. I didn't care what I had to ride in I just wanted to get home safely.

Study Club members enjoy salad supper

The Progressive Study Club of Haskell met Thurs., May 9 in the Haskell County Library meeting room for a salad supper and fellowship. Calling the meeting to order was president Susan Cockerell followed by prayer by Connie Benton. Cockerell led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

In the business meeting, the president thanked those who had donated food for the meal before the Relay for Cancer. A letter was read from Linda Lane-Blaise who was resigning as recording secretary/reporter. Nominated to fill that office was Donna Davis. Meals on Wheels volunteers for May were Julia Harrell and Tommye Jo Clark. For June the volunteer will be Debbie Kennedy, July is Susan Turner and August will be Connie Benton or Camin Pittman. Members were reminded of a workshop to be held in Albany Sat., July 13, to make plans for the annual TFWC Convention to be held at

MCM Elegante Suites in Abilene. This will include all TFWC clubs in the state of Texas.

The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Connie Benton.

Susan Turner led the group in the playing of a game naming songs with the word "love" in them. One would be amazed at how many there are. Members were then challenged to name NFL football teams with wacky clues being provided. Such as, Army insects, which would be New York Giants. Ladies do watch NFL games as was shown by the number of correct answers. All in all, very informative. Prizes were awarded to all the winners.

Members enjoyed different salads brought by members from a table covered with a bright yellow cloth and holding an arrangement of spring flowers.

Hostesses for the evening were Camin Pittman, Susan Cockerell and Lynn Dodson.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Final hurdles on budget stand before lawmakers

AUSTIN—With 10 days to go until the end of the 140-day 83rd regular session of the Texas Legislature, a committee of House and Senate negotiators on May 17 agreed on a proposed state budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Next step is for the 150-member House and the 31-member Senate to accept or reject the work of the negotiators in votes expected to take place May 20 or 21. Pressure is on to get the budget bill to Gov. Rick Perry as soon as possible, while lawmakers carrying hundreds of other bills hope to squeeze as many as possible through the process in the last few days of the session.

Members of both parties in both houses worked furiously to replace as much as possible of the \$5.4 billion cut from public education in the 2011 legislative session as part of an across-the-board budget-reducing plan.

The comprise before the Legislature now would increase education funding by about \$4 billion and take \$2 billion out of the state's Rainy Day Fund for water infrastructure improvements. Another \$400 million from the Rainy Day Fund would be added to transportation funding already in the base budget bill.

Complicating the picture is the fact that a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers is required to spend Rainy Day Funds.

Disclosure bill is passed

On votes of 23-6 in the Senate and 95-52 in the House, the Legislature passed SB 346, legislation that would require politically active non-profit organizations to disclose their donors to the public.

Under the bill authored by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, groups that spend more than \$25,000 a year on political activities would have to report contributions of more than \$1,000.

In passing the bill, Geren said donors have every right to give to political groups, but they should be willing to do so in the light of day, just like those who give directly to candidates.

HB 346 was forwarded to Gov. Perry's desk on May 14.

Texas files suit over spill

Attorney General Greg Abbott, acting on behalf of the State of Texas and several state agencies, on May 17 filed a lawsuit against BP America and a list of other defendants

for their roles in the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon offshore oil spill.

Filed in the Beaumont-based U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Texas, the lawsuit seeks natural resource damages, economic damages and civil penalties caused by the five-million-barrel spill.

According to the Office of the Texas Attorney General, Texas is seeking civil penalties for every day of oil discharge and for every barrel of oil that was discharged; lost sales tax, state hotel occupancy tax and mixed beverage tax revenue; revenue lost from state park entrance, facility, activity and concession fees; and damages to natural resources, including wildlife and coastal ecosystems and habitats caused by the released oil and chemical dispersants.

The State also seeks attorneys' fees, court costs and investigative costs.

Tornadoes hit North Texas

Six people have been confirmed dead as a result of an EF4-rated tornado that hit the city of Granbury on May 15. More than 100 homes were damaged.

Gov. Perry visited the city on May 17 to express concern and condolences, and in his remarks, said, "As a state, Texas sent personnel to assist with search and rescue operations and we stand ready to provide any other assistance Granbury and the surrounding areas may need."

Employment rate improves

Texas Workforce Commission on May 17 reported the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment expanded by 33,100 jobs in April and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.4 percent for the month.

TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar said all major industries in the state added jobs over the last 12 months and the civilian labor force is at an all-time high with more than 12.7 million workers.

Senator reaches milestone

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, on May 17 celebrated her 50,000th consecutive vote since the 1987 session of the Texas Legislature, when she was first elected to the Senate. She has never missed a vote.

Senate President Pro Tempore Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, said lawmakers' voting records were checked nationally and, "We found that this record is unique and unmatched."

FSA urges producers to enroll in DCP/ACRE

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has encouraged farmers and ranchers to enroll for the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) or the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) before the deadline. Producers who wait until the last minute to sign up could face increased waiting time in FSA county offices.

"We understand that producers have gotten busy, but they can't forget to visit their county office and sign up for DCP or ACRE," said Garcia. "Just as farmers and ranchers plan their spring plantings, producers should plan to schedule an appointment to visit their USDA Service Center at the earliest possible time. It's best to complete the

paperwork now rather than to stand in line the day before the deadline," advised Garcia.

The sign-up for both programs began Feb. 19, 2013. The deadline to sign up for ACRE is June 3, 2013. The DCP sign up period ends Aug. 2, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

For more information about the programs and loans administered by FSA, visit any FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Mon., May 13 with all members present.

In reports, Debbie Graves requested to add 20 campsites at the lake. The Sheriff's Department will be answering calls for the City Police Department on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Treasurer's monthly report, the ECC monthly report and the County Attorney's reconciliation report were all accepted.

There is no burn ban in effect.

In the matter of hiring a third deputy for the Sheriff's office, the court decided to wait until the budget hearings to discuss and determine if this was a possibility for the Sheriff's office.

There was no discussion concerning the speed limit on Rockdale Road.

The motion to transfer funds into the County Clerk's school expense and travel expense to allow her or one of her deputies to be able to go to the LGS conference in September 2013 passed.

The City of Rule is needing the intersection of Pawnee Avenue and 13th Street fixed and is requesting assistance from the County. The County Attorney advised that the request should be in writing along with a signed interlocal agreement with the County. The matter will be on the next agenda for the Commissioners' court.

A motion to continue the agreement between the County and Helen Farabee Centers passed.

The purchasing of a loader for Precinct 2 was tabled.

The resignation of County Extension Agent Jane Rowan was accepted.

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ECC Menu

Mon., May 27
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Wed., May 29
Chicken fried steak, gravy,
mashed potatoes, blackeyed
peas, misc. dessert, tea or
coffee
Fri., May 31
Ham and butter beans,
coleslaw, cornbread, peaches,
brownie, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at
11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



NEW ALDERMEN—During a special called meeting of the Haskell City Council Mon., May 20 newly elected aldermen, l-r, Ernest Frye, Allen Morrow and Shane Whitt were administered the oath of office.

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NEW PARKING LOT—Billy Wayne Hester, Haskell County Commissioner Precinct 1, initiated a proactive positive leadership step and approached the City of Haskell with the offer of assisting in the removal of the concrete from this lot on Avenue E, just north of Haskell County Insurance Agency. The lot is being developed for employee parking and overflow parking for the businesses in the northwest corner of the square.

This Week's Devotional Message:



They gave their lives to preserve your freedom

We are inclined to take for granted the many forms of freedom which we enjoy in this country, perhaps because we have never been forced to live without them; and yet we must remind ourselves of the sacrifices that have been made in order to preserve them for us, by those who were called upon to give their lives in battle. Not only on Memorial Day but throughout the year we should honor those brave heroes, and give our thanks to God for this wonderful free nation we have because of them. And since the list of our freedoms includes the right to worship God as we choose, the church of your choice is the best place to express your gratitude.

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

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
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.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

- 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**
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
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

EEA Club news

Kathryn Schonerstedt, chairman of the Haskell County Extension Education Association, called the meeting to order Thurs., May 9, with six members present.

Each meeting, a question is put to the members as they answer roll call. This meeting, the question was, "What do you like best about Haskell?" Overwhelmingly, the answer was "the friendliness and caring of the residents!" We all agreed that Haskell is a peaceful, comfortable place to live.

The club will be making a donation to Emily Fouts, the sole qualifier in the State 4-H Roundup to take place June 10-14. She qualified in the Fashion Show category.

Members were saddened to hear the announcement that Jane Rowan, our county extension agent, will be leaving June 1 to take a position with the Taylor County extension office. She will be missed.

After the business portion of the meeting adjourned, Schonerstedt gave a program called, "Re-dress to Recruit," presenting how our dress and mannerisms affect others' impressions of us. When wanting to recruit members for a club, employees for a workplace, etc., these impressions might make a difference in who joins you.

The next EEA meeting will be June 13 at 2:00 p.m., at the Haskell County Extension Office. Please feel free to join us. We welcome guests.

For more information on any of the above events, or about the Texas Extension Education Association in Haskell County, call the county extension office, at 864-2658. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, and guests are always welcome.

Haskell School Menu

May 27-31
Breakfast
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Sausage, biscuit, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza, orange juice
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket, apple juice
Friday: Manager's choice, orange juice

Lunch
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Beefy macaroni, breadstick, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes
Tuesday: Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles
Wednesday: Cheese pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit
Thursday: Corndog, tomato and cucumber cup, broccoli bites, fresh apple
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, baked chips, cherry tomatoes, fresh fruit

Rule School Menu

May 27-31
Breakfast
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Waffles, syrup
Tuesday: Two cereal bowls
Wednesday: Biscuits and jelly
Thursday: Manager's choice
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll
Tuesday: Crispy chicken sandwich, salad, charro beans, cinnamon apples
Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, salad, orange
Thursday: Hot dog, fries, cucumbers, fruit
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

May 27-31
Breakfast
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: 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

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TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED: Strickland Concrete & Materials have immediate openings for full time drivers having a Class A or B CDL for our mixer, egg, and tanker trucks. Please apply in person to SCM at 175 Bus. Hwy. 277 South, Haskell. 6frc

Real Estate

FOR SALE or lease: Service station in Rule. Call 940-997-2412. 21frc

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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CONTINGENCY PLAN

Section I. Declaration of Policy, Purpose and Intent

A Drought Contingency Plan (Plan) is defined as, "A strategy or combination of strategies for temporary supply and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies" (30 TAC Chapter 288, Subchapter A, § 288.1, 4). The City of Haskell has established this Plan in order to establish criteria for determining various stages of drought and to establish corresponding policies that will be enforced during each stage of drought, during times of other water shortage or in times of emergency. The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers, and property utilizing water provided by the City of Haskell. The terms "person" and "customer" as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations,

and all other legal entities. Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Plan are considered to be non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply conditions are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in Section II of this Plan.

This Plan has been developed with consideration given to public input. Citizens served water by the City as retail customers and as wholesale customers have been given opportunity to voice opinion. This public input was gathered during the September 2012 Council Meetings held at the Haskell City Hall. The meetings were advertised via the local newspaper, radio and posted agenda.

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire prevention and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, the City of Haskell hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water.

C. Stage 3—Severe Water Shortage
• Target Water Use:
a. The goal for water use reduction under this drought stage is to limit total treated water use by all system users to less than .45 MGD.

• Conditions:
a. Stage 3 will be implemented when the water level in Miller Creek Reservoir is equal to or less than 6000 acre feet.

• Restrictions:
a. Commercial yard watering is restricted to the period from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and is determined as follows:

(1) Only on Tuesdays for even numbered addresses.
(2) Only on Thursdays for odd numbered addresses.

(3) Residential yard watering is restricted to the period from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and is determined as follows:

DAY	HOUSE TO WATER:	HOUSE NUMBER ENDING IN:
Monday	0 or 1	2 or 3
Tuesday	2 or 3	4 or 5
Wednesday	4 or 5	6 or 7
Thursday	6 or 7	8 or 9
Friday	8 or 9	

NOTE: Water will not be allowed to run in the gutter or otherwise be wasted. Water that is allowed to run more than 75 feet past the property line will be deemed a violation under Stage 3.

(4) Restaurants will serve water to customers only on request.

(5) Washing of residential, commercial, public or industrial driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, windows or structures is prohibited.

(6) Filling of private swimming pools is prohibited.

(7) Residential washing of vehicles is prohibited.

(8) Use of bulk loading stations is prohibited.

(9) Use of ornamental fountains is prohibited.

(10) Watering of public properties is restricted to the period of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. only on Mondays.

• Residential Water Rate Structure:
a. 0-10,000 gallons: No rate change. Use current rate structure.

b. 10,001-20,000 gallons: 1.5 times standard rate.

c. 20,001-30,000 gallons: 2.5 times standard rate.

d. 30,001 gallons and more: 3.5 times standard rate.

• Violations of any of these restrictions or residential usage of 20,000 gallons or more per billing period for two consecutive billing periods, while under Stage 3 conditions, is subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 period violation.

• Notify wholesale water customers of the initiation of pro rata curtailment of water diversions and/or deliveries for each wholesale customer according to the procedures specified in Section 3 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan (as a wholesale water supplier).

Section III. Enforcement
During Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4 and Stage 5 water use restrictions, the following personnel shall be designated as "official observers" of any violation of this drought contingency plan, and shall have the right to initiate legal action against offenders.

A. Any member of the City Commission
B. The City Manager
C. The City Comptroller
D. All City Department Heads

E. Code Enforcement Personnel
F. All Water Department Personnel
G. All Water Office Personnel

H. The Animal Control Officer
I. All Police Department Personnel

J. All Fire Department Personnel
K. Any other City Employee.

D. Enforcement of Pro Rata Allocations

During any period when pro rata allocation of available water supplies is in effect, wholesale customers shall pay the following surcharges on water diversions and/or deliveries:

• 1.5 times the normal water charge per million gallons for water diversions and/or deliveries in excess of the monthly allocation up through 5 percent above the monthly allocation.

• 2.0 times the normal water charge per million gallons for water diversions and/or deliveries in excess of the monthly allocation from 5 percent through 10

percent above the monthly allocations.

• 2.5 times the normal water charge per million gallons for water diversions and/or deliveries in excess of the monthly allocation from 10 percent through 15 percent above the month allocation.

• 3.0 times the normal

water charge per million gallons for water diversions and/or deliveries more than 15 percent above the monthly allocation.

• The above surcharges shall be cumulative.

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SLIDING AT HOME PLATE—Senior Meagan Gonzales sliding at home for the Haskell Maidens.



WAITING ON THE BALL—Jacie Klose ready to tag the runner coming in at second base.



MAIDEN PITCHER—Cailey Foster is in the circle for the Haskell Maidens during game 1 of a best 2 out of 3 series against Petrolia.



MAIDEN CATCHER—Breezy Gibbs in beast mode behind the plate for the Haskell Maidens.



STRETCHING OUT—Aggressive base running by Haskell Maiden Madison Homeyer.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, May 19 at the Haskell County Library. Nineteen 4-H'ers, guests and leaders attended the meeting.

The meeting was led by Bailey Hawkins.

The 4-H Clubs had a short business meeting, past events covered were the District 3 4-H Round-Up and Share-The-Fun contests and the 4-H Trap Shoot Contest. New business discussed was the District and State 4-H horse shows, State 4-H Round-Up, summer 4-H camps, 4-H Record Books, and County Award applications.

A trip to the City Park was dismissed, as there were several things going on at the park and with the heat, the 4-H'ers decided to stay at the Extension Office under the A/C and play Bingo.

The door prize winner was Faith Jordan.

The 4-H'ers also enjoyed

a pizza party furnished by the attending 4-H leaders and Amy Sloan furnished the drinks. The next meeting is in September.

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