

Rule, Paint Creek grads to hold Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate services will be held for graduating seniors at Paint Creek ISD on Sun., May 20 at 6 p.m. at the Paint Creek Baptist Church. Pastor Bud Adkins will bring the message.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Rule High School for graduating seniors of Rule on Sun. May 20 at 8 p.m. Curtis Baker of Sagerton will be the speaker.

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the May 31 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 24 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 28.

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 24 edition. Space is limited to the first twelve pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held June 1 at 5 p.m. For entry forms or information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

Fish fry

The Noah Project-North will host a fish fry Sun., May 20 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational building, across from the hospital. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, ten and under. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are available from any Advisory Committee member, at the Noah Project-North office 864-2551, or at the door.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Legacy banquet

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation is hosting a Legacy banquet honoring the top ten percent of the graduating class and the teacher who has impacted them most throughout their educational journey. The banquet is set May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$8 each and are on sale at the Administrative Office.

Summer reading

The Haskell Library will start its summer reading program Thurs., June 5 at 2 p.m. The theme is 'Sail Away with Books.' Stories, crafts and a snack will be provided. Awards will be given for reading books. For more information, call the library at 864-2747.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

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Bobcats win state track title



STATE CHAMPS—The Rule Bobcats took the 1A 2007 State Track Championship in Austin last Friday. Team members include, l-r, Coach Mike Reed, Stephen Pace, Jonathan Rincon, Jay T. Spitzer, Kade Kittley, James Wolfe, C.J. Saucedo and Coach Ryan Bleiker. They scored 41 points to runner-up's Hull-Daisetta 36 point score.

The Rule Bobcats took the team state track title scoring 41 in events held Fri., May 11 in Austin.

Individual results were:

In the 200, Kade Kittley placed sixth with a time of 22.88 for one point.

In the 800 relay with team members, Kittley, Jonathan Rincon, James Wolfe and C.J. Saucedo, placed first with a time of 1:30.24 for 20 points.

In the 110 hurdles, Stephen Pace placed fourth with a time of 15.16 for four points.

In the 300 hurdles, Pace placed second with a 40.48 time for eight points.

In the 400 relay, team members Saucedo, Kittley, J.T. Spitzer and Rincon, took fourth with a 43.61 time for eight points.

This was Rule's third state track team championship, the last win was 33 years ago. Rule won in 1970 and 1974. This was the first solo win for a six-man school. Trent and Iraan shared the title in 2000.

Wyoming inmate pleads guilty of Haskell County escape

Joseph Allen Wilkinson, an inmate at Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, pled guilty to the felony charge of Escape in the 39th Judicial District Court in Haskell County on May 7.

Wilkinson had been charged with Escape, a third degree felon, for his involvement in an escape from Rolling Plains Regional Jail on April 15, 2006. The offense carried a range of punishment of two years to ten years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Wilkinson, in a plea bargain agreement with the Haskell County Attorney Mike Fouts, pled guilty and was sentenced to ten years in the Texas Penitentiary.

A co-defendant, Robert Dix elected to proceed to a jury trial on identical charges. A Haskell County jury convicted Dix on May 1 of escape. After conviction, District Judge Shane Hadaway, sentenced Dix to ten years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,

the maximum sentence for the offense.

District Attorney Mike Fouts, attributed the plea bargain to the jurors of Haskell County. A jury trial was held on April 9, styled the State of Texas vs. Michael Wood. Wood was charged with Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon for his involvement in an assault of Mickey Melton at Time Out Beverage Store. A Haskell County jury returned a verdict of guilty, and assessed Wood's punishment at life in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Woods, coincidentally was an inmate from Wyoming who had previously been confined at

Rolling Plains Regional Jail and returned to Haskell County upon his release from prison.

A codefendant of Wood, Alfredo Flores was convicted by a Haskell County jury on Jan. 30, of the offense of Aggravated Assault.

Fouts expressed his thanks to the jurors of Haskell County, and believes that the message by the citizens of Haskell County of intolerance of criminal behavior, was instrumental in Wilkinson agreeing to plead guilty rather than proceed to trial.

Brister places fifth at state golf meet



CANDACE BRISTER

Candace Brister, daughter of Greg and Debbie Brister, placed fifth in the Class 2A Girls State Golf Tournament, held at Morris Williams Golf Club in Austin.

Brister had a score of 78 on the first round and a 79 on the second round for an overall total of 157.

To qualify for the State Tournament, Brister shot a total of 150 at the Region I Tournament held at Shady Oaks

in Baird. She had rounds of 78 and 72, finishing in fourth place, but qualified for State as the medalist not on a team going to Austin for the State Tournament.

The Haskell Girls team of Brister, Lacey Peiser, Molly Agraz, Mali Torrez played their best golf of the season.

This is Brister's third straight trip to the Regional and State Tournaments.

Crime Stoppers meet to elect interim board

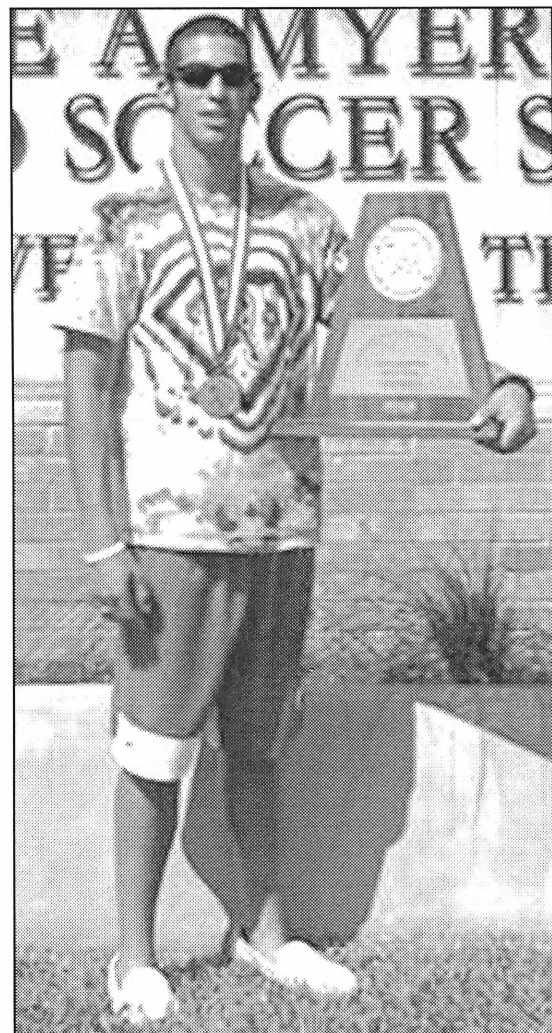
The Big Country Crime Stoppers meeting was held Fri., May 11 at the Stamford City Council Chambers to establish an interim board which will elect a permanent board of directors.

Members of area counties including Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Knox, Jones, Shackelford and Stonewall gathered a list of individuals for consideration for the board.

The permanent board will become the legal entity representing the Big Country Crime Stoppers organization. This board will establish committees to facilitate the program's operation.

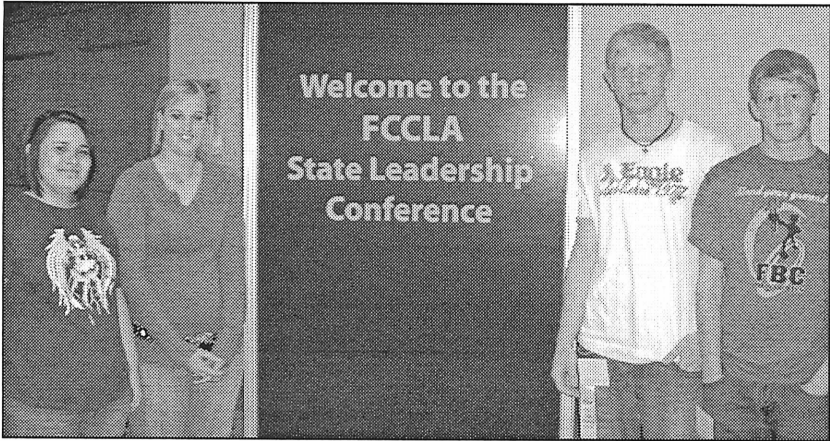
The interim board will meet Fri., May 18 to begin the process of establishing the permanent board and moving forward with the operation of the Big Country Crime Stoppers organization.

Donations are sought to establish seed money for the organizations start up and operational expenses. These donations may be given to Vance Proctor, fund-raising chairman.



SECOND PLACE TROPHY—Rule Bobcat Stephen Pace placed second in the 300 meter hurdles at the state track meet in Austin last Friday. He also placed fourth in the 100 meter hurdles.

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ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE—Paint Creek Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members attended the state contest and conference held in Dallas April 12-14. Participating in the contest were, I-r, Sidney Jordan, LaShell Walker, Jesse Exum and Taylor Exum.

Paint Creek FCCLA attends state conference

The Paint Creek Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter recently participated in the State

FCCLA Leadership Contest and Conference held April 12-14 in Dallas. This year's theme was "Tune in to F.C.C.L.A."

The following FCCLA members competed at the State FCCLA Leadership Contest/Conference in the Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEOs) tests and placed as follows:

Cidney Jordan, Etiquette, silver level; Taylor Exum, Creed, silver level; LaShell Walker, Creed, bronze level; and Jesse Exum, Creed, bronze level.

The LEO test categories were FCCLA Creed, Consumer Quiz, Job Interview, Step One and Parliamentary Procedure. These Paint Creek FCCLA members were also recognized at state for their "Stop the Violence" project and completing all five units of the "Power of One" project.

The students must complete a "Power of One" project sheet for each unit that involves using the FCCLA Planning Process steps: 1. Identify a concern; 2. Set a goal; 3. Form a plan; 4. Act; 5. Follow up. The five "Power of One" self-improvement units are entitled: A Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Take the Lead, and Speak Out for FCCLA.

Paint Creek FCCLA chapter members have participated in various other family and consumer science related activities this year. The chapter meets the first Monday of each month at lunch in the room of Paint Creek FCCLA advisor Darlene Hopkins.

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Obituaries

Carolyn A. Lusk Reynolds



CAROLYN REYNOLDS

Funeral services for Carolyn A. Lusk Reynolds, 74, of Haskell were held Tues., May 15 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Greg Gasaway and Rev. Russell Stanley officiating. Burial

was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Reynolds died Sun., May 13 in Abilene.

Born Oct. 24, 1932 in Rochester, she was the daughter of Ewell Benjamin and Effie Ann Grimsley Lusk. She was a graduate of Rule High School. She married James H. 'Sonny' Reynolds April 4, 1958 in Rule. She retired as District Clerk for Haskell County in 1998 after 28 years. She was an active member of Haskell First Baptist Church since 1961 and also volunteered for the Experienced Citizens Center. A kind and loving person, she will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Uneeta Jean Odelberg; a brother, Shelton

E. Lusk; and two infant grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, James 'Sonny' Reynolds of the home; daughters, Leisa Hutchinson and husband, Dieter of Haskell, and Laurie Gross and husband, Tim of Vernon; son, Mark Reynolds of Providence, Rhode Island; sister, Faye Simpson of Rule; grandchildren, Lauren Hutchinson Stanley and husband, Russell of Rule, Julie Hutchinson of Haskell, Matt Gross of San Marcos, and Leslie Gross of College Station; great granddaughter, Katie Stanley of Rule; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church building fund, 301 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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Nona Belle Miller Casey Norwood



NONA NORWOOD

Funeral services for Nona Belle Miller Casey Norwood, 91, of Nocona, formerly of Rule, were held Sat., April 28 at Rule Church of Christ with John Greeson, minister and long time friend, officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery.

Mrs. Norwood died Thurs., April 26 in a Wichita Falls hospice with family members at her bedside.

Born Jan. 4, 1916 in Chico, Wise County, on the Fannie Miller farm, she was the daughter of Joseph Bailey Miller and Grace Denney Miller. A descendant of 1870s Wise County settlers, Zachary Taylor Denney, George Alexander Miller and Fannie Bralley Miller, she moved by

covered wagon with her family from Chico to Haskell County in 1923. Her family's history is documented in a publication called 'Due West by Covered Wagon.' She attended schools in Rule, Hooker, Tonk Creek, Old Glory and Midway where she excelled in academics, music, language, sports and achieved two double grade promotions. She was an avid reader from the age of five, and developed her talents as a master tailor, bookkeeper and artist.

With the exception of a few years, she resided in the Rule area for over seventy years, serving as City Secretary of Rule from 1953-81. Following retirement, she remained active in her church and community, serving the Rule City Council. She was honored in 1968 when chosen as Rule's Woman of the Year. During World War II, she moved with her children to Liberator Village, a suburb of Fort Worth, to serve her country as an assembly line member of the Aircraft Industrial Army's Bomber Plant Division of Fort Worth. She sold war bonds and was dubbed 'Rosie the Riveter' by the industry. Following World War II, she returned to Rule to live until her move in 2005 to the Cherry Street Retirement Center in Nocona.

Devout in her lifelong Christian faith, her beliefs and services were, and continue to be, an inspiration to all the family and friends who shared her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chick Norwood; parents, J.B. and Grace Miller; twin sons, Roy and Troy Casey; three brothers, Zern, Bryce and Rosco Miller; and one sister, Juanita Cobb Smith.

Survivors include her daughter, Ives June Casey Powell and son-in-law, Ed Powell; four granddaughters, Vicki Trammell, Le Ann Tivis, Jennifer Davis and Leslie Boggess; four grandsons, Barry and Michael Casey, Marty and Tye Casey Dunlap; ten great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren; extended family members, Maxine and Malcolm Hertenberger, Margie Casey, Loudell Casey, all of Rule, and Laura Sypult of Rogers, Arkansas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Neal Tivis, Frank Tivis, Rudy Casey, George Simmons, David Parr and Lane Hertenberger.

Honorary pallbearers were Malcolm Hertenberger and Gary Casey.

Memorials may be made to the Rule Church of Christ.

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Pete Lollar

Funeral services for Pete Lollar, 82, of Anson were held Mon., May 14 at the Anson Church of Christ in Anson. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, under the direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Lollar died Fri., May 11 at his home.

Born May 6, 1925 in Anson, he was the son of the late Earl and Mittie (Jobe) Lollar. He graduated from Anson High School and was an U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He earned a bachelor degree from Abilene Christian University in 1949 and his Master of Education from Hardin-Simmons University. He married Hermina 'Ookie' Womack March 21, 1925 in Abilene. He had a passion for the education of children, especially those with disabilities. He was able to fulfill this through his professions. He worked as a teacher and a principal for the Anson Independent School District for 21 years, as a Director of Special Education for the Tri-County Education Co-op, and as a Director of Special Services for the Abilene State School. He

was a member of numerous associations including, Texas State Teacher's Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, Texas Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, and the American Association of Mental Deficiency. He was a faithful member of the Anson Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl J., Rex, Kenneth and F.A. 'Bogus' Lollar.

Survivors include his wife, Hermina Lollar of Anson; two sons, Paul Lollar and wife, Melinda of Stephenville and Steve Lollar and wife, Jan of Anson; three daughters, Kathleen Tanner and husband, Ronny of Haskell, Jill Bradley and husband, Sam of Conroe, and Geri Middlebrook and husband, Sid of Spring; ten grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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Taxpayers offered fresh start

Susan Combs will offer a 60-day tax amnesty to businesses with overdue state taxes and those that may be operating without required tax permits.

From June 15 through Aug. 15, 2007, taxpayers can come forward, file past-due tax reports and pay their taxes in full, and the Comptroller will waive penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes. The tax amnesty applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1, 2007.

"We're calling the amnesty period Project Fresh Start, because taxpayers have a unique, limited-time opportunity to clear up unpaid, underreported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest and get a fresh start with the state," Combs said.

The Project Fresh Start amnesty period applies to sales tax, franchise tax and all other state and any local taxes and fees administered by the state Comptroller, except unclaimed

property and PUC gross receipts assessments. Eligible taxpayers include those who did not file a required tax return or report; misrepresented, understated or omitted any tax liability on a past report; or erroneously claimed tax credits or tax deductions.

The amnesty does not apply to assessments already identified by the Comptroller, taxpayers currently under audit or review and taxpayers the Comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible tax deficiency.

"Project Fresh Start is an exciting opportunity for our agency, as well as taxpayers," Combs said. "It's a new day at the Comptroller's office, and this is our chance to welcome new taxpayers and resolve old issues with other taxpayers. You owe it to yourself, because you owe it to Texas."

Combs urges taxpayers to visit the Project Fresh Start Web site at www.freshstart.texas.gov for complete details about how to

participate in the tax amnesty, or call 800-252-1390 or contact the nearest Comptroller field office. Field office information, tax permit applications and tax forms are available on the Web site.

Research your builder

Before hiring a builder or remodeler, make sure to do some research first. It can help you make a sound, informed decision.

A good place to start is the Texas Residential Construction Commission's Web site: www.texasrcc.org. Here, you can find out if your builder/remodeler is registered as required by state law and in good standing with the commission.

You can also find out if the builder/remodeler has ever been disciplined by the commission, how many homes or projects they've registered and if any of their homes have been inspected for alleged defects.

Study Club holds officer installation

The Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., May 10 at the Bever's Bed and Breakfast, for a salad supper hosted by Ruby Turner, Evelyn Cobb, Shirley Reed, Myra Rainey, Tinka Nelson and Eva Dunnam. Fifteen members and one guest attended.

Following the supper, President Julia Harrell called the meeting to order, and introduced Mary Lou Gilbreath, President of the Texas Federation of Womens Clubs Mesquite District, who installed the officers for the coming year.

Officers are Julia Harrell president; Lynn Dodson, first vice-president; Dorothy Hartsfield, second vice-president; Jeanie Richards, recording

secretary and reporter; Tinka Nelson, corresponding secretary; Bettie Wainscott, treasurer; Evelyn Cobb, historian; Oleta Cornelius, board member; Nancy Toliver, federation counselor; Franciene Johnson, parliamentarian.

Reporting on the State Convention in Abilene in April, Nancy Toliver said the Progressive Study Club received second in Membership. The District Summer Workshop will be held in Haskell, July 14, at the Hospital Educational Building.

Tinka Nelson read letters from Mary Lou Gilbreath and Sandi Conway thanking the club for the help during the State Convention.



TRACIE REA - BRIAN KIRK

Rea, Kirk to wed

Braxton and Dallas Rea, grandsons of Kathy Rea and the late Mike Rea, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their mother, Tracie Rea to Brian Kirk, son of Teddie and Rene Kirk of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The couple plans to exchange vows June 9 in Abilene. They plan to reside in Amarillo.

EEA Club hears beef shopping tips

The EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office May 10 with nine members and guest Wes Utley present. Activities for the past month included delivering meals on wheels and the Tri-County Rally Day held in Seymour, with five members attending. Sales of birthday calendars have begun, and anyone interested in purchasing one may contact any club member.

Jane Rowan reported on 4-H activities including the clothing lock-in, tobacco and nutrition education programs, state fashion show, and the upcoming farm safety program in Knox City.

Wes Utley, CEA/Ag,

presented a very informative program on "Smart Beef Shopping." He stated that Texas has a thorough and extensive inspection process in place to ensure quality and safety of meat. Things to consider when shopping for beef are wholesomeness, quality, appearance, storage and the amount of meat purchased at one time. Utley explained the three grades of beef, understanding labels, safe handling, basics of cooking, and matching cooking methods to cuts of meat.

Pat Jenkins served as hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be held June 14.

Library gets grant

The Friends of the Haskell County Library announces that a \$40,000 grant has been received from the Meadows Foundation to help fund the new library to be built in Haskell.

The foundation is a private philanthropic institution started in 1948 by Algur H. and Virginia Meadows. Algur Meadows started General American Oil Company of Texas and established the foundation to share the monies he made from the company in perpetuity. The

foundation's assets are valued at more than \$800 million dollars. It has given over \$430 million in grants and charitable expenditures to over 2,000 Texas institutions and agencies.

The foundation helps support work in the fields of arts, culture, civic and public affairs, education, health and human services and is particularly interested in public education, mental health and the environment.

Safety Day set Sat. in Knox City

Area youth completing grades 3-8 are reminded of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Sat., May 19, at the Knox City School in Knox City. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. with the program beginning at 9 a.m.

Organizers urge all youth to be a part of this fun filled, educational day. A \$10 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-

home packet and a Safety Day T-shirt.

The closing session of the day will feature a variety of great door prizes.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling the Haskell County Extension office at 940- 864-2658 or the Knox County Extension office at 940-459-2651.

Parents can also register their children at the door on Saturday.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

A Mother-Daughter banquet was held Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church with twenty-one ladies in attendance.

Norma Bird attended Trinity Baptist Church with her daughter, Cathy of Breckenridge, on Mother's Day.

Visiting Joyce Hawkins on Friday were her son and wife, James and Shirley, and granddaughter, Deanna and husband, Jackson and their son, all of Wichita Falls.

Phillip and Floradean Cockerell of Abilene visited

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pannell and Britney of Throckmorton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hicks of Abilene visited with Faye Gray on Mother's Day and attended First Baptist Church service with her.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Scoggins were her niece and family, David and Jenetta Reed and two children of Austin.

Births

Brian and Cynthia Brzozowski of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella June Brzozowski, born April 17 at Arlington Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. She was 19 3/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big brother, Gavin.

Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Janis Brzozowski. Maternal grandparents are Andy and Frances Rodriguez.

Mike and Corie Bishop of Wichita, Kansas announce the birth of their son, Jaxson Andrada Bishop, born April 10 at 4:24 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. He measured 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Glenn R. and Janis Brzozowski of Haskell and Russell C. and Virginia Bishop of Yates Center, Kansas.

Great grandparents are Elvira Brzozowski of Gonzales and Russell J. and Betty Bishop of Yates Center, Kansas.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Voters approve tax relief amendment for seniors, disabled

AUSTIN—Texas voters approved Senate Joint Resolution 13 in the May 12 election.

Unofficial results available May 13 revealed the statewide turnout was only 7 percent, with 88 percent of the voters casting ballots in favor of the resolution.

SJR 13 amends the state constitution to authorize the Legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead.

The change benefits older or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed a year ago in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

Gov threatens special session

The bill the Texas House and Senate passed enacting a two-year moratorium on private toll road projects landed on Gov. Rick Perry's desk May 7.

The legislation, HB 1892 authored by Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, and sponsored by Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, puts Perry's Trans Texas Corridor on ice but grants powers to certain county and regional tollway authorities. Those entities would have first option in building projects within their jurisdictions.

Perry said the moratorium is not what bothers him the most about the bill.

The big issues, he said, are potential loss of federal funding and the wording of the bill, which he said would adversely affect the Texas Department of Transportation's contracting and oversight responsibilities. A letter from the Federal Highway Administration raises those questions.

Perry suggested lawmakers reconsider and rework the bill before the end of the current session. He hinted that the alternative to that would be a veto and then a special session.

House passes TYC reform bill

The House on May 7 tentatively approved legislation to overhaul the Texas Youth Commission, which earlier this year was put in conservatorship after reports surfaced of sexual abuse of inmates and fiscal mismanagement at the agency.

SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, is crafted to enhance transparency of its

operations, prosecute offenses committed within the agency, and improve the hiring practices of guards.

The bill's House sponsor, Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, said, "The abuse and poor performance identified at the TYC cannot be allowed to continue. This bill reforms the structure, management and oversight of the commission to provide true rehabilitation, not just the punitive warehousing that characterizes the system today."

In related news, Will Harrell, executive director of the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, was named ombudsman for the TYC, contingent on passage of SB 103. His job will be to evaluate and secure youths' rights.

Agency would send border funds

The House on May 7 passed its version of the border security bill.

HB 13 by Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, creates a border security council to oversee distribution of more than \$100 million to border law enforcement agencies.

Swinford's bill encourages cities and counties to cooperate with federal agencies in immigration matters.

The bill also provides for a study to evaluate expedited deportation of illegal immigrants held in state jails and prisons for criminal offenses.

Speaker Tom Craddick said, "This is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we will pass this session as it affects the safety of every citizen of this state and country."

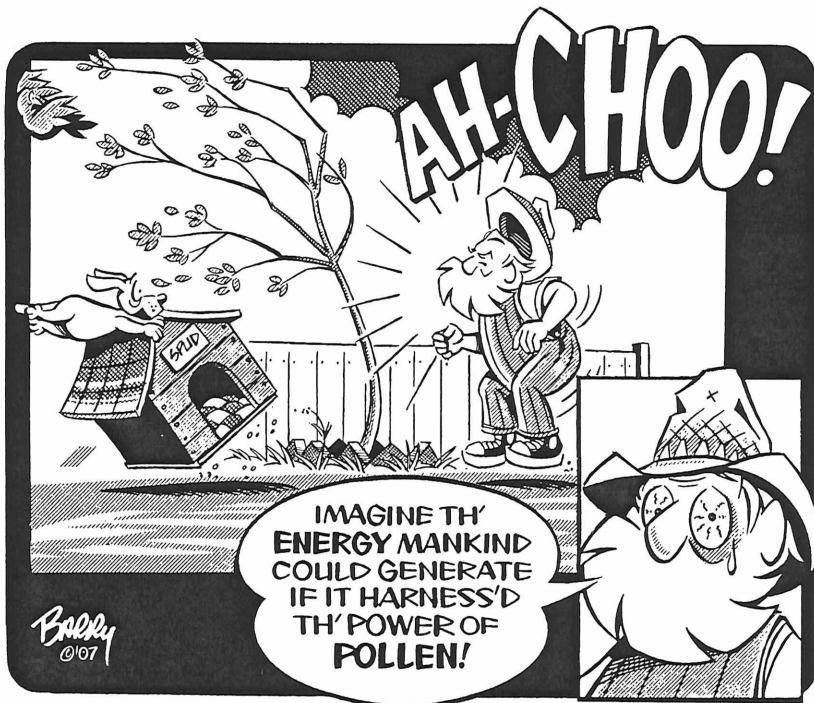
The bill moves to the Senate for further consideration.

Bill ties teacher raise to tax relief

Also moving to the Senate for further consideration is HB 2785, legislation reducing the school property tax rate to 91 cents per \$100 valuation in the 2008-2009 biennium.

An amendment to HB 2785 by Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, prevents the state from reducing property taxes further without giving school districts and open-enrollment charter schools an amount equivalent to \$6,000 for every full-time teacher, librarian and counselor.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said Dunnam's amendment "tacks on \$4.4 billion in other costs which would likely gut tax relief that we promised Texans last year."



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 15, 1997

Wendy Gray placed second at the state golf tournament with a 85-78-163.

Results from the Class 2A state track meet include: Haskell Maiden Shayne McKenzie cleared 5-6 and finished second in the high jump; Indian Gavino Ortiz jumped 6-0 for sixth place in the high jump; Ortiz placed third running his best time of 1:57.00; placing fourth in the 100 was Indian Will Trammell with a time of 10.92.

Visiting Neat Bevel for Mother's Day was her daughter Darlene Cummins of Abilene and Stephenville.

Visiting in the home of J.B. and Dorothy Toney were Bruce, Michelle, Tara and Clay Toney of Fort Worth and Becky and Alex Alexander of Abilene.

20 Years Ago May 14, 1987

Veteran Haskell science teacher Gerald McCoy was chosen as principal of Haskell secondary school.

Nelson Coulter of Robert Lee has been named football coach and athletic director of Haskell High School.

Julie Roewe of Haskell signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Western Texas College in Snyder.

Tim Johnson, son of Loraine and Bobbie Johnson, has been presented the Outstanding Physical Education major award at Weatherford College.

30 Years Ago May 12, 1977

Ruby Martin, LVN at Haskell Memorial Hospital was honored by being chosen "Employee of the Month" for May.

Boys from Rule who represented the school in the state track meet held in Austin were Wes Kittley, Jerry Tumlinson, Charles Threet and Paul Flores. Maxine Lump, Old Glory teacher, will be honored with a day named in her honor. Lump is retiring after teaching 38 years at the Old Glory school.

Visiting in the home of Ola McClure Mother's Day weekend were her daughter Vicki Aycock, grandson Duane Josselet of Denton and grandson James McClure of Dallas.

Mrs. Lorene Dewey of Abilene was a Mother's Day weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dewey.

40 Years Ago May 11, 1967

Keith Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman, has been named valedictorian of the 1967 Haskell High School graduating class. Thornton Gilmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Gilmore, was named salutatorian.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Williams of Forth Worth spent the past weekend in Haskell visiting with friends and relatives.

Diane Hester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hester, won first place in poetry interpretation at the Class AA UIL Literary meet

in Austin.

50 Years Ago May 16, 1957

Haskell High School valedictorian is Jeannie Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Strickland. Salutatorian is Vicki Medley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mannuel Medley.

Rosalie McCall of Haskell was presented as Senior Class Princess at Austin College's annual coronation and dance. She is the daughter of Dr. R.K. McCall.

Visiting in the home of Claud Warren were Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Boley of Ada, Oklahoma and Mrs. Willard Warren and children.

Mrs. T.J. Simms has returned home from a visit in the home of Pat Hightower and family in Tyler.

100 Years Ago May 18, 1907

Mayor A.J. Smith received a telegram from A.J. Meffett of Belton stating he would arrive in Haskell to take up the matter of a cotton oil mill.

L.M. Garrett left on a trip to Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dave and Bob Livengood of the south side were in town accompanied by their brothers, J.H. and R.F. Livengood of Oklahoma visiting them and looking after some property interests.

S.D. Gamble, recently of Midland, has charge of the soda fountain at Terrell's.

Information offered for inflammatory breast cancer

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council want to give you some information about inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) because it has been in the news recently. IBC is an extremely rare, fast-growing, and lethal form of breast cancer. But did you know that there are many different key words used to describe the different types of breast cancer, with IBC being just one form of breast cancer?

When someone is diagnosed with breast cancer, a malignant tumor (which is a group of cancer cells that may invade the surrounding tissues or spread to

other parts of the body) has developed in the breast. With IBC, the breast often looks swollen and red or "inflamed." The skin of the breast may also appear pink, reddish purple, or bruised, according to the National Cancer Institute (NCI). They also state that the skin can also have ridges or appear pitted, like the skin of an orange. Other symptoms include: heaviness, burning, aching, increased breast size, tenderness, or a nipple that is facing inward (inverted). IBC symptoms usually develop over a period of weeks or months. Individuals could also have swollen lymph nodes under the arm, above the collarbone, or in both places.

You might be wondering—"who gets inflammatory breast cancer?" IBC is very rare. It only accounts for 1S5 percent of all breast cancer cases in the United States. It tends to occur in younger women compared to non-IBC breast cancer, and it tends to be diagnosed more in younger African-American women.

Often times with inflammatory breast cancer, there is a no distinct lump or tumor. It is not usually detected by mammograms or ultrasounds unless there is a defined lump. If you have any of the above symptoms, you need a prompt diagnosis and treatment. Even if you think you have a rash or infection, it is important for your healthcare provider to determine the best course of action. If your healthcare provider starts you on antibiotics and your symptoms last longer than a week, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation recommends you insist that your doctor do a biopsy to see if cancer cells are present. If you do not feel that your doctor is listening to your concerns, get a second opinion.

Remember that breast cancer can strike men and women at any time. Any change in your breast(s) at any time should be investigated without delay. Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council encourage you to take charge of your health for a brighter tomorrow!

May sales tax totals

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the state collected \$1.7 billion in sales tax revenue in April, up 10.3 percent compared to April 2006.

"Sales tax revenue continues to show steady growth," Combs said. "This is true at both the state and local levels, and it indicates that our Texas economy is in good health."

Combs said local governments will receive \$542.5 million in May sales tax allocations, up 8.1 percent compared to May 2006. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 6.8 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Combs sent May sales tax allocations of \$372.6 million to Texas cities, up 8.2 percent compared to May 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7.4 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$32.1 million, up 10.9 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.9 percent higher than last year.

In addition, \$16.3 million went to 116 special purpose taxing districts throughout the state, up 12.4 percent compared to last May. Ten local transit systems received \$121.4 million in sales tax allocations.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent March sales that were reported to the Comptroller in April by monthly tax filers and January, February and March sales reported to the Comptroller in April by quarterly tax filers.

Haskell County had a 34.03 percent increase for May 2007 of \$57,082.76 in comparison to \$42,587.93 for May 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$179,486.61 reflect a 10.97 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$161,736.48.

The City of Haskell had a 6.95 percent increase for May 2007 of \$40,972.29 in comparison to \$38,280.07 for May 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$153,414.06 reflect a 3.52 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$148,193.64.

The City of O'Brien had a 12.99 percent increase for May 2007 of \$198.66 in comparison to \$175.81 for May 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$685.62 reflect a 54.01 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$445.16.

The City of Rochester had a 5.20 percent decrease for May 2007 of \$987.85 in comparison to \$1,042.10 for May 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$2,942.94 reflect a 4.10 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$3,069.05.

The City of Rule had a 2.67 percent decrease for May 2007 of \$2,535.93 in comparison to \$2,605.54 for May 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$9,053.22 reflect a 7.77 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$8,399.89.

The City of Weinert had a 2,463.53 percent increase for May 2007 of \$12,418.03 in comparison to \$484.41 for May 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$13,390.77 reflect a 722.15 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$1,628.74.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,
Haskell Elementary staff would like to express our appreciation to parents and all who made "Teacher Appreciation Week" a great success. What a treat each day to find a new snack or goodie awaiting in the workroom!

Thanks again,
Jimmy Lisle
Haskell Elementary Staff

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City Storm
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Siren Testing
Fridays
at noon

Hollingsworth to lead Faith Chapel

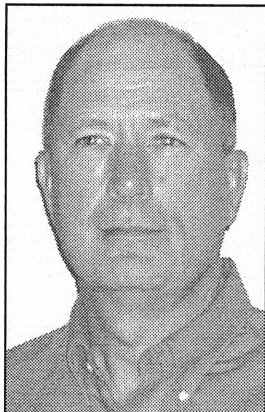
Randy Hollingsworth of Rochester, the new pulpit leader for Faith Chapel in Rochester, was ordained on Feb. 25, after serving as interim pastor for Katherine Byrd, who retired after twenty years.

Byrd founded Faith Chapel in 1985 after years of experience in ministerial endeavor.

Hollingsworth attended the first meeting that Byrd called for the church and decided that Faith Chapel was where he was going to stay.

Faith Chapel has an average congregation of about thirty. Hollingsworth says he is proud of the work started by Pastor Byrd, and is looking out to those still searching for a church.

The 1975 Rochester High School graduate is supported by the town of Rochester and his own family, including Dorothy, his wife, a teacher's aide at



RANDY HOLLINGSWORTH

Rochester Junior High, his two sons, Christopher and Adam, and his daughter, Amanda.

He plans to continue his full-time position as electrical technician for the Sunoco Logistics Company.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 560 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 12, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

208 steers and bulls, 213 heifers, 139 cows and bulls were sold. 33 sellers and 23 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, .48-.53; cutters, .52-.58; canners, .40-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.70, feeders, .85-.90.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.54; 300-400 lbs., 1.16-1.30; 400-500 lbs., 1.21-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.1750-1.26; 600-700 lbs., 1.07-1.1750; 700-800 lbs., 1.0375-1.0950; 800-up lbs., .9150-.10375.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.28-1.35; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.22; 400-500 lbs., 1.03-1.12; 500-600 lbs., 1.12-1.1750; 600-up lbs., .9350-1.07.

Bred heifers: medium frame 750-910.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 850-950; aged or small, 450-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1250; older, 850-900.



FIRST PLACE PIG—Kimie Hutchinson holds her first place ribbon won at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Pictured with Kimie, l-r, is her family, Wayne and Cheryl Hutchinson; Cole Hutchinson and Kenny Cockerell, Haskell FFA teacher.

On-line bill paying tips can help save time, postage

We've become a nation of time-savers. One of the simplest and most burgeoning time savers is online bill pay. By using online bill pay, we can save time, postage and ensure that our bill payments arrive on time.

Busy professionals and young adults are the most apt to take advantage of online bill pay. Some people are hesitant to use this service because they don't understand how it works, are distrustful of putting financial information on the web or prefer the traditional method of paying bills by writing a check so they can have a paper trail.

There are three ways to pay your bills online. First, you may want to check with your community bank or other financial institution to determine whether they offer online bill pay to their customers. Many financial institutions offer online bill pay as a free service to their customers. You simply set up an online account on the bank's secure server, register your bills and schedule payment dates.

Secondly, you may want to use

a third-party bill pay service to set up accounts for all of your monthly bills. This system works in the same manner. Just be sure the service you select has a safe encrypted Internet site. To ensure that you are not being directed to a fraudulent site, look for an image of a "padlock" in the lower portion of your computer screen. When you double-click the "padlock," you'll be able to read the certification information on the pop-up screen. If there is no "padlock" image, you need to keep searching for another secure bill pay service.

As a third alternative, many companies accept online payments without charging you a fee. Additionally, once you set up an online bill pay account with one of your creditors, the company will send you an e-mail reminder that your bill payment is due and then send you a follow-up e-mail after you confirm your payment.

With online bill pay, you can schedule your payment "due date" and won't have to worry about finding time to sit down and

write checks. Should you be on vacation or have an emergency situation, you don't have to worry about paying your bills. With your established due date, the bank online bill pay service will automatically deduct your stated amount from your account. Just be sure that you have enough money in your bank account each month to cover your payments.

If you are really serious about getting all of that clutter off your desk, you can also request that your creditor e-mail your statement to you. At the click of a button, you can access all of your account information whenever it is convenient for you. You can review payment history, transactions and recent activity so you will know if someone is using your account without authorization without waiting for a statement in the mail.

Once you see how easy an online bill pay service can be, you'll wonder why it took you so long to get started. Just remember to always use caution any time you transact business via the Internet. Be sure to use a reliable and trusted company with a secure server.

Haskell Ag Department to host welding classes

The Agriculture Department at Haskell High School will hold a six week (one class per week) welding workshop. The course will cover oxy-acetylene cutting and welding, plasma cutting; MIG or wire welding; AC and DC arc welding for two class periods each. Classes will consist

of classroom exercises as well as hands on training in the use and application.

Classes will be held June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 16 and July 23. A make up class will be held Aug. 6. Classes will held from at 6 to 8 p.m.

The course is designed to give

students a basic understanding of metal work and for welding as a hobby, around the house or on the farm or ranch. Any one, any age may attend.

To register, call Justin Cox at the Haskell ag shop at 940-864-3310 or 325-370-6571 before May 25 for information about fees and supplies. Each student will receive a welding helmet and a pair of gloves upon completion of the class.

Five students must register to make a class. The class is limited to fifteen students. Fees are due June 4.

HNB receives honor

Haskell National Bank, has earned a 5-Star rating by BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. In fact, this is the 60th consecutive quarter that Haskell National Bank has merited this highest honor. The 5-Star rating is based on the financial condition of the bank and indicates that Haskell National Bank is one of the strongest banks in the country. Haskell National Bank has the added distinction of being an "Exceptional Performance Bank" for having earned this highest distinction for ten years or longer.

community bankers understand the local market. They have to. They are an integral part of it; not just there to make a profit, their objective is to make a positive impact on the community."

"There is an old adage that community banks, like Haskell National Bank, are a mirror of their marketplace," declares Karen Dorway, president of the research firm. "That's because

Reporting home defects

Home have a defect? Know the reporting deadlines.

If you believe your new or newly remodeled home has a construction defect, contact your builder or remodeler in writing as soon as possible.

If you need assistance resolving the issue, the Texas Residential Construction Commission, a Texas state agency, provides a neutral

inspection process for conflicts involving an alleged defect.

If you wish to use the commission's inspection process, you must report a potential defect no later than 30 days after the warranty expires, so don't delay.

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AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer. Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

TDHCA Utility Bill Help and Other Assistance www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_energy.htm **TDHCA Home Repair Assistance and Weatherization** www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_repair.htm
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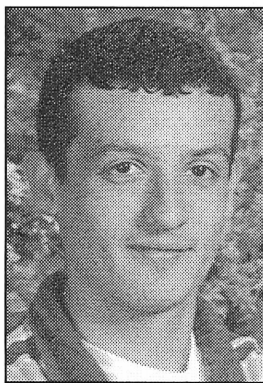
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STEPHANIE GRAND



JESSICA HERRING



JUSTIN RODRIQUEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Stephanie Grand is the daughter of Steven and Pat Grand of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church, Haskell.

In high school she is active in National Honor Society, track, cross country, softball, as head cheerleader four years, FFA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Special awards and recognitions she has received are: State Champions and National Finalist at Agriculture Issues Forum; Regional qualifier in track three years and cross country two years; UIL Academic Regional qualifier three years in four different events; holding office in National Honor Society, Student Council, FFA, Fellowship of Christian

Athletes.

She likes to spend time with family and friends, running and staying active.

Her future plans after finishing high school are to attend Texas Tech University to major in exercise sports and sciences. After graduating, she plans to attend physical therapy school.

Jessica Herring is the daughter of Glenn and Gloria Herring of Haskell.

She is affiliated with St. Joseph Catholic Church. Her school activities are cheerleader and the FFA.

She likes to spend time with family and friends.

After finishing high school she plans to attend South Plains College.

Justin Rodriguez is the son of Jesse and Elena Rodriguez.

His church affiliation is Catholic.

In school he is active in football and track.

He likes fishing, working and hunting.

Special awards he has received include being named 2nd team cornerback, and making it to regionals in track in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

His future plans include getting a job and going to Texas State Technical College.

Haskell School Menu

May 21-24 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Smucker's PB & J

Wednesday: Cereal

Thursday: Manager's choice

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Elementary: chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pears. High school and junior high: Pepperoni pizza, corn, garden salad, pears

Tuesday: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, fresh fruit

Wednesday: Elementary: Pepperoni or cheese pizza, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, garden salad, canned fruit. High school and junior high: Pepperoni hot pockets, baby carrots, ranch dressing, assorted chips, fresh fruit.

Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, assorted chips, fresh fruit.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., May 21

Lunch—Sausage and kraut, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., May 23

Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., May 25

Lunch—Ham and beans, garden salad, buttered corn, onion slice, cornbread, jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Paint Creek School Menu

May 21-25 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday-Friday: Cook's choice

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday-Friday: Cook's choice

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Public Notices

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Every child with a disability in Texas, from age three through twenty-one as of September 1 of the current school year, has the right to a free appropriate public education. Students with visual or hearing disabilities have the right to a free appropriate public education from birth.

Your local school and Tri-County Education Co-Op are providing free appropriate programs for students with disabilities.

If you know a child who needs help, contact your local school or Tri-County Education Co-Op, 120 S. Swenson, Stamford, TX 79553, 325-773-3637.

PROGRAMAS PARA LOS NIÑOS CON INHABILIDADES

Cada niño con una inhabilidad en Tejas, de la edad tres a veintiuno en la fecha de Septiembre 1 del año escolar, tiene el derecho a una educación pública apropiada y libre. Los estudiantes con inhabilidades de la representación visual o de audición tienen la derecha a una educación pública apropiada y libre desde la fecha de nacimiento.

Su escuela local y Tri-County Education Co-Op están proveiendo de los programas apropiados libres para los estudiantes inhabilidades. Si usted conoce a un niño que necesite ayuda, entre en contacto con su escuela o con Tri-County Education Co-Op, 120 S. Swenson, Stamford, Texas 79553, 325-773-3637.

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is accepting bids for two (2) year lease on a tract of land

located at Miller's Creek Reservoir. Two year lease term begins July 1, 2007 and expires June 30, 2009.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Land Lease Bid" noted on the outside, and delivered to 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371 or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2007.

All pertinent information relating to said lease conditions may be reviewed at the Authority office located at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 12, 2007.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joan Darden Meier, Deceased, were issued on April 17, 2007, in Cause No. 4340, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Royce Craig Meier.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts, Attorney at Law, 1 Avenue D, Post Office Box 206, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Dated the 11th day of May, 2007.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



CONSIDER THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOD DOES

It's easy to take for granted all the wonderful things God does for us. He gives us sunny days. He waters our vegetation. He gives us the knowledge to care for ourselves and for others. He gives us the

ability to improve our world. He teaches us to love one another. The list is endless. Take some time to consider all that God does and be thankful for being able to share His wondrous deeds.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

East Side Baptist Church

Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Christian Church

Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

Church of Christ

Jim Yates, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.

Hopewell Baptist Church

Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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Rev. Robert Harrison
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Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

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Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.

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Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

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First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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Paint Creek Baptist Church

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Scouts and leaders of Haskell's Boy Scout Troop 136 want to thank the citizens of Haskell for their support of the Troop's successful summer camp fund-raising burrito sale. We want to say a special thank you to Modern Way for all the support they have given us.

The John Therwhanger family thanks each and everyone for the kindness shown to us in any manner: food, flowers, memorials, prayers, condolences, kind words, thoughts and deeds, service attendance, visitation, and stories to refresh our memories. All of these things remind us of the greatness of the people in this area. A special thanks to Marc and his staff at the funeral home, to the members and staff of First Baptist Church for their kind ministries and service, to the entire staffs at Munday Nursing Center and Haskell Memorial Hospital, and to Estella Lira, John's longtime caregiver. All these things are important when one passes away, but most of all, thank you for being good friends and neighbors over the years.
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GOOD GANG—The Paint Creek eighth grade reading class has been studying the book "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. Class discussions and activities included how to identify a "good gang" or a "bad gang." The positive gangs or groups safe to join and the negative ones to stay away from were named. The class along with their teacher, Darlene Hopkins, designed a "Good Gang" group t-shirt as part of the project. "Good Gang" members include front row, l-r, Shana Armstrong and Briana Wigley; middle row, Dustin Rainey, Nathan Edwards, Dillon Emert and Denton Reed; and back row, Jacob Long, Jordan Adkins, Josh White, John Henderson and Curtis Bishop.

WHPD Queen's pageant to be held Sun., May 20

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant will be held Sun., May 20 at 2 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium. Four categories in the competition include Little Miss (K-2nd grade); Young Miss (3rd-5th grade); Junior Miss (6th-8th grade); and Queen (9th-12th grade). The afternoon will feature

younger contestants in Sunday dress and the Queen contestants in formal dress. Entertainment will be provided. Admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students will be charged at the door to offset pageant expenses. Interviews, pageant rehearsal and a luncheon with casual dress

will be held for all participants and the pageant judges Sat., May 19. The winner of the Queen category will receive a \$250 scholarship. All winners will receive a tiara and flowers. Runners up will receive flowers. The winner will ride in the WHPD parade and be introduced at both rodeo performances. All participants will be given the opportunity to ride in the parade and be involved with various activities during the WHPD weekend.

Bowers, Medford Guess, Kimbrough win Haskell elections

Elected to serve on the Haskell City Council in Saturday's election were Sue Wilkinson Medford (I) with 113 votes, Chan Guess (I) with 134 votes and Randy Bowers with 104 votes. Incumbent Jimmy Roberts received 94 votes. In the District 6 School Board seat, Joey Kimbrough (I) defeated challenger Paula Garcia with a vote count of 41 to 18.

Elected to the Rule City Council were Bill Bowles (I)

with 92 votes, David Parr with 93 votes and D.K. 'Speedy' Smith with 115 votes. Others on the ballot were Marsha Vasquez, 30 votes; J.N. Cornelius, 38 votes; Nolan A. Pittcock, 42 votes; and Bailey Anne Foster with 53 votes. Earning a seat on the Rule school board were Norva Smith (I) with 154 votes, Teresa Stryker with 158 votes and Elaina Mathis with 90 votes. Other on the ballot were Cheryl Hertel, 82 votes; and Fedencio Perez with 79 votes.

Legacy banquet to honor Roberta High

The first annual Roberta High Legacy Banquet will be held Sat., May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. The banquet will honor 2007 seniors who are graduating in the top ten percent of their class from Haskell High School. Each student selected a teacher who has significantly impacted their life who will be recognized at the banquet.

High and her husband, Doyle, were instrumental in the organization of the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, sponsors of the banquet. The board of directors of the foundation have searched for a fitting tribute for Roberta. The Legacy Banquet seemed appropriate since High was a dedicated supporter and encourager of Haskell students.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the administration office.

All Night Party set

Haskell County parents will host the All Night Party Fri., May 25 from 10 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. The alcohol free and drug free activity will provide a safe activity for students on graduation night. A dance, inflatable outdoor games and table games are planned. Generous businesses, individuals and clubs in Haskell and Jones counties and around the Abilene area make the event possible.

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